

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025,  
WORK SESSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from August 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

Craig Beasley updated the commissioners regarding the changes that have been made to the Athens – Limestone County Public Library. He also informed the commissioners and citizens of the free events happening at the library in October.

Bethany Shockney addressed the commissioners regarding the tax abatement to Carpenter Technologies Corporation.

Deborah King and Xerxes Wahl expressed their concerns regarding the property tax Resolution being voted on in today's meeting.

Chairman Daly thanked citizens for their comments and for attending today's meeting.

Items were discussed for today's meeting.

It was noted under "Conflicts of Interest," that Commissioner Turners abstains from voting on the appropriation to the AL Economic Development Association, Inc., due to his wife being an employee there.

Under "Resolutions and Orders," Chairman Daly stated that this Constitution was voted on by the people in 2006. County Attorney Drew Dill stated that his reading of Amendment 778 is that it sets a minimum 10.0 mill floor for education ad valorem property taxes. He also stated that the Constitution of Alabama require you to levy up to the 10.0 mill, which is the absolute minimum that the county can pay. City Attorney Shane Black stated that Limestone County has some of the lowest property taxes in the state of Alabama. He stated in 2006 Amendment 778 was passed, which is a statewide Constitutional Amendment. He clarified that this Resolution is a district tax not countywide. All property taxes collected in Limestone County will be spent in the Limestone County School District.

It was noted under "Contracts, Agreements, MOUs, and Grants," that the county match is up to \$50,000.00 for a SS4A Grant. It was also noted that the expected investment from Carpenter Technology Corporation is \$354,250,000.00 instead of \$354,250.00.

It was noted under "Award Bids/Quotes" Engineer Marc Massey stated that these bids came in in our favor. A reduction was saw in the price of rock and asphalt remained the same.

Under "Personnel, Policies, & Staffing Actions," Chairman Daly and County Attorney Drew Dill explained the difference between "Chief" License Clerk and "Deputy" License Clerk. It was noted that "chief" can assume action if the License Commissioner is absent.

During the "Engineer's Report," Engineer Marc Massey updated the commissioners regarding paving. He stated that engineering is paving Johnson Ln. Once completed engineering will be moving to Little Tom Rd., Big Creek Rd., and Pope Rd. He also noted that all chip seal projects should be completed this week, weather permitting. He stated that striping will begin on Cambridge Ln. this week. He informed the commission that utility relocation has begun at Capshaw and East Limestone intersection for the roundabout project. He asked citizens to be mindful when in that area as utility workers are present. It was noted that there are two (2) federally funded projects in progress.

Recessed at 9:55.

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Derrick Gatlin, D-III Commissioner

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Johnny Turner, D-II Commissioner

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LaDon Townsend, D-IV Commissioner