

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 10th day of September, 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 and Chairman Pro-Tem
Legal Counsel:	
Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
Those who answered 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 Hackworth.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items:

Sheriff Rick Singleton stated that he has a question to ask the Commissioners about resolutions number five (5) and eight (8). Sheriff Singleton asked if he was going to get the extra deputy position that he asked for in the upcoming budget and if he does, is there a new job description for that position. Chairman Pro-Tem Parker stated that the position was not in the new budget. Sheriff Singleton stated that he wants to know if his grossly under paid officers were going to be given the raise that he requested. Chairman Pro-Tem Parker stated that they were getting a raise but they were not given the amount that the Sheriff requested.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that all items listed on the regular business agenda be approved for immediate consideration. There being no further 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 Hackworth 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to authorize a resolution to approve the Lauderdale County Health Department fee schedule for the upcoming 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of fee schedule are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the Alabama Department of Youth Services to provide payment for one youth detention bed in a facility of the County's choice for the use of the Lauderdale County juvenile court. The Lauderdale County Commission herein designates the Tennessee Valley Youth Detention Center as the facility to receive payment and herein authorizes the Commission Chairman Pro-Tem to execute the contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of contract are herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner authorizing a resolution to approve the 2018-2019 Operating Budget for the Lauderdale County Commission. The operating budget amount is thirty-three million five hundred twelve thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$33,512,864.00). There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the budget are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to authorize the renewal of the following bids for the Lauderdale County Road Department. This will be the third and final renewal of the below named bids:

Bid No. 2017-2 “Crushed Stone – Rogers Group

Bid No. 2017-5 “Ready Mix Concrete” - Blue Star Ready Mix

Bid No. 2017-8 “Liquid Bituminous Material” - Hunt Refining Company

The following Road Department Bid will be renewed for the second year:

Bid No. 2018-2 “Corrugated High Density Polyethylene Pipe” – ADCO Pipe and Supply

All companies have agreed to continue the current pricing provided in the original bid contracts. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and confirmation letters are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to authorize a resolution to allow all part-time APOST Certified Deputy’s to be paid at a rate of fifteen dollars per hour. The Lauderdale County Commission will also allow the Lauderdale County Sheriff to appoint a list of Deputy Corporals in his department to assist when his Deputy Sergeants are unavailable. The Sheriff will be responsible for providing a list of Corporals and he will also be responsible for the pay increase for Corporals of twenty dollars per pay period. The additional compensation will be paid out of the Lauderdale County Sheriff’s discretionary fund. 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 authorize a resolution to update several County job titles and descriptions. The following departments had job titles and descriptions in need of updating:

- License Inspector
- Detention Center
- License Department
- Road Department
- Solid Waste Department
- Courthouse
- County Commission
- Sheriff Department

Each job description and job title revision will be effective October 1st, 2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution, job titles, and descriptions are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to authorize a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a contract with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Workers Compensation Self-Insurers Fund effective October 1st, 2018. This will be a three year contract and will remain in force unless altered as provided in the contract. The contract will expire on September 30th, 2021. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and contract are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to authorize a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to help sponsor the St. Florian Oktoberfest festival in the amount of three thousand dollars. This is to be paid out of the Lauderdale County 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 amend the list of board appointments for the Shoals Economic Development Authority to show Mark Reid and Frankie Patterson for the upcoming openings. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Motion is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to recommend Mark Reid and Frankie Patterson for the two board appointments for the Shoals Economic Development Authority. These board appointments will begin on October 1st, 2018 and will expire on September 30th, 2021. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Board appointments are herein recorded and 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 AUGUST 27TH, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 53839 - 53886	\$387,493.61
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3672 - 3676	\$758.79
LEPA FUND CHECK # 8051 - 8056	\$4,514.08
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16834 - 16844	\$154,501.86
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 # N/A	0.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 663	\$21,703.68
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11396 - 11403	\$22,966.82
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 17171 - 17176	\$2,444.44
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 # 7336 - 7346	\$80,126.19
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 40635 - 40702	\$708,300.75
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 4437 - 4450	\$2,025.24
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 3026 - 3028	\$12,240.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5668 - 5680	\$388,971.92
Total	\$1,786,047.38

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

Sheriff Singleton stated that the Lauderdale County Jail has reached a critical point and that as of today, they had three hundred and twenty-eight inmates. Sheriff Singleton stated that we have to find a way to build a new jail and the public will decide. Sheriff Singleton stated that he spoke to the press earlier and has asked the citizens of Lauderdale County to inform the Commissioners whether or not they would support a five mil property tax which would be enough to support a bond to build a new jail, a jail that would cost over thirty-two million dollars. Sheriff Singleton further stated that the current jail was built to hold one hundred fifty inmates and then was re-done to accommodate two hundred and three beds but the average jail population is two hundred ninety-eight inmates. Commissioner Garner stated that due to the jail reform bill not passing, not enough prisoners are going to the state jails and are staying in the County jails which is causing fights and issues in the jails because of over-population. Sheriff Singleton stated that the last jail was built by order of a federal judge and he is surprised that we haven't already been

sued over this issue. Commissioner Holmes stated that due to the increase in prisoners, Lauderdale County does need a new facility since the law did not pass that would help law enforcement write tickets instead of arrest certain misdemeanors. Sheriff Singleton stated that our local judges are being held accountable and are taking a lot of criticism for turning out our prisoners when they are only trying to help the jail situation. Commissioner Garner stated that if we build a new jail, we need to be forward thinking so that we can build the correct size jail needed. Commissioner Hackworth asked the Sheriff if a 5 mil tax would pay for any of the operational cost in the jail. Sheriff stated that the cost he gave would be just to build the facility which is a turn-key amount.

Jerry Glass of 2488 County Road 5, Anderson, Alabama stated that he is in favor of building a new jail and he asked the Commissioners to support the proposed 5 mil tax. Commissioner Holmes stated that he wants to thank the Sheriff for the leadership in realizing that this issue is so important to the community and that a new jail is an unfortunate reality but it can't be changed overnight. Commissioner Holmes also stated that this issue is State wide and he would support the Sheriff and the legislation. Commissioner Holmes further stated that with regards to our judges, they are enduring getting a bad wrap and we need to consider what the Sheriff has said and what Mayor Glass stated also. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he wants to thank the Sheriff for putting these issues out there for consideration and he also thanked Lauderdale County Jail Director, Jason Butler, for his hard work and the hard work of the jail staff. Commissioner Parker stated that he would like to echo the thoughts and comments of the other Commissioners and that he appreciates the work that our law enforcement does and that he will review what has been said tonight because he understands that this is a tough job. Commissioner Parker stated that he also wants to thank the Sheriff Singleton and Jason Butler for their hard work.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Hackworth and seconded by Commissioner Garner, 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, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner