

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 February, 2011. The meeting was called to order by the Judge of Probate who acted as Chairman. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Chairman Lauderdale County Commission
Rhea Tays Fulmer	Commissioner, District 1
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
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Absent:

D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
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Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman, declared a quorum of the Commission to be present and the meeting open for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Larry Irons.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that all items listed on the 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.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved for recording upon a motion made by Commissioner Fulmer and seconded by Commissioner Irons. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the property insurance premium renewal quote from Sam Newton Insurance Agency be approved for payment. The renewal reflects no changes from last year. Premium in the amount of \$17,033.00 is due and

payable March 1, 2011. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that two ads in the Times Daily publications be approved as follows: A ½ page full color ad in the Progress Edition costs \$1,301.00 and a ½ page full color ad in the Explore the Shoals magazine costs \$725.00. Both ads may be paid from the tourism funds. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the 2011 EMPG Cooperative Agreement for state funding in the amount of \$2,780.00 be approved and authorized for signature by the EMA Director and the Chairman. The notice of federal funding will be forwarded at a later date. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Grant agreement is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive public works bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. 2011-18, "Reinforced Concrete Bridge Culvert on County Road 239 over Burcham Creek". Eleven bid packets were sent out and bid responses were received from five. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on February 24. The engineering staff of the road department evaluated the bids and prepared a tabulation sheet for Commission review. During the review there were questions regarding the much lower bid of Carcel & G. The engineer stated that the bid documents were in order and the contractor has worked for the County on a Solid Waste contract. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bid be awarded as recommended to the low bidder, Carcel & G Construction of Logan, Alabama in the amount of \$83,840.00. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation 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 No. 2011-19, "Resurfacing of Various County Roads". Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on February 24 and a bid tabulation was prepared for Commission review. Two bids were received from four packets distributed. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bid be awarded to Rogers Group as recommended. Bids were requested as a unit price. Rogers Group bid \$52.00 per ton for the wearing base and \$45.59 per ton for the binder. The total bid price was \$2,738,435.04. The engineer estimated that the total resurfacing cost per mile will be approximately \$47,000.00. There being no further discussion and

upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation 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 No. LA-2011-7, "Computer Equipment". Bid packets were sent to thirteen vendors and only one returned a response. The bid was evaluated by the Systems Operator and all bids were determined to meet specs. Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the bid be awarded to the only bidder, ICS, Inc. of Florence. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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

CHECKS ISSUED FEBRUARY 14, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2011

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 42052-42107	411,556.05
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 13960-13975	303,975.61
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4573-4588	158,855.91
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9207-9222	33,808.91
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15677-15685	4,449.49
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 30159-30194	84,416.22
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 238	5,085.96
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3027-3029	578.02

RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 528	14,158.17
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6567-6575	4,284.44
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4534-4562 (#4534-4548 SKIPPED LAST TIME)	1,015,321.84
CDBG FUND CHECK # 339 & 340	1,830.00
TOTAL	2,038,320.62

Mr. Hank Thomas, 1950 Paradise Drive, Waterloo, Alabama was recognized to address the Commission. Mr. Thomas requested a list of the roads to be resurfaced in the yearly paving bid. The County Engineer will email Mr. Thomas the list. Mr. Thomas then stated that he wanted answers to all his questions regarding the County Emergency Plan today. He felt that he should have received them from the EMA Director by today. The Chairman informed Mr. Thomas that the EMA Director was on duty at the EMA Office due to impending bad weather. Mr. Thomas then stated that Mr. Chris Smith (County Attorney) was going to research which plans may be reviewed by citizens and asked if that had been done. Attorney Chris Smith recommended that Mr. Thomas submit in writing through the County Commission office the names of the plans which he wishes to view. He will then determine if the particular plan is available for public review. Mr. Thomas stated that he had again spoken to the Mayor of Waterloo who said she has received no training. He also mentioned a Mr. Scott who knew who Mr. Grabryan was but also had received no training. Mr. Thomas then asked the Commission why the study of Paradise Drive was not voted on and could it have been voted on even though it was not on the agenda? During this discussion the Chairman told Mr. Thomas that his two Commissioners can address Paradise Drive with their road money if they choose to do so. The County Attorney explained the procedure for placing items on the agenda. Mr. Thomas then told the Commission that TVA and the water quality people would be notified of the silt from Paradise Drive washing into the creek. Mr. Thomas again asked

the Commission for his answers to the emails saying that Mr. Grabryan has had two weeks to get it done.

Mr. Gilbert Parrish, also of Paradise Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed study and saying that it would stop short of his driveway. He asked that the study not be stopped short.

Mr. Barry Rupp, also of Paradise Drive, asked how a citizen would get something on the agenda. Again, the County Attorney explained the procedure.

Mr. Thomas asked if Art Faulkner, State EMA Director, was present today as anticipated. The Chairman stated that Mr. Faulkner was prevented from attending due to impending bad weather statewide.

Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Parrish if, when the gentleman performed work on Paradise Drive, he made it to the Parrish's' drive. Mr. Parrish replied that he stopped short of his drive. Chairman Mitchell clarified with Commissioner Parker that the gentleman to whom he referred was Rodney Walker.

Commissioner Fulmer said she had spoken to Mr. Grabryan regarding a CERT program grant and had learned the CERT training can take place when a Community has enough interest. She suggested that perhaps that grant could be used to train Waterloo residents.

Commissioner Parker stated that the study on Paradise Drive was discussed during a work session and when we left there he was under the impression that it would be put on the agenda.

Mr. Thomas asked the Commission to tell him what the bid limit was in 2008 and went on to say that Lee Helms was paid \$10,000.00 without a bid. The County Attorney explained to Mr. Thomas that the bid law set the limit at \$7,500.00 for purchases in 2008; however, the contract with Mr. Helms was exempt as a professional service.

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

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

Rhea Tays Fulmer, Commissioner
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Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator