

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 11th day of September, 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 Chairman Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: None

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner 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 part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth 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 a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Chairman Pettus introduced Dr. Landers and Mr. Moore from the Lauderdale County Health Department. Dr. Landers stated that every year, the Lauderdale County Health Department comes before the Lauderdale County Commission and other surrounding counties to bring the fee schedule for the upcoming year. Dr. Landers stated that the rates were the same as last year with no increases. Dr. Landers also stated that she appreciates all of the support that the Health Department receives from the Commissioners. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the acceptance of the Lauderdale County Health Department fee schedule for the upcoming 2017-2018 budget year. Chairman Pettus thanked Dr. Landers for keeping the fee schedule the same as last year. Commissioner Parker thanked Dr. Landers for the work that they do in the community. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the fee schedule is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that authorizes White, Lynn, Collins & Associates to oversee the proposed new female dormitory project at the Lauderdale County Jail. The agreement provides approval for two phases which includes a pre-design analysis phase and a budgeting phase. The project agreement will provide an indicated cost of the dormitory project and it will also include a cost chart. The Lauderdale County Commission will review the cost information and if a decision is made to move forward with the project, the agreement will also allow White, Lynn, Collins & Associates to manage the project which would include keeping the project on track and in budget with the proposed architects. Commissioner Holmes stated that as of six o'clock a.m. this morning, our current jail count was 279 inmates and our jail was constructed to house 203 inmates. Commissioner Holmes also stated that he wished to commend the Commission on going forward with the project which will help the jail inmate count situation. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contract is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that allows the State of Alabama acting through the Alabama Department of Transportation to enter into a Digital Information Agreement regarding acquisition and establishment of the 2017 computerized mapping project with the Lauderdale County Commission. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contract are herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that allows the Lauderdale County Commission to provide payment for one bed at the Department

of Youth Services. The Lauderdale County Commission does herein designate the Tennessee Valley Youth Detention Center as said facility to receive the payment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the contract is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to update the County's policy for compensatory time for all non-elected deputized personnel. The new policy is to begin on October 1st, 2017. All compensatory time accumulated throughout the fiscal year will be paid on the last pay period in September of each year and will restart at the beginning of each October of each year. Compensatory pay may be used before sick and annual time upon written request to the Lauderdale County Sheriff and upon notice of the same to the Lauderdale County Human Resources Director and the Lauderdale County Administrator. Commissioner Holmes stated that this issue of compensatory pay was brought to the attention of the Lauderdale County Commissioners by the Lauderdale County Sheriff and his issue with the Fair Labor Standard Act. Commissioner Holmes also stated that in this new policy, some non-elected deputized personnel may choose to use their compensatory pay before they use their sick and annual pay but it will be at the Sheriff's written request in compliance with the Fair Labor Standard Act. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commission Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Probate Judge, William Motlow, to hire an employee by contract to work with the election process. Due to unexpected circumstances of a previous contract worker quitting without notice, the new employee's contract will be back dated to September 5th, 2017. The new contract employee is James Thomas Hayes, Jr. and his contract is renewable year to year with the consent of both parties. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of contract is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Sheriff's office to submit an application for an ADECA/Edward Byrne Memorial Jag Program grant. The Lauderdale County Commission will be the financial administrator of the grant. 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 authorizing the 2017-2018 Operating Budget for Lauderdale County. The operating budget is thirty-two million three hundred twenty-three thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars. Commissioner Garner stated that this was his fifth budget and he felt better about this budget than any others he has ever done. Commissioner Parker stated that as Commissioners, they have to deal with some issues but he feels that we may have to loosen up the budget this year to buy the

equipment needed for departments and to show the employees the appreciation we have for their work and that he also feels good about this budget. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he wants to thank the Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her hard work on the budget along with all the department heads. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that he really appreciates all of the work and time that was put into this year's budget and he also feels good about the budget. Commissioner Holmes stated that he wants to thank the department heads for working within the budget and being able to stay in budget for the current year. Commissioner Holmes also stated that having the reserve funds allows us to adjust the pay and purchase critical equipment needed in order to serve the County and the citizens. Commissioner Holmes went on to say that this enables us to also buy software for the License Department to bring them into the twenty first century as the license department was still using an old Doss system from the 1980's. Commissioner Holmes further stated that the Sheriff Department's purchase of the Spillman system will allow officers to get necessary information about a person from their vehicles without calling anyone which will improve safety and save time for the deputies. Commissioner Holmes also said that this new budget will allow the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department to pick up a new route that will serve the over 5,000 new homes that have come to Lauderdale County in the last several years. Commissioner Holmes stated that he appreciates the work that the department heads did for a workable situation. Chairman Pettus stated that he was happy with the budget and happy to be working with people that are concerned about issues with the workers and the citizens of Lauderdale County. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and supporting documentation are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that states that all Lauderdale County roads will receive full consideration in regards to maintenance and any reference to "minimum maintenance" is herein revoked. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that states that the following Lauderdale County Road Department bid contracts will be renewed this year with no changes in the terms or conditions of the contracts. This will be the second year of the named contracts. The bid contracts to be renewed are as follows:

- Bid No. 2017-1 "Concrete Roadway Pipe" – Foley Products Company
- Bid No. 2017-2 "Crushed Stone" - Rogers Group
- Bid No. 2017-3 "Sign Post" - G & C Supply, Inc.
- Bid No. 2017-4 "Lubricants" - W.H. Thomas Oil Company
- Bid No. 2017-5 "Ready Mix Concrete" - Blue Star Ready Mix
- Bid No. 2017-7 "Traffic Signs, Reflectors and Pavement Markers" - Traffic Signs
- Bid No. 2017-8 "Liquid Bituminous Material" - Hunt Refining Company

By written confirmation from all companies named above, the bid contract terms and pricing will remain the same as the terms provided in the bids for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of confirmation letters are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to allow the third and final renewal of the bid contract between the Lauderdale County Road Department and Advanced Asphalt Products. By written confirmation from Advanced Asphalt Products, the bid contract terms and pricing will remain the same as the terms provided in Bid Number 2016-8. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of confirmation letter are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to dispose of County Asset Number 7127 – License Plate Recognition Unit Computer System with one color camera, GPS monitor, frame grabber and Talon SP/Spectrum software as the unit is no longer in working condition. 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 Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize an EMPG Cooperative Grant Agreement with the Alabama State Emergency Management Agency and the Lauderdale County Commission in the amount of twelve thousand dollars. The Florence-Lauderdale County EMA Director, George Grabryan, will execute this grant and it will be used for the sole purpose of emergency management preparedness programs. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the grant agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to allow the Florence-Lauderdale County EMA Director, George Grabryan, to submit a Homeland Security Grant application to the State of Alabama. The grant would be used for the purpose of purchasing and installing an UHF Repeater and a VHF Repeater. 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 to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into an agreement with Garver, LLC. for the purpose of completing construction engineering and inspection for a bridge replacement project. The project is a girder bridge replacement on County Road 61 over Butler Creek, BIN # 001467, Length of 0.129 miles, Project # ACBRZ62145, ATRP(005); LCP # 39-152-13; ATRP # 39-05-14. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the contract is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to allow the Lauderdale County Commission by request of Alabama Senator, Tim Melson, to apply for an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Grant in the amount of twenty thousand dollars. The grant is for The Elgin Babe Ruth Bambino League and Recreational Park for improvements to the park. The Lauderdale County Commission will be the financial administrator for this grant agreement. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved 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 further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED AUGUST 28TH, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 52413-52469	\$368,093.98
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3591-3594	\$734.17
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7855-7860	\$4,368.35
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16464-16475	\$130,355.88
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 # N/A	0.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11155-11161	\$21,488.20

REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16981-16985	\$2,336.13
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 # 6962-6971	\$59,140.73
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 39317-39392	\$358,014.52
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2996-2998	\$7,380.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
Total	\$951,911.96

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period:

Gilbert Parrish of Paradise Drive in Lauderdale County, stated that he is glad that Paradise Drive will now be treated like a regular road and he is happy about that.

Clint Droke of Paradise Drive in Lauderdale County, stated that he wanted to echo Mr. Parrish's comments but that the road project was a long time coming and that road has been pretty rough since 1978.

Lauderdale County Probate Judge, William Motlow, stated that he wished to thank the Commission for the quickness of approving the election worker and he also thanked the Commissioners for his new 2018 budget. Judge Motlow also stated that being able to give workers a pay raise allows the County to hire and keep the best possible employees.

Lauderdale County Chief Deputy, Richard Richey, stated that he wished to thank the Commission for the upcoming year and he appreciates the pay raise and all that the County does for his department.

Commissioner Parker stated that he appreciates the citizens that come to the meetings and that he is happy that the County passed the new resolution regarding Paradise Drive.

Commissioner Holmes stated that he appreciates all of the hard work that the department heads have done for the upcoming budget and he also thanked the citizens that came to the meeting.

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

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator