

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 6, 2023,
WORK SESSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from October 16, 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.

Ken Pack, Steve Romine, and Greg Blades expressed concerns regarding Morris Williams Subdivision.

Curtis Turner addressed the Commission regarding the subdividing of a six-and-a-half-acre lot and asked that littering on Browns Ferry Road be addressed.

Laquita Smith expressed concerns with Joseph B. McConnell Subdivision, and she is opposed to same.

Chairman Daly stated that public comments can be emailed.

Items were discussed for today's meeting.

Chairman Daly, presiding, opened the public hearing to receive comments relative to purchasing the property off Cotton Belt Road which adjoins Sugar Creek Road for the purpose of constructing an access point for canoes and kayaks to Sugar Creek.

Commissioner Sammet and Commissioner Townsend expressed their support for purchasing the property off Cotton Belt Road for an access point for canoes and kayaks for Sugar Creek.

At the public hearing, no one spoke in opposition, and County Administrator, Ellen Morell, requested everyone sign-in.

Chairman Daly stated that the resolutions for passive warning devices for the construction and improvements for railroad crossings on Thach, Elkton, and Bethel Roads be taken in one motion during the Commission meeting.

There was discussion regarding improvements to railroad crossings and permissible road weights for commercial trucks.

It was noted that the date of beginning for the agreement with North Central Highway Safety Office should be October 1, 2023 instead of October 1, 2024.

As to the awarding of bids, there were several that were rejected due to the cost being more than what was anticipated.

Under "Personnel, Policies, and Staffing Actions", it was agreed to take numbers 1-2 under one motion and numbers 3-6 under one motion.

There was extensive discussion regarding Morris Williams Subdivision and notifications for property owners regarding subdivision notifications.

Commissioner Townsend brought up the issue of needing to find a location for the building of the new recycling center and the need to use the granted funds allocated for same.

Attorney Drew Dill explained that the recycling building must be complete or near completion by October 2024, and there is a small possibility that they could be awarded an extension to use grant money.

Commissioner Barksdale stated that due to the time frame, there are no other options on where to put the recycling center other than the L&S property.

Engineer Massey commented that if no one else has any other ideas, then the L&S property would be the location for the recycling center.

Chairman Daly asked if anyone had any discussion regarding the concrete crew to please discuss with Engineer Massey.

Recessed at 9:45.