

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 9th day of May, 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
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, declared a quorum of the Commission to be present and the meeting open 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. Agenda is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that Leave without Pay under the Family and Medical Leave Act be approved for jail employee, Martha Twiss for a period of twelve weeks. Planned return to work date is June 25, 2011. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution declaring the existence of a local emergency be adopted. Lauderdale County qualifies under State and Federal declarations for FEMA assistance due to the recent storm damage. The Chairman recognized EMA Director, George Grabryan, who said the emergency response from various agencies has been tremendous. Mr. Grabryan introduced FEMA representatives to the Commission. Those in attendance were Mr. Raymond Petit, FEMA Task Force, Mr. Jim Woodward, Intergovernmental Affairs, Ms. Linda Colon, Community relations Manager, Ms. Carol Hector Harris, Public Information Officer and Ms. Barbara Jacobe, Community Relations Specialist. Mr. Grabryan also said he appreciated the efforts of Senator Tammy Irons who had worked with the EMA Officials to streamline the process with the Governor's Office. He went on to say that Lauderdale EMA is actively assisting other counties who fared much worse than Lauderdale. Following further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons thanked FEMA for attending the meeting and for having a presence in Lauderdale County. Commissioner Parker echoed those comments also inviting FEMA officials to call him if they need anything while they are here. Commissioner Thornton also thanked FEMA for their assistance as well as the local EMA.

Jannis Parrish, Waterloo, asked whether or not any one had been asked to go to Waterloo where over 300 trees were down on a one mile stretch of road. The EMA Director said that officials were in Waterloo last week.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with the US Army Corp of Engineers for debris removal, demolition and disposal from county jurisdiction including road, bridges, waterways and rights of ways. Chairman Mitchell stated that the affected department heads of Solid Waste, Road, and EMA met with FEMA officials last week and determined that the best course of action for Lauderdale County would be to work with the USACE rather than bid the debris removal to a private contractor. 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 Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing payment to the City of Florence for the County's share of costs related to an energy savings upgrade of the HVAC and lighting systems of the Florence-Lauderdale

Government Building and authorizing a budget amendment to cover the costs. County cost is \$191,460.00 and will be paid from the Alabama Trust Capital Improvement Fund. 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 Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that an ad be purchased in the 2011 Cal Ripkin Baseball Tournament program book at a cost of \$250.00 payable from the Tourism Fund. 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 a refund of taxes to Verizon Wireless in an audited amount of \$11,893.99. There being no 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-2011-1, "Various Printing Jobs". Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 6 and a bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. Following a discussion of the bid responses, Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the bid be awarded to low bidder for each job, Printers & Stationers, 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 Irons and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Following a discussion of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED APRIL 26, 2011 THROUGH MAY 8, 2011

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 42419-42467	308,844.26
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14041-14055	214,135.17
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4645-4656	69,392.16

REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9270-9281	21,580.82
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15725-15733	3,518.18
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK # 30445-30501 VOID # 30454, 30455, 30465, 30478)	237,236.02
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3037 & 3038	95.34
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 533	22,107.41
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6606-6613	3,271.24
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2807-2809	14,850.00
GENERAL – SPECIAL CHECK # 1035	500,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 3575-3588	14,201.60
PUBLIC BLDG., ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL CHECK # 357	500,000.00
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 191	12,202.50
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET CHECK # 326	50,000.00
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 371	100.00
TOTAL	1,971,534.70

During the staff report period, George Grabryan, EMA Director, commented that the local EMA had to call a lot of people after hours as a result of recent storms and he appreciated the cooperation.

Gilbert Parrish, Waterloo, Paradise Drive stated that Commissioner Parker was going to talk to someone after the last meeting and asked if he had done that. Commissioner Parker said that due to things the last two weeks he unfortunately had not, but he would talk with Commissioner Irons. He asked Mr. Parrish to get him the name and address and phone number of the contractor previously mentioned (Charlie Watts). Mr. Parrish enumerated a county road which was upgraded in the last year or two and asked how much it cost. The County Engineer will supply the information. Mr. Parrish also spoke of resurfacing portions of County Road 14, on which he saw no problems. Commissioner Parker said on some roads the Commission likes to get to them before they get in bad shape. With one inch of asphalt applied, the water and ice will pop it off. He called out several areas of the Waterloo Road (CR 14) which needed repairs. Commissioner Irons emphasized the fact that if the roads don't need to be paved then he wouldn't be paving. He stated there were numerous cracks in the road resulting from freezing temperatures. Commissioner Irons also pointed out that last years paving contractor did nothing and now there are several areas which need paving. According to Commissioner Irons the Commission spends the same amount on roads now as they did nine years ago; however the cost is now twice as much. Mr. Parrish differed with the Commission in his opinion o how roads should be handled and on the choice of roads to be paved. He stated that he had noticed the monthly bills are scrutinized in detail and he hoped the Commission used the same judgment on paving decisions.

Commissioner Fulmer stated that she had been to Marion County three times and was hearing that the assistance coming from Lauderdale County was overwhelming. She said it made her proud to be from Lauderdale County and she was glad to see our people and our organizations are helping others.

Chairman Mitchell said that during the last two weeks, everyone has had their wagon loaded. He spoke to department heads, Ken Allamel, Road Department; Robert Bevis, Solid Waste Department and George Grabryan, EMA and said that even though everyone's plate was overflowing, they had done their job to the best of their abilities and he had received nothing but positive comments from our citizens and even from outside our jurisdiction. He told them he appreciated their hard work.

Commissioner Irons followed up, thanking the Sheriff, Road, EMA and Solid Waste departments for a good job during the crisis. He spoke of the City of Killen loaning out two trash trucks. He asked the department heads to be sure that employees were told of his appreciation. He then thanked FEMA again, saying that he had been to Tuscaloosa and that Lauderdale County had been fortunate.

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

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

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District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator