

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 12th day of February, 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
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 Joe Hackworth.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items: None

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that will allow the Gasoline and On Road Diesel Fuel Bid awarded to Tatum Oil, Inc. to be renewed for one more year at the current price. Tatum Oil, Inc. agreed to continue the current terms and pricing for an additional year which will end on February 28th, 2019. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of an ad in the Progress Edition of the Times Daily. The cost of the ad is one thousand two hundred ninety-eight dollars and will be paid out of the Tourism Fund. 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 Hackworth to approve a resolution authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a contract for sales tax collection services with RDS, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama for a one year period from March 1st, 2018 to February 28th, 2019, with an option of two one-year renewals thereafter. The cost of the service is two dollars and fifty cents per account, per transaction and seventy dollars per hour for audit services. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contract are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to pay the Lauderdale County Road Department two thousand dollars for the purchase and transfer of a 1988 Pitts Lowboy Trailer from the Road Department to the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department. The serial number for the trailer is PE9LB40T31P84076 and the County property number is 11682. 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 changes the current mileage rate paid to persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official County business to 54.5 cents per mile. The current meal rate paid to persons traveling

on official County business will also change to a total of thirty-five dollars per day and will be broken down as follows: breakfast – seven dollars per day, lunch – ten dollars per day, and dinner – eighteen dollars per day. The new rates will be effective March 1st, 2018. 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 allow an amendment to the twenty-five year agreement that the Lauderdale County Commission entered into with the State of Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Department to keep clean five boat launching sites located in Lauderdale County. The agreement which contains an automatic renewal option, began on February 16th, 2017 and will end on February 15th, 2042. The State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has requested the following amendment: Paragraph 4 is hereby amended to read: All construction work referred to in Paragraph 2 and described in “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B” shall be completed on or before December 31, 2018. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contract amendment are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Road Department to purchase a premix heater at the cost of fifty-five thousand three hundred sixty-two dollars and forty-four cents. The premix heater will be very beneficial to the road department for patching and repairing roadways. The heater will be purchased through the NJPA approved competitive bidding list and the premix heater cost was an expense that was included in the current budget. There being no 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 and were publicly read aloud on February 9th, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus referred to Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that there were four bid items and she recommended the following: First Impressions of Hampton Cove, Alabama to receive the bid for the Judge of Probate Involuntary Commitment Folders for a price of four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars and Printers & Stationers of Florence, Alabama to receive the bid for the remaining three items which are Revenue Commission Printed Envelopes for a price of one hundred seventy five dollars, License Commission Printed Envelopes for a price of three hundred nineteen dollars, and License Inspector Printed Window Envelopes for a price of one hundred twenty four dollars. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to accept the recommendations. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid to be awarded to Printers and Stationers of Florence,

Alabama and First Impressions of Hampton Cove, Alabama. Bid tabulation sheet 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. 2018-4 "Self-Propelled Culvert Cleaner". Bid response was received and was publicly read aloud on February 7th, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Assistant Engineer, David Abernathy, for his recommendation. Mr. Abernathy stated that there was only one bidder which was Sigler Systems, LLC of Ranger, Texas at a cost of twenty eight thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars. Mr. Abernathy stated that the bid met all the specs and he recommends that we go with Sigler Systems, LLC. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Holmes asked if this item was included in the current budget. Mr. Abernathy stated yes, it was included in the current year's budget. Commissioner Parker stated that this piece of equipment will be very useful to the Road Department. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid is awarded to Sigler Systems, LLC of Ranger, Texas. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to recommend Commissioner Brad Holmes to represent the Lauderdale County Commission on the Northwest RC and D Council Board. The term to begin immediately and end when term of service as a Commissioner is over. Commissioner Hackworth moved to accept the recommendation, Commissioner Garner seconded. Commissioner Brad Holmes abstained from the vote. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion approved. Board appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes - abstain
Commissioner Parker – yea
Commissioner Garner – yea
Commissioner Hackworth - yea

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

CHECKS ISSUED JANUARY 22nd, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018

GENERAL-SPECIAL
CHECK # 53016-53084

\$710,337.47

AGRI-BUSINESS FUND

\$277.61

CHECK # 3625-3626

LEPA FUND \$5,628.80
CHECK # 7936-7943

GASOLINE TAX FUND \$354,593.18
CHECK # 16620-16634

PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL 0.00
CHECK # N/A

PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

REAPPRAISAL FUND \$33,204.76
CHECK # 11256-11265

REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET 0.00
CHECK # N/A

TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

RSVP FUND \$3,737.40
CHECK # 17057-17064

CHILD PROTECTION FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

CDBG FUND 0.00
CHECK # N/A

SOLID WASTE FUND \$170,879.72
CHECK # 7120-7135

ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 39827-39911	\$480,275.89
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1136-1137	\$325,441.13
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 3011-3013	\$10,152.73
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
Total	\$2,094,528.69

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period: Carlton Overton of 102 West Greenview, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, stated that he is the writer of the Pen and Sword internet blog. Mr. Overton stated that he wrote an article asking the people of Colbert and Lauderdale Counties to call him if they have an animal neglect issue. Mr. Overton stated that he received a lot of calls, one being that an animal did not have a proper dog house during the snow. Mr. Overton stated that the County animal control officer should be able to take the dog without having to get in touch with the District Attorney. Mr. Overton stated that in the case of the dog without a proper dog house in the snow, he was able to come to an agreement with the dog owner and through a pet organization, they were able to get the animal an igloo dog house with proper bedding. Mr. Overton stated that several pets were out in the cold weather, therefore he asked the County Commission to consider adopting law 13A-11-243 because he feels that it would help the counties with dog cruelty issues. Mr. Overton would like to see this happen at the next Commission meeting.

Chapel King of Banbridge Road, Florence, Alabama, stated that she thinks that animal control officers should be able to pick up abused animals and that our D.A. along with our animal control are behind and are in need of a lot of changes.

Daniele Alexander of 2921 Alexander Street, Florence, Alabama, stated that no animal should die, freeze, or spend a day that way.

Rickey Patrick of County Road 16, Florence, Alabama stated that he would like an update on the bridge on County Road 16 and that he doesn't understand why the creek is closed off to citizens. Chairman Pettus stated that we are in the middle of the study and he would check on why the west side is harder to get to.

Jimmy Wallace of 5980 County Road 15, Florence, Alabama, asked what the holdup is. Mr. Wallace also wanted to know what artifacts are being found. Mr. Wallace stated that the bridge being closed makes everyone have to drive several miles out of the way. Commissioner Parker stated that we are working on the bridge project and that we are waiting on the testing and digging. Lauderdale County Assistant Engineer, David Abernathy, stated that we are waiting on results regarding the bridge from a meeting of federal and state government agencies. Commissioner Parker stated that we have to listen to the federal and state governments and that we want the bridge to be built but the bridge must be safe. Alabama State Senator, Tim Melson, stated that there are a lot of regulations now that were not in place in the 1990's. Senator Melson also stated that the land by the creek is private property but the property owners do allow citizens to use the creek bank. Senator Melson stated that although the property owners allow citizens to use the property, the citizens don't usually clean up after themselves and the property owner ends up going down there to clean up the area. Commissioner Parker stated that the road is public. Tom McDonald of 4850 County Road 137, Florence, Alabama, stated that it's hard to walk down to the creek but it could be easily fixed. Senator Melson stated that he does not mind people using the creek but sometimes, deputies have to be called for the parties and trash that goes on at the creek beds. Tom Bigbee of Tuscumbia, Alabama stated that there is something that could be done and that we need to listen to the people talking about the bridge project. Commissioner Holmes stated that the study will decide where the bridge will go and the County would not have paid over a quarter of a million dollars if they were not wanting to build this bridge. Commissioner Holmes also stated that the bridge will have to be built where the architects decide is the best place for it including all the wet lands, all the artifacts, and looking for the lessor of changes so the bridge will be built on the safest route. Mr. Bigbee asked why we made the effort on water project number 8, hold the State to a time and make them set a date. Mr. Bigbee stated that it is clear that we are doing for others. Chairman Pettus explained to Mr. Bigbee that the resolution for water project number 8 did not have anything to do with the bridge project at County Road 16 and that the contract with the State of Alabama that was amended was not related to the County Road 16 bridge project and that the contract amendment is for the contract with the State for keeping boat docks & piers clean.

Sheriff Rick Singleton handed out reports showing his successes of 2017 and also handed out papers showing the amount of calls over the last few years. All paperwork provided by Sheriff Singleton will be attached and recorded.

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

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Roger Garner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

Fay Parker, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner