

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 23rd day of July, 2018. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Pro-Tem of the Lauderdale County Commission, Fay Parker. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

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

Absent:

Danny Pettus Chairman

Chairman Pro-Tem Fay Parker, 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 Garner.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items: None

Commissioner Holmes asked Chairman Pro-Tem Parker to remove item number six on the agenda due to the Greenhill Senior Center not having their grant information finalized. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that all other items listed on the regular business agenda be approved for immediate consideration and remove item number six on the agenda. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agenda is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the Reappraisal Department budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to be amended by line item only. Overages occurring in the line item shall be reconciled by excess funds in Insurance for Motor Vehicles according to the attached budget revision request. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the request form are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow a voting location change for Precinct 7 from Killen Baptist Church to Killen Church of Christ Annex which is located at 1560 US Highway 72, Killen, AL 35645. Commissioner Holmes asked Lauderdale County Probate Judge, Will Motlow, to explain the reason for the voting location change. Judge Motlow stated that Killen Baptist Church asked him to change the voting location due to their children's after school program which has grown and due to this growth, parking is very limited. Judge Motlow also stated that Killen Church of Christ has an annex building with much better parking and there is also a traffic light that will help traffic flow in and out of the voting location. Commissioner Holmes thanked Judge Motlow for doing such a good job working on the new voting location. 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize the Lauderdale County Commission to renew a contract with One Place of the Shoals which will provide an appropriation of twenty five thousand dollars in exchange for beneficial services for victims of domestic violence, adult rape and sexual assault, child sexual and physical abuse, and elder abuse. 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution authorizing the temporary assignment of additional Human Resource duties to Ms. Kate Sanger on recommendation of Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant. This is temporary and will be revisited within six months. During this time, Ms. Sanger will receive a pay increase of sixty-four dollars and forty cents weekly to begin immediately. 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. 2018-8, "Countywide Herbicide Application Project". Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on July 17th, 2018. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Pro-Tem Parker referred to Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, for his recommendation. Mr. Hill stated that there was only one bidder which is Roadside, Inc. of Auburn, Alabama and he recommends that we accept their bid. Commissioner Garner asked Mr. Hill if the price of one hundred fifty dollars is the price per acre. Mr. Hill stated that yes, that is the price per acre and it is within the price that they expected to pay. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to accept the recommendation. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid to be awarded to Roadside, Inc. of Auburn, Alabama. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to approve out of state travel for Lauderdale County Commission Chairman, Danny Pettus. Mr. Pettus will travel to Washington, DC on August 2nd, 2018 to attend the Alabama Commissioners Conference at the White House. Commissioner Holmes moved, Commissioner Hackworth seconded to approve the out of state travel. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Travel approval is made part of these minutes.

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

CHECKS ISSUED JULY 9TH, 2018 THROUGH JULY 22ND, 2018

GENERAL-SPECIAL
CHECK # 53654-53726

\$1,087,946.40

AGRI-BUSINESS FUND
CHECK # 3657-3660

\$796.61

LEPA FUND CHECK # 8027-8034	\$5,576.21
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16783-16800	\$261,107.77
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 # 342	\$1,889.20
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 661	\$395,500.45
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11367-11375	\$31,771.01
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 568	\$150,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 476-478	\$6,190.47
RSVP FUND CHECK # 17147-17154	\$4,831.32
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1219	\$1,479.62
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 267	\$10,953.13
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 7292-7304	\$115,847.53
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 40449-40494	\$252,434.81

FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5655-5667	\$388,971.92
Total	\$2,715,296.45

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

Susan Thompson of 81 County Road 322, Greenhill, Alabama, brought her concerns to the Lauderdale County Commission regarding the lack of internet service providers in her area of the county. Ms. Thompson asked the Commissioners to help her with this issue and she asked the Commissioners why service is not available in all areas of the county. Ms. Thompson asked the Commission why internet service only works in certain spots and why one person can get service but their neighbor cannot get service. Commissioner Parker stated that he has talked to EMA Director, George Grabryan, about this issue and he stated that not many rural areas have internet service and because internet service providers are privately owned businesses, there is no good answer or time line for when this issue will be resolved. Commissioner Holmes stated that AT&T, a public company, is working on installing towers to provide internet service to the Anderson Community but they have not been successful with installing Greenhill towers. Commissioner Holmes also stated that the federal government is working on a program to encourage private businesses to branch out into rural areas but the private companies would have to do the work first and once the work is completed, they would receive a rebate from the government for the cost of the work. Commissioner Holmes further stated that this program is not always successful but hopefully, AT&T will expand and help the Greenhill area.

Ronnie Green of 3060 County Road 189, Florence, Alabama, stated that someone should call the office of Doug Jones because he is pushing for rural internet service and broadband expansion.

Jimmy Glass of Anderson, Alabama, stated that he wants to thank the County for the paving that they have done in Anderson and asked if they could stripe the lines a little further than the paving. Mr. Glass also stated that he appreciates all of the work the Commissioner Garner and Commissioner Holmes have done for the Anderson area.

Commissioner Hackworth stated that he wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and for all of the good comments.

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

_____ ABSENT _____
Danny Pettus, Chairman

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Roger Garner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

Fay Parker, Chairman Pro-Tem

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner