

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 24th day of March, 2008. 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
William Smith	Commissioner, District 1
D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
Ronnie L. Brown	Commissioner, District 2
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2

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 Larry Irons.

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

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

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted in recognition of County Government Week and declaring the week of April 6-12, 2008 “County Government Week” in Lauderdale County. 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 Thornton that a resolution be adopted designating the month of April, 2008 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Lauderdale County. The Chairman invited Circuit Court Judge, Jimmy Sandlin to speak on this issue. Judge Sandlin, as the Juvenile Court Judge stated that since taking office, his eyes had been opened to the frequency and extent of abuse and neglect in Lauderdale County and that approximately 100 children are now placed in homes away from parents due to abuse and neglect. He further stated

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a proposal from C&H Heating and Cooling be accepted and authorized for the repair of the loop controller in the cooling tower of the detention center. The quote is for \$3,500.00 for parts, labor and materials. This is the last scheduled repair to the HVAC systems in the jail and courthouse as a result of a comprehensive inspection and maintenance project designed to bring the systems back up to their optimum operating capacity. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that National Sheriff's Association dues be approved in the amount of \$50.00 for Sheriff Willis. The expenditure is an unbudgeted; however, the state dues were lower than expected, leaving a balance in the "dues" line item. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a grant agreement be accepted and authorized for signature by the Chairman and the EMA Director. The grant (7ICS) is a homeland security grant providing sustainment funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Regional Communications Vehicle. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agreement is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that an agreement be authorized and approved for Comcast to install high speed internet in the Legislative Office. Cost of the service is \$74.90 per month with no cost for installation. There being no further 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. Frank Ranaudo addressed the Commission as a representative of PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving). Mr. Ranaudo asked the Commission to approve use of the old Red Cross Blood Donor Center for storage of surplus gear such as crates, cages, harnesses, records and files. The Chairman told Mr. Ranaudo that the request would be taken into consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Irons moved for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Thornton. The meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

RSVP FUND CHECK # 14990-15000	4,347.83
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4097-4108	439,168.42
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 2829-2830	567.36
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 464	7,841.51
GENERAL - SPECIAL CHECK # 637	500,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 3122-3135	8,040.62
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1006	511,059.38
PUBLIC BLDG, ROAD & BRIDGE FUND CHECK # 335	250,000.00
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1055	3,148.85
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 154	13,512.00
TOTAL	2,856,072.26

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

William Smith, Commissioner
District 1
