

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Danny Pettus. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Danny Pettus  | Chairman                 |
| Brad Black    | Commissioner, District 1 |
| Roger Garner  | Commissioner, District 1 |
| Fay Parker    | Commissioner, District 2 |
| Joe Hackworth | Commissioner, District 2 |

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, Danny Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Black 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth 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 Black to approve the resolution declaring the month of April, "Fair Housing Month". There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, the motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution designating the second week of April, "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week". There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the negotiated settlement of the tax refund case to be made in eight quarterly payments by Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the declaration of a State of Emergency from the storms, extremely high winds, tornadoes, flooding, and related causes that commenced on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Black to approve the AmeriCorps Seniors Grant for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution supporting the proposed Fire Protection Service Fee Legislative Act to help fund Florence City and Lauderdale County Volunteer Fire Departments, 911 operations, and Emergency Medical Services in Lauderdale County. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, the motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the resolution acknowledging that the Lauderdale County Commission is aware that SIDC is being petitioned for five million dollars on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission for the Workforce Development Center. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve replacing Loueva Patterson, who wishes to leave the RSVP board, with Christi Traugher. There is no time limit on this board appointment. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, this board appointment is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Bids for Bid No. LA 2023-1 "Various Print Jobs" were received, publicly opened and read aloud on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Pettus referred to County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant recommended that the Sheriff Search Warrant Return and Inventory Forms Bid be awarded to Harold Printers, and the Sheriff Property Receipt Books Bid go to Printers and Stationers. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Black to award the bid as recommended. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved.

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

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

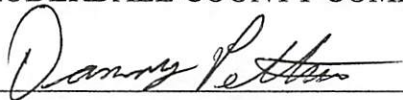
Staff Reports: None

Public Comment Period: None

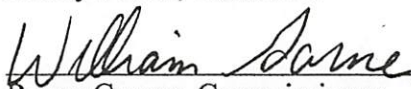
George Grabryan thanked the Lauderdale County Commission for recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Lauderdale County.

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.

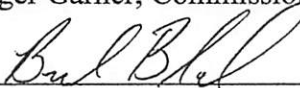
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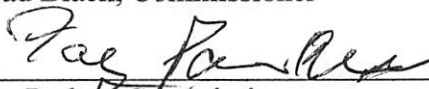
Danny Pettus, Chairman



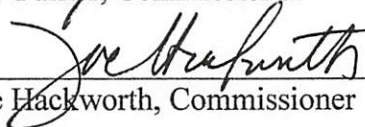
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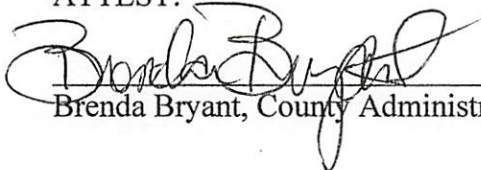


Fay Parker, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 10, 2023**

**A. OFFICIAL AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner Pettus
4. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
5. (a)PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Per Rules of Procedure there is a three-minute time limit

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Review and Motion to Consider Agenda Items
2. Approve minutes of last meeting
3. Resolution—Fair Housing Month
4. Resolution—911 Public Safety Week
5. Resolution—Lawsuit Settlement
6. Resolution—State of Emergency
7. Resolution—RSVP Grant Approval
8. Resolution—Legislature Support
9. Resolution—SEDA
10. Board Appointment
11. Print BIDLA2023-3
12. Audit and Approve Invoiced Bills

**B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – none**

**C. STAFF REPORTS**

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

**E. ADJOURN**

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**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized throughout the United States of America as Fair Housing Month; and

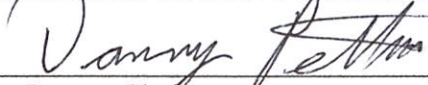
WHEREAS, TITLE VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, set forth a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability; and

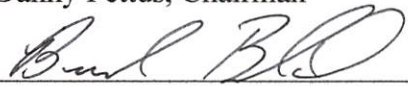
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission continues to affirmatively further fair housing for its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Lauderdale County Commission, does hereby proclaim April 2023, Fair Housing Month.

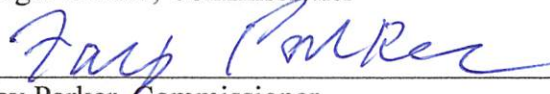
Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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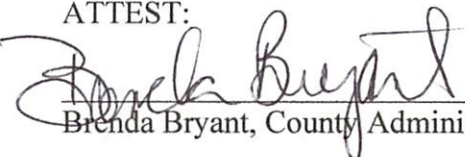
  
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**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators provide an essential service to Lauderdale County daily by being the first line of communication, providing moral support to each citizen in distress and dispatching emergency responders to their calls for assistance; and

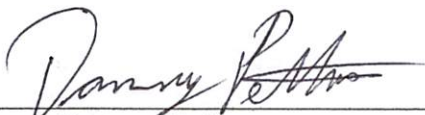
WHEREAS, our citizens greatly benefit from these vital individuals, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, and who have come to depend upon, the skill and expertise, of these highly trained and devoted professionals who consistently engage in decisions concerning the safety of life and property in Lauderdale County; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators take great pride and responsibility to provide a lifeline to the emergency responders in the field; law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel as they provide assistance to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the second week of April is designated as “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”, honoring telecommunication professionals who provide 9-1-1 emergency assistance to citizens everywhere; and recognize the value of these essential individuals who serve Lauderdale County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lauderdale County Commission does hereby declare the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.


Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

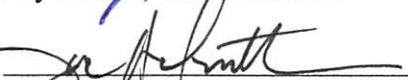
  
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**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission, by and through legal counsel, has negotiated settlement of the tax refund case brought by RCHP-Florence, LLC d/b/a North Alabama Medical Center in the tax tribunal of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of this matter is in the best interest of Lauderdale County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;

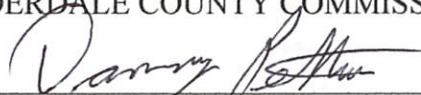
A. The settlement of this tax tribunal case is hereby approved. See the copy of the settlement attached and made a part of this resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;


B. The eight quarterly payments referenced in the settlement shall be made by Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission pursuant to said settlement agreement.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

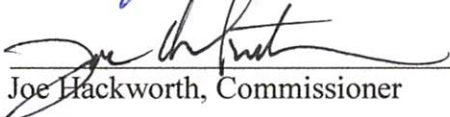
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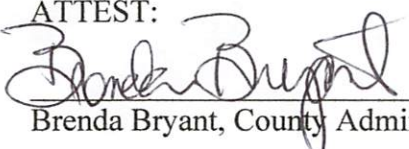
  
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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission is empowered by the Code of Alabama, 1975, section 31-9-1 thru 31-9-24 to declare the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission has been requested by the Emergency Management Director to declare the existence of a local emergency therein; and

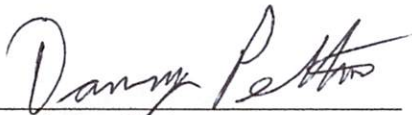
WHEREAS, said County Commission does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of person and property have arisen within Lauderdale County, caused by storms, extremely high winds, tornadoes, flooding and related causes, commencing on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March and that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the declaration of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a local emergency now exists throughout said Lauderdale County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law and resolutions of the County.

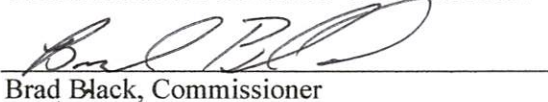
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said state of emergency shall be deemed to exist for ninety days or until its termination is declared by the County Commission of Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



Danny Pettus, Chairman

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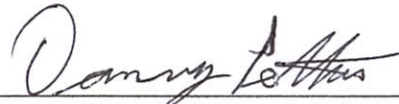
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission that the AmeriCorps Seniors Grant for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the year April 01, 2023 - March 31, 2024 is herein accepted and the grant agreement approved.

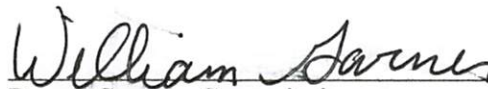
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant funding is to be used as specified and within the timeframe allowed in the grant agreement for a grant total of fifty thousand dollars and any budget amendment necessary is herein approved.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

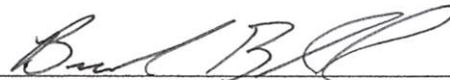
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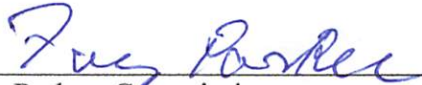
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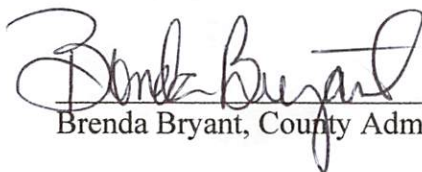


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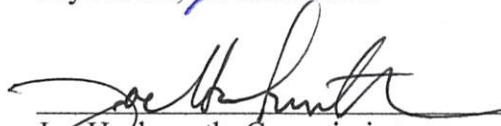


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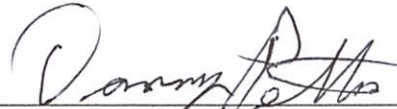
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission would like to show support to the State of Alabama Legislature for the proposed Fire Protection Service Fee Act. This Act will charge a ten-dollar monthly fee levied on all Florence Utilities customers in Lauderdale County that would be submitted to voters by referendum. This has been proposed to help fund Florence City and Lauderdale County Volunteer fire departments, 911 operations, and emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission is hereby supportive of the initiative to draft enabling legislation that would allow such a referendum in Lauderdale County. The Lauderdale County Commission will review any such draft legislation, and if the final draft is acceptable to the Lauderdale County Commission, initiate a vote, approving the submission of the proposed legislation to the Alabama Legislature for its consideration.

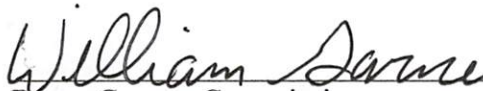
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission supports the proposed Fire Protection Service Fee Act to help fund Florence City and Lauderdale County Volunteer fire departments, 911 operations, and emergency medical services in Lauderdale County.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

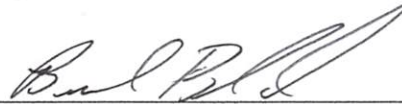
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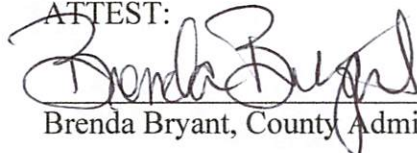


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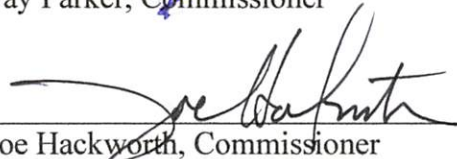


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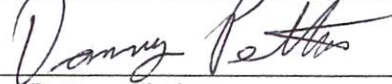
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Lauderdale County Commission is aware that SIDC is being petitioned for five million dollars on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission for the Workforce Development Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lauderdale County Commission is aware that the application is being resent.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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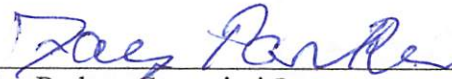
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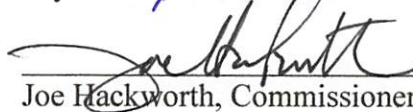
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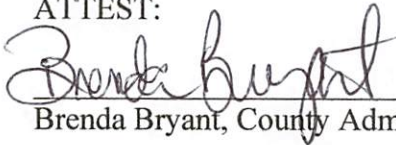


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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY CHECKS ISSUED :**  
**March 27, 2023 to April 9, 2023**

|                 |                                      |             |                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 .             | General-Special                      | 60151-60190 | 684,086.29          |
| 2 .             | Agri-Business Fund                   | 4025-4026   | 183.98              |
| 3 .             | Pistol Permit Revenue Reduction Fund | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 4 .             | Opioid Settlement Fund               | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 5 .             | LEPA Fund                            | 8952-8959   | 6,109.72            |
| 6 .             | Gasoline Tax Fund                    | 18538-18549 | 371,733.71          |
| 7 .             | Public Bldg., R & B Special          | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 8 .             | Public Highway & Traffic Fund        | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 9 .             | Al. Trust Capital Improvement Fund   | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 10 .            | RRR Gasoline Tax Fund                | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 11 .            | Reappraisal Fund                     | 12495-12504 | 31,480.17           |
| 12              | Reappraisal Money Market             | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 13 .            | Tourism, Rec. & Convention Fund      | 606         | 399.00              |
| 14 .            | RSVP Fund                            | 18105-18110 | 2,446.67            |
| 15 .            | Child Protection Fund                | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 16 .            | Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Fund         | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 17 .            | Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax Fund      | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 18 .            | Federal Aid Exchange Fund            | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 19 .            | Workplace Development Center Fund    | 1040-1041   | 62,450.00           |
| 20 .            | Special Grants Fund                  | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 21 .            | ARPA Revenue Reduction Fund          | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 22 .            | Coronavirus Rescue Act Fund          | 1067-1068   | 22,164.68           |
| 23 .            | CDBG Fund                            | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 24 .            | Solid Waste Fund                     | 9098-9110   | 184,777.51          |
| 25 .            | Account Payable Fund                 | 46848-46901 | 314,370.75          |
| 26 .            | Fire Protection Fee Fund             | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 27 .            | Industrial Development Tax Fund      | N/A         | 0.00                |
| 28 .            | Tobacco Tax Fund                     | 3169-3171   | 8,100.00            |
| 29 .            | TVA Tax Fund                         | 6376-6388   | 436,298.62          |
| <b>TOTAL \$</b> |                                      |             | <b>2,124,601.10</b> |