

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 22nd day of May, 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
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Joe Hackworth	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 Parker.

Awards and Presentations: none

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth 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 Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the called Special 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 Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the Florence-Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency director, George Grabryan, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wireless Communications Commission of Mississippi. The Memorandum of Understanding provides approval for the Florence-Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency to access and use the Mississippi Wireless Information Network for their public safety and emergency response agencies. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the Memorandum of Understanding are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to change the June 5th, 2017 scheduled work session to June 6th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. due to the Jefferson Davis' Birthday Holiday which is a County holiday. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to pay one-half of the amount owed to the Mortgagor of the One Place of the Shoals property in the amount of one hundred ninety-five thousand seven hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents. This money is to be used exclusively to pay off the building. The City of Florence is to pass a resolution to approve payment of the remaining balance owed to the Mortgagor at which time the building will be jointly owned by the Lauderdale County Commission and the City of Florence and the property will then be leased to One Place of the Shoals. The Lauderdale County Chairman has the approval of the Lauderdale County Commission to execute and/or sign any sale or lease document referenced herein. Commissioner Holmes stated that he is glad that the County Commission is involved and supportive of One Place and that paying off this loan will bring a lot of relief to the personnel of One Place. Commissioner Holmes further stated that this will allow the personnel to put more work into the mission of One Place of the Shoals which will have an impact on the amount of domestic homicide and child assault cases. Commissioner Holmes also stated that he wants to thank One Place for all of their hard work. Commissioner Hackworth stated that a person can measure a county by how it takes care of its citizens and that this shows that Lauderdale County is taking care of its citizens. Commissioner Parker stated that he also wants to add his appreciation for how hard everyone has worked on getting One Place started and that he knows it has had an impact on domestic violence. Chairman Pettus stated that he loves the name given to the organization because One Place of the Shoals says it all. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of lease agreement are 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 2017-8 "Inmate Telecommunications & Visitation System". Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on March 31st, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioner's review. Chairman Pettus referred to the Lauderdale County Jail Director, Jason Butler, for his recommendations. Mr. Butler stated that there were four bidders, Telmate, LLC of Selma, Alabama, Infinity Networks of Hartselle, Alabama, Securus Technologies of Helena, Alabama, and NCIC Inmate Communications of Longview, Texas. Mr. Butler stated that after careful consideration, he recommends that we stay with our current provider which is Telmate, LLC because the Jail has a good working relationship with them, they offered the best deal, and he likes their equipment. Commissioner Parker asked if they would be using the same equipment and Mr. Butler said that Telmate is going to implement the use of hand held iPads. Sheriff Singleton stated that the change to iPads is needed because the prisoners can break open the current equipment and use the fan inside to make a tattoo machine and that the new equipment does not have anything of value inside. Commissioner Holmes asked who would purchase the new equipment. The Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, stated that Telmate, LLC is responsible for all equipment and that the County does not pay for any equipment. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The Bid is awarded to Telmate, LLC of Selma, 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. LA 2017-9 "Chemicals for Vegetation Control Program". Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on May 16th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioner's review. Chairman Pettus asked the Lauderdale County Engineer,

Eric Hill, for his recommendations. Mr. Hill stated that there were only two bidders, Crop Productions of Selma, Alabama and Helena Chemical of Selma, Alabama. Mr. Hill also stated that he would recommend Helena Chemical of Selma, Alabama as they provided the best bid. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Hill how much a blend could cut down on the cutting of the grass. Mr. Hill stated that it would cut Johnson grass down from 90% to 20%. Commissioner Parker stated that he was very happy with the results of the spraying program. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he is happy with the results on Lauderdale County Road 41 and that the program is really working well on that area of roadway. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the bid. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The Bid is awarded to Helena Chemical of Selma, Alabama. Bid 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 Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Parker. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 8th, 2017 THROUGH MAY 21st, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51997-52068	\$550,235.08
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3552	\$42.00
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7793-7800	\$5,424.89
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16350-16362	\$207,978.54
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 # 643	\$11,002.81
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11072-11081	\$31,422.97
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 446	\$375.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16923-16930	\$2,982.54
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1205	\$1,460.15
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 256	\$12,360.21

CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6852-6866	\$146,508.80
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38919-38960	\$774,269.55
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1124-1125	\$522,961.66
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK #	0.00
TOTAL	\$2,267,024.20

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: The Lauderdale County District Attorney, Chris Connelly, stated that he wanted to thank the Commission for payment on the mortgage of the One Place of the Shoals building and that some of the board members were also present to offer their thanks as well. The board members present were Pam Gilbert, Deanna Tidwell, Angie Hamilton, and the director of One Place of the Shoals, Elizabeth Moore. Mr. Connelly also stated that paying off the mortgage will free up the workers and allows more time to be focused on the work that really needs to be done.

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

Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator