

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

Jonathan Yerdon, Limestone County's Information Technology Director, presented four budget revisions for additional network equipment to add to today's agenda and use CARES Act funding.

Zach Magnusson, 27922 Meadowgreen Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the confederate memorial located at the Courthouse. He said, "My people have been in and around Limestone County for over nine generations, 200 years. I'm a millennial descent of seven men who were memorialized with that monument." He asked the Commission to simply uphold the law that protects the monument.

Austin Lewter, 18958 Ingram Road, said he didn't come to give a history lesson and asked what is loved so much about the confederacy; it's something he wonders about all the time. He said, "I've been walking around the city square and it's so interesting to me, we've got Judge Horton on one side and then the knights of the nightly race on the other side. Another thing I want to bring up, Confederate Vice President, Alex Stevens, bringing on the confederacy said, and he quoted, "Our new government, its cornerstone, its great truth is that the negro is not equal to the white man, slavery is his natural condition", end quote, and then I read more and more about what's been going on."

Items were discussed for the November 2, 2020 commission meeting agenda.

Four budget revisions for additional network equipment were added to the agenda.

Commissioner Turner said, "To the people that spoke about the monument, I'm not going to make any kind of decision today, it's my last meeting, wait on my successor to come in and I'm sure he'll be glad to study the issue and make a decision."

Recessed at 9:11 a.m.