

STATE OF ALABAMA                   §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY               §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 5:00 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale County Commission, Danny Pettus. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Danny Pettus	Chairman
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Brad Holmes	Commissioner, District 1
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Legal Counsel:	
Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney

Chairman Pettus, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were delivered by Commissioner Hackworth.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items: None

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that all items listed on the regular business agenda be approved for immediate consideration. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agenda is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission be approved for recording. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes funding assistance for the remainder of the current fiscal year in the amount of three thousand seven hundred seventy dollars for an off duty police officer's presence at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Commissioner Holmes stated that he supports this resolution because it will help ensure the safety of our children. Commissioner Holmes also stated that he took his two sons to the library and it was refreshing to see security in the library and that the interaction of the officer with the citizens at the library is a visible sign of good relations between law enforcement and citizens. Lauderdale County Chief Deputy, Richard Richey, stated that off duty Lauderdale County deputies were going to staff the library also. Abby Carpenter from the Florence-Lauderdale Library thanked the Commission for their support. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department to purchase six hundred twenty-four residential trash containers from Toter of Statesville, North Carolina for a total cost of thirty two thousand one hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents. Any budget amendment that may be needed is hereby authorized and approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be approved to allow the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to pay a twenty thousand dollar annual software service fee to the City of Florence for Spillman Technologies, Inc. in-car software. The City of Florence is the main subscriber of the service agreement and the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department is the secondary subscriber. Any budget amendment needed is hereby authorized and approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that authorizes the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency to enter into a radio tower lease agreement with Rogers Broadcasting of Killen, Alabama for space on a radio tower

located at Ten Tower Road, Killen, Alabama. The cost of the contract is five thousand six hundred eighty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents annually. The contract can be renewed up to two times if all contract points remain the same. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contract are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into the "Payments In Lieu of Taxes" class action lawsuit. The United States Court of Federal Claims has certified a class action lawsuit against the United States to recover amounts which the Court has determined that the government was required to pay units of local government but did not pay in full in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017. The Lauderdale County Commission agrees to be represented by the Class Counsel that the Court has approved which is Alan Saltman of Smith, Currie, & Hancock LLP. Commissioner Parker asked Lauderdale County's legal representative, Chris Smith, to explain the case. Mr. Smith stated that the County is joining a class action suit and that joining with other counties and states provides the opportunity for the County to collect if the case comes in favorably but the County has to opt into the lawsuit in order to collect. Mr. Smith also stated that it will not cost anything to be a part of the suit and the County would not want to be left out if the case is proven. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the class action lawsuit documents are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to pay the Town of Waterloo five thousand dollars to help support the 2018 Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride that will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The money will be paid out of the Tourism Fund and any budget amendment needed is hereby authorized and approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to update the Flood Damage Prevention resolution. The new resolution must be in force by August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 in order to remain a participating member of the National Flood Insurance Program. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the new Flood Damage Prevention Resolution are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to authorize a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Road Department to accept Davis Road and Freeman Drive in Pine Ridge Subdivision, located in Sections 22 and 27, Township 2 South, Range 8 West of Lauderdale County, Alabama, into the County Road System for maintenance on recommendation

of Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill. Commissioner Holmes asked Mr. Hill if the roads have been inspected and are up to County standards. Mr. Hill stated that the roads are up to County standards. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission along with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG) and the Alabama Department of Transportation to apply for funding consideration under the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program. The grant would be used to fund additional lanes on US Highway 72/State Route 2 from Indian Springs to Harris Drive in Lauderdale County and the Lauderdale County Commission will facilitate the grant. Commissioner Holmes stated that in doing research on this road, they found that in the last five years, over one hundred wrecks and two fatalities were recorded which shows the justification to seek this grant. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the paperwork are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to authorize a resolution to allow an amendment to the existing joint contract with Shoals Ambulance Service. The amendment is needed due to a nationwide shortage of Paramedics and will allow Shoals Ambulance Service to utilize highly-skilled Advanced EMT's for non-emergency transports such as discharges from hospitals or doctor's offices, inter-facility transports, and non-emergent out-of-town transports. This contract amendment is contingent upon the City of Florence passing the necessary resolution to show their approval of the amendment. Commissioner Parker stated that this change will not cut ambulance services for Lauderdale County and the County will be taken care of. Chairman Pettus stated that it will keep more Paramedic's in Lauderdale County. Commissioner Hackworth stated that it will free up more Paramedic's for 911 calls. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. LA-2018-1, "Various Print Bids". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that there were five bid items and two companies sent in bids. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends that Printers & Stationers of Florence, Alabama be awarded the bid for the Revenue Tax Receipts, Revenue Tax Notices, Revenue Assessment Sheets, and the Probate Marriage Certificates as they were the lowest bidder on those items. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends that the Wheeler Park Reservation Cards be awarded to Herold Printing of Florence, Alabama as they were the lowest bidder on that item. Commissioner Parker

moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the bid recommendations of Ms. Bryant. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bids to be awarded as recommended. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. LA 2018-8, "Chipping of Wood Waste". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department Manager, Robert Bevis, for his recommendation. Mr. Bevis stated that there was only bid received and he recommends that we award the bid to the only bidder which is Oakley Enterprises of Florence, Alabama. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve the bidder. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid awarded to Oakley Enterprises of Florence, Alabama. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. LA 2018-9, "Disposal of Solid Waste". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department Manager, Robert Bevis, for his recommendation. Mr. Bevis stated that there was only bid received and he recommends that we award the bid to the only bidder which is BFI Waste Services of Huntsville, Alabama. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Bevis if all of the bids were local and Mr. Bevis said yes, they were. Commissioner Parker stated that he wants to use businesses that are in Lauderdale County or close to our county when possible. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the bidder. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid awarded to BFI Waste Services of Huntsville, Alabama. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to appoint Jean Corsbie McIntyre to fill an open appointment on the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board. The appointment will begin immediately and will expire on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to accept the appointment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Approval is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, has requested that an employee in the Lauderdale County Commission office be granted intermittent Family Medical Leave to begin on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All medical documentation has been received and is in order. Commissioner Garner moved to accept the Family Medical Leave, Commissioner Parker seconded. There being

no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Family Medical Leave is approved and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered to be paid upon a motion by Commissioner Hackworth and seconded by Commissioner Holmes. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 THROUGH JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 53601-53653	\$534,508.30
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3651-3656	\$885.63
LEPA FUND CHECK # 8020-8026	\$4,493.16
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16771-16782	\$178,003.26
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL CHECK # N/A	0.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 341	\$3,542.53
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 660	\$5,758.24
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11358-11366	\$22,929.09
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00

RSVP FUND CHECK # 17138-17146	\$2,761.40
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 7278-7291	\$124,727.39
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 40384-40448	\$618,015.36
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1146-1147	\$608,857.43
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 3020-3022	\$14,715.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
Total	\$2,119,196.79

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Danny Pettus, Chairman

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Brad Holmes, Commissioner

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Roger Garner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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Fay Parker, Commissioner

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Joe Hackworth, Commissioner