

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 8th day of May, 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
Brad Holmes	Commissioner, District 1
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
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 Garner.

Awards and Presentations: Welcome Allison Stanfield from the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Department. Ms. Stanfield thanked the Lauderdale County Commission for their support of the Tourism Board. Ms. Stanfield also stated that there have been over 10,000 visitors to the Visitors Center since its opening and that tourists spent two hundred thirty-eight million dollars in Florence and Lauderdale County in 2016 which is an increase of 4.8 percent over the previous year. Ms. Stanfield further stated that Rob Carnegie, President of the Florence-Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, wants to thank the Lauderdale County Commission for their continued support. Chairman Pettus read the National Travel and Tourism Week resolution.

Commissioner Hackworth stated that he appreciates Rob Carnegie and his staff for the work that they do and that our area is as pretty as they come and it is a blessing to live here. Commissioner Parker stated that he wanted to congratulate Rob Carnegie and his staff for the great job that they do to promote tourism in our area and that our community would be lacking without it.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes 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 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer for the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle will be purchased from Stivers Ford-Lincoln of Montgomery, Alabama for a cost of twenty six thousand three hundred eighty-seven dollars. 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 to approve a resolution that allows the Lauderdale County Board of Education to dispose of and remove from the inventory list Asset # 7352-Ricoh MP7000SP Copier – serial number MRL9395000253 and allows the Lauderdale County Road Department to remove Asset # 6863-CAP Heavy Duty Side Mounted Rotary Mower from the inventory list. 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 Holmes to approve a resolution that approves Alabama Legislature Act Number 2017-120 which provides an exemption of the State sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the third full weekend in July of each year. Act Number 2017-120 also authorizes the County Commission to provide for an exemption of County sales and use taxes for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies. The exemption will take place on the third full weekend of July beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday of each July and ending at twelve midnight on the third Sunday of each July, beginning with the third full weekend of July, 2017 and continuing each subsequent year thereafter during the third full weekend of July until and unless annual participation in the exemption is rescinded by further action of the County Commission. There being no 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 that a resolution be approved authorizing the purchase of two air conditioners, one for the courthouse and one for the Lauderdale County Road Department. The air conditioners will be purchased to replace faulty air conditioners and will be purchased from C and H Cooling of Florence, Alabama who was the low estimate. The cost of the air conditioner for the courthouse including equipment is seven thousand eight-hundred and fifty dollars and the cost of the air conditioner including equipment for the Lauderdale County Road Department is fourteen thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars. The cost for both air conditioners was included in and will be paid out of the Alabama Trust Capital Improvement Fund budget but any budget amendments that may be needed are herein approved and authorized. 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 to approve a resolution that allows the Florence-Lauderdale County Emergency Management Director, George Grabryan, to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Huntsville National Weather Service Forecast Office and Emergency management Agencies (Radiological Emergency Preparedness Counties) for Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant concerning non-weather related emergency messages and the broadcast of such messages on NOAA weather radio all hazards and dissemination through the advanced weather interactive processing system. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the memorandum are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a resolution which complies with the memorandum from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency which

advises that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI Amendment Clause must be included in all grant agreements between the State of Alabama and the Sub-Grantee. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that a resolution be approved to authorize agreements for lawn care service and garbage pick-up and disposal service at the following boat landings located in Lauderdale County: Shoals Creek, Anderson Creek, Elk River-North Highway 72, Barnett Creek, and Second Creek. The lawn care service agreement will be with Holden Lawn Service for an annual cost of nine thousand dollars and with Republic Services for garbage pick-up and disposal for an annual cost of three thousand dollars. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he is glad that we are putting this into place and that a person can visit any boat landing and see cars from other states. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that it will be a positive thing for visitors when they see clean and maintained boat landings in our County. Commissioner Holmes stated that the Elk River-North Highway 72 boat landing is the first impression that visitors from Limestone County have of our County and that he was there this past weekend and it looks great. Commissioner Holmes also stated that putting this agreement into place will promote tourism in our area. Commissioner Parker stated that we have people from many other states that come to our area to fish in the bass fishing tournament and that having maintained boat landings will continue to promote tourism. 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 that a resolution be approved to amend the agreement with Civil Group, LLC through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Project No. IAR039-000-003 – Construct Right Turn Lane at the Intersection of US Highway 72 and Industrial Park Blvd, Lauderdale County Alabama. The amended agreement is due to additional services that are required to meet environmental requirements set forth by the Alabama Department of Transportation that were not known at the time of the original agreement and the amount is increased from twenty four thousand two hundred-fifty dollars to twenty nine thousand eight hundred-fifty dollars which is an increase of five thousand six hundred dollars. Commissioner Garner asked if the County is looking to get the additional cost reimbursed from SEDA and the County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, stated yes, that is correct. 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 that a resolution be approved to authorize the purchase of three Kubota tractors with accessories for the Lauderdale County Road Department. The tractors will be purchased from Huntsville Tractor and Equipment of Huntsville, Alabama at a cost of twenty four thousand six hundred thirty dollars and twenty-five cents each which is a total cost of seventy three thousand eight hundred ninety dollars and seventy-five cents. Commissioner Parker asked if these will be mowing tractors to be used by the summer help to keep roadsides mowed. David Abernathy from the Lauderdale County Road Department stated yes, the tractors will be used for mowing and the road department will use eight to ten tractors for mowing. 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 that a resolution be approved to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama acting through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Project number STPNU-3916(251), LCP 39-163-16, CPMS Reference #100066659 for the widening and resurfacing of Lauderdale County Road 144 from

County Road 47 to County Road 33 which is a length of 2.055 miles. Commissioner Holmes stated that he appreciates the understanding and patience of the residents who live in that area. Commissioner Holmes also stated that there is a right way and a wrong way to fix the road and that the Lauderdale County Road Department did a great job protecting the integrity of the shoulder of the roadway and he appreciates the Road Department's hard work on this project. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to appoint Ms. Katelyn Brown to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association Board. The term will begin immediately and expire on September 30th, 2018 or at such time a successor is appointed. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Appointment is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to appoint Ms. Connie Konig to the Florence-Lauderdale Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board. This will be a joint appointment with the City of Florence and has been approved by the Florence City Council. Ms. Konig will replace the previous joint member, Leonard Skipworth. The term will begin immediately and expire on November 15th, 2019 or at such time a successor is appointed. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Appointment 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 2017-1 "Various Print Bids." Bid responses were received, publicly opened, and read aloud on May 5th, 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 for the Judge of Probate Printed Envelopes, Herald Printing and Printers and Stationers, both of Florence, Alabama and that there was one bidder for the Judge of Probate Adoption Folders and License Commission Business Licenses. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommended that Harold Printing be awarded the bid for the Judge of Probate Envelopes as they were the lowest bidder on that item and that Printers and Stationers be awarded the bid for the Judge of Probate Adoption Folders and License Commission Business Licenses as they were the only bidder on those items. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth to award the bid for the Judge of Probate Printed Envelopes to Herald Printing and the bid for the Judge of Probate Adoption Folders and the License Commission Business Licenses to 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.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered to be paid upon a motion by Commissioner Hackworth and seconded by Commissioner Parker. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED APRIL 25th, 2017 THROUGH MAY 7th, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 51956-51996	\$375,489.27
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3550-3551	\$220.71
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7786-7792	\$4,350.84
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16337-16349	\$195,992.00

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 # 642	\$13,241.52
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 11061-11071	\$29,369.63
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16917-16922	\$2,348.72
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #	0.00
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK #	0.00
CDBG FUND CHECK #	0.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 6836-6851	\$166,446.16
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 38864-38918	\$237,870.46
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2990	\$9,355.50
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOTAL	\$1,034,684.81

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Mr. John Hargett of 1406 N. Wood Avenue, Florence, Alabama stated that he does not feel that the proposed Agri-Business Center will stimulate the local economy and that every dollar taken from the local consumer and tax payer will not help the economy. Mr. Hargett stated that he does not want the two percent gas tax that was passed for the RSA project extended and that he wants a copy of the original RSA law along with a detailed report of exactly how the money was spent. Mr. Hargett also stated that history shows that things never come out good when the government interferes and he handed out copies of pages from a book he read about the Government destroying the economy. Mr. Hargett further stated that he is convinced that the Agri-Business Center would not be a good idea for our community.

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