

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 November, 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

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith County Attorney

Absent:

Fay Parker Commissioner, District 2

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

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Joe Hackworth.

Awards and Presentations: none

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus 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 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 Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth that a resolution be adopted to authorize the Beef Advertisement for the October Beef Month in the East Lauderdale

News at a cost of two hundred and eighty-six dollars. The ad will be paid from the Tourism Fund. 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 Pettus that a resolution be adopted to authorize the change of the 2014-2015 Holiday Work Schedule for the employees of Lauderdale County to include November 27th, 2015 and also December 24th, 2015 as paid days off. The resolution also authorizes the new Official State of Alabama Holiday Schedule for 2015-2016 year. There being no 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 that a resolution be adopted to authorize an amendment to the 2015-2016 Reappraisal Budget for an addition of four thousand, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars, on line item number 154. This is to cover expected legal fees for services provided by Webb & Eley PC of Montgomery, Alabama. Chairman Mitchell stated that this money being added to the budget may or may not be spent. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the budget request is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus that a resolution be adopted to authorize the sales tax exemption for certain non-commercial purchases related to severe weather preparedness. This is a state wide program and the tax-free weekend will be held February 26-28, 2016. This tax-free weekend has been approved by the Lauderdale County Board of Education. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of tax-free brochure is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus that a resolution be adopted to authorize the additional payment to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department uniform allowance for the 2015-2016 budget year. The additional amount is four thousand nine hundred dollars, and the Sheriff's uniform allowance budget will be amended for said amount. The resolution also states that the procedure will change for the payment of said allowance. The 2015-2016 yearly uniform allowance will be paid to the Sheriff's office and all funds will be disbursed by the Sheriff's office following all Alabama State and Lauderdale County accounting procedures, allowance to only be spent on uniforms. The Sheriff is charged with keeping proper records for year-end accounting procedures. Commissioner Garner stated that this was a policy that needed to be changed, that it was started in the 1970's and had not been changed or undated since. Commissioner Garner stated that in the Solid Waste Department the leasing of uniforms and purchasing of shoes was good for the employees. 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 Hackworth that a resolution be authorized to approve a CERT Grant between the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency and the Alabama Homeland Security Grant Program. The amount of the grant is five hundred dollars, with no match money involved. The grant is for equipment and supplies needed to support training our local CERT team. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the grant is herein approved 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 2016-1 "Various Print Bids." Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on November 6th, 2015. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioner's review. Chairman Mitchell asked Brenda Bryant, County Administrator, for her recommendations. Ms. Bryant stated that there were two bidders and that she recommended that we go with the lowest bidder on each item. Herald Printers was recommended for the County Commission's Printed Envelopes. Printers and Stationers was recommended for the Detention Center's Light Red Release Cards and Green Release Cards, the Road Department's Requisition on Inventory Forms and Repair Work Forms, and the Probate Office's Election Worker Appointment Notice Postcards. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus to approve the low bidders recommended. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Sheriff Rick Singleton has asked the Lauderdale County Commission to approve out-of-state travel for two of his Sergeants, Terry Woods and Gaylon Phillips. The two sergeants are going to an Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing class in Socorro, New Mexico. The class is being held on January 11th through the 15th, 2016. All expenses are being paid for by New Mexico Tech University. There is no cost to Lauderdale County. Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettus to approve the travel request. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Travel approval is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered paid upon a motion by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Hackworth. There being no discussion of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED OCTOBER 26TH, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8TH, 2015

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 49959-50007	331,426.54
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3440-3443	668.99
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7491-7498	5,620.87

GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15767-15782	241,560.50
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 # 615	10,419.69
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10644-10653	23,470.88
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16631-16637	4,433.53
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 # 6259-6269	301,875.17
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 36923-36983	538,566.84
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 4128-4141	66,383.94
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2950-2952	7,780.50
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5272	5,584.64
TOTAL	1,537,792.09

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Sheriff Singleton stated that he wished to let the Commissioner's know that a known criminal had been apprehended due to Jimmy Risner, a local citizen, having a camera and alarm system. The video camera showed the type of car that the criminal was driving and allowed the local sheriff along with other law enforcement and local media to apprehend and arrest Dustin Bowling, whom is being charged with several crimes in our area.

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

__ABSENT__

Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator