

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 8th day of February, 2021. 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
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Legal Counsel:	
Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
Those who were absent:	
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1

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 Holmes.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes 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 vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department to replace the camera systems in their trucks. Danmark Communications & Security of Florence will install and service the cameras and the County will own all equipment and we will discontinue using Street Smart for this service. Installation and equipment will have an initial cost of one hundred twenty-three thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars with a monthly rate of nine hundred dollars. Any budget amendment needed for this purchase is herein approved. 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 authorize the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to join with the City of Florence and the Drug Task Force to purchase an armored vehicle for high-risk situations. The three entities participate in a joint Special Operations Team and have agreed to share the total cost of the armored vehicle, which is one hundred twenty thousand dollars. The cost will be divided equally among the three for a cost of forty thousand dollars each. Commissioner Holmes stated that since he works for the Florence Police Department, he would abstain from voting on this resolution in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

Brad Holmes – abstain
Joe Hackworth – aye

Fay Parker – aye

There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize exploring the possibility of purchasing property located at the south end of Court Street and Pine Street in Florence for future development. The property is located at 730 Mitchell Boulevard and any agreement is contingent upon the resolution of any environment or right-of-way concerns associated with the property. The Commission authorizes Danny Pettus to execute documents on behalf of the Commission and approves an expenditure for half of the purchase price of three hundred fifteen dollars and approves any budget amendment necessary for this purchase.

Fay Parker – nay
Joe Hackworth – aye

Brad Holmes – aye

There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize Lauderdale County to sell its one-half interest in the former ECM property located on Alabama Street in Florence to the City of Florence for two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars. The Commission authorizes Danny Pettus to execute a purchase contract with the City of Florence on behalf of the Commission and approves any budget amendment for this sale.

Fay Parker – nay
Joe Hackworth – aye

Brad Holmes – aye

There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution to authorize a budget amendment for two bids related to COVID-19. Bid LA 2020-12 "Jail COVID Remodel" was awarded to ICS of Florida for two hundred fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars. Bid LA 2021-1 "Jail COVID Remodel 2" was awarded to H&N Construction of Florence for eighty-nine thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars. Any budget amendment necessary for these bids is herein approved. 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 authorize the purchase and installation of signs at Brush Creek Park and Wheeler Campgrounds. The vendor, SIGN...it Company, LLC, will construct new sign cabinets reflecting the shape of Lauderdale County and fabricate the signs to allow for future internal illumination with LED lights. The total cost for both signs is fourteen thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-nine cents and will be paid for out of the tourism fund and any budget amendment needed is approved. 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 authorize the increase of garbage collection rates in the County. The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department has begun the process of adding curbside brush pickup services throughout the County. The new services will require additional equipment and manpower resulting in a need to increase the monthly rate for garbage pickup for all customers. This increase will be effective April 1st, 2021, and will appear on utility billing through Florence Utilities. The suggested new monthly rate is seventeen dollars and fifty cents. Commissioner Holmes stated that as our County has grown over the years and the amount of garbage collection has substantially increased our Solid Waste Department has done their due diligence in keeping costs down while continuing to provide service for a rate lower than surrounding counties and municipalities. Commissioner Holmes further stated that as we have the opportunity to offer more services to our citizens the time has come to increase rates, but he recommends that rate be seventeen dollars per month instead of the suggested rate of seventeen dollars and fifty cents. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Hackworth to amend the resolution to increase the monthly rate to seventeen dollars. Hackworth moved to accept the amended resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Chairman Pettus asked Solid Waste manager, Tom Smith, about the process of implementing new services and Mr. Smith responded that we would begin with curbside brush pickup and later add the pickup of other items including appliances that do not contain compressors. The additional pickup services will begin once equipment is received and personnel are trained in handling the additional items. The County will be divided into four zones with a weekly pickup schedule and the public will be notified of all details associated with the new service. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Amended resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize an application for CDBG grant funding related to COVID-19 vaccination stations to distant neighborhoods and worksites in the County in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars. NACOLG will be the administrator of the grant and three percent of funds will pay for this administration. The items that will be requested may include self-contained 5th wheel trailers, AED devices, Lucas CPR devices, professional services, medical supplies and other related items. Any budget amendment needed is approved. 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 Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize the renewal of Bid LA 2019-6 "Advance Life Support Emergency Medical Treatment and Transportation Service" contract with Shoals Ambulance for a period of one year. This will be the third and final renewal of this contract. Shoals Ambulance agrees to renew the contract under the same terms and conditions stated in the original contract which is a joint contract with the City of Florence. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hackworth. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JANUARY 25, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2021

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK #57197-57262	\$772,693.14
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3868-3869	\$200.68
LEPA FUND CHECK #8519-8527	\$5,261.56
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #17706-17721	\$437,615.04
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL CHECK #464	\$750,000.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK #376	\$193,115.70
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #706	\$13,365.98
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK #11975-11985	\$33,941.32
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK #588	\$100,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK #557	\$750.00
RSVP FUND CHECK #17660-17668	\$2,455.65
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
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
WORKPLACE DEVELOPMENT CENTER FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00

SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK #8275-8291	\$281,782.26
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK #43823-43891	\$190,672.08
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #4746-4759	\$227,247.02
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK #1208	\$700,973.01
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK #3105-3107	\$8,460.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$3,718,533.44

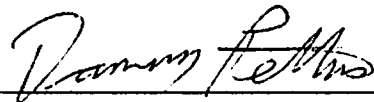
Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period: None

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



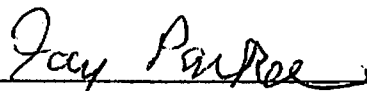
Danny Pettus, Chairman

(ABSENT)

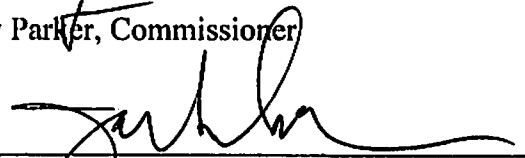
Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

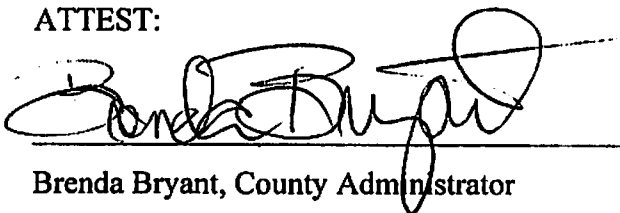


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
February 8th, 2021

A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner Holmes
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—Solid Waste Camera System
4. Resolution—Sheriff Special Operations
5. Resolution—EMA Property
6. Resolution—ECM Property
7. Resolution—Jail Budget Amendment
8. Resolution—Brush Creek Signs
9. Resolution—Garbage Rate
10. Resolution—COVID Mobile Vaccine
11. Resolution—Ambulance Renewal
12. 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

STATE OF ALABAMA §
LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department currently uses Street Smart for the camera system for Solid Waste trucks; and

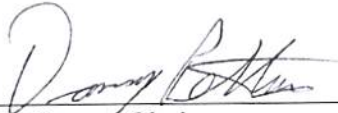
WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department desires to use a local vendor for this service with matching quality performance, a substantially lower monthly rate, and ownership of all equipment through Danmark Communications & Security of Florence; and

WHEREAS, the installation and equipment will have an initial cost of one hundred twenty-three thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars with a monthly rate of nine hundred dollars.

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

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

- absent -

Roger Garner, Commissioner

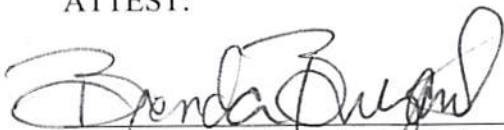


Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department participates in a joint Special Operations Team with the Florence Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Rick Singleton requests that the Commission participate with the City of Florence and the Drug Task Force in jointly purchasing an armored vehicle to assist in high-risk situations; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the unit is projected at one hundred twenty thousand dollars with one third of the cost being forty thousand dollars for each participant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department may participate in the purchase of an armored vehicle at a cost of forty thousand dollars and any necessary budget amendment is herein authorized and approved for this purchase.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

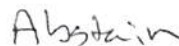
LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence wish to explore the possibility of purchasing property located at the south end of Court Street and Pine Street in Florence for future development; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for this joint purchase proposition; and

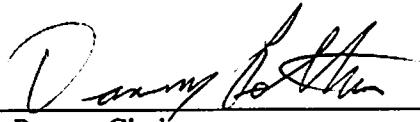
WHEREAS, due diligence will need to be performed before purchase and other possible contingencies being noted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission authorizes Chairman Danny Pettus to execute a joint purchase agreement with the City of Florence for 730 Mitchell Boulevard in Florence for half of the purchase price of three hundred fifteen thousand dollars and any budget amendment is herein approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase agreement will be conditioned on the performance of due diligence by the County and the City and the resolution of issues including, but not limited to, environmental studies and right-of-way concerns.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

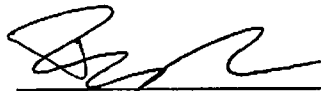
LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



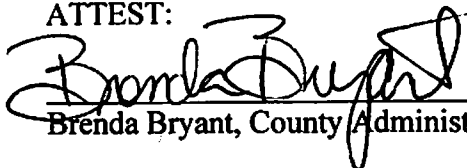
Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence jointly own the former Eliza Coffee Memorial (ECM) property located on Alabama Street in Florence, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence wishes to purchase Lauderdale County's one-half interest in the ECM property for two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission authorizes Chairman Danny Pettus to execute a purchase contract with the City of Florence for this property and any budget amendment necessary for this transaction is herein approved.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

absent

Roger Garner, Commissioner




Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bid LA 2020-12, "Jail COVID Remodel" was awarded to Intelligent Conservation Systems of Oviedo, Florida, at a cost of two hundred fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars; and

WHEREAS, Bid LA 2021-1, "Jail COVID Remodel 2" was awarded to H & N Construction of Florence, Alabama, at a cost of eighty-nine thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that any budget amendment necessary for these bids is herein approved.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

- absent -

Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

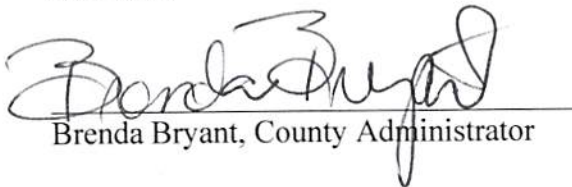


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA §
LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department will be installing signs at Brush Creek Park and Wheeler Campgrounds using SIGN...it Sign Company, LLC, in Florence; and

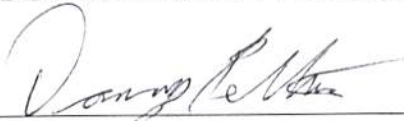
WHEREAS, the vendor will construct new sign cabinets reflecting the shape of Lauderdale County and fabricate signs to allow for future internal illumination with LED illumination; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for both signs is fourteen thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-nine cents and will be paid for out of tourism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department may purchase the signs from SIGN...it Sign Company and any budget amendment necessary is hereby authorized and approved.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

-absent-

Roger Garner, Commissioner

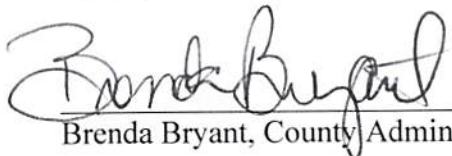


Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA §
LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department has begun the process of adding curb-side brush pickup services throughout the County; and


WHEREAS, the new services will require additional equipment and manpower in order to effectively implement and continue the service it provides to the expanding number of households in Lauderdale County; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the County and new services has resulted in a need to increase the monthly rate appearing on all citizens' monthly utility billing through Florence Utilities.

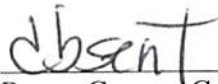
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department increase the monthly rate for garbage collection to ~~seventeen dollars and fifty cents~~ ^{seventeen dollars} effective April 1st, 2021, and any budget amendment necessary is hereby authorized and approved.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



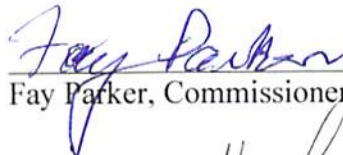
Danny Pettus, Chairman



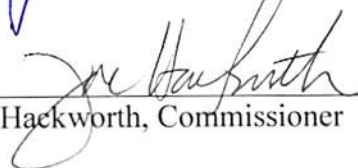
Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission understands the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and its effect on the citizens of Lauderdale County; and

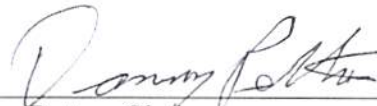
WHEREAS, the Commission would like to apply for five hundred thousand dollars in CDBG grant funding and work with the Lauderdale County Health Department in order to provide mobile COVID-19 vaccination stations to distant neighborhoods and worksites in the County; and

WHEREAS, the items we will request with this funding may include self-contained 5th wheel trailers, AED devices, Lucas CPR devices, professional services contracted through the Alabama Department of Public Health, medical supplies to provide aid for vaccination and NACOLG's three percent grant administration fee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission authorizes grant management services through NACOLG and any necessary budget amendment for the implementation of this grant is herein approved.

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

- absent -

Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner




Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bid No. LA 2019-6 "Advance Life Support Emergency Medical Treatment and Transportation Service" was awarded to Shoals Ambulance; and


WHEREAS, Shoals Ambulance has agreed to continue the current policies and provisions provided in the original bid. This will be the third and final year of the bid contract.

WHEREAS, the Advance Life Support Emergency Medical Treatment and Transportation Service contract is a joint contract with the City of Florence, the Lauderdale County Commission will seek the continued support of the City of Florence for the upcoming contract period.

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

Done this the 8th day of February, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

absent

Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner