

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 22nd day of December, 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
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, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Rhea Tays Fulmer.

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

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

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing the payment of certain legal fees relative to litigation in which Lauderdale County was awarded beer tax arrearage in the amount of \$132,803.57 and assessed fees in the amount of \$46,229.24. The fees are to be paid in a lump sum to avoid a costly interest assessment.

Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and request for payment are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted approving new IRS mileage rates. The mileage paid to persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official county business will be 55 cents per mile effective January 1, 2009. The IRS approved rate dropped from 58.5 cents per mile. 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 Irons that a resolution be adopted authorizing the extension of an agreement with Southern Health Partners for medical services in the jail. Contract will be effective January 16, 2009 and expire January 15, 2010. There will be a 3% increase in the contract mutually agreed upon in the original contract, bringing the annual total to \$254,442.96. Commissioner Irons stated that the contract had been a good business move for the county, saving over \$100,000 in medical costs. 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 Commission Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing repairs to a Kardveyer Series 80 rotating filing machine which was left in the building by First Southern Bank at the time of their move. The machine may be adapted for use by the License Commissioner. Additionally a service agreement is approved in the amount of \$625.00 annually. The resolution also calls for a budget amendment to cover the costs of refurbishing the machine and the service agreement. Commissioner Irons stated that this was a \$15-17,000.00 machine and it should be repaired for use by the License Commission, thereby saving the county money. 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 Irons that Mayor Bobby McGuire of Lexington, Mayor Richard Herston of Rogersville and Mayor B.J. Tully of Anderson be nominated to the Governor for consideration to serve on the Elk River Development Agency, filling the position vacated by Mayor Herman Jagers. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that Mr. Harold Peck, 118 West Dr. Hicks Boulevard, Florence, Alabama, 35630 and Mr. Robert Bunch, 210 East Tennessee Street, Florence, Alabama, 35630 be appointed to the newly formed Lauderdale County Judicial Commission. Term shall begin immediately and expire December, 2014 or whenever a successor is appointed. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

The Chairman introduced Bid No. LA-2009-4 "New Truck and Rear Loader" which was tabled from the previous meeting pending further review and discussion. Following a brief discussion of the bid specifications, Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that all bids be rejected. Commissioner Thornton stated that he felt the commission needed further clarification on several issues. Commissioner Irons agreed stating that it appeared to him that the bid had been built around certain products. Commissioner Parker stated that the bid tabulation provided to him was not clear. He asked what could be done to further clarify our bidding procedures and make the results more clear in order to get the best product for the County. The Chairman stated that the department head is responsible for drawing up the specifications to best fit the needs of the department. He further stated that all bidders had the same information but only one actually met the bid requirements. Chairman Mitchell stated that the Commissioners should meet with the department head prior to bidding if they wish to have input into the specifications.

The County Administrator and the Solid Waste Manager explained to the Commission the process by which the specifications were constructed.

Commissioner Thornton moved to amend his motion by tabling the bids rather than totally rejecting all bids. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Irons and upon a vote taken, motion to amend unanimously approved. Following a further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion to table was approved. The issue will be taken up again on January 12.

Bid No. LA-2009-7, "One New Track Hoe" was again introduced for action by the Chairman. This bid was also tabled at the previous meeting pending further discussion and review. Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bid be tabled pending further review until the January 12th meeting of the Commission. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that January 2 be designated a holiday for county employees as well as January 1, New Year's Day, which was previously adopted in the County Holiday Schedule. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

The Commission extended Christmas Greetings to all.

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

CHECKS ISSUED DECEMBER 8, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2008

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 38058-38102	418,465.61
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 13062-13080	212,022.00
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3758-3771	89,825.53
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 26819-26870 VOID # 26823-26828	146,599.39
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6134-6141	3,946.62
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 8544-8558	25,439.57
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15174-15184	5,231.51
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 2890	48.79

AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CHECK # 186 & 187 VOID # 186	14,320.43
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 3235-3248	214,915.26
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1016	283,345.36
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4208-4218	483,150.94
TOURISM, REC. & CONV. FUND CHECK # 338	250.00
CDBG FUND CHECK # 325-327	131,732.22
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #1067 & 1068	1,795.68
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 163	13,512.00
TOTAL	2,044,600.91

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator