

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016. 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

Danny Pettus Commissioner, District 1

Roger Garner Commissioner, District 1

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

Joe Hackworth Commissioner, District 2

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

Chairman Mitchell stated that we had two Resolutions to add to the current regular business agenda. The first resolution to be added is from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Office commending the excellence our Alabama 4-H Program has shown in all areas of Lauderdale County. The second resolution to be added is authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to go forward with the purchase of property that is to be used for the Lauderdale County/City of Florence Animal Shelter. Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion and a second to approve the two new resolutions and amend the current regular business agenda. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to amend the regular business agenda. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, the motion unanimously approved. The amended business agenda is herein recorded and made 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 Hackworth 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 a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission, with the approval of the Lauderdale County Board of Education, to approve August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as “Back to School” tax-free weekend. This authorizes the local retail businesses to offer tax-free purchases to the citizens of Lauderdale County on non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the first full weekend in August. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the State of Alabama Department of Revenue’s letter is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that authorizes the purchase of two hot water supply boilers for the Lauderdale County Detention Center. The work for this Public Works bid will be done by C & H Cooling and Heating of Sheffield, Alabama, at a cost of twenty-nine thousand, eight hundred dollars. This is to replace the two boilers at the Detention Center and includes all of the necessary equipment and labor. The money will be paid out of the Jail Construction Ad Valorem Residual Fund balance. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution 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. 2016-12, “Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert on County Road 390 over Possum Creek.” Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissioner’s review. Chairman Mitchell asked Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer, for his recommendation. Mr. Hill stated that he would like to recommend Glasgow Construction for the bid, as they were the lowest bidder at eighty thousand, three hundred and forty-six dollars. This bid is within the budget that was set up for this project. Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to award the bid to Glasgow Construction of Guin, Alabama. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Sheriff Singleton has made a request for a deputy to attend out-of-state classes. Bradley Shane is to attend an “Incident Response to Terrorism Bombing” Conference on June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Socorro, New Mexico. This is an all-expense paid conference with no cost to the County. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the travel. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The approval is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

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

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 THROUGH MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 50651-50701	481,096.25
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3467-3470	409.23
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7596-7604	5,292.82

GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15960-15979	203,013.20
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 # 317	12,912.95
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 624	23,132.51
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10796-10807	30,584.71
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 551	100,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 434	21,000.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16731-16738	2,888.49
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1193	1,317.54
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6465-6483	107,202.72
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 37593-37643	106,072.01
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1109	449,514.14
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5345-5356	416,651.11
TOTAL	1,961,087.68

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve a resolution that commends the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The Alabama 4-H Program offers programs on science and technology and teaches citizenship and leadership along with

healthy lifestyles. Commissioner Hackworth stated he wanted to congratulate our local Extension Office on their efforts and all the hard work that they do for the 4-H Programs in the school system. Commissioner Parker stated that he was in 4-H when he was in school and he remembered his teacher Mr. Beasley and how it was a big deal to be involved with the 4-H Program. Commissioner Pettus stated that he was also in the 4-H Program and he remembered going to the meetings and that Lauderdale County had the most students. Commissioner Pettus stated that he liked to hear the pigs squeal. Commissioner Garner stated that he was a part of 4-H and it was a memorable part of his youth, and that his daughter Olivia was wanting a calf but he told her she was not old enough yet. Chairman Mitchell stated that he wanted to thank the 4-H Program and that the programs started at an early age and that it taught our youth a lot of valuable lessons and he was thinking that we may be getting away from it. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that approves the purchase of property in the Florence/Lauderdale Industrial Park for the intended future site of the new Lauderdale County/City of Florence Animal Shelter. The cost of the 16.28 acre tract of land is fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. The Lauderdale County Commission authorizes the Lauderdale County Attorney, Christopher Smith, to participate in the closing procedures of this purchase on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period:

Dr. Gary Lemme, State Director of the Alabama Extension System, stated that he wanted to present the Lauderdale County Commission a crystal plaque for excellence in the 4-H Program. Dr. Lemme stated that the Lauderdale County Commission was presented the plaque for excellence and that 4-H Programs taught life lessons and without the support of Lauderdale County, the Lauderdale County 4-H Programs would not be available. Dr. Lemme thanked the following personnel from the local 4-H Office:

Heidi Tilenius, Lauderdale County Extension Coordinator

Janet Lovelady, 4-H Regional Extension Agent

Paula Lovell, Administrative Assistant

Betty Gottler, Alabama 4-H Foundation Representative

Charleen Wilbanks, 4-H Agent Assistant

Lauren Barber, 4-H Agent Assistant

Ruthie Smith, a fifth grade student from Lauderdale County Elementary, read a letter about what 4-H has taught her. (See attached letter.)

Sheriff Rick Singleton stated that he wished to present an award of Community Excellence to Dr. Stephen Phillips. Dr. Phillips donated money to the local Sheriff's Office to allow two deputies to attend training in Tactical Operations. Without his donation, that would not be possible.

Commissioner Parker asked George Grabryan, Lauderdale County EMA Director, about the charges for the weather sirens and why the costs were different. Mr. Grabryan stated that the weather sirens were old and different things would go wrong with them such as battery issues, lightning strikes, and transmission issues. Mr. Grabryan stated that the sirens were put up in the 1970's and were quite old.

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

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Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman

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Danny Pettus, Commissioner

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Roger Garner, Commissioner

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Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

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Brenda Bryant, County Administrator