

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JULY 31, 2019

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from July 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Steve Turner, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Jimmy Woodroof along with Wayne Kuykendall, Doug Logan, Amy Thornton and Leah Oakley requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for the Athens Story Telling Festival.

Lynne Hart with Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful submitted a proposal for funding a household hazardous waste collection for FY20. The total estimated costs are \$34,522.12. The proposed funding is based on the percentage of total Limestone County households inside the City of Athens and outside the city limits; \$25,000 Limestone County and \$10,000 City of Athens.

Rhonda Andrews requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for Learn to Read.

Tere Richardson requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for Athens Main Street.

Tina Cook along with Debbie Wilson requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 plus utilities for the Family Resource Center.

Bethany Shockney along with Tiffany Haygood requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 for the Limestone County Economic Development Association.

Chris Anderson and Paula Laurita requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$135,000 for the Athens Limestone Public Library; which is a \$55,000 increase.

Becky Bentley requested a FY20 appropriation in the amount of \$32,000 for the Limestone County Children's Advocacy Center; which is an increase of \$3,000 per quarter.

Items were discussed for the August 5, 2019 agenda.

Commissioner Turner discussed bid proposal 2692 to widen and resurface Newby Road from Mooresville Road to Gray Road. He proposed that the bid amount be funded from the severed material tax proceeds. He is proposing to put in turn lanes at Legacy Grove and The Arbors. County Engineer Marc Massey said a bid was sent out that the cost of the project would be paid back as severed material tax funds become available. He reported that Rogers Group was the only bidder on the project and the overall cost is estimated at \$469,000.

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Commissioner Turner discussed the height of the grass on U.S. Highway 72 near Line Road and Hastings Road. He reported his district is bush hogging and will be prepping for the turn lanes at Legacy and Arbors, if approved. He discussed a problem in the ditches with fire ants and asked if anything could be included in the herbicide program to eliminate the problem.

Commissioner Black requested to add to Monday's agenda to sell an Explorer on GovDeals. He reported his district is behind on cutting the side of the roads, but they are weed eating stop signs and guard rails.

Commissioner Harrison reported that his district has just started bush hogging. He asked for bus drivers to give him feedback as to areas that may need cutting back. He explained if he knows specific locations, his crew can go cut the limbs. He requested a 15-ton weight limit on Union Hill Road.

Chairman Daly thanked everyone for attending. He asked motorists to watch for school traffic with school returning to session next week.

Adjourned at 10:57 a.m.