

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 27th day of September, 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
Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney

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 Larry Irons.

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.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved for recording upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Fulmer. Upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted designating the week of October 3-10, 2010 as *Mental Illness Awareness Week*. Chairman Mitchell asked that the resolution be forwarded to NAMI Shoals, a mental health organization made up of volunteers who do a great job of providing assistance to those who are affected by mental illness. 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted approving the Lauderdale County Health Department Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2010-2011. Dr. Karen Landers reported that Colbert and Franklin County Commissions have already adopted the fee schedule. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and fee schedule are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted consenting to and approving the assignment of portions of the Charter Cable System to CoBridge Telecom, LLC. According to the resolution, the County and CoBridge will immediately enter into negotiations regarding the terms of a new cable franchise that will apply to the transferred portions of the system. 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted rescheduling the regular October meeting of the Commission from Monday, October 11th to Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday. 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to provide state funding to assist in reimbursement of costs for the Alabama Department of Homeland Security Drill for the Mutual Aid teams. The grant, 8-DEX is in the amount of \$18,724. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement 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 fourteen annual road department bids. The bids were publicly opened and read aloud on September 22 and were evaluated by the Road Department Engineer and Staff. The engineer reviewed each bid with the Commission and made a recommendation for award. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the annual road department bid contracts be awarded as follows:

2011-1 Circular Concrete Roadway Pipe

Harvey Culver Company

2011-2 Crushed Stone

Rogers Group

2011-3	Corrugated Steel Roadway & Side Drain Pipe/Connecting Bands		Harvey Culvert Company
2011-4	Signpost	(Green) (Galvanized)	G&C Supply, Inc. Traffic Signs
2011-5	Batteries		Ranger Batteries Plus
2011-6	Lubricants		Hager Oil Company Carter Oil Company
2011-7	Ready Mix Concrete		USA Bluestar
2011-8	Corrugated HDPE Pipe		Eagle Wholesale
2011-9	Traffic Signs, Reflectors & Pavement Markers		Vulcan Traffic Signs 3M Company
2011-10	Motor Grader Blades		Thompson Tractor
2011-11	Cold Mix for Patching		APAC-Alabama
2011-12	Liquid Bituminous Material		Hunt Refining
2011-13	Gasoline & On Road Diesel Fuel		Tatum Oil
2011-14	Steel Reinforcement		No bids-get quotes as needed

Following a brief discussion of the bids and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheets for each bid are recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing the adoption of the fiscal year 2010-2011 Operating Budget for Lauderdale County in the amount of \$29,580,092.00. Commissioners were previously provided with the budget notes for their review and consideration.

Commissioner Irons stated that this was the largest budget ever adopted by the Commission and he felt this was a good budget. He noted that the cost of all operations is up and he asked department heads to conserve funds as much as possible and watch overtime costs. He went on to explain how several of the departmental budgets make up the total budget and said that despite the increased costs the Commission found a way to take care of employees with a raise averaging 3.4%.

Commissioner Fulmer expressed her pleasure to be able to add a deputy to the Sheriff's force and thanked her fellow Commissioners for seeing fit to add that position.

Commissioner Parker stated that he felt fortunate to be able to meet this budget and still give a raise to the employees and he expressed his appreciation to the employees.

Commissioner Thornton stated that this was the right budget for this year and stated that the County was still financially sound. He also stated that next year may call for change.

Chairman Mitchell stated that with the current economic climate, and with the county spending every penny of revenue and over two million dollars of fund balance, he is concerned with this level of expenditure and the continually rising costs related to employees and the inability to offset the rising costs because of the flat revenues. He said that the departments must do a good job of staying within the budget and that he hoped the revenue projections were correct. "We are fortunate to have the ability to adopt this budget", he said. He further expressed his concern for future years if the Commission continues to balance the budget with fund balance. He cautioned against really dipping into the reserve funds.

There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The resolution, budget notes and budget are 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 and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

CHECKS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 41254-41306	471,601.52
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 13784-13802	402,066.62
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4424-4440	153,949.69
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9080-9091	25,526.79
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15582-15589	4,020.38
RRR GASOLINE FUND	23,049.87

CHECK #522	
LEPA FUND	4,191.61
CHECK # 6485-6492	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	188,840.52
CHECK # 29575-29654	
VOID # 29589, 29604, 29608	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND	1,122.83
CHECK # 3006-3009	
GENERAL - SPECIAL	750,000.00
CHECK # 1025	
PUBLIC BLDG., ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	79,677.96
CHECK # 699	
ALABAMA TRUST CAPITAL IMP. FUND	2,391.00
CHECK # 233	
CHILD PROTECTION FUND	2,985.11
CHECK # 1109 & 1110	
PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND	302,652.09
CHECK # 405	
LLEBG YEAR # 1	114.73
CHECK # 170	
TVA TAX FUND	514,599.37
CHECK # 4478-4490	
TOTAL	2,926,790.09

Mr. Bob Spears, Waterloo, Alabama, presented the Commission with a petition containing numerous signatures asking for legalized sale of alcohol in the unincorporated areas of the County. The Chairman discussed procedure with Mr. Spears and asked the County Attorney to verify the procedures. He further explained to Mr. Spears that the measure would not be voted on by the Commission during today's meeting. The petition is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

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