

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, OCTOBER 16, 2023,
WORK SESSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from October 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

Present: Daryl Sammet, Danny Barksdale, and Derrick Gatlin. Absent: LaDon Townsend. Chairman Collin Daly presided.

Kathy Richardson Lori Masonia addressed the Commission regarding the request for a drug rehab facility in Limestone County.

Doug and Janice Higginbotham expressed concerns regarding drain water issues on his property due to a development on Meadows Road.

Jimmy Crafts expressed concern with a drainage issue on Pepper Road and requested that his property line be clearly marked.

Sheila Bannister and Elizabeth Stewart expressed their thoughts and concerns to the Commission regarding certain books made available at the Athens-Limestone County Public Library.

Phylis Condon, with the Limestone Animal Alliance, requested the status for developing a new dog shelter.

Wayne Kuykendall requested an appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the Athens-Limestone Storytelling Festival.

Items were discussed for today's meeting.

There was discussion regarding putting the one or two step merit increase on the agenda.

The Limestone County Strategic Plan process and need for same was discussed.

Commissioner Barksdale discussed growth, subdivision regulations, problems with developers, signs on rights-of-way.

There was discussion regarding Cowford Campground's new rules and rate increase.

Chairman Daly stated that they are exploring options on having caution stickers installed on the county garbage trucks. Chairman Daly also proclaimed October 22-28, 2023, as Alabama Extension Office week.

Recessed at 10:02 a.m.