

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 9th day of February, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale County 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 Roger Garner.

Awards and Presentations: none

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Rick Singleton, Lauderdale County Sheriff, stated that he was informed about the miscalculation at a previous meeting and that the County was only able to find the funding for five SUV's instead of the six that were discussed. Sheriff Singleton stated that he was willing to work in good faith with the County Commission but that the Sheriff's Department needed eight vehicles to maintain a fleet rotation program. Sheriff Singleton stated that since 1973 there had not been a change in the uniform allowance to the Sheriff's Department and that they only received seventy five dollars every quarter of the year.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus 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 Pettus 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 unanimously approved.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the general and special ad valorem taxes of the County for the 2015 tax year which began on October 1, 2014. This levy shall be in place for each subsequent tax year until and unless altered by the County Commission, pursuant to a change in the tax rate by general law. The millage rate is ten point five mills for general taxes and eighteen mills for total county school, for a grand total of twenty eight point five mills. John Hargett of Florence, Alabama, asked if these were new taxes. Chairman Mitchell stated that these were taxes levied every year and there were no new taxes. There being no further 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 Pettus that a resolution be adopted authorizing the approval of a grant agreement between the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency and the State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of six thousand dollars for maintenance of the Regional Vehicle. This grant number 4ICL ends on December 31, 2015. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and grant agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus to approve a resolution that authorizes a budget amendment for the purchase of five SUV's and one passenger van for the Sheriff's Department. The additional expense of the vehicles over what was budgeted is fifty-five thousand dollars, and the cost of the equipment needed to equip the vehicle is seven thousand dollars. The amendments are being funded out of the Sheriff's Department and Jail salaries, with the exception of one thousand, three hundred and thirty four dollars, which will come from the General Fund balance reserves. Commissioner Garner stated that he appreciated Sheriff Singleton working with the County Commission on this and he was committed to making sure the Sheriff got what he needed. Commissioner Pettus stated that he was committed to working with the Sheriff on the age of the fleet. Commissioner Parker stated that he was disappointed that the Commission did not go with what was discussed at the work session. Commissioner Parker invited Sheriff Singleton to be present during budget discussions and he would work toward a replacement program of every five years. Commissioner Hackworth stated that the County Commission is supporting the Sheriff's Department and public safety. Chairman Mitchell stated that because of a legal dispute on the Alabama State bid, the passenger van will have to be bid out. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendments are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that authorizes Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer, to enter into a contract with Roadside Consulting of Birmingham, Alabama, for necessary consulting services regarding

vegetation control for Lauderdale County Roads. The cost of the one year contract is fourteen thousand dollars. Commissioner Parker stated that hopefully this program would benefit the county in regards to how many times the roadsides will need to be cut and he thought this program was a great idea. Commissioner Pettus stated that he wanted to commend Eric Hill for looking into this program and everyone will be happy with less weeds on the sides of our roads. Commissioner Hackworth asked Eric Hill if he had the equipment needed to start the program. Mr. Hill stated that the road department did have the equipment needed for the project. There being no further discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of contract is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution with NightShift of Miramar Beach, Florida and ThinkGard of Birmingham, Alabama to enter into a one year contract with both firms with a three year renewal agreement to protect the data recovery of all Lauderdale County computer systems in case of disaster or equipment failure. The cost of the service with ThinkGard is four thousand six hundred forty two dollars and forty seven cents for installation and a monthly fee of six hundred dollars. The annual fee for the services with NightShift is one thousand and fifty dollars for the 2015 fiscal year and one thousand, eight hundred dollars every year thereafter. Commissioner Parker stated that this is a program that is needed and that we have this in our current budget. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the contracts are 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 2015-1 "Various Print Bids." Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on February 6th, 2015. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for commissioner's review. Chairman Mitchell referred to Brenda Bryant, County Administrator, to give the recommendations. Ms. Bryant stated that there were three companies to be awarded the various print bids with the lowest bids. The companies were First Impressions of Hampton Cove, Alabama, Herald Printing of Florence, Alabama, and Printer's and Stationers of Florence, Alabama. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the three companies. There being no 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.

Brenda Bryant, Lauderdale County Administrator, has requested a Family Medical Leave for one of her employees. The date of the leave is October 20, 2014 to November 17, 2014. This is a post-dated approval due to issue obtaining all the correct paper work with the out-of-town hospital. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve the Family Medical Leave. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, said leave was unanimously approved. Family Medical Leave is 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 Hackworth. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JANUARY 26, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2015

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 48966-49012	320,350.44
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3368 & 3369	466.42
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7348-7355	4,288.47
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15492-15506	190,095.84
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 # N/A	0.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10425-10437	31,020.28
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 541	100,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16480-16487	2,207.90
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 # 6001-6013	108,987.72
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 35894-35961	206,989.10
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND	244,289.64

CHECK # 4058-4071

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
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TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2923-2925	11,160.00
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TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
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TOTAL	1,219,855.81
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Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comments:

Harold Lewis of Shoals Scholar Dollars program thanked the commissioners for their time and effort that they have shown to the Shoals Scholar Dollars program. Mr. Lewis stated that the program serviced seventeen high schools in Lauderdale and Colbert counties. A requirement of the program is a C+ grade average and a ninety five percent attendance record and they must not have been in any trouble. If they fit this program, they can qualify for two years of college tuition paid for at Northwest Shoals Community College. Mr. Lewis asked the commissioners for a donation to the program, stating that there were four hundred and fifty three kids in college as of right now. Commissioner Parker asked if the University of North Alabama was involved and that he would like to see them involved. Mr. Lewis stated that right now it is only Northwest Shoals Community College participating. J. C. Killen of Lexington, Alabama asked the commissioners when the two cent gas tax would be over and if it was, what were the commissioners spending it on. Chairman Mitchell stated that the tax was still in effect and that the Public Park Authority Bond had not been paid off, but it could be paid off faster than anticipated. John Hargett of Florence, Alabama stated that the county should not pay money to the Scholar Dollars Program and that the citizens could support that program if they wanted to.

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