

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of November, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale Commission, Dewey D. Mitchell. Chairman Mitchell welcomed the two new commissioners to the meeting and stated that he looked forward to working with them. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Chairman
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
Danny Pettus	Commissioner, District 1
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Joe Hackworth	Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
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Chairman Mitchell, upon a declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting open for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Joe Hackworth.

Award and Presentations- None

Public Comments- None

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner 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 Garner 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 Hackworth moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker, that a resolution be adopted authorizing the upcoming year's 2015 Holiday Schedule for the Lauderdale County Commission. There being no discussion, and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Mitchell stated that since this was the first meeting of the new commission, according to Alabama Code 11-3-8, the Commissioners were to set the time for Commission Meetings and then opened the floor for comments. Commissioner Parker stated that he would like to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Chairman Mitchell asked about court house security. Commissioner Parker stated that he had spoken to the new sheriff elect, Rick Singleton, and stated that Mr. Singleton said it would not be a problem. Chairman Mitchell asked of Commissioner Parker if he had spoken to Ronnie Willis, current Sheriff of Lauderdale County, and Commissioner Parker stated that he had not spoken to Sheriff Willis. Commissioner Parker stated that the meetings could be moved to the first floor at

the Probate Court if needed. Chairman Mitchell asked Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney, if the commissioners had to address the location of the meetings. Chris Smith stated that time and dates were to be established but the place can be altered as long as there was proper notification. Chairman Mitchell stated that Judge Jones, the current Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Judge, would have to be notified and agree on the security of the court house. Chairman Mitchell asked Chris Smith to set up a meeting with Judge Jones forthwith. Chairman Mitchell stated that there were four floors of court house that had court rooms that needed to be considered for security. Commissioner Pettus stated that he agreed with Commissioner Parker. Chairman Mitchell asked Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney, if a resolution needed to be done if the location was changed. Chris Smith stated as long as you gave proper notification of the date, time and have the location listed, that would be acceptable. Chairman Mitchell stated that the new sheriff would not take office until after the November 24, 2014 and the two December, 2014 commission meetings and the one meeting January, 2015 Commission meetings. At this time Chairman Mitchell asked if there were any more comments or questions concerning the meeting times. Since no more comments or questions were asked, Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion and second to change the meeting time of the Lauderdale County Commission Meeting to 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning November 24, 2014. Commissioner Pettus moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Chairman Mitchell asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Parker stated that moving the meeting times would help the citizens of Lauderdale County. Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney, stated that the Commission's Office would post the meeting times and locations by means of local newspaper and county web page. Commissioner Garner asked if we would do a resolution to show the change of the meetings for the minutes. Chris Smith stated that there would be a resolution for the Commissioner's meeting. Chairman Mitchell stated that he just wanted to be sure that the commission was going to follow the law and be in compliance of the Alabama Supreme Court order and follow the proper security. Chris Smith stated that he would get the courthouse security team together for a meeting forthwith. With there being no more discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed, and ordered paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Parker. After a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED OCTOBER 27, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2014

GENERAL-SPECIAL CHECK # 48633-48696	1,315,556.19
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3355-3359	625.44
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7296-7308	8,370.20
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15402-15422	210,741.65

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 # 287	500.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 596	12,816.70
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10338-10355	44,060.58
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 539	693.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 417 & 418	650.00
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16431-16442	4,264.30
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 # 5916-5934	130,054.14
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 35593-35664	243,614.78
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2914-2916	13,500.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # N/A	0.00
TOTAL	1,985,446.98

Scheduled Public Hearings - None
Staff Reports - None

Public Comments

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John Hargett, of 1406 North Wood, Florence, Alabama handed the commissioners a book on economics. The book title was "Economics in One Lesson". Mr. Hargett stated that commissioners were to carry out duties and that there were limitations on government. However, the government should serve the free interest and free market and that the first thing the commissioners should do was dissolve the two cent gas tax and the one-half cent sales tax. Mr. Hargett stated that he had heard that the two cent gas tax may have been renewed already.

Bill Clemons of 1360 County Road 74 Florence, Alabama wanted to congratulate Commissioners Hackworth and Pettus on winning the election. Mr. Clemons stated that the county was in need of an Archive Building to store the items that people have stored in boxes in their homes. Mr. Clemons stated that he knew that the commissioners had discussed the issue before and that we needed to work with the City of Florence and that the county should take the lead on this project. Mr. Clemons stated that a forward thinking county such as Lauderdale should be able to do this project. Commissioner Parker stated that he thinks there is a need for an Archive Building but was merely concerned with where it would be located and how it would be paid for.

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

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

Roger Garner, Commissioner
District 1

Danny Pettus, Commissioner
District 1

Joe Hackworth, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator