

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 11, 2020

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Jason Black, and Ben Harrison. Absent: Steve Turner. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

Dr. Robert Pitman, Limestone Veterinary Clinic, addressed the Commission asking for help and direction. He said expectations have changed in the 16 years since he has been proving animal centered services and presented a cost survey from surrounding public shelters. Decatur Animal Services and Morgan County Animal Shelter in Hartselle have a combined operating budget of \$985,000 and a combined intake of 3,300 animals for a per animal cost of \$298. Huntsville Animal Services has an operating budget of \$1,300,000 and an intake of 5,400 animals for a per animal cost of \$240. Athens-Limestone Animal Shelter; Athens City funds \$105,000 and has an intake of 729 animals for a per animal cost of \$144. Limestone County funds \$372,00 and has an intake of 2,684 animals for a per animal cost of \$138. The average funding requested from the city and county is \$196 per animal; which would mean an increase of \$37,884 for the City of Athens and an increase of \$154,064 for Limestone County. He said that would get funding to a point that including adoption fees, donations, and the thrift store proceeds where he can maintain the service now being provided. He also requests the SNYP program to be funded at \$15,000 from the city and \$15,000 from the county since the program typically runs out of money in June or July of each year.

MOTION was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Jason Black to suspend the Rules of Order to approve to auction equipment.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Jason Black, aye; and Ben Harrison, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jason Black and seconded by Ben Harrison to approve to auction the following equipment with J M Wood Auction Company, Inc. at the March 17-21, 2020 auction. Chipsreader was previously approved on March 2, 2020 to sell on GovDeals.

Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial #
Engineering	Rosco Chipsreader	17804	49420

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Jason Black, aye; Ben Harrison, aye; and Daryl Sammet, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

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Commissioner Black announced the ACCA County Day at the Legislature is on April 15th; which is the same day as a scheduled work session. He requested to change the date of the work session to allow the Commissioners to attend County Day.

Commissioner Harrison announced it had been more than a week since the Dupree Hollow Road bridge abutment failed. He said they are in the process of finding a way to start demolition of the existing bridge. He plans to remove the old bridge and put in three rows of 6' pipe to get the road opened. County Engineer Marc Massey said structures less than 20' aren't required to be inspected by FHWA regulations. The engineering department is evaluating options to provide the districts some support on larger structures like this. He said those bridges could be added to the list for local inspection in the future.

Chairman Daly stated it might be possible for a person to help with bridge inspections. He said we need to be as preventative as we can. He reiterated how important the Census count is for the county.

Items were discussed for the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Adjourned at 11:12 a.m.