

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from February 3, 2020 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.

Yolanda Watkins Bailey from Avenu Insights & Analytics presented a proposal to the Commission about administering and collecting sales and use tax for the County.

County Engineer Marc Massey told the commissioners that the engineering department is trying to work through the weather. They have a week's worth of work piled up, waiting on a break in the weather. He said the paving crew is trying to finish a patching project on Shaw Road before moving on the Huntsville-Brownsferry Road. He said they need about six good weather days to finish up in District 3.

Commissioner Sammet reported his district continues to have problems from the continued rainfall. His crew is constantly rebuilding shoulders and unstopping tiles.

Commissioner Turner said he is dealing with weather issues and more. He said some developers aren't taking care of the messes they make, the mud and whatever left behind is affecting drainpipes and roads. He asked the county engineer if there was some way of holding developers responsible for the mess, not just on the roads in the subdivision but on the roads leading to the subdivision. Marc Massey said developers are called on a regular basis with reminders, but there is not anything the county can come back to if the developers do any type damage. Commissioner Black said bids are awarded by the lowest, responsible bidders. If we're approving all the subdivisions for these companies, and the last time they built a house they weren't responsible, we might need to talk to them before we haphazardly approve them.

Commissioner Black reported he's had to repair potholes three times in the last week due to the rains. We do everything under the sun, come back after the next big rain and must do it again.

Commissioner Harrison said it's important for motorists to slow down. If a motorist hits any kind of pothole at high speeds on a wet road it can not only lead to hydroplaning but exacerbates the pothole.

Chairman Daly said the rain has caused a lot of issues. He asked drivers to use extra caution on the roads.

Items were discussed for the February 18, 2020 agenda.

Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.