

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 January, 2017. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale County Commission, Danny Pettus. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Danny Pettus Chairman of Commission

Roger Garner Commissioner, District 1

Brad Holmes Commissioner, District 1

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

Joe Hackworth Commissioner, District 2

Absent:

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith County Attorney

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

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by Commissioner Roger Garner.

Awards and Presentations: none

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner 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 Holmes 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 a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that authorizes the continuation of the CNS Grant for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the year beginning April 01, 2017 until March 31, 2018, in the amount of forty-one thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars. This is a federal grant. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of grant is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that will allow Danmark Security, LLC of Rogersville, Alabama to upgrade the CCTV

Surveillance System at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The upgrade will include dome cameras and replacement of the DVR and all the necessary equipment and labor to upgrade the system. The upgrade cost will not exceed thirty thousand dollars and will be paid out of the Alabama Trust Fund Capital Improvement Fund. This upgrade was included in our current FY budget for 2016-2017. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be approved to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to change the phone and network service used by the County from AT&T and Earthlink to Danmark Communications and Windstream. This change will result in considerable monthly savings for the County. The Lauderdale County Commission gives Brenda Bryant, Lauderdale County Administrator, the authorization to sign the Network Service Agreement, and there are no anticipated setup costs or charges. 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 adopted to help clarify a current probationary policy for new full-time employees in regards to their eligibility for insurance benefits. The new policy, which will take effect immediately, states that all Lauderdale County full-time employees are eligible for a county-provided health insurance program after their sixty-day probation period is over. Lauderdale County full-time employees are also eligible after ninety days for a county-provided life insurance policy. This policy is being changed to help clarify this policy by request of the Local Government Health Insurance Board. Commissioner Holmes stated that this was something that we had to do and we had no choice. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes a new mileage reimbursement rate for persons traveling in a privately owned vehicle on official county business. The new rate will be effective January 1st, 2017. 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 Lauderdale County Commission along with the Revenue Commissioner to enter into a contract with Government Services & Associates, LLC to provide audit services for the Lauderdale County and Assessing Official, pursuant to the charges, terms and conditions of the contract. The Lauderdale County Commission gives approval to Danny Hendrix, Revenue Commissioner, to execute said agreement on behalf of Lauderdale County. The cost of the contract for the current year is ten thousand dollars, the amount of which was included in the current FY budget, 2016-2017. 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 Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission, along with the Revenue Commissioner and the City of Florence to enter into a joint contract with G-Squared of Fayetteville, Tennessee for a 2017 Digital Orthophotography and Map Feature Update. The Lauderdale County Commission gives approval to Danny Hendrix, Revenue Commissioner, to execute said agreement on behalf of Lauderdale County. The invoiced cost of this service is ninety-seven thousand, five hundred dollars, the amount of which was included in the current FY budget, 2016-2017. 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a sales agreement with Permittium of Charlotte, North Carolina. This sales agreement is for the purpose of hosting an online pistol permit application and processing system. The Lauderdale County Commission authorizes the Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, to execute said agreement. Commissioner Holmes stated that there were several articles that gave the wrong impression or idea on how to get a pistol permit, and that in no way does this online host change the program; you still have to come to the Sheriff's Office to get a pistol permit. Commissioner Holmes stated that this was an effective measure for online access and you still have the same procedures, but the new online system is a way for citizens to not have to come to the courthouse several times to obtain a permit. Commissioner Hackworth stated that it was his understanding that the process was still the same and that there was a small fee to be charged to the applicant for the online service. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and sales agreement 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 2017-1 "Various Print Bids." Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on January 6th, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioner's review. Chairman Pettus asked Brenda Bryant, Lauderdale County Administrator, for her recommendations. Ms. Bryant stated that there were two bidders, Herald Printing and Printers and Stationers, both of Florence, Alabama. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommended that Printers and Stationers be awarded the bid for the Sheriff's Evidence Submission Forms. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Printers and Stationers. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Danny Hendrix, Revenue Commissioner, has requested Family Medical Leave for an employee in his department. All proper documentation has been submitted and the dates for the FMLA are October 18th, 2016 through February 28th, 2017. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the Family Medical Leave. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Leave is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to reappoint James Risner to the Chisholm Heights Water and Fire Protection Authority Board. The reappointment will begin on February 28th, 2017 and expire on February 27th, 2023. Commissioner Parker stated that he wanted to personally thank the people who serve on the county boards because the pay was not so good. Chairman Pettus stated that he wished to thank Jimmy for doing such a good job. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Reappointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to reappoint Mrs. Nell Hogan to the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama. Mrs. Hogan will keep her appointment until the Lauderdale County Commission wishes to change the appointment. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Reappointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Sheriff has requested that two deputies be allowed to travel out of state to Chattanooga, Tennessee to a Level I Officer Survival and Communication Spanish for Law Enforcement Class during the week of February 5th, 2017 through February 8th, 2017. The deputies to travel are Tim Ray and Jimmy Staggs. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve the travel. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Travel plans are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered to be paid upon a motion by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Parker. There being no questions of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED DECEMBER 12TH, 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 8TH, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51491-51582 VOID CHECK #51497	1,040,188.43
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3535-3537	7,121.51
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7717-7731	9,779.10
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16207-16233	288,037.49
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL CHECK # 445	750,000.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 322	6,850.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 635	10,962.77
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10962-10980	54,880.24
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16848-16861	5,342.88
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1200	1468.86
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 251	37,471.89
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6712-6739	249,250.17
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38399-38469	250,990.40
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1118	488,035.86
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2980-2982	13,484.50
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5429-5440	385,558.09
TOTAL	3,599,422.19

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Commissioner Holmes stated that he wanted to make sure that the death of a previous Commissioner, Ronnie Brown, was on the record. Commissioner Holmes asked Brenda Bryant, the County Administrator, to please send a card of condolences on behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission.

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

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator