

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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, declared a quorum of the Commission to be present and the meeting open for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Parker.

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. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the renewal of a five year employment contract with Ken Allamel, County Engineer be approved. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agreement is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted authorizing rate adjustments in the residential solid waste collection fee from \$10.00 to \$14.00 per month and tipping fee adjustments as follows:

	Present Charge	New Charge
Contractors	\$26.00	\$30.00
Inert	7.25	25.00
Garbage	26.00	30.00
Shingles	16.00	20.00
Tires	81.00	no change
Minimum	6.00	10.00
Diet/concrete	7.25	15.00
Wood Waste	13.00	20.00

Commissioner Fulmer stated that she did not enjoy raising the rates but that it was necessary. She provided her calculations which showed the increase to be 92 cents per week which she felt was still a good bargain.

Commissioner Thornton stated that since 1995 the cost of the garbage trucks have doubled in price as has diesel fuel. He stated that inflation was causing costs to rise.

Commissioner Irons stated that there have been no increases since 1995; however, costs have been rising. The current operations are preparing us for sixty to seventy years in the future but there is a high cost. He stated that the general fund is now subsidizing the solid waste with a one million dollar loan and we have got to have relief. Mr. Irons said that he hated to raise the rates but surrounding areas are higher in cost.

Chairman Mitchell stated that raising rates is always a difficult decision and it has been fifteen years and nine months since the last raise which breaks the four dollar increase down to a twenty five cent per year prorated cost. He said the increase is an absolute necessity and the commission does not anticipate further increases. The solid waste fund balance has decreased dramatically during the last several years.

There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, the following votes were cast:

Fulmer – aye	Parker – nay
Thornton – aye	Irons – aye

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

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that Robbie Wilson and John Martin be reappointed to an additional six year term on the Lauderdale County Parks and Recreation Board of Directors to begin immediately and expire September 30, 2016 or whenever a successor is appointed. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that Horace Gray be appointed to the NACOLG Non Elected Board of Directors replacing Jerry Felts, whose term expired on September 30, 2010. Term to begin immediately and expire on September 30, 2011 or whenever a successor is appointed. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that Leonard Skipworth and Joe Haddock be reappointed to additional three year terms on the Agri-Business & Farmers Market Board of Directors to be effective immediately and expire November 15, 2013. Mr. Skipworth serves as the joint appointee of the County and the City of Florence. The City Council has previously reappointed Mr. Skipworth. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that Troy Hamner be reappointed to an additional five year term on the floodplain review board to begin immediately and expire on November 23, 2015 or whenever a successor is appointed. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that pursuant to Title 11-4-41, 1975 Code of Alabama and Legislative Act 2000-748, a resolution be adopted designating the qualified public depositories for the next calendar year. Banks are listed as follows: SunTrust Bank, Compass Bank, Bank Independent, Wachovia Bank (Wells Fargo), Regions Bank, First Metro Bank, First Southern Bank, and CB&S Bank all of Florence; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Waterloo and Citizens Bank, Rogersville. 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 resolution be adopted designating December 31, 2010 as the observed New Year's Holiday. Following a brief 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 designating the 2011 Holiday Schedule. As in the past the schedule will coincide with State approved holidays to facilitate ease of operations of Courthouse offices. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Mitchell asked the Commission to consider cancelling the next regular meeting of the Commission due to the holidays. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the cancellation of the next meeting scheduled for December 27 be added to the agenda and acted upon immediately and that a resolution cancelling the meeting be adopted. 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 Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing the acceptance and approval of the Cox Estates Subdivision Plat. The County Engineer and his staff have inspected the subdivision and he has submitted his written recommendation for the approval of the plat for recording. Following a brief discussion with the County Engineer 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 Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing renewal of an agreement with Syscon for a period of three years at the same per instrument cost to be effective February 1, 2011. A scanner, clock and two new software components will be added at no cost for use by the Probate Office. 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 Fulmer that the Health Services Agreement with Southern Health Partners be renewed for a period of one year beginning January 16, 2011 and expiring January 15, 2012. The new agreement will increase the cost pool to \$84,000.00 to include prescription medications at no cost to the County. The annualized fee will remain at \$262,076.28. Following a brief discussion in which the Commissioners agreed that the third party administration of medical had been a very cost effective for the County, a vote was taken. Motion was unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that an ad be purchased in the Christmas edition of the East Lauderdale News and paid from tourism funds in the amount of \$312.00. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

In compliance with Competitive Bid Laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid LA-2011-1, "Various Printing Jobs" for the month of December. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on December 10 and a bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the bids be awarded to Printers and Stationers of Florence for all jobs as the low bidder. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation 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 Bid No. LA-2011-4, "New Full Size Patrol Vehicles". Bids were received, opened publicly and read aloud on December 2 and a bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commission review. The Sheriff and Commission Office Staff evaluated the bid. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Thornton Chrysler Dodge, Inc. in the amount of \$20,652.00 for a 2011 Dodge Charger with police package. Sheriff Willis is budgeted for five new vehicles this year. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner Irons abstained from voting due to a previous employment relationship with one of the bidders. Bid tabulation 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 Bid No. 2011-16, "Reinforced Concrete Bridge Culvert on Co. Rd. 55 over First Creek". Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on December 8 and bid tabulations were prepared for Commission review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the low bid from Brooks & Sons Construction be accepted in the amount of \$157,050.90. In discussion with the Commission, the County Engineer explained that the eight barrel culvert was recommended by the State and would be adequate to handle the water; however, the concerns with debris removal would be handled on a periodic basis as needed. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation 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 Bid No. 2011-17, "Dump Trucks" for use by the road department. Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on December 8 and a bid tabulation was prepared for Commission review. The County Engineer recommended award to Neely Coble Co., Inc. for the Tandem Axle, 10-12 CY Dump Truck (\$86,832.00) due to numerous past problems with the International trucks bid by Southland, the low bidder (\$83,828.25) and poor service from Southland. He also recommended award to Long Lewis Ford of the Shoals as low bidder for the Single Axle, 6-8 CY Dump Truck (\$61,822.50) and to Family Ford as low bidder of the 2011 Ford F-450 Chassis (\$34,502.00). There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed. Commissioner Irons abstained from voting due to a previous employment relationship with one of the bidders. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Bid No. 2011-15, "Bridge Repair on County Road 47 over Shoals Creek" was awarded on November 10 to Shotcrete of America. The bid was priced in units and the total price was expected to be \$188,500.00. The County Engineer was instructed to work with the bidder to negotiate a lower bid price, if possible. The negotiated price on the component unites with expected quantities was \$180,000.00. Once the work began, further deterioration to a second footing was discovered and due to the critical nature of the deterioration, work was authorized on the second footing to ensure the safety and stability of the bridge. The actual cost once all necessary repairs are made could exceed the estimated quantities by a substantial amount. Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the cost of the bridge repair be authorized in the higher amount as necessary to ensure safety. Following further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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 NOVEMBER 22, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 12, 2010

GENERAL FUND	417,449.94
CHECK # 41643-41719	
GASOLINE TAX FUND	396,304.39

CHECK # 13865-13892	
SOLID WASTE FUND	201,079.17
CHECK # 4499-4512	
REAPPRAISAL FUND	38,730.52
CHECK # 9137-9149	
RSVP FUND	9,289.14
CHECK # 15625-15635	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	338,757.04
CHECK # 29848-29934	
VOID # 29856-29858, 29863-29865	
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	26,601.65
CHECK # 525	
LEPA # 1	7,056.90
CHECK # 6522-6530	
LLEBG # 1	10,084.30
CHECK # 171	
AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	13,500.00
CHECK # 234	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND	289.61
CHECK # 3021	
TOBACCO TAX FUND	11,070.00
CHECK # 2792-2794	
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET	100,000.00
CHECK # 322	
TOTAL	1,570,212.66

The Commission extended their wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman  
Lauderdale County Commission

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ATTEST:

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District 2

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Administrator