

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 12th day of May, 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
Chairman

Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio

Lauderdale County Commission

D.C. Thornton

Commissioner, District 1

William Smith

Commissioner, District 1

Ronnie L. Brown

Commissioner, District 2

Larry Irons

Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith

County Attorney

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

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons 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 resolution be adopted declaring the month of May as Disabled American Veterans Month in Lauderdale County. Commissioner Irons further stated that he was proud to be a part of honoring those Veterans who served so well. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Mark Moore, representing the disabled veterans, accepted the resolution and thanked the Commission for the designation.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that a resolution be adopted designating the week of May 11-17, 2008 as National Tourism Week in Lauderdale County. Commissioner Irons stated that he attended the ribbon cutting of the River Heritage Park on Saturday and considered it to be a great addition to the tourism package for the area and for families to enjoy. Following a brief discussion with the Tourism Board President, Selton Killen, the Chairman stated that he considered the continued development of the River Heritage Park an asset to the area. The Commission congratulated Mr. Killen and the Tourism Board for their work and for the progress made by the board in recent years. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Killen accepted a copy of the resolution on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commission Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing the rescheduling of the next Commission meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 26, 2008. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. 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 Brown that a resolution be adopted pertaining to the Lauderdale County Detention Center allowing an extension of the period for taking earned holidays when the employee was required to work on the holiday. Holidays earned during the calendar year prior to May 12, 2008 shall be taken no later than July 31, 2008. It was noted that the Jail Administrator has provided notice of extenuating circumstances. 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 Brown that Ms. Darlene Ballard be appointed to the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Keith Collier. Term is to begin immediately and expire July 27, 2011. Commissioner Thornton stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Collier for his service to the Port Authority. The Commission extended their appreciation for his contributions to the Port. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a resolution be adopted in which the Commission states intent to exercise the option to purchase the lot owned by the First Southern Bank located on the Northwest corner of the intersection of College and Seminary Streets and authorizing the County Attorney to begin negotiations on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Irons stated that the County needed the additional 83 parking spaces which will bring our total to approximately 425. Commissioner Smith stated that the Courthouse was landlocked and without the lot there is no other way to provide parking for the citizens. 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 Brown that the Commission accept a proposal from MG Roofing to furnish all labor and materials to install a new roof system on the old Red Cross Building located at 312 South Court Street. The cost estimate is in the amount of \$11,460.00 with a 15 year manufacturer's warranty. Commissioner Irons stated that this could be the first step towards getting the Veterans Affairs Office out of the Courthouse basement; however, several more steps will have to be taken. He further stated that he was proud to be a part of this project. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the purchase of flooring for Judge Medley's office be approved in the amount of approximately \$540.00. Judge Medley is purchasing the flooring from Smith's Discount in Sheffield. There will be no charge for installation. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

In compliance with the competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for the "Sale of Timber", Bid No. LA-2008-18. Bid responses were received from three vendors and publicly opened and read aloud on May 8. Bids were evaluated by the Solid Waste Manager who made the recommendation to reject all bids due to discrepancies in the bid specifications causing a low bidder response. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bids be rejected and bid specifications be reevaluated at a later date. The bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with the competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for "Reinforced Concrete Bridge Culvert on CR 24 over Chisholm Branch", Bid No.

2008-18. Sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 7. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared showing all bid responses. The bids were reviewed and evaluated by the county engineering staff. The Engineer recommended the bid award go to Shotcrete of America in the amount of \$121,371.70 as the low bidder. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the bid be awarded to Shotcrete of America. Commissioner Irons stated that this project has been needed for a long time. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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

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

CHECKS ISSUED APRIL 29, 2008 THROUGH MAY 11, 2008

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 36995-37056 VOID # 37025	315,652.35
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 12787-12805	151,391.23
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3532-3544	46,459.75
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 25794-25870 VOID # 25803, 25807, 25810-12, 25824	204,384.95
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6012-6018	4,502.87
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 8350-8360	18,833.36
RSVP FUND	5,499.93

CHECK # 15025-15035	
TOBACCO TAX FUND	14,676.55
CHECK # 2710-2712	
AGRI-BUSINESS	419.67
CHECK # 2834-2836	
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	16,556.92
CHECK # 467	
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,500.00
CHECK # 165	
TOTAL	779,877.58

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

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ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator