

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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
Brad Holmes	Commissioner, District 1
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2
Fay Parker	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 Brad Holmes.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Parker 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 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution that authorizes the Lauderdale County Commission to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Florence-Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency for an Emergency Management Performance Grant 17EMF in the amount of forty-five thousand, two hundred and ninety-six dollars. This is to be used for the sole purpose of emergency management preparedness programs. George Grabryan, Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency Director and Danny Pettus, Chairman of the Lauderdale County Commission are authorized to execute all grant documents. 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 Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner to approve a resolution authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission along with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to enter into an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG Grant) with the City of Florence. The grant amount is sixteen thousand six hundred and one dollars which will be divided equally between the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and the City of Florence. The City of Florence will be lead applicant and financial administrator of the grant. 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 will allow approval of a subdivision application for Skypark IV which was submitted by Skypark Properties, LLC, c/o Kelley Allen. The application includes a subdivision location of Sky Park Road on Shoals Creek in Lauderdale County. This agreement will provide fiscal surety from the developer, Kelley Allen, to ensure that any work done on existing Lauderdale County roads is performed in a timely manner. Commissioner Holmes asked Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, to clarify the agreement. Mr. Hill stated that this agreement is to provide a safeguard to make sure that County road standards are met and that any road closings would be kept to a minimum. Commissioner Garner asked Mr. Hill who would test the quality of the road work done by Mr. Allen. Mr. Hill stated that in addition to his department checking the work, a third party will also be used to test the road conditions. Commissioner Holmes stated that he lives in the area and that the Pitman's driveway would not be affected by the work being done. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and a copy of the application are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Lauderdale County Detention Center supervisor, Jason Butler, has requested Family Medical Leave for one of his employees. The leave is to begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and will end on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All medical paperwork has been submitted and is in order. Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the leave. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Leave 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 Hackworth. Commissioner Holmes asked the Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, about an invoice for the Lauderdale County Detention Center. Ms. Bryant stated that it was the bill for Southern Health Partners. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 52380-52412	\$428,443.92
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3585-3590	\$1,025.94
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7847-7854	\$5,427.96
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 16448-16463	\$614,742.97
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 # 11143-11154	\$40,101.64

REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 452-454	\$11,756.90
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16974-16980	\$2,806.69
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 # 6946-6961	\$167,974.74
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 39282-39316	\$77,332.41
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1128 & 1129	\$363,321.64
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK #	0.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 5525-5536	\$385,558.09
Total	\$2,098,492.90

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period:

Doreen Pitman of 1908 Skypark Road, Florence, Alabama, handed out a statement which she discussed with the Commissioners – see attached letter.

Brenda Newman of Skypark Road, Florence, Alabama, stated that there were other parts of that road that are very dangerous and other problems that Mr. Allen should address if he is worried about safety. Ms. Newman stated that no one knows what is going on regarding the Skypark Project.

Dr. Simpson of Skypark Road, Florence, Alabama, stated that before The Allen's started paving Skypark Road, it was a nightmare and very dangerous. Dr. Simpson also stated that if you put it into perspective, Mr. Allen couldn't do the whole project but he wanted to see a more reliable project being done.

Jerry James of 1992 Skypark Road, Florence, Alabama, stated that he knows The Allen's were trying to improve the area and that this project would help property values. Mr. James also stated that he has seen their work and Mr. Allen mows the easement every week and he believes that they will do a good job.

Commissioner Holmes stated that he understands both sides of this issue since he lives in the neighborhood and that assurances have been put into place to make sure that the work is done and that we will not have the same issues as twenty years ago. Commissioner Holmes asked the Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, to comment on the road closings. Mr. Hill stated that the agreement states that the road would be closed for forty-five working days but that it can also be affected by weather issues. Mr. Hill also stated that the road would only be closed at the very end of the project and only when necessary.

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Newman of 1496 Skypark Road, Florence, Alabama, asked if anyone has done a study on the traffic increase that will occur once the project is completed. The Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, stated that there are sixteen new lots and that would result in around forty trips per day. Mr. Newman stated that they had to put up a fence to try to keep trucks and cars out of their driveway and that they had a truck drive through his house. Ms. Newman asked Mr. Hill how many notices were sent out because no one knew anything about this project. Mr. Hill stated that forty notices were sent out which is above the legal amount that is required. Mr. Hill stated that he just felt it was right to send out that many.

Debbie Jennings of 244 Jordan Lane, Florence, Alabama, spoke about the Give A Kid A Chance Program and handed out brochures about the program – see attached brochure.

Vernon Allison of County Road 74, Florence, Alabama, stated that he would like to be appointed to the Farmers Market Board. Mr. Allison also stated that he has never seen a board member or a Commissioner come to the market unless they were politicking. Commissioner Parker stated that the Board is trying to address his issues with the Farmers Market and he appreciates Mr. Allison coming to the meetings.

Lauderdale County Probate Judge, William Motlow, addressed the Commission to let them know that one of the contracted workers had quit and that he would be looking for a replacement.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Garner, the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Danny Pettus, Chairman

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Brad Holmes, 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