

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Government Building in the City of Florence, Alabama, at 5:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Danny Pettus. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Danny Pettus	Chairman
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Brad Black	Commissioner, District 1
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
Todd Nix	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 Commissioner, Joe Hackworth.

Award/Presentations: Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer recognized Mike Dowdy from the Road Department for having thirty-three years of service as a pit operator. Mr. Hill values Mr. Dowdy's years of service, and was glad to be able and honor him at the meeting. Unfortunately, Mr. Dowdy was unable to attend the meeting, but the Road Department will be presenting him with a plaque to recognize him for this accomplishment.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Hackworth 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 was unanimously approved. Agenda is herein recorded, and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Nix moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission be approved for recording. There being no discussion, and upon vote taken, motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve moving forward on beginning the vacation process on a piece of property owned by Lonell Plyler. 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Nix to approve an out of state travel request submitted for Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill to travel to the National Association of County Engineers Conference on April 14<sup>th</sup>-April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 Nix moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve sponsoring the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony by purchasing an ad for the program, and a table for the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ceremony for a combined total of nine hundred dollars from the Tourism Fund. Commissioner Black abstained from voting, and Administrator, Brenda Bryant said a roll call vote was required:

Commissioner Garner: Yay

Commissioner Nix: Yay

Commissioner Hackworth: Yay

Upon a roll call vote being taken, motion was approved. This Resolution is herein recorded, and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to support the Keep the Shoals Beautiful program with two thousand five hundred 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Black approving a budget amendment to hire Community Consultants, Terry Acuff as a grant writer for a Workforce Development Center grant. 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 Nix moved, seconded by Commissioner Black to approve applying jointly with Shoals Economic Development Authority for a grant to use for the Workforce Development Center project. There being no further discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. This board recommendation is made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to appoint Keely Law to serve on the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board of Directors. This appointment expiration will be September 30, 2026. There being no further discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. This board reappointment is made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Black to reappoint Tommy Wallace to the Greenhill Water and Fire Protection Board. Mr. Wallace's new term expiration date is March 1, 2031. There being no further discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. This board appointment is made a part of these minutes.

Bids for LA 2025-1 "Various Print Jobs" were opened on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Chairman, Danny Pettus referred to County Administrator, Brenda Bryant for her recommendations. Ms. Bryant recommended that the window envelopes for the License Department go to Herald Printing. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Black to approve. There being no further discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion was unanimously approved. Bid is herein recorded, and made a part of these minutes

All invoiced bills were audited and ordered to be paid by a motion made by Commissioner Hackworth seconded by Commissioner Garner. Upon a vote take, motion was unanimously approved. Motion is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY CHECKS ISSUED :**  
**January 27, 2025 - February 9, 2025**

1	General-Special	62862-62923	1,166,016.00
2	Agri-Business Fund	4155	133.81
3	Pistol Permit Revenue Reduction Fund	N/A	0.00
4	Opioid Settlement Fund	1074-1080	4,952.38
5	LEPA Fund	9307-9313	5,158.69
6	Gasoline Tax Fund	19194-19205	404,182.17
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	12967-12977	46,458.14
12	Tourism, Rec. & Convention Fund	648	276.00
13	RSVP Fund	18477-18483	2,982.16
14	Child Protection Fund	N/A	0.00
15	Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Fund	N/A	0.00
16	Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax Fund	N/A	0.00
17	Federal Aid Exchange Fund	N/A	0.00
18	Workforce Development Center Fund	1130-1133	2,297,334.82
19	Special Grants Fund	N/A	0.00
20	ARPA Revenue Reduction Fund	N/A	0.00
21	Coronavirus Rescue Act Fund	N/A	0.00
22	CDBG Fund	N/A	0.00
23	Solid Waste Fund	9776-9790	301,094.18
24	Account Payable Fund	49563-49614	262,386.68
25	Fire Protection Fee Fund	N/A	0.00
26	Industrial Development Tax Fund	N/A	0.00
27	Tobacco Tax Fund	3214	5,772.00
28	TVA Tax Fund	N/A	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 4,496,747.03</b>

David Carson, Florence, Alabama suggested again that the County Commission livestream the meeting. Mr. Carson said he would continue to suggest this to the Commission because he feels it is a vital service for the public. Mr. Carson also brought up transparency with the Commission.

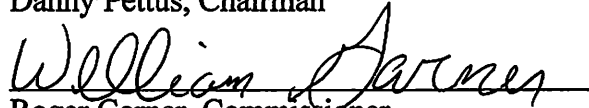
Chairman, Danny Pettus welcomed Brooke Slatton, the future Lauderdale County Administrator. This was the first meeting Brooke had attended. She will take over as County Administrator on Monday, March 3, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Black, the meeting was duly adjourned.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION



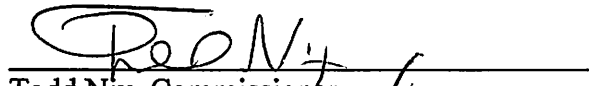
Danny Pettus, Chairman



Roger Garner, Commissioner



Brad Black, Commissioner

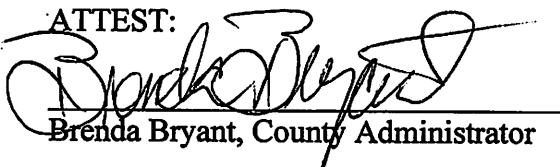


Todd Nix, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**February 10, 2025**

**A. OFFICIAL AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner, Joe Hackworth
4. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS-Road Department
5. 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—Vacation Process**  
The Lauderdale County Commission will vote on beginning the vacation process on some property.
4. **Resolution—Out of State Travel Request**  
The Commission will vote on out of state travel for one Road Department employee.
5. **Resolution—Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame**  
The Commission will make a decision on sponsoring the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony.
6. **Resolution—Keep the Shoals Beautiful**  
The Commission will vote on contributing to the Keep the Shoals Beautiful program.
7. **Resolution—Grant Writer**  
The Commissioners will vote on a budget amendment to hire a grant writer for a grant for the Workforce Development Center project.
8. **Resolution—Joint Grant with SEDA**  
The Commission will decide on applying for a joint grant with SEDA for the Workforce Development Center project.

**9. Board Appointments—Greenhill Water and Fire, Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board of Directors**

**10. Bid LA 2025-1 “Various Print Bids”**

**11. 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 Lauderdale County Commission accepts going forward with the process of vacation for:

LOT 3-5, Block 2, Clover Hill Subdivision, according to the map and plat thereof recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Lauderdale County, Alabama at Plat Book 3 Page 76

WHEREAS this is documented in a Petition and Declaration of Vacation signed by the landowner, Lonell Plyler; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lauderdale County Commission approves beginning this process of vacation with all appropriate paperwork being in order, and attached to this resolution.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

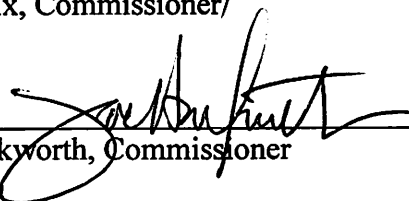
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Danny Pettus, Chairman

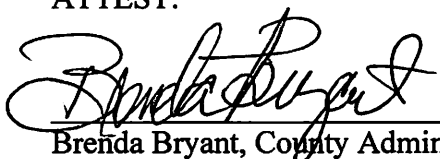
  
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Roger Garner, Commissioner

  
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Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

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**PETITION TO VACATE UTILITY EASEMENT**

WHEREAS, Lonell Plyler (the "Petitioner") is the owner of certain real property within Lauderdale County, Alabama, with said property being more particularly described as (the "Real Property"):

LOT 3-5, Block 2, Clover Hill Subdivision, according to the map and plat thereof recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Lauderdale County, Alabama at Plat Book 3 Page 76;

WHEREAS, the Petitioner wishes to construct a residence on the Real Property;

WHEREAS, the Petitioner is desirous of vacating a utility easement running east to west across a portion of the Real Property;

WHEREAS, the desired vacation will not deprive any other property owner of any benefit that would otherwise exist without the utility easement across the Real Property;

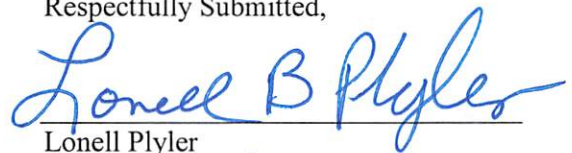
WHEREAS, to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge, information and belief, there are no facilities or equipment, aerial or buried within the utility easement proposed to be vacated;

WHEREAS, the Petitioner seeks and requests assent to the vacation by the Lauderdale County Commission and that this assent be evidenced by a resolution duly adopted by the Lauderdale County Commission and certified by the appropriate County official;

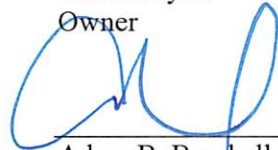
NOW, THEREFORE, the Petitioner requests that the Lauderdale County Commission set a hearing for the vacation of said utility easement and that proper notice of this proposed vacation be given.

DATED this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lonell Plyler  
Owner



Adam B. Burchell  
Attorney for Petitioner  
1847 North Wood Avenue  
Florence, Alabama 35630  
(256) 766-3131



STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE

I, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Lonell Plyler whose name is signed to the foregoing and who is known to me, who being first duly sworn on oath, acknowledged before me on this day, that the statements contained herein are true and correct and (s)he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

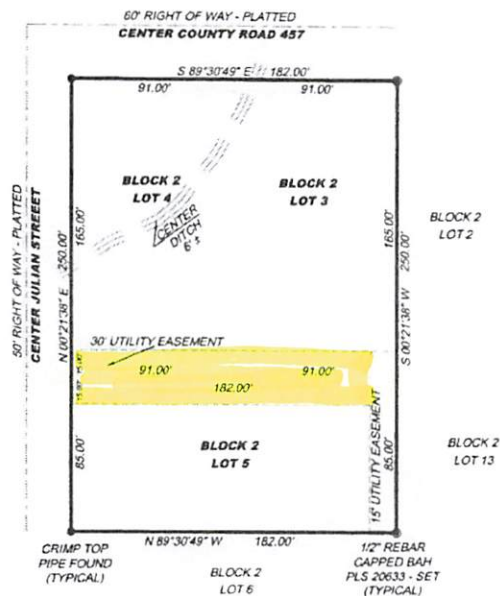
*Keri Runag*

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 05/05/2025



**PLAT OF BOUNDARY SURVEY & PLOT PLAN FOR QUILLEN CONTRACTING COMPANY, LLC  
LOTS 3 THRU 5, BLOCK 2, CLOVER HILLS SUBDIVISION  
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA**



STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE

I, BERT A. HAYS, A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR IN SAID STATE AND COUNTY, CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT MAP OR PLAT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO-WIT: LOTS 3 THRU 5, BLOCK 2, "CLOVER HILLS SUBDIVISION", A SUBDIVISION IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE IN SAID LAUDERDALE COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 76.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PARTS OF THIS SURVEY AND DRAWING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

ACCORDING TO MY SURVEY THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2024.



*Bert A. Hays*  
BERT A. HAYS, SURVEYOR  
LS# 20633, 05/31/2024

SCALE: 1"=60 FEET  
0 30 60 120  
GRID NORTH

NORTH BASED ON NAD 1983 DATUM  
ALABAMA WEST COORDINATE SYSTEM  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION:  
PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 76  
DEED BOOK 926, PAGE 554  
TYPE OF SURVEY: RETRACEMENT & PLOT PLAN  
CLASS OF SURVEY: SUBURBAN  
UNADJUSTED RELATIVE ERROR OF CLOSURE IS LESS THAN 1 IN 7,500

**HAYS SURVEYING**

**BERT A. HAYS, PLS**  
1903 EAST 17TH STREET  
SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA 35660  
PHONE: (256) 383-2228

FIELD WORK COMPLETE: 05/31/2024

SCALE: 1"=60'	DATE: 05/31/2024
DRAWN: B.A.H.	DRAWING NAME: 24-094
CHECKED: T.T.	REVISED:

Western 167 Feet of the above east to west easement

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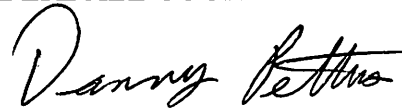
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Road Department would like to request out of state travel approval for County Engineer, Eric Hill to Schaumburg, Illinois April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the National Association of County Engineers Conference; and

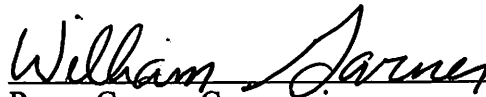
BE IT RESOLVED, the Lauderdale County Commission approves the Lauderdale County Road Departments travel requests Schaumburg, Illinois.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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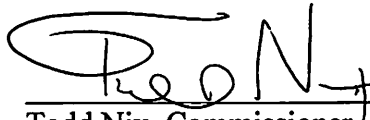
Danny Pettus, Chairman



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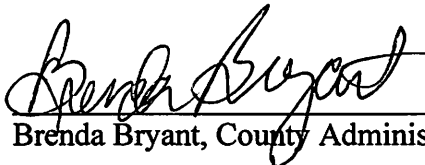


Brad Black, Commissioner



Todd Nix, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission understands how important student activities are for our local high school and college students, and being honored for achievements made when they have worked so diligently is a huge honor for these former students and coaches; and

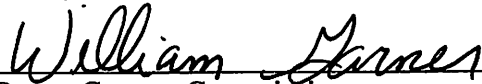
WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame does a phenomenal job honoring former athletes and coaches from Lauderdale County schools at a yearly banquet and induction ceremony at the Florence/Marriott Conference Center; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lauderdale County Commission hereby supports the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony by purchasing an ad in the program and a table for the banquet on March 15, 2025 for nine hundred dollars. This will be taken from the Tourism Fund, and any budget amendment needed is approved.

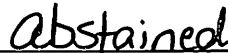
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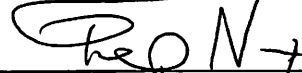
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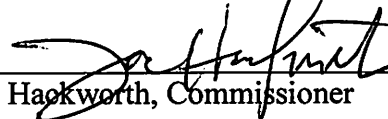
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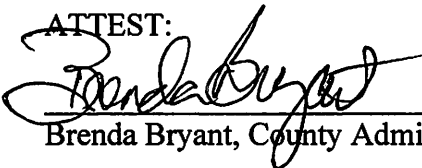


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ATTEST:



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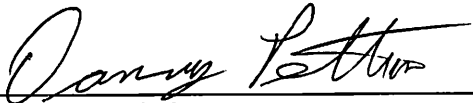
WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Lauderdale County is vital to our economic stability and growth, contributing to employment, economic prosperity, peace, understanding and goodwill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lauderdale County Commission hereby supports Keep the Shoals Beautiful with a donation of \$2,500.00 which will be paid from the ~~Tourism~~ Fund and any budget amendment needed is hereby authorized and approved.

General 

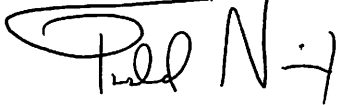
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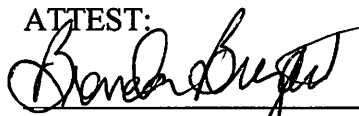
  
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Danny Pettus, Chairman

  
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Todd Nix, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

  
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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Lauderdale County Commission approves hiring grant writer, Terry Acuff from Community Consultants to fill out a grant application for the Workforce Development Center project. An agreement between the Lauderdale County Commission and Terry Acuff will be attached to this resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any budget amendment needed to hire Community Consultants, Terry Acuff as Grant Writer for a grant for the Workforce Development Center be approved.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

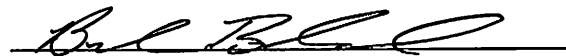
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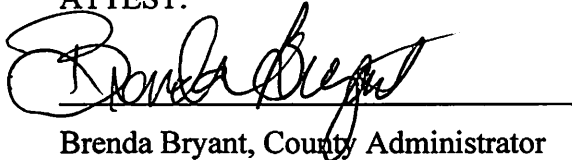


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ATTEST:



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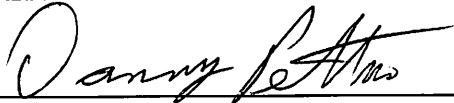
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lauderdale County Commission approves applying for a joint grant with Shoals Economic Development Authority for the Workforce Development Center project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lauderdale County Commission agrees to apply for this joint grant for the Workforce Development Center.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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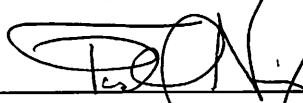
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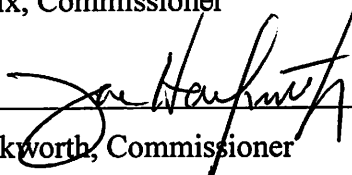
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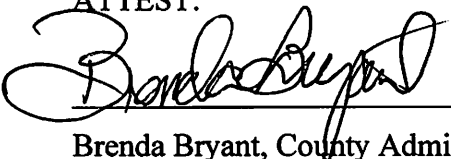


Todd Nix, Commissioner



Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Brenda Bryant, County Administrator

**General Instructions**

Please answer all questions completely and accurately and, where appropriate, provide a concise narrative statement for each question. Applications from private entities should be accompanied by a letter of request signed by the chairman or president of the company or organization making application confirming the request and accuracy of the information found therein. Applications from public bodies should be accompanied by a signed copy of the organization's minutes or certified resolution confirming the request, the accuracy of the information found therein, and acceptance of the financial obligations associated with any award.

**A.) Contact Information**

- 1.) Name of Applicant: The Lauderdale County Commission & The Shoals EDA 2.) NAICS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Name of Applicant Contact Person: Roger Garner and Kevin Jackson
- 4.) Address: 20 Hightower Place City: Florence State: AL Zip: 35630 County: Lauderdale
- 5.) Telephone: 256-349-5632 6.) E-mail: wgarner@una.edu and kjackson@shoalseda.com
- 7.) Applicant is considered by the Internal Revenue Service to be a (check one):
- ☐ Private for Profit ☐ Public Organization
- ☐ Private non-Profit ☒ Governmental Body

**B.) Project Summary**

Provide a detailed description of the project for which SEDF funds will be utilized including project location, employment ramp-up timelines, and the general impact the project is expected to make in the Shoals area. Your description shall also include a detailed explanation of how SEDF funds will be utilized and identify all public and private entities that benefit directly from the project.

The Lauderdale County Workforce Training Center ("LCWTC") will be the premier workforce training solution for citizens, businesses, & industry in Northwest Alabama. The LCWTC will initially offer students courses/certificates in welding, mechatronics, aircraft maintenance, power generation system maintenance, machine tool technology. Equipment for aircraft maintenance/MRO will be donated by FedEx; equipment for power generation system maintenance will be donated by TVA. This SEDF request is to provide funds for the remaining equipment to be placed in the LCWTC. \$1 million will be provided by ADECA; \$1 million will be provided by the SEDF; and, any remaining costs will be covered by the Lauderdale County Commission. Attached is a "white paper" describing the LCWTC, along with a list of equipment to be purchased and ADECA's commitment letter.

- 1.) Total Capital Investment of Project: \$2,012,284
- 2.) Total Cost of SEDF Related Project: \$2,012,284
- 3.) Amount of SEDF Funds Requested: \$1,000,000
- 4.) Date Project is Expected to Begin: July 1, 2025
- 5.) Date Project is Expected to be Completed: January 1, 2026
- 6.) Current Employment at Project Site: \_\_\_\_\_

**C.) Direct Jobs**

Provide the number, type, wage scale and expected hiring pattern for employment growth created by the project. (Add lines or attach a separate page for larger projects)

Job Classification	# of Jobs Created	Created by (date)	Beginning Wage/ Salary (\$)
Electrical Vehicle, Aviation, and Power Generation Training			



Job Classification	# of Jobs Created	Created by (date)	Beginning Wage/ Salary (\$)

- D.) Provide a detailed description of sources and uses of all project funds including the timeline for requested disbursement of SEDF funds.**

\$1 million will be provided by ADECA; \$1 million will be provided by the SEDF; and, any remaining costs will be covered by the Lauderdale County Commission.

- E.) SEDF funds must be used for the purposes as defined by this and other related documents. Explain how the applicant will track the stated outcomes and report project progress to SEDA/SIDC.**

The Lauderdale County Commission will be the applicant for the ADECA grant and will provide tracking and approve and pay invoices associated with the equipment purchase for the LCWTC. A Request for Payment with invoices and proof of payment will be submitted to SIDC for matching funds.

- F.) If the SEDF assistance is used to develop or improve an industrial park, identify the owner(s) of the park, available acreage, and estimate the number of acres benefiting from the proposed investment.**

This application is for the LCWTC.

- G.) Discuss plans for the sale or lease of any real property or project facility to be acquired or improved with SEDF investment assistance.**

Nothing will be sold or leased.

- H.) Generally describe the property's environmental, historical, and geotechnical status and attach all supporting documentation.**

The property has no historical status. Construction is in progress at the site.

The information provided in the foregoing document is true and correct. It is understood that the funds provided by the SEDF are subject to public audit. I am prepared to provide the documentation necessary to support the fact that SEDF funds have been expended in a proper manner as defined by this document and related State of Alabama legislation and code.

Lauderdale County Commission

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Danny Pottier

Signature of Chairman

Chairman

Title

2/7/25

Date

Shoals Economic Development Authority

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]

Signature of President

President

Title

2/4/25

Date

- Date Completed Application Submitted to SEDA for Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date & Action Taken By SEDA Executive Committee: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date & Action Taken By SEDA Board: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date & Action Taken By SIDC: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
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**KENNETH W. BOSWELL**  
DIRECTOR

December 3, 2024

The Honorable Danny Pettus  
Chairman of the Lauderdale County Commission  
102 South Court Street  
Florence, Alabama 35630

Dear Chairman Pettus:

RE: Lauderdale County Commission  
Lauderdale County Workforce Training Center (LCWTC)

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will be pleased to support the Lauderdale County Commission in its efforts to offer students courses/certificates in welding, mechatronics, aircraft maintenance, power generation system maintenance, machine tool technology, as well as the development of leadership and soft skills at the Lauderdale County Workforce Training Center.

Our support will be in the form of an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant utilizing Southern Appalachian Automotive and Aviation Workforce (SAAW) funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 toward the project for equipment/curriculum costs. The grant will be contingent upon the availability of funds and the final approval of the grant by the ARC. The commitment is further subject to ADECA's receipt of an ARC grant application within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter. If the commission is unable to submit the grant application to ADECA within that specified time, the commission may submit to ADECA – at least ten (10) days prior to that 90th day – a written request for an extension of ADECA's commitment on this project.

If we can be of further assistance, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Boswell".

Kenneth W. Boswell  
Director

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# LAUDERDALE COUNTY WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

## MISSION

The Lauderdale County Workforce Training Center (LCWTC) will be the premier workforce training solution for citizens, businesses, and industry in Northwest Alabama through a partnership with the Lauderdale County Commission, The University of North Alabama, Northwest Shoals Community College, TVA, and area high schools.

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## SKILLS

The LCWTC will initially offer students courses/certificates in welding, mechatronics, aircraft maintenance, power generation system maintenance, machine tool technology, as well as the development of leadership and soft skills.

## TRAINING

### WELDING

Students will have the opportunity to train in the high-demand disciplines of traditional, orbital, and robotic welding.

### MECHATRONICS

This discipline, which is a more advanced industrial maintenance, will be one of the most important taught at the center. The graduate will be able to maintain the sensitive equipment for advanced manufacturing, such as automotive. This course will also implement elements of electric vehicle production and charger maintenance.

### AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/MRO

Our program will initially focus on the powerplant portion of aircraft maintenance through a partnership with FedEx. As the center grows we will work to get into some of the aspects of airframe repair.

### POWER GENERATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

This will be one of the more unique and special aspects of the center. Through a partnership with TVA and support from Alabama power, the LCWTC will become the only training provider in Alabama and the Southeast to provide instruction and certification for turbine maintenance for natural gas and steam power generation.

### MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

Advanced machining and tool/dye repair are integral services to the advanced manufacturing and automotive industries. Those disciplines will be offered at the LCWTC to serve many North Alabama clients.

## PARTNERSHIPS

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA, NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS, TVA, ALABAMA POWER, FEDEX, SHOALS EDA

**WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER  
EQUIPMENT**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Cost</u>
15	ACDC Portable Training System	7445	\$ 111,675
15	Allen Bradley Portable PLC/ HMI training system, B5 with studio 5000 and Factory talk	22450	\$ 336,750
1	Double sided Industrial Motor Control trainer		\$ 62,138
1	Instrumentation trainer with flow level and temp		\$ 285,000
1	8 station Allen Bradley Mechatronics Trainer, robot		\$ 415,000
15	Aluminum Welder	24114.74	\$ 361,721
16	Tool Sets	15000	\$ 240,000
4	Robotic cells ABB and Fanuc	50000	\$ <u>200,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,012,284</b>