

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 26th day of January, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale Commission, Dewey D. Mitchell. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Chairman of Commission
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Danny Pettus	Commissioner, District 1
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
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Chairman Mitchell, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Joe Hackworth.

Awards and Presentations:

Chairman Mitchell recognized Lelia Wissert of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Office of Northwest Alabama. Ms. Wissert is retiring after thirty-five years of loyal service to the Cooperative Extension Office. The Lauderdale County Commission presented Ms. Wissert with a Certificate of Achievement Award. Ms. Wissert stated that she had enjoyed the support she received from the Lauderdale County commissioners and explained how the office had grown to fourteen employees. Ms. Wissert stated that the extension building was centrally located for easy access and that the community garden bed program that was started last year was very successful. Commissioner Parker stated he appreciated the work that Ms. Wissert had done and the garden program was great.

Commissioner Parker asked to include two resolutions, both being for the Ginesis Water Project. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that the two resolutions be added to the regular business agenda. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The two amended resolutions are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that all items listed on the amended 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 Pettus 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing a one year option on a renewal contract on the existing agreement between Southern Health Partners and the Lauderdale County Commission. The renewal option is at the original terms and conditions of the original agreement, for a monthly amount of twenty-five thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars and once cent. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement letter are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing the approval of a lunch with the Alabama State Legislators for our county to discuss local economic development issues. The cost of the luncheon being one hundred seventy eight dollars. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that authorizes the advertisement in the Progress Magazine of the Times Daily for the amount of twelve hundred and ninety-eight dollars. This magazine is put into all local hotel rooms to promote Lauderdale County Tourism. 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 that authorizes a county-wide agreement executed between the State and County for resurfacing projects on County Road 11 from AL 157 to County Road 8, and on County Road 51 from County Road 92 to County Road 76. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of road maps is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. LA 2015-3 "New Cab and Chassis with 25 Yard Rear Loader-Packer." Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on January 12, 2015. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for commissioner's review. Chairman Mitchell referred to Robert Bevis, Solid Waste Department Head, to give the recommendations. Mr. Bevis stated that there were two bids and he recommended that the bid be awarded to Neely Coble Company of Decatur, Alabama. The quote includes a trade-in of twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars. The bid is for one hundred seventy two thousand four hundred and fourteen dollars. Mr. Bevis stated that this bid was below the budget. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. A copy of the bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that the recommendation from the City Council of Florence, Alabama for the reappointment of Herman Graham to the Lauderdale County 911 Board be approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, appointment unanimously approved. Appointment is approved and is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Chairman Mitchell stated that the two added resolutions are for a water project with the first resolution being in the amount of fifty thousand dollars and the second being in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand dollars. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve two resolutions that are connected with the Ginesis Water Project. The first resolution is authorizing and approving Lauderdale County Commission to apply for Economic Development Administration funds for the purpose of providing needed infrastructure improvements to assist Ginesis Products. The amount of fifty thousand dollars will be provided by

RC&D upon approval of the application submitted by the Lauderdale County Commission. The second resolution is authorizing and approving the application to the State of Alabama's CDBG Economic Development fund in the amount of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Commissioner Parker stated that this is a step forward and these grants will be a big help to the community but that there are still issues going forward. Commissioner Parker stated that Jeff Hester, the plant owner of Ginesis Products, has been a big help to the community. Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney, stated that the reason that these two resolutions were not on the regular business agenda was that the public hearing for the grants was not scheduled until January 22, 2015, which was after the regular business agenda had been sent out. There being no further discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Both resolutions are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered to be paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Pettus. After a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JANUARY 12, 2015 THROUGH JANUARY 25, 2015

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 48917-48965	572,781.62
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3366 & 3367	193.12
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7340-7347	5,158.99
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15477-15491	299,795.55
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL CHECK # N/A	0.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 292 & 293	137,471.07
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 600	17,513.58
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10408-10424 (VOID #10409-10413)	32,840.70
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16472-16479	2,717.45
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00

CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 5987-6000	165,465.76
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 35858-35893	130,820.54
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5164-5175	906,464.04
TOTAL	2,271,222.42

Scheduled Public Hearings: Jenifer House

Chairman Mitchell stated that Andrew Spry, the attorney representing the owners of the Jenifer House Property, was in attendance of the meeting and could answer any questions. Chairman Mitchell asked Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer, if he had cleared this project for the road department and Mr. Hill stated that he had cleared the right of way. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Spry if this vacation impacted the State Highway in any way. Mr. Spry stated that it did not and he added that this vacation did not impact the state or federal highway. Chairman Mitchell asked if there were any statements or oppositions to the vacations and none were stated. Due to the lack of opposition, the vacation process moved forward. Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the resolution authorizing the vacation of the Jenifer House Roadway. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comments:

Kelli Gaputis of Killen, Alabama stated that she was the Chairman of the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board and she wanted to give the commissioners a copy of the 2013 Audit for the Tourism Board and that it was a clean audit and that there were no issues, such as missing money or missed appropriations. Ms. Gaputis stated that any problems with the audit were board issues and not staff issues. Ms. Gaputis state that the tourism staff had been keeping the money in line and that she wanted to publically thank Debbie Wilson for her twenty years of service at the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office. A copy of the Tourism Board's 2013 Audit is attached and made part of these minutes.

Rick Singleton, Sheriff of Lauderdale County, introduced the new Jail administrator Jason Butler.

Commissioner Garner stated that he wished Ms. Wilson the best. Commissioner Parker stated that he felt Ms. Wilson had done a great job and that the county will miss her and thanked her for her twenty years of service. Chairman Mitchell stated that he wished Ms. Wilson the best in all of her future endeavors and he was sure that she would be beneficial to the State of Alabama in her new position. Chairman Mitchell stated that Alison Stanfield, who also works for the Tourism Board, does a good job also.

There being no further business to come before the commission, and upon a motion made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

Dewey D. Mitchell
Chairman

Danny Pettus, Commissioner
District 1

Roger Garner, Commissioner
District 1

Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner
District 2

Brenda Bryant, Administrator