

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 June, 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
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
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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 Ronnie Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the annual report of the Revenue Commissioner including insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation be approved as presented for the signature of the Chairman. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Report is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that out of state travel be approved for Sheriff Willis to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on the dates of June 27 through

July 3 to attend the National Sheriffs' Conference. Estimated cost of the trip is \$3,200.00. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the low bid from Butler Construction Company be accepted for the renovation of the first floor of the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building for use by the License Commissioner. Architect Robert Whitten let the bids for the project and provided a certified tabulation of the bids. Three bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 3, 2008. Base bid from Butler Construction Company is \$118,800.00. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Certified bid tabulation and recommendation from the architect are 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 "Reinforced Concrete Bridge Culverts on County 154 over Lindsey Creek and County 81 over Lindsey Creek", Bid No. 2008-19. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 4, 2008. Five responses were received and evaluated by the County Engineer. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the bid be awarded to Brooks and Son Construction, low bidder in the amount of \$229,442.85. Following a brief 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 "Various Printing Jobs", Bid No. LA-2008-1. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 6, 2008. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bid be awarded to the low bidders for each job; namely, Printers and Stationers, Inc. and Herald Printing. There being no 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 "NOAA Public Alert Weather Radios", Bid No. LA-2008-19. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 29, 2008. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission Review. Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bid be awarded to the only bidder, Midland Radio Corporation in the amount of \$24.90 each. One hundred radios will be purchased from this bid with the possibility of further purchase should

grant funds become available. Radios will be placed in public buildings in Lauderdale County. 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 "Emergency Medical Treatment and Transportation Services", Bid No. LA-2008-15. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on April 2, 2008. Seven responses were received and a tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. The bid from Rural Metro Corporation was considered non responsive due to the fact that it was not presented as a sealed bid. Bid responses have been carefully reviewed on numerous occasions jointly with the City of Florence and by the Commission and staff. They have been discussed during recent work sessions and narrowed down to two vendors, NorthStar EMS and Lauderdale EMS (Keller). Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion and second to adopt a resolution awarding the bid contingent upon a like action by the City of Florence. Chairman Mitchell stressed the fact that this is a joint bid and both governmental entities must agree in order to go forward with a contract.

Commissioner Thornton moved that the bid contract be awarded to NortStar EMS. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brown moved that the bid be awarded to Lauderdale EMS (Keller). Commission Irons seconded the motion. Commissioner Irons stated that he has deliberated many months on this issue and felt that the decision he made was the best decision for the City and County.

Commissioner Thornton stated that his decision to recommend NorthStar was based on the prepared spreadsheets which contained information directly from the bid responses. He stated that he had prepared a bid review which was made available to all Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown stated that he looked in the mirror, prayed about the bid and made his decision accordingly.

Commissioner Smith stated that he had spent much time studying the bids prior to making his decision. He commended NorthStar for their work in the County and for staying with the County after the contract expired.

Chairman Mitchell then stated that although he did not cast a vote unless there was a tie vote on issues, he wanted to speak about this issue. He went on to say that we (County) have spent far too much time on this bid. It has taken time away from other responsibilities and duties of this

Commission. The Chairman further stated that he had a problem with awarding a bid contract to a company who included a bid exception allowing them the opportunity to review the call volume and the required number of ambulances after a six months period and make a decision to reduce the number of ambulances with no input from the County. He also made the point that the company had voiced their intent to place two ambulances in Rogersville instead of placing the ambulances in the East end of the county in two separate locations to enhance response time to other locations. Chairman Mitchell then stated that based on the most recent one year call volume from January 1 through December 31, 2007 (which had to be hand pulled by the 911 Center) and the bid pricing from this company, this bid contract is going to cost the City and County an additional \$44,550.00 in jail transport costs. In looking at the ALS rates, BLS rates, non emergency rates, mileage rates and jail transports the total cost of this contract to the citizens or insurance providers will be \$275,369.00 more than the NorthStar bid. Chairman Mitchell stated that his concerns were not based on speculation nor information from outside groups, but were facts, taken directly from the bid response and actual figures from the 911 Center.

There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, the following votes were cast:

aye - Brown	nay - Thornton
Irons	
Smith	

Motion approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes along with a bid tabulation sheet showing all initial bid responses.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that a resolution be adopted recognizing and congratulating the Town of Rogersville on the occasion of their One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution 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 Irons and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Following a brief discussion of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Mr. David Charles thanked the Commission for the time spent on the EMS bid and thanked NorthStar for their service.

Mr. Coy Middlebrooks thanked the Commission and specifically thanked Commissioner Smith for working two days at the Lexington Tractor Pull.

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

CHECKS ISSUED MAY 27, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2008

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 37107-37155	527,140.79
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 12827-12839	117,713.65
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3560-3573	46,340.71
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 25915-25999 VOID # 25727, 25934-25938, 25943, 25952	241,561.57
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6028-6034	3,218.54
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 8375-8384	17,621.01
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15045-15052	3,371.45
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2713-2715	10,035.00
AGRI-BUSINESS CHECK # 2841-2844	358.33
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 469	24,074.31
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 167	5,050.00
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND CHECK # 398	22,102.91

GENERAL – SPECIAL
CHECK # 641

500,000.00

TOTAL

1,518,588.27

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
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ATTEST:

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Administrator