

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010. 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 Fay Parker.

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

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

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with the State Department of Forensics. The agreement will allow Lauderdale County to participate in the disbursement and receive a pro rata share of the \$250,000.00 allocated to the State Forensics for transport of decedents for autopsy purposes. 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 Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing proposed legislation calling for a referendum on the issue of the separation of the position of probate judge and commission chair. The resolution and the proposed legislation has been amended to reflect that the chair position will be part time. This resolution will supersede a previous similar resolution adopted on January 25, 2010. Commissioner Fulmer stated that she was in favor of allowing the citizens to vote on splitting the two positions however she was not in favor of the salary of \$40,000.00 as called for in the legislation, but she would vote in favor of the resolution and trust the people to make the correct decision. Commissioner Irons reflected that the intent of the resolution was simply to allow the people to vote on the issue. Commissioner Parker said that he would support the resolution for the reason that the people need to be able to vote on the issue; however, he said he was no convinced of the wording of the proposed legislation. Commissioner Thornton stated his support of allowing the people to vote. The Chairman remarked that the decision to support the resolution does not indicate support or opposition of the actual legislation; but rather, only to allow a vote. Following a further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and proposed legislation are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing payment of emergency overtime pay to twenty three road department employees who were called in to work the roads due to heavy snow and icy conditions on February 15, 2010. Commissioners commended department heads Robert Bevis, Solid Waste; Ken Allamel, Road; and George Grabryan, EMA for exercising good judgment and for handling their jobs well during the wintry weather events. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a request for Family and Medical Leave be approved for up to twelve weeks for Lanette Woods, an employee of the Sheriff's Department. All requested documentation has been received. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted declaring the week of February 21-28, 2010 as *Alabama Saves Week* in Lauderdale County. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Lelia

Wiessert from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service was in attendance to speak briefly with the Commission regarding upcoming events to promote the Alabama/America Saves Campaign and to receive a copy of the resolution. 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 Parker. 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 and upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Parker the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting subject to call.

#### CHECKS ISSUED FEBRUARY 8, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2010

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 40224-40274	669,244.93
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 13543-13557	304,023.52
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4193-4208	148,402.04
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 8890-8902	23,243.28
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15440-15448	3,318.74
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 2963 & 2964	94.79
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6363-6370	3,086.51
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 28636-28673	89,547.58
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 509	18,868.14

TVA TAX FUND 514,599.37  
CHECK # 4384-4396

AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 7,480.71  
CHECK # 218

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND 368,116.34  
CHECK # 1030

CHILD PROTECTION FUND 2,215.86  
CHECK # 1095 & 1096

TOTAL 2,152,241.81

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Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman  
Lauderdale County Commission

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District 2

ATTEST:

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Larry Irons, Commissioner  
District 2

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Administrator

