

**LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MAY 15, 2023**  
**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Danny Barksdale, Derrick Gatlin, and LaDon Townsend. Absent: None. Collin Daly, Chairman presided.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the minutes of May 1, 2023.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and Derrick Gatlin, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve the following claims:

5/02/2023	0069831	\$	439.80
5/05/2023	0069832-0069922	\$	663,315.92
5/09/2023	0069923	\$	336.80
5/12/2023	0069924-0069985	\$	523,570.77
	TOTAL	\$	1,187,663.29

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve a resolution providing for Limestone County's participation in the July 21-23, 2023 "Back-To-School" sales tax holiday.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR LIMESTONE COUNTY'S**  
**PARTICIPATION IN THE "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" SALES TAX**  
**HOLIDAY**

**WHEREAS**, during its 2006 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature Enacted Act No. 2006-574, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain noncommercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the first full weekend in August of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Act No. 2017-120 Amended Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 40-23- 211 and 40-23-213, relating to the tax exemption on covered items during “Back-to- School” Sales Tax Holiday, by changing the dates from the first weekend of August to the third full weekend of July.

**WHEREAS**, the Limestone County Commission has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of covered items from county sales and use taxes on purchases during the third full weekend of July, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Alabama 1975, § 1 1-51-210(e) requires that the county commission notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of any new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change;

**WHEREAS**, the exemption of certain county sales and use taxes for the third full weekend of July 2022 herein adopted by the county commission is an amendment to the county’s sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue; and

**WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION** that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the county sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by the Alabama Department of Revenue Sales and Use Tax Rules beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Limestone County Commission and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama 1975. 8 11-51-210(e).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Limestone County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Collin Daly, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ellen Morell, Administrator

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Derrick Gatlin, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve a resolution for the Chairman of Limestone County to authorize and execute, file an Award application, and enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of a Section 5310 transportation assistance project.

*Limestone  
County Commission*

*Chairman  
Collin Daly*

*Administrator  
Ellen Morell*



*Commissioners:  
Daryl Sammet  
Danny Barksdale  
Derrick Gatlin  
LaDon Townsend*

**Section 5310 Authorizing Resolution**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, Federal financial assistance as authorized under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991, is available through the Alabama Department of Transportation to provide transportation services to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the submission of an application for said financial assistance is deemed necessary to aid in addressing the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities residents of Limestone County; and

**WHEREAS**, any agreement for capital financial assistance with the State of Alabama, acting by and through its Alabama Department of Transportation, will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the applicant to provide the best transit project that can be provided with the funds available.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Limestone County Commissioners of the Limestone County Commission as follows:

That the Chairman of the Limestone County Commission is authorized to execute, file an Award application, and enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of a Section 5310 transportation assistance project.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Derrick Gatlin, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Danny Barksdale, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the proposed revised Title VI Program in order to comply with the Title VI federal requirements.

## Appendix I

Documentation of Title VI Authorization

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TITLE VI PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Limestone County Commission is a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Alabama Department of Transportation in support of transit services which imposes certain obligations upon the recipient, including complying with the Title VI Federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Limestone County Commission commits to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity regardless of the funding source;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Commissioners of the Limestone County Commission as follows:

The Limestone County Commission approves the proposed Title VI Program in order to comply with the Title VI Federal requirements.

The Grant Coordinator, in their capacity, will serve as the Title VI Coordinator and is authorized to revise and update the Title VI Program as necessary.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Derrick Gatlin, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Danny Barksdale, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the Chairman to enter a contract for a shoulder machine.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Derrick Gatlin, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve the nominations of Curtis Hollinsworth, Dave Bradford, and Larry Berzett for submission to the Governor as the (3) three candidates to fill a vacant seat on the Board of the Alabama Elk River Development Agency.

*Alabama Elk River Development Agency, Inc.*

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May 3, 2023

Honorable Collin Daly  
Chairman Limestone County Commission  
Limestone County Courthouse  
310 West Washington Street  
Athens, AL 35611

Dear Mr. Daly,

Due to our board member Mickey Laye resigning from his position, the Alabama Elk River Development Agency is seeking to fill that vacancy.

