

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 10th day of August, 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

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 Comment on Agenda Items:

John Hargett of Florence, Alabama stated that he did not think the solar panel project was very wise and that the County Commission was showing favoritism to businesses and that government should stay out of the process and leave it to free enterprise. That was the American way and it was what our county was founded on.

Chairman Mitchell stated that he needed a motion and a second to amend the regular business agenda due to some last minute changes. We need to add a resolution 4A to cover the road repairs that are associated with the NextEra Solar Panel Project. Chairman Mitchell also stated that we need to add a resolution 9A to cover the St. Florian MPO project that addresses the red light project for St. Florian. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner

Parker to approve the regular business agenda change. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus that all items listed on the amended 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 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 vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to change the regular scheduled work session on Monday, September 7th, 2015 to Tuesday, September 8th, 2015, at 4:00pm. The change is due to the observance of Labor Day. 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 Hackworth that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to grant a tax abatement to River Bend Solar, LLC. The tax abatement is 50% of all non-educational Ad Valorem taxes imposed by Lauderdale County for a period of ten years for each piece of property obtained by River Bend Solar, LLC for the project, with said abatement to begin on October 1, 2015, following the date which such property is or becomes owned by River Bend Solar, LLC. Commissioner Pettus stated that Mr. Hargett's comments were very wise, however the commission had made a compromise and we don't give abatements to everyone and it was a hard decision to make but that he liked to be fair to everyone. Commissioner Parker stated that he also respected the comments made by Mr. Hargett, but the decision to give the tax abatements was a huge decision and this is a huge investment for NextEra, and that it does not cost the County any money and it will be very good for the Lauderdale County. Commissioner Hackworth stated that the County Commissioners had studied this project with NextEra at many meetings and we are abating some of the taxes but we are also going to receive a lot of the taxes. Commissioner Hackworth stated that the University of Alabama had done a study of the economic impact and it was a very positive study in favor of NextEra coming to the area, and that he agreed with Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Garner stated that this was a business decision and a very big capital investment for NextEra and he hopes that everything goes well. There being no further comments and upon a vote taken, motion for tax abatement unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of tax abatement agreement and tax abatement application are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement between the Lauderdale County Commission and River Bend

Solar, LLC regarding the potential damage to County 62 and 217, and the responsibility for correcting said damage from the construction phase of the solar panel project. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and road construction agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus that a resolution be adopted authorizing the repair and replacement of the lighting system of the outdoor water fountain at the front of the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The cost of said repairs is seven thousand eight hundred dollars with the work being done by Keeton Electric of Florence, Alabama. Commissioner Hackworth stated that the courthouse belongs to the citizens of Lauderdale County and with the repairs being completed on the outside of the building the courthouse looks really good. Commissioner Hackworth stated that it is a good move to repair this lighting system. There being no further 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. LA-2015-11, "Commissary Services for the Lauderdale County Detention Center." Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on June 12th, 2015. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissioner's review. Chairman Mitchell referred to Brenda Bryant, Lauderdale County Administrator, for recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that she had researched the bids and that Keefe Commissary of Jacksonville, Florida was the low bidder at 45.5% commission. Ms. Bryant recommended that the County go with Keefe Commissary. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that the bid be given to Keefe Commissary, the lowest bidder. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus to allow Peggy Wallace, the Lauderdale County RSVP representative, to attend an out of state conference in Washington, D.C. from September 9th, 2015 to September 13th, 2015. The conference is a RSVP Foster Grandparents Program. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Out of State travel is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Commission would like to appoint Dr. Gilbert Melson to the Northwest Regional Airport Board. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to approve the board appointment. The board appointment will begin on August 10th, 2015 and expire on August 10th, 2018. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Board appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to reappoint Emma Watkins, John Allgood, and Charles Kasmeier to the NACOLG Non-elected board of directors. The new terms begin on September 30th, 2015 and expire on September 30th, 2016. There being

no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Board appointments are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Chairman Mitchell stated that Danny Hendrix, Lauderdale County Revenue Commissioner, has asked for a Family Medical Leave for one of his employees to be retroactive. The leave will begin on July 15th, 2015 and end on August 17th, 2015. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the leave be approved. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The Family Medical Leave requested is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the agreement between the Lauderdale County Commission and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for intersection improvements at County Road 47 and County Road 30. This agreement allows that Chairman Mitchell can execute the agreement. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered paid upon a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hackworth. After a brief discussion of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JULY 27th, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 9th, 2015

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 49620-49666	373,032.57
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3407-3412	1,087.99
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7446-7452	4,175.21
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15681-15691	139,411.67
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 # 305-307	137,736.43
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 610	10,581.22

REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10576-10586	21,663.08
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16583-16589	2,732.92
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 # 6171-6183	89,350.42
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 36582-36649	1,610,455.53
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2941-2943	11,646.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOTAL	2,401,873.04

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period:

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

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator