

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 16th day of May, 2017. The Special Session 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 Hackworth.

The Lauderdale County Attorney, Chris Smith, stated that a Special Session had been called and that the proper time and notifications were completed in accordance with Alabama State Law and that copies of the notifications will be attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the current agenda.

Commissioner Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that approves a written application to form, incorporate, and organize an Agriculture Authority. The following persons, residents, and qualified electors of Lauderdale County submitted an application: Ed Tease, Tom Carter, Tim Melson, Lynn Greer, Humphrey Lee, and Phillip Pettus. Commissioner Garner stated that this is a great opportunity and holds tremendous promise for our community through the events that are possible and the financial impact that will come to our area. Commissioner Holmes stated that this project will be an asset to our district and even though we are in the first steps of this multi-purpose center, he wanted to thank the State and County officials who did their due diligence in bringing this project to our County and that the positive impact will be great. Commissioner Hackworth stated that this is going to be a close gathering place in our community and a great venue for Lauderdale County. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that he wanted to thank everyone that played a supporting role in making this project happen. Commissioner Parker stated that he wanted to go along with the other Commissioners' comments and that we have taken a major step in bringing major events to our County and that the financial gain will be great and he can't wait until it is completed. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution, application, and copy of Act # SB345 are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period:

Bob Hill of Hillside Drive in Florence, Alabama stated that he is involved with the mounted reserves and he wanted to let everyone know that the Extreme Cowboy Race Celebration was coming up soon and that it is a big event that could be held in our County when the new center is built here. Mr. Hill stated that he is very happy about the center and the economic boom that this new center will bring to our County.

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