Section II of the Legislative Act establishing the Alabama Elk River Development Agency states that the County Commission of Limestone County by majority vote will nominate three (3) candidates residing in Limestone County that are active in municipal, industrial, agricultural, or citizens organizations that are involved in promoting resource development programs.

The Chairman of the County Commission certifies to the Governor of the State that the three (3) names submitted were duly nominated by the Limestone County Commission.

The Governor then appoints one of the nominees to serve for a six (6) year term (resident) or a four (4) year term (Mayor) on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Elk River Development Agency.

We respectfully recommend that the following candidates be submitted to the Governor:

Curtis Hollingsworth  
18287 Locust Lane  
Elkmont, AL 35620

Dave Bradford  
18243 Sulphur Creek Drive  
Elkmont, AL. 35620

Larry Berzett  
18469 Sulphur Creek Drive  
Elkmont, AL 35620

Thank you for your help with this effort.

Sincerely,



Richard Herston, Chairman Alabama Elk  
River Development Agency  
Kristen Strouss, AERDA Office Manager  
Alabama Elk River Development Agency  
[aerdagency@gmail.com](mailto:aerdagency@gmail.com)

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Danny Barksdale to award the following bid proposals to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

**PROPOSAL NO. 2827**  
**TABULATION OF BID**  
**Bid Opened: May 11, 2023 @10:00 a.m.**  
**Bid Awarded: March 15, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**60x40 BUILDING-Solid Waste**

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>AWARDED TO</b>
<b>Rocket City Metal Buildings &amp; Carports DBA: Rocket City Metal &amp; Portable Buildings 27361 US Hwy 72 Athens, AL 35613 256-692-0445 aiden@rocketcitybuildings.com</b>	<b>\$66,100.00</b>	<b>X</b> <b>Pursuant to County Attorney approval</b>
<b>Summertown Metals 3864 Summertown Hwy Summertown, TN 38483 931-796-1521 alan@summertownmetals.com</b>	<b>NO BID</b>	

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve to hire Stephanie Elkins for the Governmental Accountant position, effective May 15, 2023.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve to hire Isaac Nicholson as a Temporary Laborer in the Engineering Department.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. LaDon Townsend, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Derrick Gatlin, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the following merit increases, which are included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Current Rate Per Hour</b>	<b>New Rate Per Hour</b>
Whitney Aldridge	Probate Clerk I	6/25/2023	\$18.61	\$19.08
Rennie Allison	Corrections Officer	5/2/2023	\$28.33	\$29.04
Terry Johnson	Sheriff Sergeant (Patrol)	5/2/2023	\$31.26	\$32.04
Tina Stark	Records Technician	5/2/2023	\$21.06	\$21.58
Nicholas Thompson	Communications Supervisor	5/3/2023	\$29.03	\$29.76
Michael Clem	Animal Control Officer	5/9/2023	\$28.31	\$29.02
Jesse Tyler	Communications Officer	5/16/2023	\$19.56	\$20.05
Nathanael Greene	Deputy Sheriff	5/18/2023	\$23.45	\$24.03
Hayden Pierce	Deputy Sheriff	5/10/2023	\$23.45	\$24.03
Austin Roberson	Deputy Assigned to Investigations	5/4/2023	\$26.30	\$26.96
Hunter Daws	Project Manager	6/20/2023	\$30.50	\$31.26
Todd Lawson	GIS Technician	6/10/2023	\$26.30	\$26.96
Susan Jacobs	PT Van Driver	6/8/2023	\$16.05	\$16.45
Ellen Morell	County Administrator	6/21/2023	\$51.22	\$52.50
Amanda Morgan	Director	6/1/2023	\$36.25	\$37.16
Christian Frasier	Investigator	6/12/2023	\$29.03	\$29.76
Tammy Waddell	Captain	6/1/2023	\$43.10	\$44.17
Jasmine Chavez	Corrections Officer	6/21/2023	\$18.82	\$19.29

Gina Allen	Corrections Officer	6/6/2023	\$19.56	\$20.05
David Martinez	Corrections Officer	6/3/2023	\$19.09	\$19.56
Matthew Hayes	Lieutenant-Jail (operations)	6/1/2023	\$32.04	\$32.85
Jeffery Kilpatrick	Investigator	6/3/2023	\$29.03	\$29.76
Joshua Gentry	Deputy Sheriff	6/12/2023	\$23.25	\$23.83
Bryce Camp	Communications Officer	6/6/2023	\$18.82	\$19.29

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Derrick Gatlin, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve the following subdivisions:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Abbey Brook Subdivision Phase II	Major	Preliminary	30	2	West of Ed Ray Rd west side of Meadows Rd
Kennesaw Creek Subdivision, Phase 4	Major	Preliminary	46	2	South side of Nick Davis Rd Approx. 1900' W of Jones Rd
Big Creek Homes Subdivision – replat Lots 6 & 7	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	4	Between Tillman Mill and AL Hwy 99 on the south side of Dawson Dupree Rd
Alley Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	3	1	28353 AL Hwy 53, Ardmore
Roscoe Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	1	North of Sandlin Rd on the west side of New Bethel Rd
Laxson Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	2	East of Wells Rd on the north side of Nick Davis Rd

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Daryl Sammet, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Danny Barksdale, aye; and Derrick Gatlin, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Danny Barksdale and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve the designated ARPA revenue replacement funds for completion of road projects.



Dist	Roads	From	To	Length (mi)	Work	Cost	Comments
Dist 3	Carter Rd	Brownsferry Rd	Malone Rd	1.60	ARPA	\$ 146,500	
	Brittney Ln	Carter Rd	End	0.21	ARPA	\$ 9,700	
	Malone Road	Brownsferry Rd	Lucas Ferry Rd	1.97	ARPA	\$ 188,800	
Dist 2	Nani Dr	Athens City Limit	Dead End	0.43	ARPA	\$ 49,500	
	Hsv-Brownsferry Rd	Cambridge Ln	HSV City Limits	0.51	ARPA	\$ 74,000	
Dist 1	Beatline Road	Hwy 251	East Limestone Road	2.26	ARPA	\$ 230,000	
	Wales St	Elkton Rd	Holt Rd	1.15	ARPA	\$ 122,000	
Dist 2	Menefee Rd	Capshaw Rd	Copeland Rd	4.09	ARPA	\$ 705,500	Contractor Wearing Layer
Dist 4	Easter Ferry Rd	Hunter Gates Rd	Salem Minor Hill Rd	1.68	ARPA	\$ 208,500	
	W. Limestone School Road	Hwy 99	Short Cut Road	2.19	ARPA	\$ 232,000	
Dist 1	Mooresville Rd	Hwy 53	The State Line	0.88	ARPA	\$ 87,200	
	Oliver Rd	Mooresville Rd	The State Line	0.21	ARPA	\$ 21,000	
	Yarbrough Rd	N Compton Rd	Black Rd	2.00	ARPA	\$ 327,500	Contractor Wearing Layer
Dist 3	Parker Rd	Ripley Rd	Hwy 72	2.27	ARPA	\$ 282,000	
Dist 2	McCulley Mill Rd	Hwy 72	Nick Davis	2.62	ARPA	\$ 408,300	Contractor Wearing Layer
	Mooresville Rd	Hwy 72	Nick Davis Rd	2.52	ARPA	\$ 344,000	Contractor Wearing Layer
Dist 3	Ingram Rd	Lucas Ferry Rd	Hwy 31	2.65	ARPA	\$ 275,300	
	Stewart Rd	Ingram Rd	Hsv-Brownsferry Rd	2.23	ARPA	\$ 229,500	
Dist 4	Quinn Rd	7 Mile Post Rd	Glaze Rd	3.00	ARPA	\$ 447,100	Contractor Wearing Layer
Dist 1	Bethel Rd	Mooresville Rd	Hwy 251	3.07	ARPA	\$ 101,600	
Dist 2	Tyler Mill Dr	McCulley Mill Rd	Craft Rd	0.29	ARPA	\$ 31,300	
	Mill Valley Dr	McCulley Mill Rd	Craft Rd	0.42	ARPA	\$ 43,700	
Dist 4	Persimmon Tree Rd	Hwy 99	The County Line	4.73	ARPA	\$ 731,300	Contractor Wearing Layer
	Bailey Rd	The County Line	Persimmon Tree Rd	0.61	ARPA	\$ 79,500	

Total	D1	D2	D3	D4	District ARPA
Costs \$5,375,800	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Length (Mi)	889,300	1,656,300	1,131,800	1,698,400	9.57 10.88 10.93 12.21 43.59

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve to remove the following from inventory.

Department	Item	VIN #
Sheriff's Office	AED	48606293

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. LaDon Townsend, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Danny Barksdale, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve to amend FY 2023 Rebuild Alabama County Transportation Plan.



## FY 2023 County Transportation Plan

### Limestone County

Date Approved by the Limestone County Commission: August 15, 2022



Date Amended by the Limestone County Commission: 05/15/2023 (If Applicable)

Map Index	Project No.	Road Name/Number	Begin		End		Road Improvement Project	Bridge Improvement Project	Project Length (miles)	Description of Work	Total Project Estimated Cost	Estimated Amount Planned To Be Utilized Under Competitive Bid	Estimated Amount Planned To Be Utilized Under Public Works	County Rebuild Alabama Funds or Federal Aid Exchange Funds (List fund type separately for projects involving both CRAFs and FAEFs)	CRAF Amount	FAEF Amount					
			Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.															
Estimated Beginning Balance															\$0.00	\$0.00					
Estimated Annual Revenue																\$1,200,000.00	\$400,000.00				
1	RA-LCP 42-197-22	Jennings Chapel and Concord Rd	34.8751	86.8315	34.8895	86.8020	X		2.51	Resurfacing and Traffic Striping/Marking from E Limestone Rd to McKee Rd	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00		CRAF	\$300,000.00						
2	RA-LCP 42-198-22	Capshaw Rd	34.7736	86.8325	34.7732	86.8001	X		1.80	Resurfacing and Traffic Striping/Marking from E Limestone Rd to Piny Creek	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00		CRAF	\$200,000.00						
3	RA-LCP 42-199-22	Dupree Worthy Rd	34.7619	86.7975	34.7730	86.7841	X		0.87	Resurfacing and Traffic Striping/Marking from Knox Creek to Capshaw Rd	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		CRAF	\$100,000.00						
4	RA-LCP 42-200-22	Huntsville - Brownsferry Road	34.7493	87.0385	34.7772	87.1957	X		5.30	Resurfacing and Traffic Striping/Marking from Brownsferry Rd to Leonard Cr	\$580,000.00	\$188,000.00	\$392,000.00	CRAF & FAEF	\$180,000.00	\$400,000.00					
6	RA-LCP 42-202-22	Eastler Ferry Rd	34.9237	87.0469	34.9420	87.0871	X		2.55	Resurfacing and Traffic Striping/Marking from EB River to Hunter Gates Rd	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00		CRAF	\$300,000.00						
Totals/Page Totals																					
Total Miles Addressed by CTP (Total Mileage Does Not Include Bridge Projects)											13.03	Total CTP Estimated Costs	\$1,480,000.00	\$1,088,000.00	\$392,000.00	Total CRAF/FAEF Remaining Estimated	\$120,000.00	\$0.00			

Note: Any amendments to the CTP shall follow the same guidelines and procedures as the original approval process.

Remarks Amended to remove Snake and Fielding Road and add Huntsville-Brownsferry Road.

CTP Plan 6/06/2019

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Derrick Gatlin, aye; LaDon Townsend, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and Danny Barksdale, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Sammet said that paving season is wide open, and that everything is looking good.

Commissioner Barksdale stated that roads are a necessary and vital part of the American economy, and in District 2 there is a road that will be destroyed due to subdivision development. He also stated that roads are a county asset, and that there is legal precedence in that we can make the people damaging our roads pay for them. Commissioner Barksdale said that he thinks that the solution to this problem is that all developments in the county should have impact fees. He said that he has not heard a reasonable rejection on impact fees, and he does not know how anyone could oppose.

Commissioner Gatlin congratulated Coach Matt Smith, and the Tanner boys' soccer team for winning the State Championship.

Commissioner Townsend thanked the striping crew and gave update on Dupree Hollow Road.

Chairman Daly congratulated Tanner boys' soccer team on their win. He also thanked the Commissioners that helped cooked for County wide bingo. Chairman Daly thanked County Administrator Ellen Morell for her dedication and service to the County.

Adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.