

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, OCTOBER 2, 2023,  
WORK SESSION**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from September 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

Lori Masonia addressed the Commission requesting assistance to open a recovery house in Limestone County.

Doug Higginbotham expressed concern with drainage issues on his property due to land development.

Helen Thompson addressed the Commission requesting that the Limestone County Commission administer a federal grant pertaining to the Veterans Treatment Court. She also asked for support for the Veteran's Day Parade.

Laura Lynn Kerner thanked the Commission for the assistance in keeping the Athens-Limestone Wellness Center pool open for a year.

Chairman Daly reminded citizens that if they cannot attend a meeting to please send an e-mail regarding their concerns.

Items were discussed for today's meeting.

County Attorney, Drew Dill, informed the Commission that the Supplemental Resolution on School Tax was to correct a typographical error and leave no doubt that all the signatures on the 1 mill tax to be voted on were sufficient and accepted by the Commission.

Attorney Dill explained the Resolution for establishing a "Dangerous Dog Fee and Registry" as well as explaining the request to allow him the authority to pursue actions in Circuit Court for dangerous dog cases based on "Emily's Law".

There was discussion regarding various road intersection projects and paving projects.

As to No. 6 on the agenda, "Approval of a Construction Agreement for an Industrial Access Project between the State of Alabama and the Limestone County Commission (Project Fox)", Engineer Massey stated that this should be for the approval of a consulting and service agreement with Morell Engineering for on-call design services. The Construction Agreement was previously approved.

Under "Personnel, Policies, & Staffing Actions", it was agreed to take all the listed items under one motion.

Commissioner Gatlin informed the Commission that the hiring of LeeRoy Gatlin was no relation to him, and LeeRoy Gatlin's employment time would last approximately three months.

Chairman Daly stated that during the time of losing a loved one, extra household trash is accumulated; therefore, he would like the Commission to consider ordering black garbage cans for that purpose and allow use free of charge for a two (2) week period.

There was discussion on moving forward with a Limestone County's Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Barksdale suggested issuing permits to access the rights-of-way.

County Administrator, Ellen Morell, stated that changing supplemental insurance to Lincoln Financial and flexible spending to Flores would be less money and better service to county employees. Cobbs and Allen will be helping with this transition.

Recessed at 9:45