

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 13th day of November, 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 Garner.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda items: Lauderdale County Probate Judge, William Motlow, stated that he wants to thank the Commissioners for going forward with Agenda item number four. Judge Motlow thanked them for their diligent work in helping cover the issues that helped our County follow the correct voting instructions. Judge Motlow also reminded the Commission

that in the last State election, Lauderdale County had no violations regarding voting procedures and that is a result of the Commission making sure that his office has what they need to follow State directions. Judge Motlow asked the Commissioners to vote for Agenda item number four.

Chairman Pettus asked for a motion and a second to remove Agenda item number nine due to the request of EMA Director, George Grabryan. Mr. Grabryan advised that the exercise was cancelled. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to remove Agenda item number nine from the Regular posted Agenda. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The amended agenda is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that all items listed on the regular amended 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to adopt a resolution authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to approve an ad for Beef Week to run in the East Lauderdale News. The cost of the ad is two hundred eighty seven dollars and will be paid for 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to approve the Lauderdale County Probate Judge, William Motlow's, request to change the rate of pay of two contract workers. The rate of pay for James Thomas Hayes, Jr. will increase from twenty dollars per hour to thirty dollars per hour. The rate of pay for Mickey Haddock will increase from twenty dollars per hour to fifty dollars per hour. The amended contracts are effective immediately. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contracts are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into grant agreements with the North Alabama Highway Safety Office. There are two grant agreements as follows: 402 STEP, Grant number 18-SP-PT-003 for an amount of one thousand dollars and High Visibility

Alcohol, Grant number 18-HD-M5-003 for an amount of one thousand dollars. Both grants will be administrated

by the Lauderdale County Sheriff's office and the Lauderdale County Commission office with both offices adhering to the rules promulgated by the State of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of grants are herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to change the work schedule for the Lauderdale County Road Department. The new work hour schedule will be Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice and will be effective immediately. 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 Parker to approve a resolution that allows the Lauderdale County Commission to proceed with Phase Two of the agreement already in place with CMH Architects, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama for the renovation of an existing building for a female dormitory for the Lauderdale County Detention Center. Phase Two of the agreement includes the design development stage where detailed plans and specifications will be developed. Phase Two also includes administrative services throughout construction until the project is complete and accepted by the Commission. White, Lynn, Collins, and Associates will serve as project manager for the Lauderdale County Commission. The approximate cost of Phase Two is one million six hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred and seventeen dollars which will be paid out of the Alabama Trust Capital Improvement Fund and any budget amendments that may be needed are hereby approved. Commissioner Parker asked the Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, to address the public on how long the project will take. Sheriff Singleton stated that the County jail is over-crowded and the new building will provide the County fifty-three additional beds and will allow the regular jail to free up beds that can be used for prisoner isolation and hopefully, cut down on inmate fights and destruction of property. Sheriff Singleton also stated that he appreciates the Commissioners going forward with this project and he thinks we are getting a bang for the buck. Sheriff Singleton went on to say that the construction from start to finish will take around ten to twelve months. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he knows the over-crowding is a real problem and that using existing property is the most cost effective and will save the County money. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that the existing jail kitchen will be used for both facilities. Commissioner Holmes stated that Lauderdale County has two big projects going on – one being the groundbreaking of the new Animal Shelter and the project for the jail. Commissioner Holmes further stated that these two projects show the County's willingness to move forward on projects that will advance our community. Commissioner Holmes also stated that this shows the work that the Lauderdale County Jail Administrator, Jason Butler, and the Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, along with other employees, have done to find the resources to

advance our community. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to allow a re-classification of a road. Upon recommendation of the Lauderdale County Road Department, the Lauderdale County Commission requests that the Federal Highway Administration approve the following changes to the Functional Classification System in Lauderdale County: Re-classify County Road 46, from a Local Road to a Major Collector, beginning at AL 133 and proceeding East 1.1 miles to County Road 61. Commissioner Holmes stated that he wishes to clarify that this road is commonly known as Gresham Road and the section will join the County Road and part of the City of Florence and the City of St. Florian. Commissioner Holmes further stated that this will open up State and Federal funding and it shows the growth of that area. Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, stated that this re-classification will help the road be classified as it should be and when the time comes for the road to be improved, this re-classification will help the projects move forward faster. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Bid No. LA 2018-1 "Various Print Bids" were received and publicly read aloud on November 9th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissioners review. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that there was only one bidder for the License Commission Renewal Notice Contract and the name of the company is Diversified Companies, LLC of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ms. Bryant also stated that Diversified Companies, LLC is a new bidder and that they are working with our County as we update our software. Ms. Bryant further stated that she recommends First Impressions of Hampton Cove, Alabama for the County Commission Letterhead as they were the lowest bidder. For the Sheriff's Department Sex Offender Receipt Books, Ms. Bryant stated that Printer & Stationers of Florence, Alabama was the low bidder. Ms. Bryant also stated that Herald Printing of Florence, Alabama was the low bidder on the Detention Center Cash Bond Applications and the County Commission Window Envelopes. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends that we award the bids to the named bidders. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to award the bids to the lowest bidder as recommended. 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 Lauderdale County Commission recommends that Chris Lewis be appointed to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board. Mr. Lewis will finish out the term vacated by Ms. Byrd and his appointment will begin immediately and expire on October 30th, 2019. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the appointment. Commissioner

Garner stated that of the six or eight candidates that they spoke to, Mr. Lewis had the look that he was looking for and will be a real asset to the Board. Commissioner Holmes stated that Mr. Lewis was a military vet and could live anywhere and has lived in many places across the world but he

came back to Lauderdale County. Commissioner Holmes also stated that Mr. Lewis has a plan and he thinks outside the box which will be helpful to the Tourism Board. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Board appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission recommends that Brenda Reeder be appointed to the NACOLG non-elected Board of Directors. Ms. Reeder's term will begin immediately and expire on September 30th, 2018. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve this board appointment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Board appointment 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 Hackworth and seconded by Commissioner Parker. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED OCTOBER 23rd, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12TH, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 52664-52737	\$641,116.52
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3611-3616	\$808.35
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7884-7897	\$8,990.06
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16518-16541	\$273,494.17
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 # 649	\$17,939.49
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11191-11207	\$44,848.13
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 17010-17020	\$4,814.53
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 # 7016-7047	\$268,734.10
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 39525-39601	\$275,377.56
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1132-1133	\$258,603.48
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 3002-3004	\$11,484.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00

Total \$1,806,210.39

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Ms. Judy Anderton of 460 County Road 241, Florence, Alabama stated that our animal control officer needs help. Ms. Anderton also stated that pit bull dogs and all kinds of animals are being dropped off at her house. Ms. Anderton further stated that the County needs to enforce a spay/neutering program and the animal shelter needs more help. Ms. Anderton also stated that the animal control officer needs to be able to ticket people and the Sheriff's Department doesn't have time to do this work. Ms. Anderton stated that her husband is a preacher and she found a box of abandoned kittens and she knows of people who smoke cigarettes but throw away a dog or cat and still spend money on smoking cigarettes. Ms. Anderton stated that the Commission should make people keep their animals in the house, feed them, and take care of them.

Dan Summy of 124 County Road 28 stated Amen.

Commissioner Parker stated that the Commission is working on the issues that Animal Control is facing and that we do need some change and he is open for suggestions. Commissioner Holmes stated that he appreciates Ms. Anderton's comments. Commissioner Holmes also stated that the County had a very busy week with the dedication ceremony for Ms. Riedel at the Veterans' office. Commissioner Holmes stated that the dedication was very moving for her family and that our Veteran's office is very nice. Commissioner Holmes further stated that AT&T is working on getting Wi-Fi for the areas of Lauderdale County that do not have access to it and AT&T is committed to having internet service in all locations by 2020. Commissioner Holmes also stated that several football teams are in the State playoffs such as Brooks, Rogers, and Wilson and the Lauderdale County citizens need to get out and support their local teams.

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

Fay Parker, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator