

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 13th day of February, 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

Those who answered 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 Parker.

Awards and Presentations: none

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Judge Will Motlow, Lauderdale County Probate Judge, stated that he had some comments about number six on the agenda. Judge Motlow stated that he had brought Dr. Michael South, principal of Forest Hills Elementary School and Tammy Haddock, a parent of a child at Forest Hills School and voter at the Forest Hills area. Ms. Haddock stated that she was in favor of the location change for the safety of the children and the parking issues. Ms. Haddock stated that Christ Chapel Church was a much better location and had better parking. Dr. Michael South stated that Forest Hills School had on a regular day over eight hundred and forty-three students and the safety of our children was his main concern.

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 Holmes 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the continuation of Bid No. 2016-10 "Gasoline and on the Road Diesel Fuel" from Tatum Oil. This will extend the current contract for one more year and also extend the current bid price until February 28, 2018. Commissioner Parker stated that he was happy that we could keep this bid local and that the county had not had any problems since we switched to Tatum Oil. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of letter is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution that will update the Lauderdale County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. The new policy will address the promotion and transfer policy. All transfers must be approved by the Lauderdale County Administrator and no transfer would involve a raise. All promotions will include a raise. The employee will be placed on the new job grade on the same step which they are currently at. If the employee is off the pay chart scale, they will receive a five percent raise for each pay grade level promoted. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of new policy is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be approved to allow the Lauderdale County Commission to go forward with the Brush Creek Project and along with North Alabama Council of Local Governments with the bid process and start the project for professional engineering services at this time. Commissioner Hackworth stated TVA has been very helpful and diligent to work with on this project and that TVA had been so helpful in the process of this grant application. Commissioner Parker stated that he wanted to echo Commissioner Hackworth's comments, TVA had been very easy to work with and they had bent over backwards to help the county. Commissioner Parker stated that he was glad that the commission could support this project and that TVA was giving the County twenty thousand dollars for the project. Commissioner Parker stated that this park project was going to be good for all surrounding areas such as Mississippi and Tennessee. There being no further 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 that a resolution be adopted authorizing a resolution to change the voting precinct location from Forest Hills Elementary School to Christ Chapel Church and Annex located at 3051 Cloverdale Road, Florence, Alabama. The new voting location will have much better parking and sufficient room for the voters of Precinct 10-11. Commissioner Holmes stated that as a parent he had concerns for the safety of the students of Forest Hills School and that he wanted to thank Judge Matlow for his hard work in locating a better voting location and that moving to Christ Chapel was the correct thing to do. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he had grandchildren that attended Forest Hills and moving the location was good. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that Judge Matlow had made the right decision in asking the commission to go with Christ Chapel Church. Commissioner Parker stated that since he worked in the Lauderdale County School System he understood the problems it caused having the school as the voting location and all the safety hazards that it could cause. Commissioner Parker also stated that he too wanted to thank Judge Matlow. 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 Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Road Department to enter into a one year contract with Roadside Consulting LLC, of Birmingham, Alabama. The consulting agreement cost is fourteen thousand dollars. This contract will provide the necessary vegetation control to improve the quality of the roads and roadsides of Lauderdale County. 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 to give approval of the opening and closing of the Lauderdale County Courthouse due to weather or other emergency situations to the current Chairman of the Lauderdale County Commission along with the current Lauderdale County Administrator. Commissioner Holmes stated that was a clarification of the current policy and helped set the policy of what needed to be done in those situations. 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 Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to allow Mike O'Steen Contractors of Florence, Alabama to remove the existing lenses and light tubes from six existing light valances and replace them with 2X2 white, acoustical ceiling tiles and 36, 2X2 LED fixtures at a quote of nine thousand four hundred dollars. This work will be done in the Revenue Department. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and letter of quote is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to allow the Lauderdale County Sheriffs Department to hire two new road deputies at a cost of ninety thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars and sixty-six cents. This addition will be added to the current budget and any budget amendment is herein authorized. Commissioner Garner stated that this is a move in the right direction and that we want the citizens of Lauderdale County to feel safe. Commissioner Holmes stated that we did have two deputies that were on leave and wanted to thank Sheriff Singleton for bringing this need to our attention, that when you hired new deputies it could take some time due to possibility of training. Commissioner Holmes also stated that Sheriff Singleton had been building up the reputation of the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department on a daily basis and he was glad that the Sheriff had let him know about his concerns. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he wanted to thank Sheriff Singleton and his whole department for all the work that they do and also, he thanked their work with the Jail. Commissioner Parker stated that a lot had been said but that Sheriff Singleton has done a good job with the new watch patrol and that this is very good for our county, now that we have an extra set of eyes. Commissioner Parker also stated that he wanted to thank all of the Lauderdale County Deputies for the work that they have done. Chairman Pettus stated that he had received several calls for speeders and he hoped these new deputies on the road will help that situation. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that shows the support of the Lauderdale County Commission for the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, ATRIP. This is a three-cent statewide bond issue proposed by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama to the 2017 Legislative Conference that would generate over one point two billion for Alabama's sixty-seven counties to be used exclusively on road and bridge improvements. This bond would be for fifteen years. Commissioner Garner stated that he could not support this bond issue. Commissioner Garner stated that we did need a mechanism for funding the road issues in the state and counties but we need more than just a fix it program. Commissioner Garner also stated that we needed a permanent gas tax to help the issues. Commissioner Parker stated that does not pass the gas tax, this just shows the county support. Commissioner Parker also stated that we needed good roads to ride on and that Lauderdale County has had to dip into the General Fund to help pay for our paving and that we needed to support seventy miles a year to keep our roads up and now the county was paving thirty-five miles. Commissioner Parker stated that he was supporting this bond because there was a chance of this passing and we need the money it would generate. Commissioner Hackworth asked Eric Hill, Lauderdale County Engineer, for his take on the ATRIP Project. Eric Hill stated that Lauderdale County would receive twenty million dollars on this bond project and that this looked

like the best way to get money to help support our projects. Commissioner Hackworth stated that this was a possible way of funding or the best way at this time. Commissioner Parker asked Eric if there were any matching funds for this program and Eric Hill stated that this ATRIP Project was not done with any matching funds. Commissioner Hackworth asked Eric Hill how much it cost to pave one mile of road. Mr. Hill answered seventy thousand dollars. Commissioner Holmes stated that this was a great district and that last year the Legislators had tried to pass a six-cent gas tax and it did not pass. Commissioner Holmes stated that he felt that this ATRIP Project had a chance of passing, and that he agreed with Commissioner Garner that it is not a fix all but this ATRIP Project had a good chance and would only last for fifteen years. Commissioner Parker asked Eric Hill how much would this cost the average person in the county. Mr. Hill stated around twenty-five dollars, and that this project had transparency in reporting to the public what the money is being spent on and the projects. Chairman Pettus stated that a lot of people had problems with the money not coming back to the counties and that this program is not like that, the money would be coming to the counties and cities. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken,

Garner-nay Holmes-aye

Parker-aye Hackworth-aye

Motion is passed and resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Commission to auction off some vehicles or equipment which is no longer used or in an unusable condition. See attached list for items for sale. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and list of assets for sale is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that will allow Lauderdale County Commission to do a line item budget amendment for the Reappraisal Department Budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Overages occurring in line items only shall be reconciled by excess funds in Workers Compensation. Commissioner Holmes asked for an explanation. County Administrator, Brenda Bryant stated that the reappraisal budget had to be sent in to the State of Alabama before the actual budget was completed and almost every year we had to adjust some line items to the State of Alabama. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and line item budget form is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that the Lauderdale County Commission along with other county officials had been involved with the planning of the Lauderdale County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Lauderdale County Commission supports the enhancement and refinement of the Plan with the guidance of the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Agency, the Alabama Emergency Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Chairman Pettus asked George Grabryan if this helped for storm shelters and disasters. Mr. Grabryan stated that we are in place for post disasters and everything is in place to go forward if needed. There being no further 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 to approve a resolution that stated that the Lauderdale County Commission is in agreement with the Alabama Mutual Aid System, along with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and that George Grabryan, Lauderdale County EMA Director is authorized to execute such an agreement along with the Lauderdale County Administrator being authorized to attest such agreement. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion is unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of agreement is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that will allow the Lauderdale County Road Department to change their work schedule from five days a week to four days a week, Monday through Thursday, ten hour days. There being

no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton has requested for one of his deputies to be allowed to take a Family Medical Leave, the request began on January 1, 2017 and end on March 18, 2017. All medical paperwork is in place for the leave. Commissioner Holmes moved, Commissioner Garner seconded to approve the Family Medical Leave. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, leave is unanimously approved. Leave is 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 February 10, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioners review. Chairman Pettus referred to Brenda Bryant, Lauderdale County Administrator for recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated there were two bidders, Harold Printing of Florence, Alabama and Printers and Stationers of Florence, Alabama. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommended that Printers and Stationers be awarded the Sheriff's Levy on Real Estate Forms as the low bidder, and Harold Printers be awarded the County Commission Business Cards for Chairman Pettus, and Public Information Forms for the Sheriff as the low bidder on these two items. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to award the bid to the lowest bidder. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid to be awarded to Printer and Stationers of Florence, Alabama and Harold Printers. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to reappoint Thomas Howard to the East Lauderdale Water and Fire Protection Authority. The reappointment will begin on March 1st, 2017 and expire on March 1st, 2023. The Commission would like to reappoint Leonard Holcombe to the West Lauderdale Water and Fire Protection Authority. The reappointment to begin on March 1st, 2017 and expire March 1st, 2023. The Lauderdale County Commission would like to reappoint Larry Gist to the Greenhill Water and Fire Protection Board. The reappointment to begin on March 1st, 2017 and expire March 1st, 2023. The Lauderdale County Commission would like to appoint Commissioner Joe Hackworth to the 9-1-1 Board. Commissioner Hackworth's appointment to begin immediately and expire on June 6th, 2021. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Reappointments and appointments 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Garner. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JANUARY 23rd, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12th, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51636-51716	697,461.45
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3540-3542	4,929.87
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7740-7747	4,407.89
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16252-16267	693,160.11
PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL CHECK # 446	750,000.00

PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # NA	0.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10992-11003	29,360.20
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 556	1,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16870-16876	2,369.95
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1202	1,587.57
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 253	12,360.21
CDBG FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6755-6767	364,890.39
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38522-38609	279,086.21
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1120	240,941.04
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2983-2985	11,025.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOTAL	3,092,579.89

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Sheriff Rick Singleton handed out the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department Stats for 2014-2016. See attached letter and Stats. Commissioner Hackworth asked Sheriff Singleton how the county could educate the public for nuisance calls on 911. Sheriff Singleton stated that they discussed the calls at all education programs. After a brief discussion going over the stats, Commissioner Parker thanked Sheriff Singleton and all the other departments for their hard work.

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

Danny Pettus, Chairman

Brad Holmes, Commissioner

Roger Garner, Commissioner

Fay Parker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator