

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 23rd 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

Absent:

Legal Counsel:	
Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney

Chairman Mitchell, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Danny Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: none

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Rick Singleton, Lauderdale County Sheriff, stated that he wished to thank the Lauderdale County Commission for going forward and changing the work schedule for his department. Sheriff Singleton stated that this new policy should help morale and cut down on sick leave and have more officers on the road; it was a win-win situation for everyone.

Commissioner Hackworth 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker 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 Hackworth that a resolution be adopted authorizing a change to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office work schedule. This change is lawful under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the laws of the State of Alabama. The change will be for the Sheriff's Department to go to a fourteen day pay period with twelve hour shifts instead of the current pay period which is a seven day period with eight hour shifts. This change in the work schedule will begin on March 1st, 2015. The Lauderdale County Commission, through its' administrative offices, handle the actual compensation of the Sheriff's employees and therefore must amend its procedures to reflect the aforementioned change. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing a change to the Lauderdale County Road Department work schedule from five days a week, eight hours a day to a four days a week, ten hours a day work schedule. This change will begin on March 9th, 2014. Commissioner Parker stated that this work schedule change has worked well in the past for the Road Department. 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 Hackworth that a resolution be authorized to allow the Lauderdale County Road Department to purchase three Kubota, four wheel drive, Model M9960HD12 tractors at a cost of thirty-six thousand, nine hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty cents. These tractors are purchased off of the current Alabama State Bid List and their cost is below the budgeted amount in the 2014-2015 Lauderdale County Road Department budget. The total cost of the three tractors will be one hundred and ten thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty cents. They will be purchased from Huntsville Tractor and Equipment of Huntsville, Alabama. 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 that a resolution be authorized to allow the Lauderdale County Road Department to purchase eight pickup trucks off of the current Alabama State Bid List. The eight pickups will be ordered from Donohoo Chevrolet of Fort Payne, Alabama. The road department will purchase two 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, four wheel drive crew cab trucks at twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred and twenty-two dollars and twelve cents each, two 2015 Chevrolet 1500, two wheel drive crew cab trucks for twenty-five thousand, four hundred dollars and thirty cents each, and four 2015 Chevrolet 1500, two wheel drive double cab trucks for twenty-two thousand, nine hundred and two dollars and thirty cents each. The total cost of the trucks is one hundred ninety-seven thousand, eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and four cents. This is below the budgeted amount in the 2014-2015 Lauderdale County Road Department budget. 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 Garner that a resolution be authorized to approve a grant agreement with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office and the North Alabama Highway Safety Office in the amount of three thousand dollars for grant number 15-SP-PT-001 and two thousand dollars for grant number 15-HS-M5-001 for specific law enforcement activities. 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 Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that a resolution be authorized to approve a one-year contract agreement between the Lauderdale County Commission and RDS, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama. The contract has two one-year renewals thereafter. This contract is for sales tax collection services for Lauderdale County. The Lauderdale County Commission shall pay RDS the sum of \$2.50 per account, per transaction or 1.85% of gross revenues collected, whichever is lower, and \$70.00 per hour for audit services. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and contract are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve that Bob Sherrod be reappointed to the Riverbend Center for Mental Health Board, with the reappointment to begin on April 1, 2015 and expire on April 1, 2021. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve that Billy Valentine be appointed to the Civil Service Board of appeals. Term to begin on February 23, 2015 and to expire on February 23, 2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve that J.D. Moomaw be appointed to the Civil Service Board of Appeals. Term to begin on February 23, 2015 and to expire on February 23, 2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Appointment 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 FEBRUARY 9, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 22, 2015

CHECK # 49013-49050 VOID #49026	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3370	42.00
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7356-7362	4,178.27
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15507-15517	124,009.95
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 # 294 & 295	1,075.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10438-10449	25,207.04
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16488-16493	2,176.50
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1178	1,721.30
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6014-6024	103,991.41
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 35962-36006	123,420.29
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1093	762,670.59
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND	0.00

CHECK # N/A

TOTAL

1,557,316.77

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comments:

Chairman Mitchell stated that he wanted to commend Sheriff Singleton and Chief Richey on the hard work and diligence that they had shown during the recent inclement weather. Chairman Mitchell stated that he wanted to thank the department heads for all the long and late hours that they had put in during the inclement weather and he wanted them to convey his thanks to all of their staff for the hard work that they had done and that he appreciated their dedication with the consideration of how long the weather event went on and on. Chairman Mitchell further stated that the communication between the departments has been impressive with everything handled in a professional manner, which was not an easy task but everyone had done a good job. Commissioner Parker stated that he wished to echo the Chairman's comments and that he really appreciated the hard work that everyone had done.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon a motion made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Pettus, 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