

**MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, MARCH 2, 2026,  
WORK SESSION MEETING**

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. today at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

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

There were no public comments.

Chairman reminded citizens that public comments can be mailed or e-mailed to the commission.

Items were discussed for today's meeting.

Under "Resolutions and Orders," it was noted to remove number four (4) from the commission meeting agenda. Chairman noted that Representative Andy Whitt stated the Resolution to support a potential local law regarding LCEDA would not go anywhere until it is discussed among the Commissioners. County Attorney Drew Dill explained House Bill 310, House Bill 410, and House Bill 412. He also noted that House Bill 310 has already passed and is waiting on the Governor's desk to be signed; therefore, it will be on the ballot in November. Commissioner Ruf stated he supports House Bill 310. Chairman stated that the Sheriff's salary is still less than when he first took office even with the passing of House Bill 410. The County Attorney expressed to the Commissioners that the calculation of the Sheriff's pay is very difficult. Chairman stated that the passing of House Bill 412 will give the commission authority for additional supplement regarding the Board of Registrars'.

Under "Contracts, Agreements, MOUs, and Grants," Chairman stated the county can only purchase property at fair market value. He noted that the piece of property being considered is for the animal shelter. Engineer Marc Massey stated he has a meeting on Thursday with the city planner regarding a piece of property in the city limits.

Under "Budget Revisions," Engineer Marc Massey stated he will have a paving list on the next agenda. Chairman, Commissioner Ruf, and Commissioner Turner stated the use for the money that will be transferred to each district account for infrastructure needs.

It was noted under "Personnel, Policies & Staffing Actions," to take numbers one (1) through three (3) in one motion.

During the "Engineer's Report," Engineer Marc Massey provided a paving and patching update in District 3. He also reminded citizens that paving season is kicking off with favorable weather expected over the upcoming week; therefore, please use caution if you see crews out. He also reminded the commissioners to get with him regarding their paving list.

Under "Other Business," Commissioner Turner gave a Legislative report regarding Act 2026-49, Act 2026-56, and Act 2026-57. Chairman and Commissioner Turner discussed the possibility of moving the work session meeting and the commission meeting to a different time/day.

Recessed at 9:36.

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Collin Daly, Chairman

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David Ruf, D-I Commissioner

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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

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