

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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

Roger Garner Commissioner, District 1

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

Joe Hackworth Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith County Attorney

Absent:

Danny Pettus Commissioner, District 1

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

The invocation was delivered by Chairman Dewey D. Mitchell.

Awards and Presentations:

Commissioner Roger Garner read a resolution from the Lauderdale County Commission thanking Chairman Mitchell for his more than twenty-one years of service, his dedication, and his exceptional attention to the business of the Lauderdale County Commission. Commissioner Garner stated that he was thankful for the years of service that Chairman Mitchell had given to the Commission and was appreciative for the years of service that Mr. Mitchell had given to the boards he served on. Commissioner Parker stated that he had enjoyed working with Chairman Mitchell even though they had not always agreed on everything and that the County Commission was very fortunate that under Chairman Mitchell's direction the County was in such good financial shape. Commissioner Hackworth stated that as a citizen of Lauderdale County, he certainly appreciated Chairman Mitchell's twenty plus years of service to the County. Commissioner Hackworth stated that as a new commissioner he appreciated the help and he personally enjoyed working with Chairman Mitchell, and was glad for the knowledge and guidance that Chairman Mitchell had given to Lauderdale County. Chairman Mitchell stated that he had for the most part enjoyed his eighteen years as the exclusive Chairman and Probate Judge, and then the four years as the Chairman only. Chairman Mitchell wanted to recognize Ronnie Brown, a former Lauderdale County Commissioner, and the twelve years that he had worked with him. Chairman Mitchell stated that he also wanted to acknowledge former County Administrator Jenoice Bevis and former Data Processing Clerk, Mindy Hurt, both of whom attended the meeting. Chairman Mitchell stated

that he wanted to acknowledge his wife Margaret Mitchell for her unconditional support over the years. Chairman Mitchell also recognized his mother-in-law Mrs. Spurgeon. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to adopt the resolution. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

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 a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to cancel the regularly scheduled work session for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and to reschedule the regularly scheduled Lauderdale Commission Meeting from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to 4:00 p.m. on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 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 adopted authorizing an agreement with Garver LLC for the purpose of completing construction engineering and inspection for the bridge replacements on ATRIP Project number ABRZ62120- ATRP(010); LCP#39-153-13; ATRIP # 39-05-20, described as a bridge replacement on County Road 10 over Cypress Creek and Cypress Creek Relief. The Lauderdale County Commission will enter into the contract for the ATRIP projects. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of contractual agreement is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing the construction of a bridge replacement on County Road 10 over Cypress Creek and Cypress Creek Relief, ATRIP #39-05-20. The County agrees to award the bid to Riley Bridge Company of Russellville, Alabama. Lauderdale County's portion of the bid agreement is three hundred seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of contractual agreement is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that approves the State of Alabama 2016 Holiday Schedule and also adopts the upcoming 2017 State of Alabama Holiday Schedule, as approved by Governor Bentley. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the Holiday Schedule is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that shows the Lauderdale County Commission's support for Amendment 14 in the upcoming General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This Amendment would safeguard the communities of Lauderdale County by preserving the local laws that support the vitally important public services and institutions that the children and senior citizens, small business owners and others have come to utilize on a daily basis. 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 allows the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into a contract with a new election worker to train and learn the voting process. There being no discussion and upon a vote

taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the contract 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 OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2016

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51217-51287	1,171,568.00
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3522-3525	730.34
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7679-7686	5,301.14
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16124-16137	131,593.06
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 # 10908-10918	29,966.24
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 442	1,659.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16813-16820	2,753.05
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK # 367-369	55,422.17
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6636-6651	90,066.96
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38174-38201	151,953.40
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5405-5416	516,424.47
TOTAL	2,157,437.83

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports:

Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer stated that the Road Department had benefited from Chairman Mitchell's leadership and direction and that they appreciate his hard work for the County. George Grabryan, EMA Director, gave Chairman Mitchell signed certificates from Governor Bentley and Art Faulkner showing the State's appreciation for the Chairman's work. George Grabryan stated that he had worked with the Chairman for a long time and that the Commission had done a lot for EMA and he looked forward to working with the new Commission. Chairman Mitchell stated that he and Mayor Frost had done the interviews to hire George and that George did not always have an easy job. Chairman Mitchell stated that he would not miss George's calls at 4:00 a.m. to discuss road conditions, but the safety of the employees is important. Chairman Mitchell stated that he wanted to commend Eric and what he had done with the Road Department and to keep on doing what he had been doing. Robert Bevis, Solid Waste Department Head, stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to work with Judge Mitchel and that he had started the Solid Waste Department with seven employees and now they had forty-four. Chairman Mitchell stated that he appreciated the job that Robert Bevis had done, and that the Solid Waste department was self-sufficient, and that Robert had just obtained a permit to keep the landfill open for many years and would be able to take city trash and building materials. Chairman Mitchell state that the Commissioners are charged with good sound operations in public safety, solid waste, and in general fund operations.

Public Comment Period:

Ronnie Brown of Lauderdale County stated that he wanted to thank everyone for the work that they do and when he was a Commissioner he did not know anything.

Richard Richey, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy, stated that on behalf of the Sheriff's Department he wanted to say that Chairman Mitchell had done a good job and the County was in great shape. Mr. Richey added that he was sorry the Chairman was getting out before him.

Jenoice Bevis of Florence, Alabama stated that she would be remiss not to say what a pleasure and honor it had been to be the County Administrator and that she and the Chairman had went through some bad days but look now at the golf course and the coming of the new hospital. Ms. Bevis stated that she hoped the Chairman enjoyed his retirement as much as she had enjoyed hers.

Chairman Mitchell thanked Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney, and stated that millions of dollars pass through our County and that Lauderdale County has good solid audits and they are about doing things right. Chairman Mitchell stated that Jenoice Bevis, the past County Administrator and Brenda Bryant, the current Administrator, had done a great job on the audits and Chris Smith had kept it legal. Chris Smith stated that in the twenty years that Chairman Mitchell had presided over the Commission, he had never once used the gavel, and he wanted him to use it this time to end the meeting.

Judge Will Motlow stated that he wished to thank Chairman Mitchell for his twenty-two years of service and thank him for the wonderful staff he had assembled for him. Judge Motlow added that during the 2018 election season he was counting on Chairman Mitchell to be a poll worker.

Chairman Mitchell stated that he had an outstanding staff and operations and the job that was done was a reflection on everyone.

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