

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Chairman Pettus.

Awards and Presentations: none

Commissioner Hackworth 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that the minutes of the last regular meeting 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 request of the Absentee Elections manager to appoint three Absentee Election clerks for the months of August and September of this year to aid in the absentee election process for the Special Primary Election and the Special Primary Runoff Election. The clerks will be authorized for each election as requested and will be paid a rate of eleven dollars per hour. 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 states that the Lauderdale County Commission will pay the Coordinator of the Community Mental Health Officers Program three thousand dollars annually. Any necessary budget amendments are herein authorized for the financial management of this agreement. 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 to approve payment of two hundred seventy-five dollars to the Shoals Chamber of Commerce Foundation. This payment will be paid out of the Tourism Fund. 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 Hackworth to approve a resolution authorizing Probate Judge William Motlow to update the job descriptions of two positions in the Probate Office. The two positions are UCC Clerk and Voter Records Clerk. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of both updated job descriptions are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve a resolution that authorizes three appointments to the Lauderdale County Agriculture Authority. The three appointments are Roger Garner, Joe Hackworth, and Judge Edward Tease. Commissioner Garner explained that the Agriculture Authority will be the governing board which will handle the money and hiring of a director for the new center. Commissioner Garner also stated that there will be an advisory council in addition to the Agriculture Authority Board which will be made up of people who are experts in the field who will advise the director and assist in planning events. Commissioner Parker stated that Roger Garner and Joe Hackworth were picked for the Agriculture

Authority board because they have been working on this project from the beginning and he also stated that Judge Tease would bring legal expertise to the board. Commissioner Holmes stated that the board members will be working on the loan for the building, the construction of the building and they will also hire the director who will handle the day to day operations and events. Commissioner Holmes stated that he has confidence in the appointments that the Commission has chosen. Commissioner Hackworth stated that he is honored to be appointed to this board and that the advisory council will be the people with the expert knowledge and provide the input needed. Commissioner Hackworth also stated that the advisory council will not be encumbered like the executive board will be. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Hackworth – abstain

Commissioner Parker – yea

Commissioner Holmes – yea

Commissioner Garner – abstain

and upon 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 authorizing the Florence-Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency to purchase a new 2017 Ford F350 truck at a cost of forty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars. The truck will be purchased from the Alabama State Bid List. An amount of forty thousand eight hundred seventy dollars will be paid out of the current budget with the remaining balance of seven thousand nine hundred thirty dollars being paid out of excess Tennessee Valley Authority Funds. Commissioner Parker asked the Florence-Lauderdale Emergency Agency director, George Grabryan, about the trucks under carriage. Mr. Grabryan stated that the truck will be just like the other trucks purchased. 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 repair a 2006 Komatsu Bulldozer at a cost of eighteen thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars. This repair work will be done by Tractor and Equipment Company of Birmingham, Alabama. Commissioner Holmes asked the Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, to explain the repair and cost. Mr. Hill stated that there has been a change in the bid law which now states that an equipment repair cost under twenty-two thousand dollars does not have to be bid out. Mr. Hill also stated that this revision applies to heavy equipment only. Commissioner Garner asked Mr. Hill what the cost would be for a new bulldozer and Mr. Hill replied that the cost would be well over one hundred thousand dollars. Commissioner

Parker asked Mr. Hill if the Road Department has a backup bulldozer and Mr. Hill replied yes, they do have a backup. Commissioner Hackworth asked what we know about the company that is doing the repair work and Mr. Hill replied that they are the dealer that the bulldozer was purchased from. 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 to approve a resolution that authorizes the resurfacing and widening of Lauderdale County Road 144 from County Road 47 to County Road 33 which is ATRIP Project # STPNU-3916(251). The bid was awarded by the Alabama Department of Transportation to MidSouth Paving, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama. The County's portion of the cost for the above project is one hundred nineteen thousand one hundred seventy dollars and nine cents. Commissioner Holmes stated he has looked at County Road 144 and that he is glad that the Lauderdale County Engineer, Eric Hill, has made sure that the repairs are being done correctly. Commissioner Holmes also stated that the Road Department has spent a lot of time repairing the road and he wants to thank Mr. Hill for that. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved 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 June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissioners review. Chairman Pettus referred to Lauderdale County Administrator, Brenda Bryant, for her recommendation. Ms. Bryant stated that there were two bidders, Harold Printing and Printers & Stationers, both of Florence, Alabama. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends that Printers and Stationers be awarded the Probate Election Workers Appointment Notice Postcards, Probate Election Workers School of Instruction Certificates, Revenue Tax Notices, and the Revenue Assessment Sheets as they were the low bidder on those items. Ms. Bryant stated that she recommends that Herald Printers be awarded the Revenue Tax Receipts as they were the lowest bidder on that item. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to award the items to the lowest bidder. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bids to be awarded as recommended to Printers and Stationers and Herald Printers, both of Florence, Alabama. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department requested that Chief Deputy Richard Richey be allowed to attend the Fraternal Order of Police National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference will be held from August 27<sup>th</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Travel is herein approved and made part of these minutes.

The Lauderdale County Revenue Commissioner, Danny Hendrix, requested that the Lauderdale County Commission extend the medical leave of one of his employees to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. All proper medical paperwork has been completed and is in order. The Lauderdale County Sheriff, Rick Singleton, requested that the Lauderdale County Commission allow one of his employees to go on Family Medical Leave to begin when all sick, annual, and comp time has been used. In addition, this medical leave is under special circumstances and time off is to be used in sections. All proper paperwork has been completed. Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackworth. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Both Leaves are approved 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 MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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| GENERAL-SPECIAL<br>CHECK # 52069-52134                           | \$612,102.27 |
| AGRI-BUSINESS FUND<br>CHECK # 3553-3560                          | \$1,043.86   |
| LEPA FUND<br>CHECK # 7801-7814                                   | \$8,698.61   |
| GASOLINE TAX FUND<br>CHECK # 16363-16385 (CHECK # 16377 IS VOID) | \$281,286.05 |
| PUBLIC BLDG., R & B SPECIAL<br>CHECK # N/A                       | 0.00         |
| PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND<br>CHECK # N/A                     | 0.00         |
| AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND<br>CHECK # 326                | \$22,175.00  |

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| RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND<br>CHECK # 644           | \$642,054.65   |
| REAPPRAISAL FUND<br>CHECK # 11082-11101        | \$48,179.50    |
| REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET<br>CHECK # 559        | \$100,000.00   |
| TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND<br>CHECK # 447 | \$15,000.00    |
| RSVP FUND<br>CHECK # 16931-16942               | \$4,677.67     |
| CHILD PROTECTION FUND<br>CHECK # N/A           | 0.00           |
| SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND<br>CHECK # N/A   | 0.00           |
| CDBG FUND<br>CHECK # N/A                       | 0.00           |
| SOLID WASTE FUND<br>CHECK # 6867-6892          | \$152,122.05   |
| ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND<br>CHECK # 38961-39041    | \$264,324.86   |
| FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND<br>CHECK # N/A        | 0.00           |
| INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND<br>CHECK # N/A | 0.00           |
| TOBACCO TAX FUND<br>CHECK # 2991               | \$10,179.00    |
| TVA TAX FUND<br>CHECK # 5489-5500              | \$385,558.09   |
| TOTAL  | \$2,547,401.61 |

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Staff Reports: none

Public Comment Period: Jim Akin of Florence, Alabama asked the Commissioners who were the other board members of the Agriculture Authority. Chairman Pettus stated that we do not know whom the Alabama State Legislators have appointed or if they have appointed anyone at this point. Commissioner Hackworth stated that there would be a total of seven board appointments to the Agriculture Authority, three appointed by the Lauderdale County Commission and four appointed by the Alabama State Legislators.

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

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Joe Hackworth, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Brenda Bryant, County Administrator