

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 13th day of June, 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 Chairman Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Garner 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve Insolvents, Errors and Taxes in Litigation for 2021 and Uncollected Insolvents and Taxes for Previous Years. Lauderdale County Revenue Commissioner, Billy Hammock, submitted this information and the Commission approves the report attached hereto. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Report is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker 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-five thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

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 Garner to approve a resolution to authorize a donation of five thousand dollars to the Town of Waterloo for their upcoming Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride in September and five thousand dollars to the Town of Rogersville for their first annual Summer Fest to be held in July. These donations will be paid from tourism 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution to authorize an agreement with the State of Alabama through the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). The agreement is regarding intersection improvements and signal upgrades at Middle Road and Highway 72 in Florence and is officially entitled "Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction Agreement for a Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Project between the State of Alabama and the Lauderdale County Commission. Project No. ATRP2-39-2022-039 – CPMS Ref# 100074480, 100074997, & 100074998. The Commission approves this agreement 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to appoint the following members to the Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District Board: Margaret Forsythe, Tom Greene, Jim Blasingame, Brad Holmes and Danny Pettus. All appointments are effective immediately. Commissioner Holmes abstained from voting due to being appointed to the board. There being no discussion and upon a roll call vote taken as follows: Commissioner Garner – aye, Commissioner Hackworth – aye, Commissioner Parker – aye. - motion approved.

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

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 23, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2022

GENERAL-SPECIAL CK# 58965-59031 (Void #59015)	\$791,270.74
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CK# 3970-3973	\$322.55
LEPA FUND CK# 8786-8793	\$5,810.31
GASOLINE TAX FUND CK# 18217-18233	\$312,823.52
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# 734	\$8,928.45
REAPPRAISAL FUND CK# 12292-12300	\$32,795.38
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CK# N/A	\$0.00
TOURISM, REC & CONVENTION FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
RSVP FUND CK# 17947-17955	\$4,700.55
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CK# 1264	\$1,352.98
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# 1016-1017	\$39,975.00
SPECIAL GRANTS FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
ARPA REVENUE REDUCTION FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
CORONAVIRUS RESCUE ACT FUND CK# 1047-1048	\$1,134,550.00
CDBG FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CK# 8782-8800 (Void #8796)	\$264,431.10
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CK# 45669-45756	\$472,866.92
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CK# 4886-4899	\$8,383.20
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CK# 3149-3151	\$15,760.00
TVA TAX FUND CK# N/A	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$3,093,970.70

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period:

Chairman Pettus stated that there were more people signed up than are usually allowed to speak on one subject, but he would like to hear from all of them considering the subject matter regarding the existing ambulance service and the upcoming decision before the Commission on awarding the recent bid for the service going forward.

Terrance, of Brookston Road in Center Star, stated that 911 calls expect a response with advanced life support capabilities and Justin Bishop, of Gallatin Way in Florence, agreed with this expectation of the ambulance service in the community.

Steve Bevis, of Ridge Drive in Killen, spoke as part of the Center Star Volunteer Fire Department stating the current service with Shoals Ambulance struggles with staffing and lacking professionalism which puts all county citizens' lives in jeopardy and he would appreciate the Commission's diligence in making the best decision for the county.

Rhea Fulmer stated that, as a former Commissioner, she was here when the current contract with Shoals Ambulance was originally awarded. Ms. Fulmer stated that it is unfair to Lauderdale EMS and Lauderdale County to continue with the current provider and the Commission owes it to the citizens to choose the best service available and not be backed into a corner by the City of Florence and pleaded for the Commission to do what is right.

James Smith, of County Road 24 in Florence, stated that he moved to Lauderdale County in 1993 and is an EMT himself and described Shoals Ambulance as sub-par, at best. Mr. Smith described two personal incidents that he was closely involved with that relied upon on Shoals Ambulance and their service for medical response, treatment and transport. Mr. Smith detailed these situations that showed how response time, preparation and decision-making processes are severely lacking in priority and professionalism and something must change.

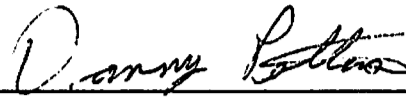
Morris Lentz, an EMT since 1989 and with the Rogersville Volunteer Fire Department, stated that his experience, being present at most calls county-wide, is that the current service is lacking and he only wants what is best for Lauderdale County.

Chapel King, of Bainbridge Road in Florence, stated that she knows the Commission is going to make the right decision as they consider what is best for the people that depend upon them to do the right thing.

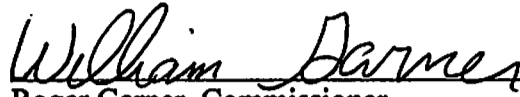
Chairman Pettus stated that he appreciated everyone's comments and would certainly keep all of them in mind as this important decision is being made in cooperation with the City of Florence in the coming days.

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

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 13th, 2022

A. OFFICIAL AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Chairman Pettus
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. Insolvents, Errors and Taxes for Previous Year 2021
4. Resolution—Grant Budget Amendment
5. Resolution—Waterloo and Rogersville Donations
6. Resolution—ATRIP II Middle Road
7. Board Appointments
8. 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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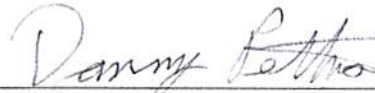
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department, with the City of Florence, submitted a 2021 ADEM Grant Application for the Lauderdale County Recycling Program; and

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-five thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

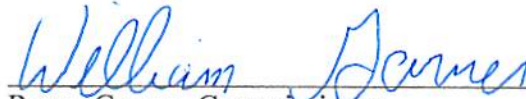
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a budget amendment is approved for the 2021 ADEM Grant Application with the City of Florence for the Lauderdale County Recycling Program.

Done this the 13th day of June, 2022.

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Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner

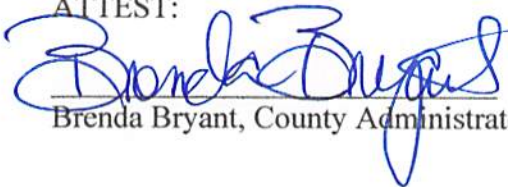


Brad Holmes, Commissioner

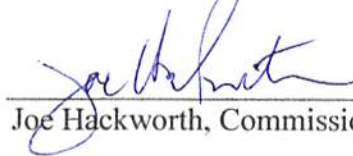


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WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Lauderdale County is vital to our economic stability and growth, contributing to employment, economic prosperity, international trade and relations, peace understanding and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, every citizen benefits 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; and

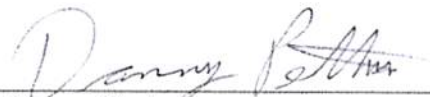
WHEREAS, the Town of Waterloo has requested five thousand dollars for the 2022 Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride scheduled for the third Saturday in September; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rogersville has requested five thousand dollars for the first annual Summer Fest to be held on July 9th, 2022.

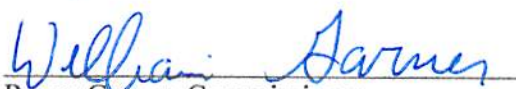
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission hereby sponsors the above-named events with a donation of five thousand dollars to the Town of Waterloo and five thousand dollars to the Town of Rogersville from the Tourism Fund and any budget amendment needed is hereby authorized and approved.

Done this the 13th day of June, 2022.

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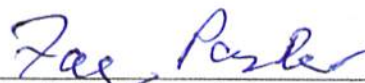
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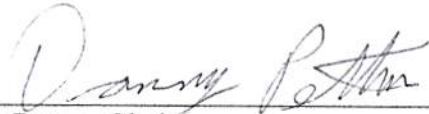
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission will enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama through the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) regarding intersection improvements and signal upgrades on County Road 61 (Middle Road) and Highway 72 in Florence; and

WHEREAS, this Project No. ATRP2-392022-039, CPMS Ref# 100074480, 100074997, & 100074998 is detailed in the attached agreement and resolution.

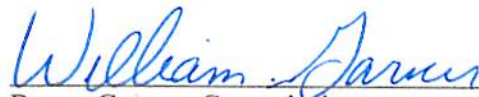
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission approves the Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction Agreement for an Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program II Project and any budget amendment needed for this project is herein approved.

Done this the 13th day of June, 2022.

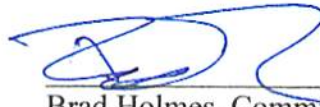
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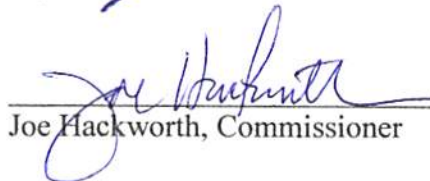


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