

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 25th day of April, 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 of Commission

Brad Holmes Commissioner, District 1

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

Joe Hackworth Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith County Attorney

Absent:

Roger Garner Commissioner, District 1

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 Chairman Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: none

Chairman Pettus stated that we have one resolution to add to the current Regular Business Agenda. The resolution is from Lauderdale County Probate Judge William Motlow's office asking the Lauderdale County Commission to declare Atlas Church of Christ of Killen, Alabama to be the voting location for Precinct Five due to parking availability issues at Greenhill Senior Center which is the current voting place for Precinct Five. Chairman Pettus asked for a motion and second to approve the addition of the new resolution to the Regular Business Agenda. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the new Regular Business Agenda. Chairman Pettus stated that the new resolution will be listed as number nine on the agenda and Audit and Approve Bills will be listed as item number ten on the agenda. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, the motion is unanimously approved. The amended Business Agenda is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

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 a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a one year contract with Tracking Solutions of Christiana, Tennessee. This contract is in conjunction with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office to assist in monitoring certain prisoners that may qualify for ankle monitors which would allow the prisoner to be sent home. A budget amendment will be needed to allow the use of the monitors. Commissioner Holmes stated that entering into this agreement will help support the jail and the Sheriff's Department and that our current jail was constructed to house two-hundred and three prisoners but we currently have around two-hundred and forty prisoners and we sometimes have more. Commissioner Holmes stated that the ankle monitors will explore another option that will only cost seven dollars and fifty cents per day which would result in a cost savings for Lauderdale County since the State of Alabama will pay thirty-five dollars per day to house prisoners. There being no further 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that allows the Lauderdale County Commission to change email service providers. The new email provider will be Microsoft Office 365 and will be purchased from the State bid list through SHI International Corporation. The cost will be based on the number of email accounts that the County will need to set up with an approximate total cost of twenty thousand dollars. A budget amendment will be needed to purchase the new email system. The resolution will allow the Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, to sign the contract. 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 Holmes to approve a resolution that will amend the agreement with Morell Engineering to increase the cost of construction engineering and inspection for three bridge replacement projects. The three projects are County Road 49 over Anderson Creek, Project # ABRZ62132-ATRP (006); LCP# 39-150-13; ATRIP# 39-05-13, County Road 52 over Deerlick Branch, Project # ABRZ62133-ATRP (007); LCP# 39-151-13; ATRIP# 39-05-15, and County Road 489 over Second Creek, Project # ABRZ62135-ATRP (002); LCP# 39-155-13; ATRIP# 39-05-19. The project cost increase amount is thirty-four thousand five hundred fifty dollars and seventy-four cents. A budget amendment is needed to approve this project cost increase. Commissioner Parker asked the Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, about the progress of the three projects and Mr. Hill stated that the three projects are almost complete. There being no further 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be approved that will amend the agreement with AECOM and the State of Alabama to allow an increase in the preliminary engineering cost for the bridge replacement on County Road 76 over Second Creek, Project #BRZ-3916 (250), LCP 39-158-13P, CPMS Ref. #100065417. The amount of the increase is thirty-four thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. A budget amendment is necessary to approve this project cost increase. 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution by direction of the Governor of the State of Alabama, Kay Ivey, to allow a Special Election to elect a member to the United States Senate for the remainder of the term for which former United States Senator Jeff Sessions was elected. The Special Primary Election shall be

held on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017, a Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 (if necessary), and a Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017. A budget amendment is authorized for this election. 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 Parker to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a twenty-five year agreement with the State of Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Department to maintain and keep clean five boat launches located in Lauderdale County. The boat launches are Shoals Creek, Anderson Creek, Elk River North Highway 72, Barnett Creek, and Second Creek. The contract will be beneficial to the citizens of Lauderdale County. Commissioner Holmes stated that he wishes to thank Chairman Pettus for all of the work he has done with the State of Alabama and that this project will increase the quality of life for the citizens of Lauderdale County. Commissioner Parker stated that he wants to thank the Jail Administrator, Jason Butler, for helping keep these areas clean through the prisoner clean-up program. Commissioner Parker also stated that keeping the boat launch areas clean will encourage the citizens that use the boat launches to keep the areas clean as well. Chairman Pettus stated that there will be two piers built as a result of this agreement, one at Shoals Creek and one at Second Creek. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be approved to allow the voting location for Lauderdale County Precinct Five to be changed from Greenhill Senior Center, to Atlas Church of Christ which is located at 3461 County Road 73, Killen, Alabama 35645 due to parking accessibility. Commissioner Hackworth stated that due to the construction on Highway 43, parking will be impaired at Greenhill Senior Center. Commissioner Hackworth also thanked Lauderdale County Probate Judge William Motlow for his work in finding a location that will be ADA compliant and also have sufficient parking. Commissioner Parker stated that this was a problem that needed to be taken care of quickly and he thanked Judge Motlow for his help in the matter. Judge Motlow stated that this resolution being approved today gives the County time to properly notify voters. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution 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 Holmes. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED APRIL 11TH, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 24TH, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51913-51955	461,037.69
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3549	42.00
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7778-7785	5,424.89
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16322-16336	199,558.99

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 # 325	9,400.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 641	19,932.35
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11051-11060	32,073.03
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 558	100,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16908-16916	4,645.09
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 # 6822-6835	163,124.82
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38816-38863	212,144.06
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK 4310-4323	10,696.84
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5477-5488	385,558.09
TOTAL	1,603,637.85

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Commissioner Holmes stated that he would like his fellow Commissioners to join him in a prayer for Rogers High School student, Hunter Smith, who was involved in an activity which led to a traumatic brain injury and is currently fighting for his life at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama and he asks that everyone keep Hunter's family and the Rogers High School family in your thoughts and prayers. Commissioner Holmes also stated that he encourages the community to support Hunter by attending a new summer music event called LA Nights which will be held this Saturday evening in Lexington, Alabama beginning at 5:00 p.m. and donations will be accepted during this event to support Hunter and his family. Commissioner Holmes also stated that during the last meeting, we recognized two young fire fighters from Waterloo and their heroics in saving a classmate's life and this week he wanted to recognize two more young people in our community. Commissioner Holmes wanted to look at the East end of the County and focus on Slade Sartain and Kaitlyn Hendrix, two young firefighters from the Rogersville Volunteer Fire Department who responded to a 21 year old father who was found unconscious and not breathing however, Slade and Kaitlyn responded within minutes and saved the life of Mr. Ezell. Commissioner Holmes stated that it is important that we publicly recognize and record in our minutes the sacrifices that our young people are making for our community and it's important to point out the importance of the life skills that our volunteer fire departments are teaching our young people. Commissioner Holmes stated that he takes his hat off to Slade and Kaitlyn for their dedication and professionalism as they save lives at a young age. Commissioner Holmes also stated that he wants to thank Sheriff Rick Singleton and his department for their professionalism in safely capturing Chris Kilpatrick last weekend and he would not go into greater detail because of his position as a member of law enforcement outside of the County Commission but he did state that this was a true example of departments and agencies coming together for the common purpose of protecting our community. Commissioner Holmes further stated that thanks are in order for the Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Department for giving up their Saturday to assist in blocking off Highway 157 during the standoff and thanks are also in order to Jason Butler and his road crew who were in the area and provided the information on the whereabouts of Mr. Kilpatrick prior to his capture. Commissioner Holmes further stated that officers from ALEA, Florence Police, and employees of ALDOT were also an integral part of the capture. In light of this situation, Commissioner Holmes asked the EMA Director of Lauderdale County, George Grabryan, to consider adding the Lauderdale County Road Department as a piece of the overall emergency response exercises and that moving forward, it is important to remember the value of our Road Department in setting up detour routes during long incidents. Commissioner Holmes stated that he also wanted to report that the unemployment levels that were reported this week, along with the Muscle Shoals MAS reported as 5.7%, is the lowest unemployment rate since 2008. Commissioner Holmes stated that this shows momentum for our area and he hopes that his fellow Commissioners see this as a positive trend and will continue to be committed to the growth of our County. Commissioner Holmes also stated that Lauderdale County has a tremendous amount of resources and it is important that we remain focused on growth and the betterment of our County. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he also wanted to thank Sheriff Rick Singleton and his department for all that they do for the community and for coming up with solutions to problems that need attention.

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

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator