

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 March, 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
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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.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to add a resolution to the current agenda regarding Metropolitan Statistical Areas – a resolution opposing a change proposed by the United States Office of Management and Budget regarding population standards. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agenda is herein amended to include the additional resolution as item number seven on the agenda.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that all items listed on the regular business agenda, along with the newly added resolution regarding MSAs, be approved for immediate consideration. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Amended agenda is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker 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 vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to authorize a contact renewal with Tarkett USA, Inc., of Florence, Alabama, for the disposal of waste at the Lauderdale County Solid Waste landfill. The renewal agreement is effective March 1st, 2021, through February 28th, 2022. 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 authorizing a CDBG grant application for the Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Project for Lauderdale County. NACOLG is the administrator of the grant and the Commission approves the application submitted to ADECA and authorizes Chairman Pettus to execute all documents required for grant funding. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to authorize a resolution to approve the Cooperative Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant Program, 20 LET ALEA, for the Lauderdale County EMA and the Florence Police Department. Grant funding for thirty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and sixty cents is to be used for Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) items and a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle designed specifically for transporting bomb technicians. The Commission authorizes EMA Director, George Grabryan, to execute the grant agreement and approves any necessary budget amendment needed for the financial management of this grant. Commissioner Holmes abstained from voting on the resolution to avoid any conflict of interest due to his employment with the Florence Police Department. 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 request from Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, regarding jail corrections deputies. The current requirement for four jail corrections deputies having APOST certification will be reduced to only one being APOST certified. The remaining three positions for jail corrections deputies will no longer have the APOST certification requirement. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution strongly opposing a proposed change by the United States Office of Management and Budget. The proposed change to the population standard for delineating Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand would have a profound negative effect on Lauderdale County and the entire Shoals Area. Such a change would result in added financial burden to local jurisdictions and would be devastating for industrial, business, and retail recruitment and growth. The Commission supports retention of the existing definition and application of the MSA standard population of fifty thousand. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve FMLA leave requested by Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, for one of his employees. The leave is scheduled for February 27th through March 23rd, 2021. All FMLA paperwork is in order. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved.

All invoiced bills were audited, allowed and ordered to be paid upon by a motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Parker. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED MARCH 8, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2021

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK #57347-57390	\$588,774.34
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3872-3873	\$81.66

LEPA FUND CHECK #8543-8549	\$4,049.40
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #17748-17760	\$181,597.39
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 #378	\$9,240.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK #12006-12016	\$35,180.99
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK #17685-17692	\$1,921.90
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #1250	\$855.71
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 #1002	\$87,500.00
SPECIAL GRANTS FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK #382	\$81,464.76
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK #8324-8339	\$162,367.72
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK #43994-44050	\$550,831.92
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK #1209	\$633,706.43

TOBACCO TAX FUND	\$0.00
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 TVA TAX FUND	 \$0.00
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TOTAL:	\$2,337,572.22

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

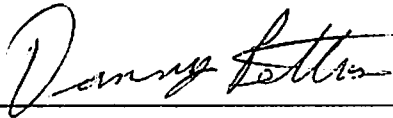
Public Comment Period:

William and Lori Lowe
425 Roxie Drive
Florence, AL

Mr. Lowe stated he is concerned that as Project Say Something begins monument protests once again, we will experience more of the same problems we did last year and, if the protests go unchecked, they can cause harassment to patrons of local businesses and cause local businesses to lose income with further cost to the city and county. Mr. Lowe stated that he believes we should let the issue be voted upon by the citizens of Lauderdale County. Mrs. Lowe stated that she feels the same way and Chairman Pettus thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for their comments.

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

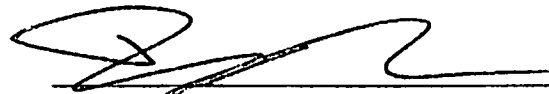
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Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

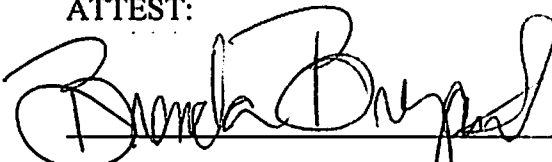


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
March 22nd, 2021

A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
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 – Tarkett Contract
4. Resolution – CDBG-CV Grant
5. Resolution – 20 LET ALEA Grant
6. Resolution – Corrections Deputies
7. Resolution – Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)
8. Approval of Medical Leave
9. 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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WHEREAS Lauderdale County Commission has agreed to renew an agreement with Tarkett USA, Inc. of Florence, Alabama; and

WHEREAS the renewal agreement for disposal of rubbish and waste is effective March 1st, 2021, through February 28th, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission does hereby authorize Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department to renew its agreement for disposal of waste material with Tarkett USA, Inc.

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2021.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



Danny Pettus, Chairman

- absent -

Roger Garner, Commissioner

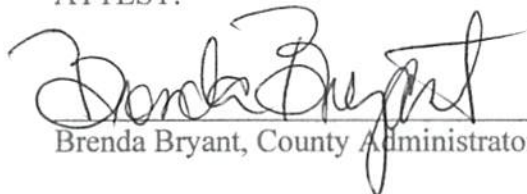


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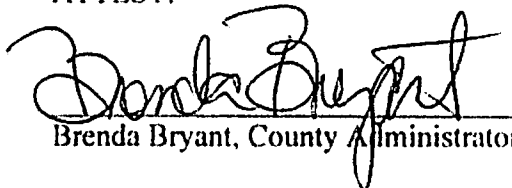


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RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING APPLICATION
FOR CDBG-CV GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH
THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S CDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Lauderdale County Commission is completing its application for CDBG-CV program funds through the State of Alabama's Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS the Lauderdale County Commission concurs with objectives, needs and program activities proposed therein; and

WHEREAS priorities for proposed program activities adopted by the Lauderdale County Commission were determined in accordance with State and Federal guidelines and determinations on eligibility of activities.

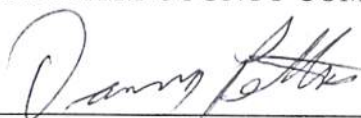
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that said application shall be designated as the official application for the Lauderdale County Commission to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs upon its completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman is duly authorized to sign said application for and act on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission and is further authorized to execute all other documents required for application or disbursement of State of Alabama CDBG funds for the Lauderdale County Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the project exceed total CDBG-CV funding, the Lauderdale County Commission commits to provide local matching funds towards the project's completion.

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2021.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman

-absent-


Roger Garner, Commissioner



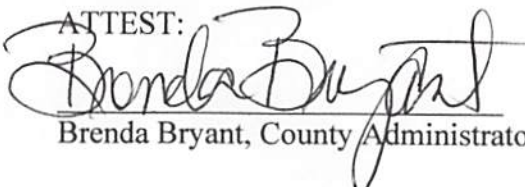
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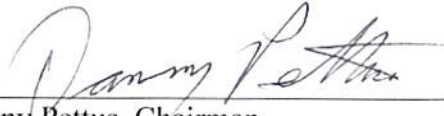
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission does hereby approve the Cooperative Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant Program, 20 LET ALEA, for the Lauderdale County EMA and the Florence Police Department for thirty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and sixty cents; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding amount listed above will be used to purchase Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) items and a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle designed specifically for transporting bomb technicians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lauderdale County Commission authorizes EMA Director, George Grabryan, to execute the grant agreement and that any necessary budget amendment is herein authorized for the financial management of the grant.

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2021.

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Danny-Pettus, Chairman

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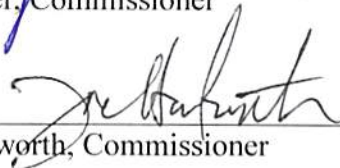
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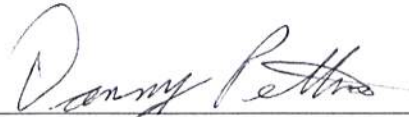
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Sheriff has requested that the requirement for four (4) jail corrections deputies having APOST certification be reduced to only one (1) being APOST certified; and

WHEREAS, the other three (3) positions for jail corrections deputies will no longer have the certification requirement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lauderdale County Commission, to authorize the Lauderdale County Sheriff to reduce the number of jail corrections deputies being APOST certified to one.

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2021.

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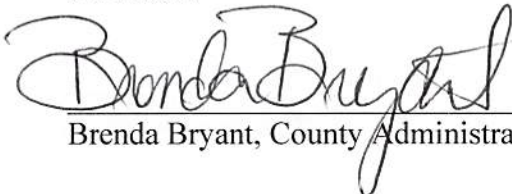


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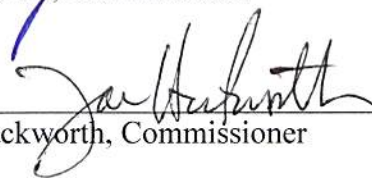


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WHEREAS the United States Office of Management and Budget proposes changes to the population standard for delineating Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) from 50,000 to 100,000; and

WHEREAS such change would have a profound negative effect on funding and planning for community development, transportation and economic development for Lauderdale County and the entire Shoals Area; and

WHEREAS such change would eliminate important assistance programs to all citizens, particularly underserved populations including persons of low and moderate income, seniors, and disabled persons resulting in increased poverty, food insecurity and homelessness; and

WHEREAS such change would result in added financial burden to local jurisdictions for building transportation infrastructure, the loss of local control in project planning and elimination of urban transit funding for operation and capital assistance; and

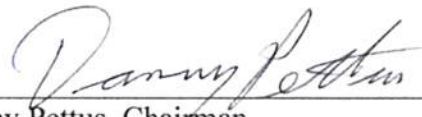
WHEREAS site selection and economic opportunities afforded through grants and other funding mechanisms are often based upon MSA status. Losing the MSA designation would be devastating for industrial, business, and retail recruitment and growth in two key areas for economic development: statistical isolation and community perception; and

WHEREAS changing the population standard for delineating Metropolitan Statistical Areas disproportionately impacts MSAs comprised of multiple jurisdictions, is detrimental to interagency collaboration for recruitment and retention, will result in economic stagnation and decline for a infinite period, creates a ripple effect of economic decline which will bleed into other sectors such as housing and banking.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that Lauderdale County strongly opposes the proposed change and supports retention of the existing definition and application of the MSA standard of 50,000.

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2021.

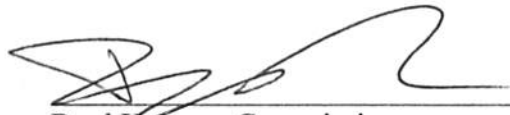
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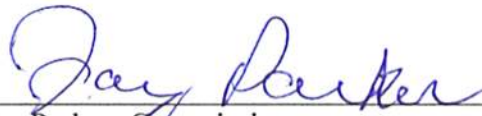
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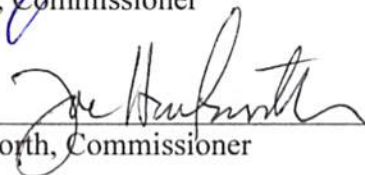
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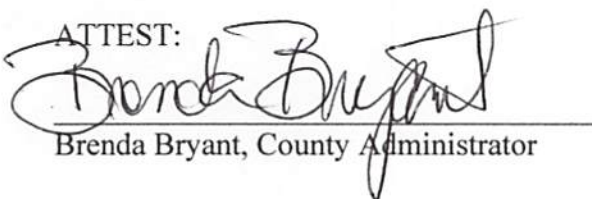


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