

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, JANUARY 2, 2020

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from December 16, 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.

Coroner Mike West addressed the commission concerning their 2011 Suburban that was in an accident and needs to be replaced.

Probate Judge Charles Woodroof explained the use of electronic poll books in lieu of the printed lists for elections in the county.

Commissioner Turner commented on the list of subdivisions to be approved Monday, saying his district is small, but it costs more to maintain curb and gutter subdivisions along with sidewalks and drainage issues that he is responsible for.

County attorney Mark Maclin said he anticipated something coming before the commission at the commission meeting Monday regarding the Ramsey lawsuit. The commissioners can contact him if they have any questions and will be able to read the settlement.

Items were discussed for the January 6, 2020 agenda.

Commissioner Sammet said crews have been working on bridges in his district for the last three months and are doing a good job. He urged residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

Commissioner Turner said workers from Wiregrass Construction recently corrected an issue on East Limestone Road near East Limestone High School where water was standing. He also discussed issues with J. C. Cheek Contractors, saying he probably has ten to twelve miles of road that needs striping in District 2.

Commissioners said they've been waiting for months for the county's striping contractor, J.C. Cheek Contractors Inc., to complete a number of jobs. Several jobs were striped off center.

County Engineer Marc Massey said one issue is the Alabama Department of Transportation approved only two companies to perform striping work in the state, with J.C. Cheek being one of the two. He has talked to other counties, and they're having the same issues.

Commissioner Black said his crew cut a tree from the edge of a ditch and was otherwise working to remove debris from ditches to help avoid road flooding. He said the lack of action on the striping was frustrating.

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Commissioner Harrison said part of Fred Bates Road is still closed after a bridge washed out during the flooding. District 4 has started putting down pavement markers and reflectors, in lieu of striping. We can put them down fairly cheaply, and it does give you a center line reference. At less than \$600 per mile you can put them on the edges and center lines.

Chairman Daly urged everyone to be weather award today. He echoed what Commissioner Sammet said about the 2020 census.

Adjourned at 10:33 a.m.