

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of December, 2017. 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
Brad Holmes	Commissioner, District 1
Roger Garner	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 was delivered by Commissioner Fay Parker.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items: None

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker 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 Holmes 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 a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to purchase a full-page advertisement in the Official Florence Visitors Guide. The charge for the full-page ad is one thousand three hundred ten dollars and will be paid for out of the Tourism Fund. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to adopt a resolution to approve a grant agreement between the Florence-Lauderdale EMA and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the State Homeland Security Grant 71CC in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars. The grant funding will be used in support of the Regional Truck. Florence-Lauderdale EMA director, George Grabryan, is authorized to execute this grant and any necessary budget amendment needed for the financial management of this grant is herein approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the grant are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to adopt a resolution to approve a grant agreement between the Florence-Lauderdale EMA and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the State Homeland Security Grant 7FIL in the amount of four thousand eight hundred nine dollars. The grant funding will be used to purchase equipment for Florence Fire and Rescue. Florence-Lauderdale EMA director, George Grabryan, is authorized to execute this grant and any necessary budget amendment needed for the financial management of this grant is herein approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the grant are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to adopt a resolution to approve a grant agreement between the Florence-Lauderdale EMA and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the State Homeland Security Grant 7LOC in the amount of fifty thousand dollars. The grant funding will be used to purchase equipment for the West Lauderdale Water Department. Florence-Lauderdale EMA director, George Grabryan, is authorized to execute this

grant and any necessary budget amendment needed for the financial management of this grant is herein approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the grant are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the construction of a 14 X 10 bridge replacement on County Road 92 over First Creek, Bin # 005942, Length is 0.179 miles, Project # ABRZ62143; ATRIP (004); LCP # 39-157-13; ATRIP # 39-05-16. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the construction of a 2-span @ 20.25 RC bridge replacement culvert and approaches on County Road 344 over Cowpen Creek, Bin # 001324, Length is 0.122 miles, Project # ABRZ62144; ATRIP (005); LCP # 39-159-13; ATRIP # 39-05-18. 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 Garner to approve a resolution that is in the best interest of Lauderdale County full time employees to discontinue the Lauderdale County Commission paid life insurance of ten thousand dollars and replace it with a Lauderdale County Commission funded death benefit of fifteen thousand dollars. The requirements for the death benefit has been sent to all full time employees and will be attached to these minutes. Commissioner Garner stated that this is a great opportunity for the County to save money and will be a better benefit for our employees. There be no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and benefit requirement statement is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that allows the Lauderdale County Commission to host the local Alabama State legislators for a lunch meeting for the purpose of discussing the local economic development opportunities and economic development funding, both locally and statewide. The cost of the lunch will not exceed two hundred three dollars. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will increase security at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The current security contract is with Dynamic Security Inc. of Muscle Shoals, Alabama. As of January 12th, 2018, the contract will be terminated. The Lauderdale County Commission will utilize Lauderdale County deputies to guard and protect the Lauderdale County Courthouse. This change is being made after careful consideration given to the protection of the citizens and employees of Lauderdale County. 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 Hackworth to approve a resolution that will allow the purchase of a used 2001 Gradall XL4100 Excavator, #0415534. The price of the unit is thirty thousand dollars and is below the amount that was budgeted for this equipment in the 2017-2018 budget. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to amend the current contract with Shoals Ambulance Service. Shoals Ambulance Service has requested an amendment to the maximum mileage requirement which currently states that they will not retain ambulances after the mileage reaches one hundred twenty five thousand miles, however, they would like to increase the maximum mileage allowance to one hundred seventy five thousand miles. The Lauderdale County Commission approves the change to the contract however, the contract is a joint contract with the City of Florence and the contract amendment is contingent upon the City of Florence passing the necessary resolution to show their approval of the amendment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department has requested out of state travel for the Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, to attend the 2018 National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from June 15th through June 19th, 2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Travel is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to re-appoint Richard T. Collins to the Floodplain Review Board. Mr. Collins' re-appointment term will expire on November 23rd, 2022. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the re-appointment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, re-appointment is unanimously approved. Board Appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to appoint Trent Butler to the open appointment on the Chisholm Heights Water and Fire Board. The term will begin immediately and will expire on March 1st, 2021. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve the appointment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, appointment is unanimously approved. Board appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Bids were received for Bid No. LA 2018-2 "Cleaning / Chemical Products" and were publicly read aloud on November 29th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that the lowest bidders were highlighted in yellow on the bid tabulation breakdown list and she recommended that we go with the lowest bidders. Commissioner Parker asked Ms. Bryant if she had not been able to get bids from local vendors. Ms. Bryant stated two of the low bidders were local vendors and that there are not many vendors available that sell the products we need for better pricing. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to follow the recommendations of Ms. Bryant. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation and pricing breakdown sheet are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Bids were received for Bid No. LA 2018-5 "Replacement of Tile Flooring in the Courthouse" and were publicly read aloud on December 8th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that there were two bidders for the project and that she recommends The Carpet Store of Florence, Alabama who provided the lowest bid. Ms. Bryant stated that each company was asked to submit two bids, one with them pulling up the current floor tile and one without them pulling up the current tile. Ms. Bryant said that she would recommend accepting the bid from The Carpet Store in the amount of thirty four thousand four hundred seventy-four dollars and thirty-four cents which includes pulling up the current floor tile and installing the new tile. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he highly recommends that we accept the bid from The Carpet Store that includes removal and replacing the tile in the Courthouse because our maintenance employees don't have time to work on this project and the bid price for removal and replacement of the tile is the better use of Lauderdale County funds. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to use The Carpet Store of Florence, Alabama for the floor tile project. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Bids were received for Bid No. 2018-3 "Used Asphalt Paver" and were publicly read aloud on December 11th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions

review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, for his recommendation. Mr. Hill stated that three bid packets were sent out with only one response. Mr. Hill stated that Thompson

Tractor of Tanner, Alabama sent in a bid which met the bid specs at a cost of thirty seven thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars and forty nine cents. Mr. Hill recommended that we accept the bid and the price is well within what was put in the budget for this piece of equipment. Commissioner Holmes asked Mr. Hill what the equipment is being used for and Mr. Hill stated that it will be used for patching and it will do a better job on filling in patching projects. Chairman Pettus asked if this will help on the patching projects where it seems like the holes filled in seem to sink. Mr. Hill stated that this piece of equipment will do a much better and more professional job on the roads. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to accept the bid from Thompson Tractor of Tanner, Alabama. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Bids were received for Bid No. LA 2018-4 “New Cab and Chassis with 25 Yard Rear Loader/Packer” and were publicly read aloud on December 4th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked Robert Bevis for his recommendation. Mr. Bevis stated that five bid packets were sent out but only one company sent in a bid on this item and that company was Neely Coble Company of Decatur, Alabama. Mr. Bevis stated that the Neely Coble Company met the bid requirements and he recommends that we accept their bid of two hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred and one dollar. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to accept the bid from Neely Coble Company of Decatur, Alabama. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

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

CHECKS ISSUED NOVEMBER 27th, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 10th, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 52770-52824	\$458,018.61
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3619-3620	\$182.60
LEPA FUND	\$4,493.16

CHECK # 7907-7913	
GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$183,446.10
CHECK # 16557-16569	
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL	0.00
CHECK # N/A	
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND	0.00
CHECK # N/A	
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$7,158.31
CHECK # 329	
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$11,971.47
CHECK # 651	
REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$523,845.85
CHECK # 11218-11229	
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET	0.00
CHECK # N/A	
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND	\$3,150.00
CHECK # 459-460	
RSVP FUND	\$2,410.99
CHECK # 17029-17035	
CHILD PROTECTION FUND	\$1,679.01
CHECK # 1212	
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$37,080.63
CHECK # 260	
CDBG FUND	0.00
CHECK # N/A	
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$106,601.38
CHECK # 7062-7077	
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND	\$371,981.28
CHECK # 39636-39710	
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND	0.00
CHECK # N/A	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 3005-3007	\$7,774.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
Total	\$1,719,793.39

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period: None

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Roger Garner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

Fay Parker, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner