

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Fulmer 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 Thornton that a leave without pay request be approved for a period of twelve weeks for road department employee, David Nobles. Leave will be qualified FMLA leave, beginning on May 23, 2011 and will expire on August 15, 2011. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted granting a utility easement to county property located on Highway 157 as shown on a plat

prepared by White, Lynn & Collins. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes. Plat is on file in the County Commission office.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted disapproving the sale by auction of approximately 190 acres located in Lauderdale County and more fully described by a plat prepared by White, Lynn & Collins. The highest bid for the property was \$555,000.00 for the property to be sold in one tract. Commissioner Thornton stated that the price was too low if you look at market versus timber on the property. Commissioner Fulmer said that she did not feel the sale was in the best interests of the citizens or the Commission at this time. Chairman Mitchell stated that under the terms of the contract, if disapproved, King Auction and Realty will have exclusive rights for a 90 day period to negotiate a price for the land. 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 received on Friday, June 10, 2011 for "Various Printing Jobs". Bids were awarded during the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with the exception of "License Commissioner Renewal Notices Contract". License Commissioner, Mickey Haddock has reviewed the bids and has recommended that the award be given to IMS Enterprises, Inc., Florence as the low bidder at \$2.49 per form. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the bid be awarded to IMS Enterprises. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

In compliance with Public Works bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 14<sup>th</sup> by Fitzgerald Hill and David Folkerts, of the architectural firm of Hill & Jangaard, Florence. A certified bid tabulation was prepared and submitted for Commission review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Johnson Contractors, Muscle Shoals in the amount of \$795,300.00 for the total project. Commissioner Irons said he was proud to have a local contractor for the project and felt that this project is turning a catchall area in the old jail into usable office space for the Sheriff and adding a Grand Jury Room. Commissioner Parker said the county was fortunate to get the project done for this amount and that he knew the affected people in the courthouse will be glad to have the space. Commissioner Thornton received confirmation from the architect that the structure of the building is a plus for this project, saying that this phase will get us

where we need to be as a county courthouse. Construction may begin within thirty days. Chairman Mitchell said the project has been anticipated for years and that the county is fortunate to have accumulated funds needed for this project. He went on to say that this will be a rather long and inconvenient process which will require the cooperation of all affected officials, especially in the removal of stored items. Following further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Certified 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Thornton. Following a brief discussion of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED JUNE 13, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 26, 2011

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 42598-42631	513,884.81
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14085-14100	451,381.67
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4689-4702	333,569.66
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9305-9317	26,671.25
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15753-15760	4,115.84
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 30664-30705	236,841.37
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3047-3052	747.94
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 536	987,029.92
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6629-6636	4,216.15

TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4605-4618	507,140.59
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1127 & 1128	2,408.70
AL TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 242	2,397.26
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 373	3,374.00
TOTAL	3,073,779.16

Mr. Gilbert Parrish, Paradise Drive, Waterloo, was recognized by the Chairman to express his concerns regarding Paradise Drive. Mr. Parrish reminded the Commission that in past meetings he had expressed concerns with safety on the road. He directly addressed the County Attorney regarding signage on the road and safety issues. He informed the Commission of two exposed water lines in the road and asked the Commission to authorize bids for “chip and seal”.

Kay Pettus, Killen, was recognized by the Chairman to speak about FEMA grant money. Ms. Pettus asked if the County has decided whether or not to participate in the safe room portion of the grant program. She also asked if the county would participate in the cost of a community shelter for which Elgin Volunteer Fire Department has filed a letter of intent. Chairman Mitchell explained to Ms. Pettus that these issues will be discussed in a worksession following the meeting and whatever the Commission decides, it will be made available to everyone.

There being no further discussion 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.

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Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman  
Lauderdale County Commission

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District 2

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Administrator