

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022. 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 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 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission be approved for recording. Commissioner Holmes abstained from voting since he was absent from the previous meeting. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to authorize the purchase of property formerly known as Wells Fargo Bank located at 102 Dr. Hicks Boulevard in the City of Florence. The property will be purchased for two million four hundred ten thousand dollars and will be used by the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency. The Commission authorizes Chairman Danny Pettus to execute a purchase agreement and any budget amendment needed for the 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution to authorize a budget amendment for a previously approved grant. The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department submitted a 2021 ADEM Grant application for the Lauderdale County Recycling Program. The previously requested ¾-ton pickup truck

has increased in price to fifty-six thousand dollars; thus, increasing the total cost to the county to twenty-four thousand dollars. Any budget amendment needed for this increase 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution to authorize a one-time lump sum payment to eligible Lauderdale County retirees as provided by Act 2022-229. The estimated cost is seventy-seven thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars and will be paid to eligible retirees in October 2022. Any budget amendment needed 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 Emergency Management Agency to partner with North Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG) for assistance with Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The proposed projects associated with this grant will be community safe rooms and generators for multiple county locations with an estimated total cost of three million three hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars with the county share not to exceed twenty-five percent of project total and a fifty percent project management fee to NACOLG of one hundred sixty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty dollars. The Commission will enter into an agreement with Mike Melton as Project Manager of Coldwater Consultant to oversee and facilitate projects associated with this endeavor at a cost not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars. The Commission approves these expenditures and approves any budget amendment needed. 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 Garner to approve a resolution recognizing June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 and recognition of Race Amity Day as a worthy observance for our community. There being no 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 Hackworth to reappoint the entire Lauderdale County Cemetery Board. Members of the board include Dr. George Makowski, Kitty Cox, Lee Freeman, Bill Burke and Curtis Flowers. All appointments are effective immediately and will expire June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he appreciates the great service this board provides to the county and their willingness to serve on this board. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to reappoint Mike Curtis to the 911 Board in a joint appointment with the City of Florence. The appointment is contingent upon the city passing a like resolution for this position effective immediately and expiring June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve an FMLA request by EMA Director, George Grabryan, for one of his employees. Leave will be effective May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and all paperwork is in order for the leave. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Bids for LA 2022-14 "Microbial Identification System" were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Pettus asked County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that one bid was received from Beckman Coulter at a cost of two hundred forty-six thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars and she recommends we award the bid to Beckman Coulter. Commissioner Holmes stated that the equipment in today's bids will be used at North Alabama Medical Center and will be one hundred percent paid for with grant funding. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to award the bid as recommended. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, bid awarded to Beckman Coulter of Brea, California.

Bids for LA 2022-15 "Ventilator System" were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Pettus asked County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated there were no bids received and this item would be re-bid.

Bids for LA 2022-16 "Blood Culture System" were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Pettus asked County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that one bid was received from Cardinal Health at a cost of ninety-nine thousand two hundred ninety dollars and she recommends we award the bid to Cardinal Health. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to award the bid as recommended. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, bid awarded to Cardinal Health of Dublin, Ohio.

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

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 9, 2022 THROUGH MAY 22, 2022

GENERAL-SPECIAL CK# 58932-58964	\$958,105.17
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CK# 3967-3969	\$313.89
LEPA FUND CK# 8779-8785	\$4,212.31
GASOLINE TAX FUND CK# 18203-18216	\$412,914.00
PUBLIC BLDG, R&B SPECIAL CK# N/A	\$0.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
AL TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00

RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CK# 733	\$23,206.39
REAPPRAISAL FUND CK# 12284-12291	\$29,024.96
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CK# 595	\$150,000.00
TOURISM, REC & CONVENTION FUND CK# 585	\$7,250.00
RSVP FUND CK# 17939-17946	\$17,693.16
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
REBUILD ALABAMA GAS TAX FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
REBUILD ALABAMA DIESEL TAX FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
FEDERAL AID EXCHANGE FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
WORKPLACE DEVELOPMENT CENTER FUND CK# NA	\$0.00
SPECIAL GRANTS FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
ARPA REVENUE REDUCTION FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
CORONAVIRUS RESCUE ACT FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
CDBG FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CK# 8769-8781	\$259,140.88
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CK# 45622-45668	\$308,004.43
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CK# 1223	\$370,720.71
TOBACCO TAX FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
TVA TAX FUND CK# 6246-6258	\$367,126.96
TOTAL:	\$2,907,712.86

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

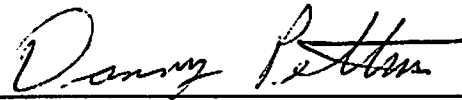
Rhea Fulmer of Fox Den Road in Killen spoke regarding the upcoming ambulance contract bid award. Ms. Fulmer stated that, with her medical background, she realizes how important EMS is to the county. She expressed her concerns regarding the current ambulance service in the county having poor management and not having the necessary staffing and supplies required to adequately care for the citizens of Lauderdale County. As a former Commissioner herself, she understands the weight of this decision and challenged the current members to make the best decision for Lauderdale County.

Mayor Jimmy Glass of Anderson stated that he appreciated the efforts of EMA Director, George Grabryan, and the Commission for their work with the Hazard Mitigation Grant in providing much needed storm shelters to our communities.

Commissioner Parker stated that the concerns regarding the ambulance service bid will be addressed as discussions are held regarding this decision. Chairman Pettus stated that the board met recently regarding the bid and thorough discussions are being had regarding the known issues. Commissioner Holmes stated that the upcoming work session will provide further opportunity to discuss the issues and that he expects an information sheet of all bidders will be provided to aid in this decision-making process.

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

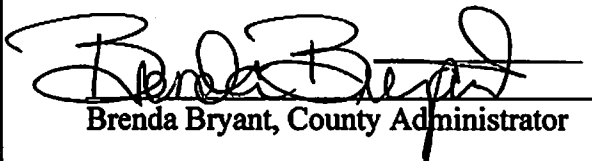


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**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—Property Purchase
4. Resolution—ADEM Grant Update
5. Resolution—RSA Retiree Bonus
6. Resolution—Hazard Mitigation Grant Projects
7. Resolution—Race Amity Day
8. Approval of Board Appointments
9. Approval of FMLA
10. BID NO LA 2022-14 "Microbial Identification System"
11. BID NO LA 2022-15 "Ventilator System"
12. BID NO LA 2022-16 "Blood Culture System"
13. Audit and Approve Invoiced Bills

**C. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – none**

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - Per Rules of Procedure, three-minute time limit**

**F. ADJOURN**

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WHEREAS, Lauderdale County will purchase 1.3 acres of land including all structures on the property formerly known as Wells Fargo Bank located at 102 Dr. Hicks Blvd in the City of Florence; and

WHEREAS, the property will be purchased for two million four hundred ten thousand dollars from Wells Fargo; and

WHEREAS, the property will be used by the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission authorizes Chairman Danny Pettus to execute a purchase agreement for the purchase of the aforementioned property for two million four hundred ten thousand dollars and any budget amendment needed is herein approved.

Done this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



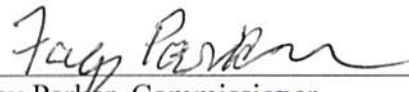
Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

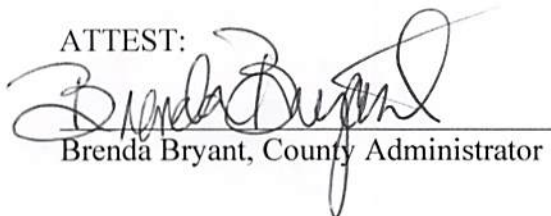


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department, with the City of Florence, submitted a 2021 ADEM Grant Application for the Lauderdale County Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the previously requested 3/4-ton pickup truck has increased in price from thirty-eight thousand dollars to fifty-six thousand dollars; thus, increasing the total cost to the county to twenty-four thousand dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a budget amendment is approved for the 2021 ADEM Grant Application with the City of Florence for the Lauderdale County Recycling Program.

Done this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner

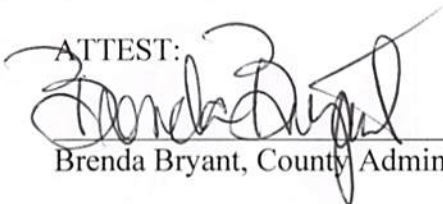


Brad Holmes, Commissioner



Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner



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RESOLUTION – ACT 2022-229  
(Local Unit Retirees and Beneficiaries of Deceased Retirees)

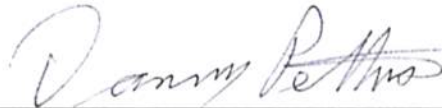
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission, through its governing authority, elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 229 of the Regular Session of the 2022 Legislature.

The estimated cost for eligible retirees of Lauderdale County is seventy-seven thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars and any budget amendment needed is herein approved.

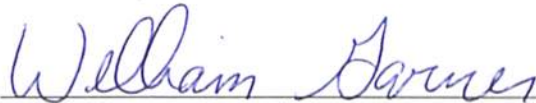
The Lauderdale County Commission agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by this Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of Lauderdale County with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid to retirees in October 2022.

Done this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



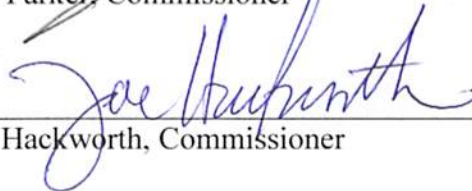
Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Holmes, Commissioner

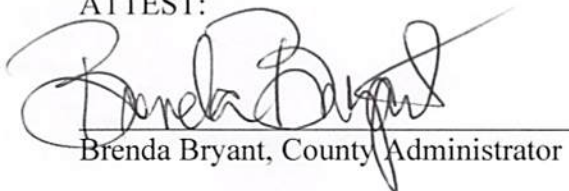


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency will partner with North Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG) for assistance with Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

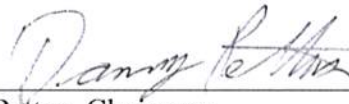
WHEREAS, proposed projects for community safe rooms and generators for multiple county locations will be submitted through NACOLG with an estimated total cost of three million three hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars with the county share not to exceed twenty-five percent of project total and a five percent project management fee to NACOLG of one hundred sixty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission will enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Mike Melton as Project Manager of Coldwater Consultants to oversee and facilitate projects associated with this endeavor at a cost not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars for work for Lauderdale County and Coldwater is authorized to contract independently with other applicants within the county in reference to their hazard mitigation grant projects.

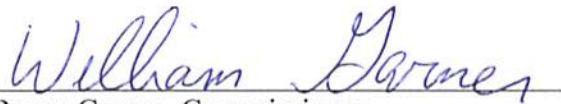
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into an agreement with NACOLG and Coldwater Consultants regarding the aforementioned Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and any necessary budget amendment is herein approved.

Done this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



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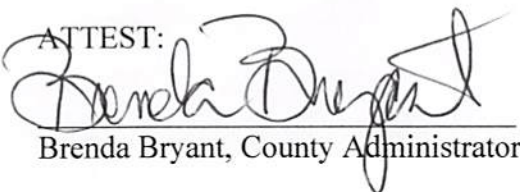


Fay Parker, Commissioner



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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 23<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

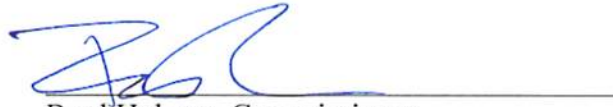
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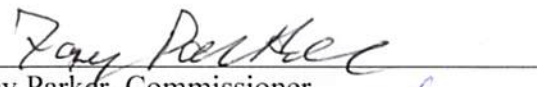
Danny Pettus, Chairman



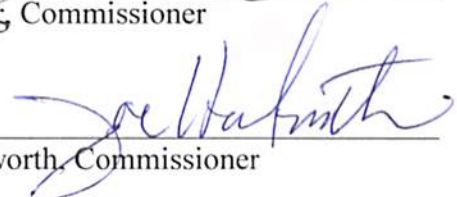
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Brad Holmes, Commissioner

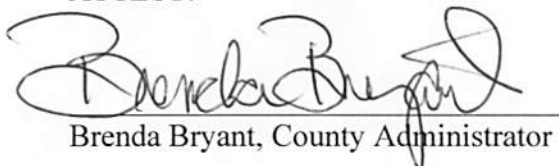


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

BID NO.: LA 2022-14  
 BID ITEM: Microbial Identification System  
 OPENING: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Friday) 11am  
 DATE MAILED: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

	BID BOND	NO BID	LOW BID	NO RESP	AMOUNT
Beckman Coulter P.O. Box 8000 Brea, CA 92821 Todd Osterbrock <u>taosterbrock@beckman.com</u> 678-977-7849	✓		✓		\$246,279
Alabama Health Care Equipment 900 Woodward Avenue Muscle Shoals AL 35661 256-381-5911				✓	—
HGA Home Medical Equipment 1111 S Raleigh Avenue Sheffield, AL 35660 256-367-0557				✓	—
A&E Medical 235 Azalea Drive, Suite 1 Florence AL 35630 256-764-6633				✓	—

BID NO.:	LA 2022-16
BID ITEM:	Blood Culture System
OPENING:	May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (Friday) 11am
DATE MAILED:	April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

	BID BOND	NO BID	LOW BID	NO RESP	AMOUNT
Cardinal Health 7000 Cardinal Place Dublin OH 43017 Doug Walker <a href="mailto:Doug.walker@cardinalhealth.com">Doug.walker@cardinalhealth.com</a> 205-454-6946	✓		✓		\$ 99,290
Alabama Health Care Equipment 900 Woodward Avenue Muscle Shoals AL 35661 256-381-5911				✓	—
HGA Home Medical Equipment 1111 S Raleigh Avenue Sheffield, AL 35660 256-367-0557				✓	—
A&E Medical 235 Azalea Drive, Suite 1 Florence AL 35630 256-764-6633				✓	—