

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 10th day of December, 2007. 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
William Smith	Commissioner, District 1
D.C. Thornton	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 Larry Irons.

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

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

Nancy Sanford, Executive Director of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library addressed the Commission regarding the fifth anniversary of the library being housed in the new building. Mrs. Sanford stated that over 200,000 persons were served annually by the library. Mrs. Sanford gave the Commissioners an update on a new project the Library has undertaken with grant funding. A digital photographic archive of community history is being preserved and also an oral history has been initiated on our river heritage as well as the life of Maude Lindsay.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a resolution be adopted authorizing amendments to the Subdivision Regulations in order to clarify county policy. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and

program are beneficial to the county. 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 Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that EMA grant agreements be authorized and approved. A review sheet of all grants was provided to the Commission for their consideration. Grant agreements ready for execution are:

08DOT	\$11,000.00	07SHL	\$24,436.25
08EMPG	\$ 3,016.00	07CCL	\$20,000.00
07LEL	\$15,576.00		

Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Grant agreements 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 the purchase of “New Aluminum Garbage Trailer”, Bid No. LA-2008-8. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on the 29th day of November. The Solid Waste Manager conducted an evaluation of all five bids and concluded that all the trailers were too tall with the exception of one. The bid from East Manufacturing Corp. met all bid specifications; however, it is not the lowest bid. All bids were discussed with the Solid Waste Manager in a recent worksession. Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that the bid be awarded to East Manufacturing Corp. in the amount of \$55,600.00 as the only bidder to meet specifications. 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 “Law Enforcement Body Armor for Lauderdale County Sheriff’s Office”, (Grant 05SHG), Bid No. LA-2008-7. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on November 29th. Two bid responses were received; however, the bid from PACA Body Armor did not contain pricing information. Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the bid be awarded to Gulf States Distributors as the only bidder to meet all specifications. Gulf States pricing is \$1,299 per vest with additional options also provided. Following a brief 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 the purchase of “Cleaning and Chemical Products”, Bid NO. LA-2008-5. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on November 29th and a bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review showing responses from the two valid bidders, Ecolab, Inc. and Paper and Chemical Supply Company. Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the bid be awarded to the low bidder in each product as shown on the

(SCUBA) through EMA. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that a resolution be adopted amending the holiday schedule for county employees and designating December 24 and 25, 2007 for Christmas Holidays and January 1, 2008 for observance of the New Year. 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 in which the December 24th meeting of the Commission is cancelled due to the Christmas Eve Holiday. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is January 14, 2008. There being no 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 an ad be purchased in the East Lauderdale News Christmas Edition. Cost of the ad will be \$314.00 and shall be paid from Tourism Funds. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that repairs to the Courthouse and Detention Center heating and cooling mechanical systems be authorized. The deficiencies were discovered during the inspection of the facilities by C&H Heating and Cooling and is part of the maintenance contract. Estimated cost of all repairs is \$1,409.00 in the Courthouse and approximately \$5,618.00 in the Detention Center. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that a report on necessary repairs to a CAT D7 Dozer, Equipment No. 605, be accepted and the repairs authorized for payment. This report is made pursuant to county policy adopted on November 13, 2007 relative to repairs of heavy duty off highway construction equipment. Cost is expected to be \$13,706.85 and is for reconditioning of the transmission; however, the cost could change should the repair shop find other problems. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith that a contract for architectural services be authorized between the county and Robert W. Whitten, Architect. Mr. Whitten is preparing preliminary drawings in anticipation of the License Commissioner's Office move to the First Southern Bank Building. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a request for leave

\$18.00 per hour. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for "Striping and pavement markers on CR61, CR25 and CR89". The project will cover 13.815 miles. Total cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately \$147,000.00 with the State HRRR grant funds being \$60,000.00. The County will be responsible for the rest of the cost. Commissioner Irons stated that he felt this was a very positive project from the citizen's viewpoint. The installation of the reflective markers makes a real difference on the secondary roads, especially at night. There being no further 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 and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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

CHECKS ISSUED NOVEMBER 26, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2007

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 36202-36259	343,025.99
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 12613-12632	143,656.71
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3374-3392 VOID # 3379	1,124,798.20
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 25153-25244 VOID # 25160, 25165-69, 25175, 25176, 25187	202,030.61
LEPA FUND CHECK # 5929-5936	4,029.34
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK # 2695-2697	14,746.51
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 2818	146.14

AL TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
CHECK # 159

67,616.29

LLEBG YEAR #2 FUND
CHECK # 159

722.00

TOTAL

2,405,203.49

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator