

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day of January, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner D.C. Thornton who acted as Chairman. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

William Smith	Commissioner, District 1
D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1 Chairman, Pro tempore
Ronnie L. Brown	Commissioner, District 2
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
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Absent:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Chairman Lauderdale County Commission
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D.C. Thornton, Chairman, pro-tempore, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Stan Dean, a local minister, at the invitation of Commissioner William Smith.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that the agenda items be approved for immediate consideration during this meeting. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that the minutes of the last meeting be approved for recording as presented. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a resolution be adopted approving the plat resurvey of Lot 3-A in Green Hill Meadows Subdivision. A notice of successful inspection and recommendation for approval has been received from the County Engineer. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted accepting Commerce Way Road in Commerce Park Subdivision into the county road system for

Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the probationary period for solid waste employee, Anthony D. Smith, be extended for an additional ninety day period. Mr. Smith has been unable to work in the position for which he was hired due to an on the job injury and could not be monitored in job performance during the initial period. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted changing the mileage rate to 50.5 cents per mile effective January 14, 2008. This rate will apply to persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official county business. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a resolution be adopted designating the approved county holidays for 2008. As in other years the list follows the holiday schedule designated by the State of Alabama. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein approved and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for vehicles to be used in various departments. Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on January 9. Bids were evaluated by department heads. Bid tabulation sheets were prepared for Commissioners' review.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that Bid LA-2008-9, "One New ½ ton Pickup Truck" for use by the Sheriff's Department be awarded to Family Ford Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$19,436.95 (lowest bid). There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner Irons abstained due to a prior working relationship with Family Ford.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that Bid LA-2008-10, "New 4X4 Vehicle with Police Package" for use by the Sheriff's Department be awarded to Family Ford Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$26,705.92. The lowest bidder, Long-Lewis Ford, was not awarded the bid due to the fact that there was no information provided about the vehicle being bid. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner Irons abstained due to a prior working relationship with Family Ford.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that Bid LA-2008-11, "New 2008 ½ ton Pickup Truck" for use by the County Commission Maintenance Department be awarded to Family Ford Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$15,575.95. The lowest bidder, Long-Lewis Ford, was not awarded the bid due to the fact there was no information provided about the vehicle being bid. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner

The low bid on the 4X4 SUV and the flat truck from Long Lewis Ford was rejected due to the bidder not providing any information regarding the vehicle being bid. The bid from Ben Atkinson Motors of Tallassee, AL was no accepted due to the application of the 3% local preference on the ½ ton pickup truck bid. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner Irons abstained due to a prior work relationship with Family Ford Sales. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid LA-2008-1, "Various Printing Jobs". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on January 11. A bid tabulation was prepared and distributed to the Commissioners for their review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the bid be awarded to the low bidders for each job as shown on the tabulation. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Tabulation is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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

Commissioner Thornton, as acting Chairman, called to order a public hearing on the subject of the vacation of a right of way referred as Lot 1, Turtle Cove. Attorney, James Stanphill, Jr., representing the petitioners addressed the Commission regarding the request for vacation. The County Engineer and the County Attorney each stated that they found no problems with the request for vacation. There were no other comments made regarding the request. Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the resolution of vacation be adopted. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and attachments are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

David Charles of the Killen Center Star Volunteer Ambulance Service addressed the Commission asking for a status report on the EMS bid process. The County Attorney stated that the matter has been discussed at length as recently as the last worksession and the small municipalities currently being served by a volunteer service have been alerted as to whether or not they want to opt in or out of the County bidding process. He stated that he is currently researching bid law.

Steve Bevis, Chief of Center Star Volunteer Fire Department asked for a deadline on the process. There is no deadline.

Coy Middlebrooks addressed the Commission regarding his concerns that the Volunteer Ambulance Services will be closed down and free services taken away from the citizens. The County Attorney responded that municipalities have the legal right to contract with a service. Some of the county municipalities have always been under a volunteer service; however, extenuating circumstances are

Commissioner D. C. Thornton, as the acting Chairman, closed the discussion and asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

CHECKS ISSUED December 10, 2007 THROUGH January 13, 2008

GENERAL FUND	1,108,618.29
CHECK # 36260-36473	
VOID # 36443	
GASOLINE TAX FUND	402,387.97
CHECK # 12633-12662	
SOLID WASTE FUND	178,131.63
CHECK # 3393-3421	
VOID # 3416	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	434,304.32
CHECK # 25245-25354	
VOID # 25264-25266, 25273, 25288	
LEPA FUND	7,249.02
CHECK # 5937-5951	
TOBACCO TAX FUND	9,186.43
CHECK # 2698-2700	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND	712.44
CHECK # 2819-2822	
VOID # 2819	
REAPPRAISAL FUND	51,325.40
CHECK # 8228-8252	
VOID # 8230	
RSVP FUND	8,354.69
CHECK # 14936-14954	
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND	326,716.88
CHECK # 3038-3065	
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	3,701.99
CHECK # 458	
TVA TAX FUND	439,168.42
CHECK # 4061-4072	

TOTAL

5,025,914.32

ABSENT

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

William Smith, Commissioner
District 1

D.C. Thornton, Commissioner
District 1

Ronnie L. Brown, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator