

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 24th day of May, 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
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 Parker.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: 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 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. Commissioner Holmes stated the he would abstain from voting on this motion since he was absent from the last regular meeting. There being no further discussion and upon vote taken, motion approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to authorize the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to enter into a Traffic Enforcement Agreement with the North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office (NAHSO) regarding traffic enforcement grant funding and the Commission approves this agreement and any budget amendment needed for this project. 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 a donation of five thousand dollars for W.C. Handy Week and its activities scheduled for July 23rd through August 1st, 2021. This donation will be paid for out of the tourism fund and any budget amendment is approved for this donation. 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 Commission Parker to approve a resolution recognizing the second Sunday in June as Race Amity Day. The Towards E Pluribus Unum Initiative has invited communities across the United States of America to join in introspection and reflection on the beauty and richness of the diverse peoples of this great nation while reaching out with a spirit of amity toward one another. Chairman Pettus read the entire resolution and presented a copy of the resolution to Dr. Jamie Osbourne and Elaine Mokwunye. Dr. Osbourne thanked the Commission for the Resolution and recognition of Race Amity Day as a worthy observance for our community. There being no further 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 medical leave requested by Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, for one of his employees. Leave will begin May 19th, 2021, through July 5th, 2021, and all paperwork is in order. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 10, 2021 THROUGH MAY 23, 2021

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK #57591-57634	\$522,483.12
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3882-3884	\$665.12
LEPA FUND CHECK #8580-8586	\$4,050.55
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #17808-17819	\$167,950.28
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 #380	\$13,466.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK #710	\$44,043.48
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK #12050-12057	\$39,407.56
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK #564-565	\$15,567.99
RSVP FUND CHECK #17723-17731	\$6,174.42
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
SPECIAL GRANTS FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
CORONAVIRUS RESCUE ACT FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK #8396-8407	\$145,191.43
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK #44253-44298	\$160,670.37
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK #1211	\$564,300.80
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK #N/A	\$0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK #6090-6102	\$353,199.43
TOTAL:	\$2,037,170.55

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

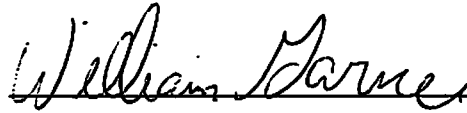
James and Renee York of 1640 Lagrange Road, Leighton, Alabama, were present and Mr. York stated that he and his wife are currently staying in a recreational vehicle at Brush Creek Park and have been asked to leave by park management before their 30-day stay limit. He wanted to know why they would be asked to leave since they have broken no rules regarding stay times. Parks Manager, Tom Smith, stated that Mr. and Mrs. York were staying at the rent-free park in multiple RV's at alternating intervals and staying in the same location and surrounding area for a prolonged period of time and prohibiting others from enjoying the same location. Mr. York stated that he owned several RV's and was allowing his son to use one of them and their stays were not over 30 consecutive days in any one RV. There was some dispute over the arrival and departure times of Mr. York's vehicles and a discussion was held regarding how to make clear the intent of the 30-day stay and 7-day break required between visits. Commissioner Holmes stated that he appreciated the York's for bringing this misunderstanding to the attention of the Commission. Mr. Smith stated that new rules and regulations would be forthcoming and will be distributed to everyone currently staying at the park and will be given to any future visitors so that everyone may understand the responsibilities and limitations of staying at Brush Creek Park.

County Attorney, Chris Smith, advised the Commission to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation since discussion of this pending litigation could be adversely affected by public disclosure of the content of such meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Hackworth, the Commission went into Executive Session. After discussion, the Lauderdale County Commission did not reconvene. Attorney letters regarding this matter are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



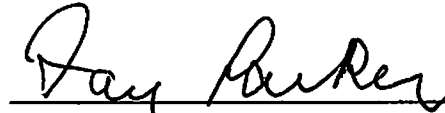
Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
May 24th, 2021

A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner Parker
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 – Traffic Enforcement Grant
4. Resolution – W.C. Handy Festival Donation
5. Resolution – Race Amity Day
6. Approval of Family Medical Leave
7. 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal counsel for the Lauderdale County Commission will discuss pending litigation which could be adversely affected by public disclosure of the content of such meeting. After discussion, the Lauderdale County Commission will not reconvene.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department is entering into a Traffic Enforcement Agreement with the North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office (NAHSO) for fiscal period October 1st, 2020, through September 30th, 2021; and

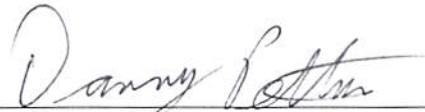
WHEREAS, this agreement outlines the requirements for official participation in the North Alabama Highway Traffic Safety Office Program which provides traffic enforcement grant funding for qualified expenditures related to traffic safety enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission will act in its role as the approved Sub Grantee for all Traffic Safety Funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission approves the Sheriff's Department to participate in the North Alabama Highway Traffic Safety Office Program and approves any budget amendment needed in the financial management of this project.

Done this the 24th day of May, 2021.

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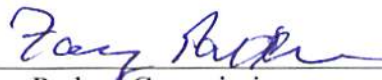
Danny Pettus, Chairman



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Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

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WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Lauderdale County is vital to our economic stability and growth, contributing to employment, economic prosperity, international trade and relations, peace understanding and goodwill; and

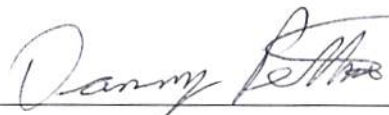
WHEREAS, all citizens benefit from the effects of travel and tourism. The industry substantially enhances our personal growth and education while promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of Lauderdale County's geography, history, and culture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission, in recognition of W.C. Handy Week, hereby sponsors activities for the week of July 23rd through August 1st, 2021, with a donation of \$5,000.00 which will be paid from the Tourism Fund.

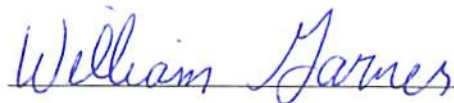
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any budget amendment be hereby authorized and approved to be paid out of fund balance.

Done this the 24th day of May, 2021.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



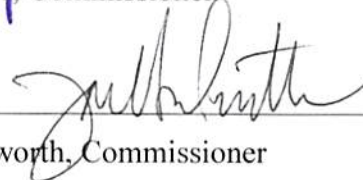
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Brad Holmes, Commissioner

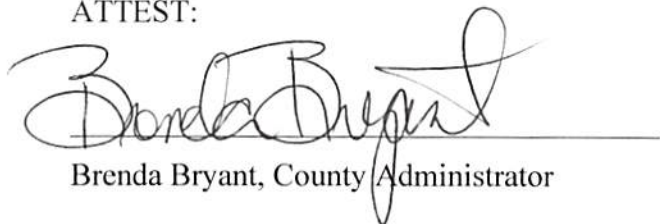


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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WHEREAS, the Great Seal of the United States of America bears the inscription, E Pluribus Unum, which translates from Latin as “out of many, one”; and

WHEREAS, the greatest asset of Lauderdale County is its people - comprised of multicultural, multiethnic and multiracial citizens; and

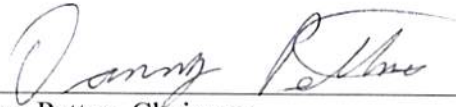
WHEREAS, friendship, collegiality, civility, respect and kindness are commonly shared ideals of the collective citizenry of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Towards E Pluribus Unum Initiative has invited communities across the United States of America to join in introspection and reflection on the beauty and richness of the diverse peoples of this great nation while reaching out with a spirit of amity toward one another annually on the second Sunday in June, designated as Race Amity Day.

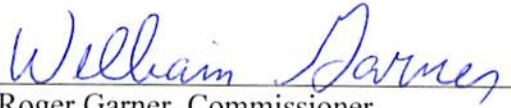
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that Sunday, June 13th, 2021, be celebrated in Lauderdale County as Race Amity Day and all citizens are urged to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its annual observance.

Done this the 24th day of May, 2021.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



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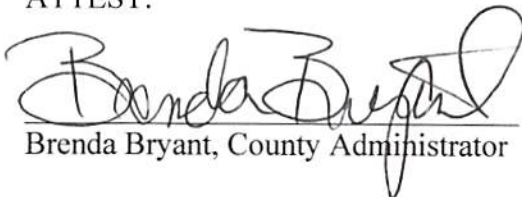


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ATTEST:



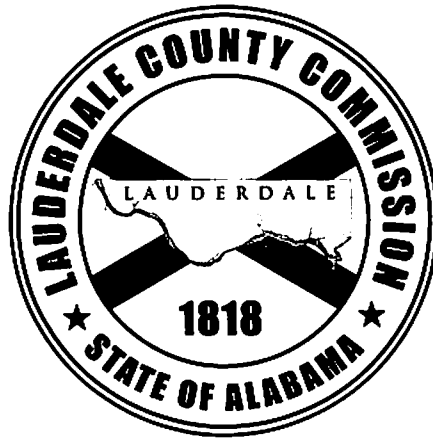
Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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ADMINISTRATOR

ERIC HILL
ENGINEER

CHRISTOPHER A. SMITH
ATTORNEY



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DISTRICT 2

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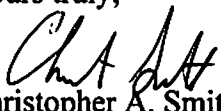
May 24, 2021

Danny Pettus
Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission
P. O. Box 1059
Florence, Al 35631

Dear Chairman Pettus:

It is my opinion, as the legal counsel for the Lauderdale County Commission, that the Commission may convene in executive session to discuss litigation and pending legal options which could be adversely affected by public disclosure of the content of such meeting. Mr. Craig Dillard of Webb & Eley will be present at 5 p.m. today to discuss such matters with the Commission. After the discussion the Lauderdale County Commission will not reconvene.

Yours truly,


Christopher A. Smith
County Attorney

May 19, 2021

Via e-mail: bbryant@lauderdalecountyal.gov

Brenda Bryant
Lauderdale County Commission
P.O. Box 1059
Florence, AL 35631

Re: Jannis O. Parrish, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dr. J.G. Parrish, Sr., deceased v. Kade Douglas Harris, et al. (Lauderdale County)
In the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County, Alabama
Case No. CV-2020-900234.00
CRS Claim No. 3900190073; WMW File No. 10012.913

Dear Brenda:

I would like to request that I be placed on the Lauderdale County Commission's executive session agenda following the Commission meeting in Florence on Monday, May 24, 2021. I understand that that meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. We will be there at 5:00 p.m. to meet with the Commission at their convenience in executive session to discuss pending litigation in this case. I appreciate your assistance in this regard, and I will look forward to seeing you and the Commission on May 24th.

Very truly yours,


Craig S. Dillard

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