

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 10:00 a.m. on the 16th day of March, 2010 in a special called meeting. 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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Several high school students attended the meeting with their sponsors as part of County Government Day in Lauderdale County.

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

Chairman Mitchell introduced the issue to be considered during this special called meeting and due to the importance of the matter, read in its entirety, the proposed resolution approving and authorizing the transfer of Coffee Health Group assets to RegionalCare Hospital Partners, Inc. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the resolution be adopted.

Commissioner Thornton stated that he has reviewed the documents and was satisfied that this proposal was the only option. He thanked the hospital board for their many hours spent researching and deliberating this issue.

Commissioner Irons spoke of his prior concerns with the essential terms of the resolution contained in articles 4, 6, 10, and stated that he appreciated the revisions to the resolution to clarify and satisfy the concerns of the Commission. He went on to discuss the importance of retaining charity care and the employees and their benefits. He stated that this was a big day for health care in Lauderdale County and that the ultimate goal is to have the best regional health care south of Nashville. He further stated that this decision made today will affect all citizens of Lauderdale County for generations to come and could well be the largest economic development project in years. He thanked RCHP for their interest in coming to Lauderdale County.

Commissioner Parker agreed that it is indeed a big day for the entire Shoals area and that this vote is the most important decision he has been called upon to make as a County Commissioner. He stressed the point that his vote would be his own decision based on his own review. Although he had concerns with certain issues, he stated that he is now satisfied and wants the hospital to be second to none.

Commissioner Fulmer read from a prepared statement saying that during her research she only has found positive results regarding RCHP and for that reason alone she will cast her vote. She continued saying that today the County puts their faith in RCHP and trust that they will not let us down.

Chairman Mitchell expressed his thanks to the eleven member Coffee Health Group Board of Directors, Bond Counsel, Hobby Presley, Shattuck Hammond consultant, Rich Baymon, Bobby Griffin, ECM Attorney and Jody Pigg, Coffee Health Group CFO and interim Administrator, who has spent countless hours looking for the best opportunities for the hospital. He also recognized the officials from RegionalCare Hospital Partners, Inc. who have worked with the board and have tried to make the process as easy as possible. Chairman Mitchell stated that he felt a very good opportunity has presented itself to our area.

Commissioner Irons spoke briefly about the huge investment being made by RCHP, nearly one-half billion dollars when the process is complete.

All discussion having been completed and upon a roll call vote being taken, the following votes were cast:

Commissioner Fulmer - yes

Commissioner Parker - yes

Commissioner Thornton - yes

Commissioner Irons - yes

Motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

D.C. Thornton, Commissioner
District 1

Rhea Tays Fulmer, Commissioner
District 1

Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator