

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 28th day of January, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Probate Judge, Dewey D. Mitchell, who acted as Chairman. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell Chairman	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Lauderdale County Commission
William Smith	Commissioner, District 1
Ronnie L. Brown	Commissioner, District 2
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2

Absent:

D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
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Legal Counsel:

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

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ronnie L. Brown.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that all items listed on the agenda be approved for immediate consideration. 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. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a contract be approved for geotechnical services with GMS Testing, Inc. The bridge project on County Road 16 (Rasch Road) is a joint project with Alabama Department of Transportation using Federal aid money and ALDOT requirements must be followed. The services will be provided at a cost of \$11,000.00 and will include all soil surveys, drawings and prepared reports. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that an appropriation to the George Lindsey/UNA Film Festival be approved in the amount of \$250.00 to be paid from the Tourism, Recreation and Convention Fund. There being no further discussion and upon a

Ronnie Ray, Member

December 31, 2009

There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Request from Greenhill Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that agreements be authorized and approved for certified instructors to provide two eight hour days of instruction to the light rescue teams at Killen-Center Star and Waterloo. Shane Mansell and Benny Davis are both certified through the Alabama Fire College and will be teaching the classes. The contracts are to be paid with funds from the Homeland Security Grant 06SMA and provide for each instructor to be paid for 16 hours at \$25.00 per hour. 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 approving the plat for Butler Creek Meadows Phase Two. The county engineer submitted his written recommendation for the approval. The subdivision plat has been inspected by his office. 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 twelve week leave of absence under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act be approved for jail employee, Michael Wilkes, pending receipt of the physician's certification. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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

During the public comment period of the meeting, Mr. David Charles, Center Star Volunteer Fire Department presented petitions from residents requesting that the volunteer ambulance districts be preserved and that they be dispatched using the same system as the volunteer fire departments. The petitions will be kept on file in the County Commission Office files.

Mr. Morris Killen stated that he had spoken to no persons in his area who wanted a paid service and asked that the volunteer units be left as they are.

Mr. Earl Tank also stated that he wanted the volunteer service.

Mr. Ronnie Ayers asked where the ambulances would be stationed and how many would be required. The Chairman told Mr. Ayers that the area to be bid had not been determined and therefore the number and location of the ambulances also had not been determined. My Ayers asked that the unit at Center Star be left as is.

Mr. Coy Middlebrooks asked the Commission to keep in mind patient care as a first priority.

Ms. Linda Smith stated that the volunteer units provide transportation services to the doctors and nursing homes.

Mr. Larry Pettus asked "What brought all this on?" to which the Chairman replied and gave Mr. Pettus a brief synopsis of the process.

Mr. Billy Smith asked what the length of ambulance contract would be. The Chairman replied that it would be a one year contract with two renewal options for a total of three years maximum.

Mr. Chris Thornton again began to speak and became out of order refusing to yield to the Chairman. The Sheriff was called to keep order. Mr. Thornton left the meeting.

Chairman Mitchell stated that the thoughts and prayers of the Commissioners and himself were with Commissioner Thornton who recently suffered the loss of his sister, Mrs. Betty Haraway.

Commissioner Brown stated that they also wanted to remember the Steve Watkins family who recently suffered the loss of a son, Jarrod D. Watkins. The Watkins family is also members of the volunteer fire unit at Zip City.

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

CHECKS ISSUED JANAURY 14, 2008 THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2008

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 36474-36527	468,659.44
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 12663-12679	383,300.04
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3422-3436	243,695.26
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 25355-25388	163,456.47
LEPA FUND CHECK # 5952-5959	4,042.28
TVA TAX FUND CHECK 4073-4084	439,168.42

AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 29,485.79
CHECK # 161 & 162

CHILD PROTECTION FUND 4,713.29
CHECK # 1052 & 1053

GENERAL - SPECIAL 500,000.00
CHECK # 634

TOTAL 3,038,032.44

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

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ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator