

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023,  
COMMISSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today at 9:28 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the minutes of August 18, 2023.

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 the following claims:

8/18/2023	0070937-0071000	\$ 951,222.90
8/25/2023	0071001-0071056	\$ <u>408,859.58</u>
		\$ 1,360,082.48

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

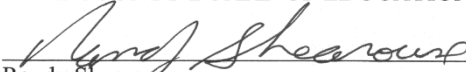
The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Administrator called the roll. Danny Barksdale, aye; Derrick Gatlin, aye; Daryl Sammet, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Derrick Gatlin to approve a resolution calling a special election to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, as described in the Limestone County Board of Education's Resolution of August 30, 2023.

TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA:

We hereby transmit to and file with you the attached copy of a Resolution that was duly adopted by the Limestone County Board of Education at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on August 30, 2023. You are hereby requested to cause and call to be held on December 5, 2023, in School District No. 1 in Limestone County, Alabama, a special election as set forth in the Resolution. A map of School District No. 1 and written description of same is also enclosed herewith.

LIMESTONE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:   
Randy Shearouse  
Superintendent of Limestone County Board of Education

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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION  
CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE 3 MILL  
SPECIAL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES**

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**WHEREAS**, Limestone County (hereinafter, the “County”) is currently levying a special district tax for public school purposes at the rate of thirty cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the school district in the County known as School District No. 1 (“District No. 1”), which special district tax has been authorized by the electors of District No. 1 to be levied annually until and including the levy for the tax year beginning October 1, 2024 (for which tax year the tax will become due and payable on October 1, 2025) being the tax that was originally authorized and provided for in Section 2 of Amendment No. 3 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901;

**WHEREAS**, the Limestone County Board of Education (hereinafter, the “Board”) has determined that it is necessary and desirable that the special district tax now being levied in District No. 1 be continued after the expiration of the period for which the said tax is currently authorized to be levied;

**WHEREAS**, upon renewal of said tax, District No. 1 shall include all of Limestone County that are not within the corporate limits of (1) the City of Athens, Alabama, (2) the City of Decatur, Alabama, (3) the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and (4) the city of Madison, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, all the area lying within District No. 1 is subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has caused a map to be prepared by the County Surveyor or other competent person pursuant to and in the form and containing the information provided in and required by Section 16-13-191 of the Code of Alabama of 1975, and showing the boundaries of District No. 1, and such map and written description are attached hereto.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIMESTONE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** at its meeting on August 30, 2023, at 7:00 A.M., as follows:

1. Prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the Board caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses of this Resolution, and, on the basis thereof, the Board finds, declares, and adopts the statements in those clauses.

2. The Board does hereby respectfully petition and request that the Limestone County Commission call an election to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in District No. 1

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to determine whether or not a special district tax of thirty cents on each one hundred dollars (3 mills on each dollar) of the assessed value of the property subject to taxation in District No. 1 shall be levied annually for public school purposes within District No. 1 for a period of twenty (20) consecutive years commencing with the tax year that will begin on October 1, 2025 (for which first tax year the tax will become due and payable on October 1, 2026); the said levy, if authorized, to be in renewal and continuation of the 3 mill district school tax now being levied in District No. 1.

3. The Superintendent, as Secretary of the Board, shall be and hereby is directed and instructed to prepare and deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Limestone County Commission, accompanied by a written request that the said County Commission call the aforesaid election pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution. The Superintendent shall also submit to the said County Commission the documents attached hereto, to wit: a full and correct description of District No. 1, together with a map of the said special school district, made by the County Surveyor or other competent person, showing thereon the boundaries of District No. 1 and indicating thereon the sections and ranges in the said special district and the location of public utilities, such as power plants, railroad and telegraph lines, if any, in the said special district and the railroad mileage for each and every corporation having property therein. The Superintendent is further directed to record in the minutes of the Board a full and correct description of the boundaries of the said special school district, together with a copy of the said map, and to furnish the said description and copy of said map to (a) the Judge of Probate of the County, who is hereby requested to record the same in a book kept by him for that purpose, (b) the State Department of Education, and (c) the State Department of Revenue, which shall also be furnished with as many additional copies of the said map as there are public utilities located in the said special school district.

**RECOMMENDED** this the 30th day of August, 2023,

  
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RANDY SHEAROUSE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
LIMESTONE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ADOPTED** this the 30th day of August, 2023,

  
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BELINDA MAPLES  
CHAIRMAN  
LIMESTONE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**AREA AFFECTED BY PROPOSED  
LIMESTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 TAX**

The map attached to this document shows the area subject to the proposed Limestone County School District No. 1 tax as required by Alabama Code § 16-13-191. As shown on that map, the area subject to the proposed Limestone County School District No. 1 tax are, subject to the exclusions defined below, coterminous with the boundaries of Limestone County which are as follows: bounded on the North by the Alabama-Tennessee state line; bounded on the East by Madison County; bounded on the South by Morgan and Lawrence Counties; and bounded on the West by Lauderdale County.

Excluded from the proposed Limestone County School District No. 1 tax are any areas within the corporate limits of Athens, Alabama; Decatur, Alabama; Huntsville, Alabama; and Madison, Alabama. These excluded areas are colored blue, green, yellow, and red, respectively.

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 Danny Barksdale and seconded by LaDon Townsend to award the following bid.

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2842	Printing- Limestone County Commission- Operation Checks	Checkomatic, Inc.	\$710.90

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 LaDon Townsend and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the following transfers all effective 9/5/2023:

- Jacob Lamar from Corrections Corporal to Corrections Sergeant.
- Austin Roberson from Patrol Deputy Assigned to Investigations to Patrol Lieutenant.
- Martin Evans from Patrol Lieutenant to a Patrol Deputy Assigned to Investigations.
- Dylan Legg from a Patrol Sergeant to Deputy Assigned to Investigations.

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- Cary Moore from a Patrol Deputy to a Patrol Sergeant.
- Uziel Vazquez from a Patrol Deputy to a Patrol Sergeant.
- Curtis Boyd from a Patrol Deputy to a Corrections Officer.

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 Daryl Sammet to approve to hire Jimmy Defoe as a Part-time Laborer in the Recycling Department.

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

**MOTION** was made by LaDon Townsend and seconded by Daryl Sammet to approve to hire the following as Corrections Officers effective 9/5/2023.

- Jeffery Martin
- Stephen Austin Clark

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

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

Name	Position	Effective Date
Amy Abercrombie	Deputy Sheriff-SRO	9/21/2023
Anna Lee Owens	Chief Personal Property Appraiser	9/24/2023
Chester Randolph	Corrections Officer	9/26/2023
Corey Crouch	Deputy Sheriff	9/28/2023
Erin Tyler	Transitional Property Appraiser Trainee	9/27/2023
James Crouch	Corrections Officer	9/21/2023
Jonathan Russell	Deputy Sheriff-Work Release	9/15/2023
Kelly Noe	Communications Officer	9/6/2023
Roy Brooks	Sergeant-Jail	9/25/2023
Steve Ferguson	Investigator	9/19/2023
Tangela Legg	Communications Officer	9/19/2023

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**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve the following subdivision:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Powers Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	1	Southwest corner of the intersection of AL Hwy 251

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 Derrick Gatlin and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve to rescind the approval for Franklin Estates and Franklin Acres. These 2 Minor Subdivisions were given approval on March 6, 2023. Approve the following subdivisions that have been submitted with changes:

Name	S/D Type	Approval Type	Lots	District	Location
Franklin Estates Subdivision	Minor	Preliminary & Final	2	3	West side of Poplar Creek Rd
Franklin Estates Subdivision Phase 1	Minor	Preliminary & Final	5	3	West side of Poplar Creek Rd

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 Daryl Sammet to approve to remove the following from inventory:

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Department	Item	Inventory #	Reason for Disposal
Board of Ed	Camera 1998 Chevy Van	4741 9771000	End of useful life
Veterans Service Office	Ice Machine	4474	Unable to locate
Delphi- State of AL	Mower	4633	Unable to locate
Clinton St. Annex	Phone System Armchairs	4245 4247	Obsolete
Archives	Dell Altitude E6510	4886	End of useful life
Courthouse	Parts to Filing Cabinet Ass. Merlin Telephone Equip. Merlin Telephone Equip. Merlin Telephone Equip. Tab Shelving Unit Space finder Tab Masterfile Courthouse Sec. Scanner Change Order #3 Courthouse Phone Switch	1461 1467 1470 1471 1595 1995 2065 3313 3377 4506	Obsolete

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**MOTION** was made by Daryl Sammet and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve to sell the following on GovDeals:

Department	Item	Inventory #	Serial #
District 1	Kubota 57		KX057-4R3A

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**MOTION** was made by Derrick Gatlin and seconded by LaDon Townsend to approve to authorize Ellen Morell to approve department budget revisions as necessary for the end of the year procedures.

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 LaDon Townsend and seconded by Danny Barksdale to approve to enter into a Public Hearing.

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; Derrick Gatlin, aye; and LaDon Townsend, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Billy Cannon, Daniel Leicher, Gretta Kilgore, Cody Smith, Lynn Persell and Derril Robertson addressed the Commission regarding the new proposed Subdivision Regulations. Public hearing was closed at 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Sammet thanked citizens for coming to the Public Hearing and for voicing their opinions. He also stated that ALDOT requires, and it is all about safety.

Commissioner Barksdale stated that these new proposed subdivision regulations affect District 2 more than any other district. He also stated that from a safety standpoint we must deal with these issues and every time a subdivision is built in District 2 a public road is damaged. Commissioner Barksdale said that we are responsible for protecting County assets, and that a county road is a county asset. He further thanked everyone for Commissioner Barksdale stated that his main concern when he first came into office was drainage issues and that developers do not need to put undue burdens on citizens that have lived here all their life.

Commissioner Gatlin thanked everyone for being at the Public Hearing today. He said that when they first started with the new subdivision regulations it was for drainage water issues, but they have drifted into some new territories that may have affected people in negative ways and that it was not the intention. He also stated that his door is always open and that he hopes Engineer Marc Massey can come up with something that everyone can agree on. Commissioner Gatlin gave a paving update on Lucas Ferry and Athens Browns Ferry Rd. and urged citizens to use caution when in this area. Next week they will be moving to Browns Ferry to Tanner Crossroads.



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Commissioner Townsend thanked everyone for showing up today. He also agreed that the subdivision regulations started due to drainage water and that it has drifted into other areas. Commissioner Townsend thinks they need to remove the minor subdivisions and focus on the major subdivisions. He further stated that he knows that everyone on the Commission wants to do what is best for Limestone County. Commissioner also gave an update on bush hogging and paving.

Chairman Daly thanked everyone for coming to the public hearing today, and that the subdivision regulations have been a challenge and a process over that past couple of years.

Adjourned at 10:16 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.