

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE County Legislative Body for the County of Lauderdale and State of Tennessee was held at the Courthouse in the town of Ripley, on the 2nd Monday in September, on the 11th day of said month, and year OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE, present and presiding Maurice Gaines, County Mayor, Linda Summar, County Clerk, Lawrence Andrews, Joe Carmack, Jason Chrestman, Don Connell, Gene Edwards, Rob Harris, Danny Hartsfield, Jeff Henson, Ronnie Jackson, Kaye Jordon, Brian Maclin, Dale McCaslin, Terry Mills, Mary Moore, Eugene Pugh, Joe Pursell, Todd Rankin, Erin Smith, Lowell Tillman Jr, Dan Ungerecht Jr, and Susan Worlds.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner E. Smith to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Commission Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner R. Harris and approved.



Lauderdale County Courthouse  
100 Court Square, Ripley, TN 38063  
(731) 635-3500

**RESOLUTION NO** 09-23-1

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS "NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH" IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to honor first responders and raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergency events; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been 363 confirmed weather and climate disasters since 1980 that individually cost at least \$1 billion in damages and collectively totaled \$2,593.8 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, disaster events pose an acute risk to human life where they occur, with some communities facing substantially higher risk due to their geography but none being immune; and

**WHEREAS**, building local capacity for disaster mitigation will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme of National Preparedness Month is "Preparing Older Adults for Disasters"; and

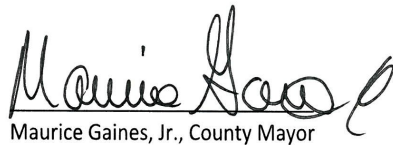
**WHEREAS**, resilience to disasters and emergency events is built upon collective understanding and preparedness through community engagement;

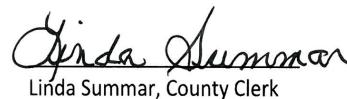
**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, THAT** the Lauderdale County Commission declares September as National Preparedness Month in Lauderdale County to highlight the critical role of the county in overseeing emergency response and management on behalf of its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, Lauderdale County encourages all citizens to provide for and assist with the goal of community preparedness and "Preparing Older Adults for Disasters" by taking steps including developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, communicating their emergency plan to all members of their household and/or workplace, and taking part in community discussions on shared vulnerability to emergencies.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** in this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
Maurice Gaines, Jr., County Mayor

  
Linda Summar, County Clerk



Motion was made by Commissioner J. Pursell to approve Resolution No. 9-23-1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner K. Jordon and unanimously approved.

**REQUEST TO APPLY/EXPEND THE TN MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM**

**IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,000**

Motion was made by Commissioner D. Connell to approve the request to apply/expend the TN Mental Health Grant Program in the amount of \$144,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Moore and unanimously approved.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE ALL COURTS BE HELD AT THE JUSTICE CENTER**

**EFFECTIVE 11-1-2023**

Due to security concerns brought forth by the Sheriff and Court Security Committee, request was made to approve all courts be held at the Justice Center effective 11-1-2023. Motion was made by Commissioner D. Hartsfield to approve the request to hold all courts at the Justice Center effective 11-1-2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Ungerecht and during much discussion between the Judges, Commissioners, and Sheriff, Commissioner D. Hartsfield stated,

“I call the question”. There was no second to “I call the question” and Commissioner R. Jackson asked Commissioner D. Hartsfield to rescind his “I call the question” to allow more discussion. “I call the question” was rescinded by Commissioner D. Hartsfield and after more discussion there was a roll call vote with the vote being 9 Ayes, 12 Nays, and 3 Absent.

Maurice Gaines, County Mayor, requested the appointment of the following members to the Court Room Security Committee; Sheriff Brian Kelley, Mayor Maurice Gaines, County Attorney Dan Douglas, Judge Rachel Jackson, Judge Scott Lovelace, Commissioner Lawrence Andrews, and Commissioner Todd Rankin. Motion was made by Commissioner T. Rankin to approve the committee appointments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner G. Edwards and approved.

**FIRE COORDINATOR/ RETIREMENT/ APPOINTMENT**

Ron Weir, Lauderdale County Fire Coordinator, retired and left the position open. Request was made to appoint John Smith, EMA Director, to duties as the Fire Coordinator. Motion was made by Commissioner J. Pursell to approve the above appointment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner S. Worlds and approved.



GP 5	<b>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS</b>		
	SY 2023-2024		
	07/01/23-06/30/24		
This is a correction to the SPARC budget presented & approved in August 2023. The original SPARC funding was received in SY 2021-2022. Some of the funds were used in the prior 2 years to reimburse TCAT for instructor pay. Only \$3,429.56 remains of the allocation for "399,"			
Other Contracted Services.			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>141</b>			
76100-707- -SPRC	Capital Outlay, Building Improvements	\$37,178.16	
72230-399- -SPRC	Other Contracted Services		37178.16
	TOTAL	\$37,178.16	\$37,178.16
Prepared by <u><i>Rick Sullivan</i></u>			
Board of Ed approval _____			
County Commission approval _____			
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Reviewed by _____			

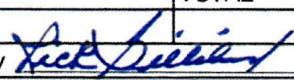
GP 6	<b>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS</b>		
	SY 2023-2024		
	07/01/23-06/30/24		
This amendment records a contribution to the Family Resource Center from New Hope Baptist Church. (Ck 1659)			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
<b>141</b>			
44570	Contributions & Gifts	\$40.00	
72130-499	Other Supplies & Materials		\$40.00
	TOTAL	\$40.00	\$40.00
Prepared by <u><i>Rick Sullivan</i></u>			
Board of Ed approval _____			
County Commission approval _____			
Accounting entry _____			
Reviewed by _____			

GP 7 8/30/2023	<b>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS</b>		
	SY 2023-2024		
This amendment will record the approval of a state grant for an early childhood education (Pre-K) program. The grant will provide funding for 9 classes-7 @ RPS & 2 @ HES.			
<b>141</b>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
46515	Early Childhood Education	\$944,691.95	
73400-105	Director/Supervisor		\$22,812.00
73400-116	Teachers		427,181.00
73400-163	Educational Assistants		207,840.00
73400-201	Social Security		40,643.91
73400-204	State Retirement		37,763.73
73400-207	Medical Insurance		150,000.00
73400-212	Employer Medicare		9,505.43
73400-355	Travel		1,200.00
73400-422	Food Supplies		13,000.00
73400-429	Instructional Supplies & Material		10,000.00
73400-499	Other Supplies & Materials		14,745.88
73400-524	Inservice/Staff Development		6,000.00
73400-599	Other Charges		4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$944,691.95	\$944,691.95
Prepared by <u><i>Rick Sullivan</i></u>			
Board of Ed approval _____			
County Commission approval _____			
Accounting entry _____			
Reviewed by _____			
eReporting _____			



GP 8 9/2/2023	GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS		
	SY 2023-2024		
	07/01/23-06/30/24		
To record the award of the Save the Children grant for SY 2023-2024.			
"Save the Children's in-school literacy component is intended to complement a school emphasis on increasing the reading achievement of below grade level students...."			
The local match is \$26,894.00.			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Revenue	Expenditure
141			
48610	Donations	\$207,970.90	
71100-116- -STC-INL	Teachers		\$1,000.00
71100-163- -STC-INL	Educational Assistants		32,000.00
71100-201- -STC-INL	Social Security		2,046.00
71100-204- -STC-INL	State Retirement		1,327.00
71100-207- -STC-INL	Medical Insurance		2,548.00
71100-212- -STC-INL	Employer Medicare		479.00
71100-449- -STC-INL	Textbooks		500.00
71100-499- -STC-INL	Other Supplies & Materials		500.00
72210-355- -STC-INL	Travel		1,438.90
71100-162- -STC-ESS	Clerical Personnel		38,400.00
71100-201- -STC-ESS	Social Security		2,381.00
71100-204- -STC-ESS	State Retirement		1,536.00
71100-207- -STC-ESS	Medical Insurance		5,126.00
71100-212- -STC-ESS	Employer Medicare		557.00
71100-449- -STC-ESS	Textbooks		400.00
71100-499- -STC-ESS	Other Supplies & Materials		1,200.00
72210-524- -STC-ESS	Inservice/Staff Development		3,924.00
71100-163- -STC-CEN	Educational Assistants		38,400.00
71100-201- -STC-CEN	Social Security		2,381.00
71100-204- -STC-CEN	State Retirement		1,536.00
71100-207- -STC-CEN	Medical Insurance		5,126.00
71100-212- -STC-CEN	Employer Medicare		557.00
71100-499- -STC-CEN	Other Supplies & Materials		7,500.00
72210-524- -STC-CEN	Inservice/Staff Development		3,012.00
71100-163- -STC-VRM	Educational Assistants		38,400.00
71100-201- -STC-VRM	Social Security		2,381.00
71100-204- -STC-VRM	State Retirement		1,536.00
71100-207- -STC-VRM	Medical Insurance		1,286.00
71100-212- -STC-VRM	Employer Medicare		557.00
71100-499- -STC-VRM	Other Supplies & Materials		7,000.00
72210-524- -STC-VRM	Inservice/Staff Development		2,936.00
	TOTAL	\$207,970.90	\$207,970.90
Prepared by	<i>Arik Swanson</i>		
Board of Ed approval			
County Commission approval			
Accounting entry			
Reviewed by			



GP 9	<b>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS</b>		
	<b>SY 2023-2024</b>		
	07/01/23-06/30/24		
This amendment records the award of the Lottery Education After School Program (LEAP) budget for SY 2023-2024. LEAP is offered at RPS, RMS & HES.			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
<b>141</b>			
44590- -LEAP	Other State Education Funds	\$125,000.00	
73300-116- -LEAP-RPS	Teachers		\$40,833.33
73300-116- -LEAP-RMS	Teachers		40,833.33
73300-116- -LEAP-HES	Teachers		40,833.34
73300-163- -LEAP-RPS	Educational Assistants		2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Prepared by 			
Board of Ed approval _____			
County Commission approval _____			
Accounting entry _____			
Reviewed by _____			

Motion was made by Commissioner K. Jordon to approve the School Budget Amendments.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner R. Harris and upon roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
September 11, 2023**

<b>FUND 101-County General</b>			
No.	Function	Object Description	
			Decrease      Increase
1	53330 -105	Drug Court-Supervisor/Director	49,219
	53330 -201	Drug Court-Social Security	3,051
	53330 -204	Drug Court-Retirement	1,969
	53330 -205	Drug Court-Employee/Dep. Insurance	20,150
	53330 -212	Drug Court-Medicare	612
	53330 -307	Drug Court-Communication	1,000
	53330 -310	Drug Court-Contracts w/Private Agencies	20,750
	53330 -348	Drug Court-Postal Charges	500
	53330 -349	Drug Court-Printing, Stationary, and Forms	2,400
	53330 -355	Drug Court-Travel	8,500
	53330 -435	Drug Court-Office Supplies	20,349
	53330 -499	Drug Court-Other Supplies and Materials	500
	53330 -599	Drug Court-Other Charges	15,000
	46220	Drug Control Grants	144,000
2	58400 -719	Other Charges-Office Equipment	10,565
	46190	Other General Government Grants	9,763
	39000	Reserves- Counties Match	802
		<i>Library-TOP Grant</i>	
		<b>Grand Total Fund 101</b>	<b>154,565      154,565</b>

Motion was made by Commissioner S. Worlds to approve the Budget Amendments of Fund 101.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner E. Smith and upon roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**  
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<b>FUND 122-Sheriff Drug</b>			Decrease	Increase
Function	Object	Description		
1	54150 -718	Drug Enforcement-Motor Vehicles		10,000
	39000	Reserves	10,000	
		<i>Using Asset Forfeiture Funds</i>		
<b>Grand Total Fund 122</b>			<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Pursell to approve the Budget Amendments of Fund 122.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Henson and upon roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**  
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<b>FUND 127-ARPA</b>			Decrease	Increase
Function	Object	Description		
1	58833 -707	ARPA #3-Bldg Improvements/Landfill Concrete Pad		300,000
	58841 -718	ARPA-A -Motor Vehicles(Tanker)		20,000
	39000	Reserves	320,000	
		<i>Landfill Station Transfer Pad/Volunteer Fire Water Tanker</i>		
<b>Grand Total Fund 127</b>			<b>320,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Henson to approve the Budget Amendments of Fund 127.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Pursell and upon roll call vote was unanimously approved.

**Permits August 2023**

Total: 7 Permits     \$1054.00

New Homes:2     Storage: 3     Garage: 1     Porches: 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Hankins

Lauderdale County Building Permits

Motion was made by Commissioner E. Smith to approve the Building Permits. Motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Ungerecht and was unanimously approved.



**OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Gaines, County Mayor, requested the appointment of the following commissioners to the School Upgrade Committee: R. Harris, D. Hartsfield, J. Chrestman, S. Worlds, and E. Smith. Motion was made by Commissioner J. Henson to approve the above appointments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Ungerecht and unanimously approved.

**NOTARIES**

Bradley Adams	Ty Brasfield – Brandon Ward
Ray Marvel	Ty Brasfield – Donnie Reed
Rebecca McWilliams	Monty McWilliams – Ricky McWilliams
Clara Oswald	Misty Anthony – Wayne Oswald

The above Notaries with Bonds were read. Motion was made by Commissioner D. Connell to approve the above Notaries. Motion was seconded by Commissioner E. Smith and was unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned until the next scheduled meeting.