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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020. 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

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Roger Garner Commissioner, District 1

Brad Holmes Commissioner, District 1

Joe Hackworth Commissioner, District 2

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith County Attorney

Chairman Danny 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 Commissioner Hackworth.

Award and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Elaine Mokwunye of Florence stated that she had concerns about electronic poll books being introduced for the upcoming November election due to the new technology, learning curve, possible risks and the importance of the election. Judge Motlow stated that many of these concerns were being addressed with scheduled training of poll workers and having paper poll books as a backup should any problems arise on election day. Commissioner Hackworth asked Judge Motlow if other counties were using the technology and Judge Motlow stated that most counties were, without incident. Commissioner Holmes asked if we could have onsite support from Election Systems & Software available on election day to which Judge Motlow affirmed we could. Chairman Pettus stated that all elections are important and we want to use the newest technology available in order to adhere to current social distancing practices, expedite the voting process at the polls and be compliant with any future technology requirements.

Commissioner Holmes 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission be approved for recording. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to authorize a resolution that approves the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget for Lauderdale County in the amount of

thirty-nine million two hundred sixty-five thousand seventy-six dollars. The payroll updates for the 2021 budget will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget documents are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize Lauderdale County Probate Judge, Will Motlow, to use Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds in the amount of eighty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars in order to purchase electronic poll books and related hardware, software and training associated with the service at poll locations. These items will be added to County inventory. 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 authorize a resolution to adjust a recently approved purchase for the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department. It was determined that a different Galbreath Handler would be required in order to accommodate all necessary function of the new dumpster service at an additional cost of seven thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents. The item will be purchased from Ingram Equipment Company, LLC, through Sourcewell, a national, governmental purchasing cooperative approved pursuant to competitive bid laws. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendment are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to authorize a resolution to approve a donation of fifty thousand dollars to Alabama State Parks from the Tourism Fund. These funds will be used at Joe Wheeler Park, a vital part of the travel and tourism industry in our area with well-known and greatly attended fishing tournaments occurring onsite each year. The boat ramp and parking lot at Joe Wheeler Park are in substantial need of repair and expansion in order to accommodate all the events that occur at the park on a regular basis and these funds will be used for these improvements. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendment are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to authorize a resolution to approve the closing of two bank accounts. The Series 2001 Debt Service Fund with First Metro Bank was utilized for the collection of rent from the Lauderdale County Health Department and the Series 2001 Warrant Fund with US Bank was utilized for bond payment for the construction of the Lauderdale county Health Department. The bond issue is now complete and rent is no longer collected from the Lauderdale County Health Department and these bank accounts are closed as of May 2020. There being no further 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 Garner to authorize a resolution to approve a Website Service Contract with Biz Marketing Agency of Florence, Alabama. The Lauderdale County Commission would like to retain the services of Biz Marketing Agency to continue to manage the County website with an annual retention fee of one thousand dollars plus sixty dollars per hour for periodically requested tasks with a one-hour minimum per occurrence. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendment are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to authorize a resolution to approve renewal of Lauderdale County Road Department contracts for FY2021 by written confirmation from all companies to continue the current pricing provided in the original bids as follows:

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Bid No. 2018-2 "Corrugated High-Density Polyethylene Pipe"-ADCO Pipe & Supply LLC
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Bid No. 2019-1 "Cold Mix for Patching" - Advanced Asphalt Products, LLC

Bid No. 2019-3 "Sign Post" - G&C Supply Co., Inc.

Bid No. 2019-4 "Lubricants" - W.H. Thomas Oil Co., Inc.

Bid No. 2019-5 "Traffic Signs & Reflectors" - Vulcan Signs

Bid No. 2020-2 "Polypropylene Pipe" - ADCO Pipe & Supply LLC

Bid No. 2020-6 "Concrete Roadway Pipe" - Foley Products Company

Commissioner Holmes asked if all original bids had a renewal option and County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, confirmed they all have a renewal option of up to five years under the same terms and conditions in the original bid contracts. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to authorize a resolution to approve receipt of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant applied for by Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton. The grant has been approved for fifty-eight thousand eight dollars and will be used in preventing, preparing for and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendment are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the resignation of Thomas Howard from the East Lauderdale Water & Fire Protection Authority Board effective August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Commission wishes to appoint Patricia H. Pettus effective immediately with her term to expire September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, board appointment is approved and recorded herein.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the appointment of Phillip Alan Forsythe to the Shoals Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Board. Mr. Forsythe will replace Joe Hackworth as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and his term will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, board appointment is approved and recorded herein.

In compliance with bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. 2020-11 "EMA Air Conditioning Unit". Bids were received and publicly read aloud on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Chairman Pettus asked Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends the vendor with lowest total bid, J.C. Hamm & Sons of Florence. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth, to follow Ms. Bryant's recommendation. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid is awarded to J.C. Hamm & Sons of Florence, Alabama. Bid tabulation sheet is recorded and made part of these minutes.

All invoiced bills were audited, allowed and ordered to be paid upon by a motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Garner. Commissioner Hackworth asked Lauderdale County Road Engineer, Eric Hill, how much it costs to pave a mile in the County. Mr. Hill responded that it costs sixty thousand dollars per mile to pave County roads. Commissioner Hackworth also asked Mr. Hill how many miles of County roads are paved and Mr. Hill stated that one thousand two hundred miles of County road are currently paved. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

# CHECKS ISSUED AUGUST 24, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK #56608-56689	\$936,469.06
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3832-3841	\$1,496.26
LEPA FUND CHECK #8436-8450	\$9,240.35
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #17552-17575	\$339,887.50
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 #699	\$662,086.85
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK #11877-11893	\$50,178.00
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK #543-544	\$5,750.00
RSVP FUND CHECK #17573-17588	\$4,667.87
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #1244	\$746.10
REBUILD ALABAMA GAS TAX FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
REBUILD ALABAMA DIESEL TAX FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
FEDERAL AID EXCHANGE FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK #8112-8136	\$260,175.99
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK #43255-43355	\$1,638,422.92
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK #1202-1203 \$683,303.80

TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK #3090-3092 \$50,753.04

TVA TAX FUND CHECK #5985 \$1,779.62

TOTAL:

\$4,644,957.36

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

**Public Comment Period:** 

David Carson, a resident of Florence, read a statement in favor of the Confederate Monument.

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

Jøe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

# REGULAR MEETING AGENDA September 14th, 2020

#### A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
- 2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH OUORUM
- 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner Hackworth
- 4. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### **B. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- 1. Review and Motion to Consider Agenda Items
- 2. Approve minutes of last meeting
- 3. Resolution—Budget FY2021
- 4. Resolution-Electronic Poll Books
- 5. Resolution—Solid Waste Dumpster Handler
- 6. Resolution—Joe Wheeler Parking Lot
- 7. Resolution—Closed Bank Accounts
- 8. Resolution—Website Service Contract
- 9. Resolution—Road Contract Renewals FY2021
- 10. Resolution—COVID-19 Grant Funding
- 11. Approval of Board Appointments
- 12. BID NO LA 2020-11 "EMA Air Conditioning Unit"
- 13. Audit and Approve Invoiced Bills
- C. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS none
- D. STAFF REPORTS
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Per Rules of Procedure there is a three-minute time limit)
- F. ADJOURN

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# RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the fiscal year 2021 Operating Budget for Lauderdale County in the amount of \$39,265,076.00 is herein adopted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payroll updates in the fiscal year 2021 budget will be effective on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget and notes be made a part of this resolution and recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

Fay Parker, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lauderdale County Probate Judge, Will Motlow, has applied and received eighty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars in federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds; and

WHEREAS, funds will be used in order to purchase electronic poll books and related hardware, software and training associated with implementation of the service at all poll locations; and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be made from Election Systems and Software, LLC, and added to County fixed asset inventory list which is provided to the Alabama Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of electronic poll books and related items with HAVA funds of eighty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars is herein approved.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fav Parker Commissioner

Joe Hackwarth Commissioner

ATTEST:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department was recently approved for a purchase of equipment from Ingram Equipment Company, LLC, through Sourcewell, a national, governmental purchasing cooperative approved pursuant to competitive bid laws; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a different Galbreath Handler would be required in order to accommodate all necessary functions of the new dumpster service at an additional cost of seven thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department may purchase the needed equipment and any budget amendment necessary is hereby authorized and approved.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fav Parker Commissione

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Lauderdale County is vital to our economic stability and growth, contributing to employment, prosperity, community relations and goodwill for all citizens as well as promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of Lauderdale County's geography, history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wheeler Park is a vital part of the travel and tourism industry in our area with well-known and greatly attended fishing tournaments occurring onsite each year; and

WHEREAS, the boat ramp and parking lot at Joe Wheeler Park are in substantial need of repair and expansion in order to accommodate all the events that occur at the park on a regular basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission does hereby approve a donation of \$50,000.00 to be paid to Alabama State Parks from the Tourism Fund for this project and any budget amendment needed is hereby authorized and approved.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner

Joe Hackworth/Commissioner

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# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Series 2001 Debt Service Fund bank account with First Metro Bank was utilized for collection of rent from the Lauderdale County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2001 Warrant Fund bank account with US Bank was utilized for bond payments for the construction of the Lauderdale County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, bond issue is now complete and rent is no longer collected from the Lauderdale County Health Department; and these bank accounts are no longer needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the bank accounts listed above be closed as of May, 2020.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fav Parker. Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator J

e Hackworth, Commissioner

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County website was created by Biz Marketing Agency of Florence, Alabama, in 2020, and is maintained by the Lauderdale County Commission office; and

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission would like to retain the services of Biz Marketing Agency to continue to manage the Lauderdale County website with an annual retention fee of one thousand dollars plus sixty dollars per hour for periodically requested tasks with a one hour minimum per occurrence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission approves the Website Service Contract with Biz Marketing Agency of Florence, Alabama, and authorizes any budget amendment necessary for this contract.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fay Parker Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

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STATE OF ALABAMA

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, bid contracts were executed between the Lauderdale County Commission and the following companies by authority of the original bids shown below:

Bid No. 2018-2 "Corrugated High-Density Polyethylene Pipe"-ADCO Pipe & Supply LLC

Bid No. 2019-1 "Cold Mix for Patching" - Advanced Asphalt Products, LLC

Bid No. 2019-3 "Sign Post" – G&C Supply Co., Inc.

Bid No. 2019-4 "Lubricants" - W.H. Thomas Oil Co., Inc.

Bid No. 2019-5 "Traffic Signs & Reflectors" - Vulcan Signs

Bid No. 2020-2 "Polypropylene Pipe" - ADCO Pipe & Supply LLC

Bid No. 2020-6 "Concrete Roadway Pipe" - Foley Products Company

WHEREAS, by written confirmation, all companies named above have agreed to continue the current pricing provided in the original bids.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission does herein agree to renew contracts with each of the above-named companies for a period of one year under the same terms and conditions stated in the original bid contracts.

Done this the 14th day of September 2020.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fav Parker, Commissioner

Ine Hackworth Commission

ATTEST:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program has been created in order to provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government and tribes in preventing, preparing for and responding to the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, has previously been approved to submit a solicitation for funding on behalf of Lauderdale County and has been awarded the grant in the amount of fifty-eight thousand eight dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that any budget amendment necessary for the use of these CESF grant funds is herein approved.

Done this the 14th day of September, 2020.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fay Parker Commissioner

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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BID ITEM:	EMA Air Conditioning Unit	- /	
OPENING:	August 28th, 2020 at 11:00 am	ws	918
DATE MAILED:	August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	- Mtg	9/14
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	BID	NO BID	LOW	NO RESP	AMOUNT
C&H Cooling & Heating 721 S Court Street Florence, AL 35630 256-764-8991					
JC Hamm & Sons 302 E College Street Florence, AL 35630 256-764-7386			X		\$28,13100 Daikan model Zyrlabor Syrparts
J.K. Johnson Mechanical Contractors P.O. Box 3779 Muscle Shoals, AL 35661 256-383-0313	100				\$40,75000 completion 10/15
Shoals MPE LLC 3311 County Road 47 Florence, AL 35630 256-766-9439			-		
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