

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey issued a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak and approved that County Commission Meetings could be held via teleconference during this State of Emergency in order to approve COVID-19 related items.

The Lauderdale County Commission convened via teleconference at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of April, 2020, for an emergency meeting. 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
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Brad Holmes	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 were delivered by Chairman Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Chairman Pettus stated that the only item on the agenda for the emergency meeting is to approve a resolution regarding continued limited public access to the Courthouse and County employee work schedules.

Commissioner Garner asked why we were making this decision now and not waiting on the next Governor's address in order to know what the State may be recommending. County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, stated that this is only about County employee work schedules because access to the Courthouse by the public has been and continues to be of a limited nature until orders from the Governor are known as it relates to allowing full public access to the Courthouse. Our business today is only for County employee work schedules since the Lauderdale County License Commissioner, Rodney Pettus, has already made the decision to open his doors to the public in a very limited way beginning today and bring all workers back to regular schedules on Tuesday, April 28th, 2020.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to continue limited access to the Courthouse, as needed, and allow all County employees to return to work for their normal full-time work schedules as of Tuesday, April 28th, 2020. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

Lauderdale County Probate Judge, Will Motlow, thanked everyone for their due diligence in protecting employees and helping everyone understand the process as we adhere to guidelines and recommendations of local and State government. Judge Motlow also commended the Lauderdale County community in their efforts to flatten the curve during this unprecedented time.

Chairman Pettus asked County Attorney, Chris Smith, if it was legally enforceable to require the public to wear masks upon entering the Courthouse. Mr. Smith stated that since this was not a law it could only be encouraged, not enforced. Ms. Bryant stated that two deputies will be stationed in the License Department today, as they allow limited access, to help encourage social distancing measures by the public.

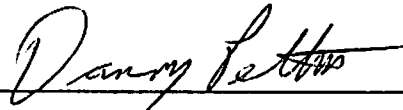
Commissioner Holmes stated that the License Department currently has longer wait times for customers requiring title applications for new vehicle purchases and this process can take at least twenty minutes to complete. Allowing a minimum number of customers to come inside the building for these cases, while continuing to wait on customers in the drive-thru, will certainly help with the flow of traffic currently backed up in the drive-thru area.

Ms. Bryant stated that there will be steps taken to prepare for the public once the courts begin and normal access to the Courthouse is allowed. Considerations include handling overflow of people, encouraging social distancing and sanitizing areas regularly.

Ms. Bryant stated that the upcoming Regular Commission Meeting, previously rescheduled for Tuesday, April 28th, 2020, has been cancelled since there is currently no new business to discuss. Commissioner Garner asked if the next Regular Work Session, scheduled for Monday, May 4th, 2020, would occur as a normal in-person meeting and Ms. Bryant confirmed that it would.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Garner, the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

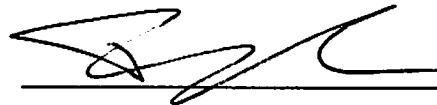
LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



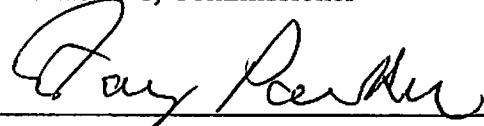
Danny Pettus, Chairman



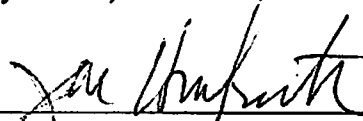
Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

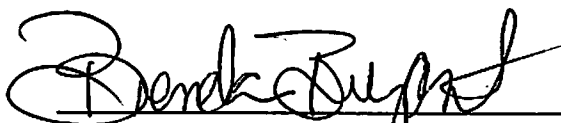


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

April 24, 2020

A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Pettus
4. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS – None
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
(Per Rules of Procedure there is a three-minute time limit)

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Resolution – Employee Work Schedule and Courthouse Access

C. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

D. STAFF REPORTS

E. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

(Per Rules of Procedure there is a three-minute time limit)

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a national emergency on March 13th, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic; and

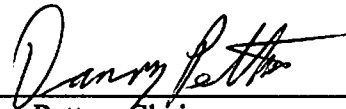
WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Alabama declared a state of emergency on March 13th, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission approved a resolution on March 23rd, 2020, to limit citizens entering the courthouse and to implement alternate work schedules for employees in order to minimize the spread of the virus during the state of emergency and until altered by the Commission.

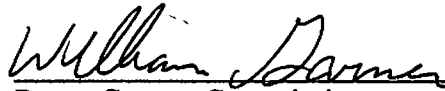
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that limited access to the courthouse will continue, as needed, and all County employees will resume normal work schedules effective Tuesday, April 28th, 2020.

Done this the 24th day of April, 2020.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



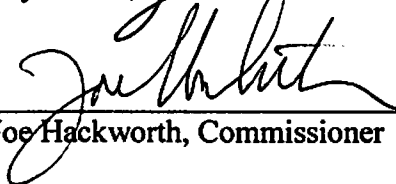
Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

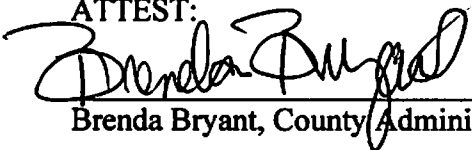


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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Danny Pettus
CHAIRMAN

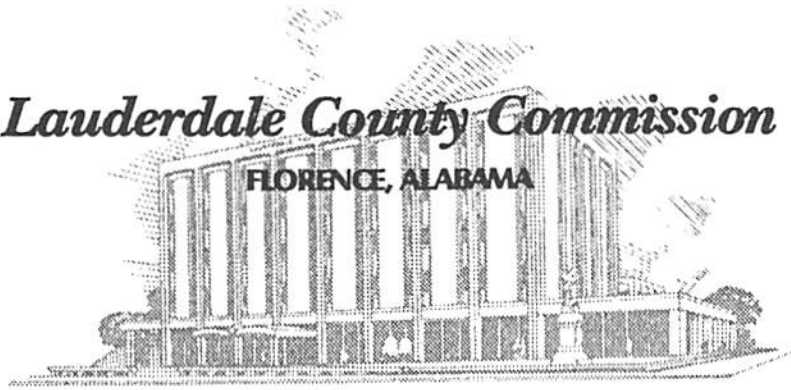
Brenda Bryant
ADMINISTRATOR

Eric Hill
ENGINEER

Christopher A. Smith
ATTORNEY

Lauderdale County Commission

FLORENCE, ALABAMA



MEMBERS

Brad Holmes
DISTRICT 1

Roger Garner
DISTRICT 1

Joe Hackworth
DISTRICT 2

Fay Parker
DISTRICT 2

Lauderdale County Commission
Emergency Meeting
April 24th, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey issued a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak and on March 18th, 2020, approved that Commission Meetings could be held via teleconference during this State of Emergency.

On Friday, April 24th, 2020, an emergency meeting of the Lauderdale County Commission was held via teleconference and all Commissioners were present.

A resolution was passed, regarding COVID-19, authorizing all County employees to return to normal work schedules on Tuesday, April 28th, 2020.

Minutes and resolution for this meeting will follow once Commissioner signatures are obtained.


Brenda Bryant, County Administrator