

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. 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
D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
Fay Parker	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 Fay Parker.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton 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 Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker 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 Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that ads be purchased in various publications as follows and paid from the Tourism funds:

East Lauderdale News Vacation Guide	-\$990.00
Lawrence County Advocate	-\$128.00
Alabama National Fair & Expo	-\$ 75.00

Ala. Association of VFD Conference Program Book           -\$300.00

There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a decision on whether or not to adopt a resolution authorizing the incorporation of the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District be tabled. The signed Application for Incorporation was presented to the Commission in March and has been discussed in recent worksessions. There remain too many unanswered questions relating to the joint Colbert-Lauderdale project regarding the proposed acquisition of over 1300 acres of the TVA Reservation property in Colbert County. The Chairman asked the County Attorney to contact the attorney of record for the project, Jimmy Hughston, and a representative of Tennessee Valley Authority to inquire about other possibilities to enter into discussions, for instance a resolution by the Commission designating a representative for discussion purposes prior to the actual formation of the District. Following further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion to table unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the improvement of three county roads.

Resurface County Road 47 from Titan Drive to County Road 320

Resurface County Road 47 from County Road 37 to County Road 63

Resurface J.C. Mauldin Highway from County Road 25 to U.S. Highway 72

The projects will be paid from stimulus funding with no county matching funds required. The funding will come through the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Lauderdale County's share is approximately \$618,000.00 and must be spent on major connector roads. Chairman Mitchell stated that he appreciated Commissioner Irons efforts in obtaining an equitable division of funding. 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 Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the vacation of a portion of County Road 307 to the only adjacent landowner, Mr. Robert J. Bevis. The matter has been discussed in a public hearing held during the March 23 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Irons stated that this roadway is an undeveloped dead end right of way and needs to be vacated. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution 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-2009-6-B, "One Used 22' or 24' Tandem Dump Trailer". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on April 2, 2009. Only one response was received from Calvin Gobble, Iron City Tennessee, in the amount of \$16,000.00. Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the bid be awarded to Calvin Gobble as the only bidder. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. 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 No. LA-2009-11, "Cleaning Services for Lauderdale County Veteran's Administration Offices". Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on April 2, 2009. Bids were received from five vendors and a bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Mike's Cleaning Service, Cherokee, Alabama in the amount of \$275.00 per month. 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-2009-1, "Various Printing Jobs". Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on April 10, 2009 and a bid tabulation was prepared for Commission review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bids be awarded to Printers and Stationers, Inc. as the low bidder for all jobs. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a funding increase of \$3,000.00 be approved for the North Alabama Highway Safety Office overtime grant, Grant No. 09-SP-PT-001. The grant funding is allocated for the Governors Highway Safety Plan 402 Step and will be utilized for the overtime payment of law enforcement who work the grant projects. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Grant adjustment notice is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that Jeff Quillen be reappointed to the Civil Service Board of Appeals. Term is for three years and shall begin

immediately and expire February 26, 2012 or whenever a successor is named. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing payment of \$2,497.56 to the East Lauderdale Water and Fire Protection Authority for one half costs of relocating a water main due to improvements being made on County Road 533. Following a brief 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted supporting the purchases of American made products whenever possible and encouraging the business community to stock American made products. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Mitchell stated that the County and the City of Florence intend to apply for U.S. Justice Recovery Act funding for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to be used for law enforcement enhancement. Purpose areas for the City of Florence are K-9 purchases, equipment and training and the County purpose area is to upgrade and enhance dispatch. Sheriff Willis was in attendance at the meeting to provide additional information regarding the project. As part of the public notice requirements this matter will be discussed again before final action during the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and has been advertised in the local newspaper. Public comment will be accepted until and during the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing the next meeting of the Commission to be rescheduled to April 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Confederate Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, April 27. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that Family and Medical Leave be authorized for a detention center employee, Janice Poss, from March 23 until April 20, 2009 or for a period not to exceed twelve weeks if an extension to the leave period is necessary. 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 Parker. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Bob Torbert, a member of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance, addressed the Commission regarding the deteriorating condition of the Wilson Family Cemetery which lies adjacent to the Blackberry Tail Golf Course. Mr. Torbert stated that restoration of three box tombs in the cemetery will cost \$9,800.00 and he has received some funding from the City of Florence Historical Preservation funds and from the Mayor of the City of Florence. The City of Florence provides maintenance for the Cemetery. Mr. Torbert asked the Commission to consider funding a portion of the restoration. No action was taken on the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Irons subject to call.

CHECKS ISSUED MARCH 23, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2009

GENERAL FUND	524,180.62
CHECK # 38577-38740	
VOID # 38695	
GASOLINE TAX FUND	312,136.71
CHECK # 13174-13201	
SOLID WASTE FUND	153,013.13
CHECK # 3857-3881	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	393,351.22
CHECK # 27245-27359	
VOID # 27246, 27262, 27265-27268, 27272, 27313	
LEPA FUND	6,186.90
CHECK # 6187-6200	
REAPPRAISAL FUND	38,645.08
CHECK # 8633-8656	
RSVP FUND	6,961.56
CHECK # 15238-15254	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1020	337,215.16
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2742-2744	14,265.00
GENERAL - SPECIAL CHECK # 690	0.05
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 194 & 195	7,272.50
TOURISM, REC. & CONV. FUND CHECK # 341	813.00
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 2900 & 2901	983.34
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 488	5,948.29
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 165	36,166.26
TOTAL	1,837,138.82

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Administrator