

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 September, 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 Chairman	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Lauderdale County
Commission	
D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
William Smith	Commissioner, District 1
Ronnie L. Brown	Commissioner, District 2
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2

Absent:

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 Larry Irons.

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 Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith 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 Brown that a resolution be adopted approving the fee schedule presented by the Lauderdale County Board of Health. Dr. Karen Landers explained to the Commission that this was the same fee schedule adopted last year. No changes were implemented. 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 Brown that a resolution be adopted declaring the week of October 5 through October 11, 2008 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Lauderdale County. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Mr. John Pinion was present to receive the resolution on behalf of NAMI Shoals. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing an increase in the mileage rate to coincide with the IRS approved rates. New rate will be 58.5 cents per mile for employees who are traveling in a private vehicle while on approved county business. Effective date of the increase will be October 1, 2008. 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 a long term detention subsidy contract to be executed between the County and the Alabama Department of Youth Services and designating the Tennessee Valley Youth Detention Center as the facility to receive payment for one bed from the Department of Youth Services. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and agreement are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a request for FMLA leave without pay be approved for David L. Nobles, a road department employee, for a twelve week period due to medical complications. All required documentation has been received as well as departmental approval. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that FMLA leave without pay be approved for Kelly G. Pitts, an employee of the detention center for a period of twelve weeks due to medical complications. All required documentation has been received as well as departmental approval. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted in which the October 13th meeting of the Commission be rescheduled due to the Columbus Day Holiday. The meeting is to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14,

2008. 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 Brown that a resolution be adopted authorizing execution of an agreement with the Alabama EMA for the three year TVA Contract. The contract will provide \$85,000.00 for 2009, \$87,800.00 for 2010 and \$90,600.00 for 2011 to further the Radiological Emergency Plan/Programs connected with the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Any budget amendments made necessary by the expensing of this grant are herein approved. 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 purchase of fifteen warning sirens for the Lauderdale County School Warning System and authorizing Grant Agreement HMPG DR (1605-0232). Federal amount of the grant is \$23,330.00 with the local share of \$7,777.00 to be provided by the Lauderdale County School Board. EMA Director George Grabryan informed the Commission that there was a typographical error in the grant documents and actually the agreement calls for the purchase of radios, not sirens. Commissioner Thornton then moved to amend his first motion to state radios rather than sirens. Commissioner Brown seconded and following a brief 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 Brown that a resolution be adopted authorizing necessary budget amendments to the 2007-2008 county budget in various departments as reflected on the budget revision requests. Following a brief discussion of the amendments and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget revision requests are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted authorizing a revised county pay chart reflecting a seven percent (7%) increase for all charted pay grades and steps. Chart will be in effect October 1, 2008. Commissioner Irons stated that he was proud of the county employees and was glad to be able to give a cost of living raise as well as the regular step. He stated that the employees were the county's most important asset and stated this appreciation to all. Commissioner Thornton stated that he felt that it is a necessity to maintain a well trained and experienced workforce

for maximum efficiency. Commissioner Smith agreed with the other Commissioners and stated that he appreciated the good work of all county employees. Commissioner Brown thanked the county employees for their work during the past year. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and chart are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown that a resolution be adopted in which FY 2008-2009 County budget is approved and adopted in the amount of \$27,059,535.00. Commissioner Irons stated that he would call this budget a “BLT” budget – balanced, lean and tight. Following a brief narrative of the budget, Commissioner Irons cautioned that overtime must be kept in check and all departments must work within their department budget. Commissioner Brown thanked all the staff. Commissioner Thornton stated his appreciation to the Chairman and the other Commissioners for moving ahead with this budget. Commissioner Smith spoke of the spirit of harmony and cooperation in developing this budget and further stated that the citizens should know that the county is in good financial shape. The Chairman stated that this is the 13th or 14th budget he has prepared and the numbers continue to escalate. He stated that this county is blessed to have adequate revenue but he is concerned about the continuing practice of using fund balances. “With the current volatile economy, we need to keep a close eye on the budget and preserve our reserves which took a long time to accumulate”, he said. He went on to say that the Commission must be good sound fiscal managers and monitor the budget diligently. He stated that he was glad to be able to give employees a good increase. Department heads were emphatically encouraged to stay within the budget. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution, budget and related notes 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 the purchase of various road building and maintenance supplies. The county engineer stated that all the bids were increased form 3% to 270% over last year except the concrete pipe. Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, September 15, 2008. Road department staff reviewed and evaluated the bids. The County Engineer presented each bid to the Commission and made the following recommendations for award:

Bid 2009-1	Circular Concrete Roadway Pipe	Hanson Pipe & Precast, Inc.
Bid 2009-2	Crushed Stone	David Brown Trucking and Rogers Group

Bid 2009-3	Corrugated Steel Roadway Side Drain Pipe, Connecting Bands	Hanson Pipe & Precast, Inc.
Bid 2009-4	Signposts	Vulcan Signs
Bid 2009-5	Batteries	Ranger Battery
Bid 2009-6	Lubricants	Carter Oil Co.
Bid 2009-7	Ready Mix Concrete	Bama Concrete Products Co., Inc.
Bid 2009-8	Corrugated HDPE Pipe	Eagle Wholesale Supply
Bid 2009-9	Traffic Signs, Reflectors and Osburn Pavement Markers	Vulcan Signs; Traffic Signs; Associates and 3M Co.
Bid 2009-10	Motor Grader Blades	G & O Supply Co., Inc.
Bid 2009-11	Cold Mix for Patching	Shelby Contracting Co., Inc.
Bid 2009-12	Liquid Bituminous Material	Hunt Refining Company
Bid 2009-13	Gasoline; On-Road Diesel Fuel	No bids received – Re-Bid
Bid 2009-14	Chemicals for Vegetation Control	UAP Distribution, Inc.
Bid 2009-15	Steel Reinforcement	Tri-State Metals, Inc.
Bid 2009-16	Resurface Various County Roads	S & M Equipment Company

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that the Commission accept the recommendations of the County Engineer and award bids as stated and re-bid the Gasoline and On Road Diesel Fuel as soon as possible. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

The invoiced bills and the outstanding purchase orders awaiting invoices were audited, allowed and ordered paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Irons. Following a discussion of the bills and the large amount of outstanding purchase orders from EMA, a vote was taken and motion unanimously approved.

Melinda Harrison from Keep the Shoals Beautiful addressed the Commission regarding activities of the group and asked the Commission to designate a county road for cleanup in November. Ms. Harris asked the Commission to allocate \$5,000.00 to the organization.

Mr. Ron Holt addressed the Commission concerning littering. He asked the Commission if they had taken any concrete action towards litter. Commissioner Smith

stated that an additional deputy had been approved and Community Corrections has been funded suggesting that perhaps the Sheriff's department and the Community Corrections might participate in litter pick up and enforcement. Mr. Holt discussed the Assign a Highway Program with Commissioners.

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

CHECKS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

GENERAL FUND CHECK # 37602-37652	489,627.52
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 12942-12956	189,802.64
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 3653-3667	132,448.31
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 26427-26521 VOID # 26431, 26434, 26441, 26446, 26454, 26477	344,884.78
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6081-6088	3,837.23
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 8460-8472	23,320.01
RSVP FUND CHECK # 15112-15121	4,484.45
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4169-4182	660,014.74
AGRI-BUSINESS CHECK # 2870-2873	1,085.55
CDBG FUND CHECK # 323 & 324	60,684.65
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 477	13,997.80

INDUSTRIAL DEV. TAX FUND CHECK # 1013	369,166.93
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 160	13,512.00
ALABAMA TRUST CAPITAL IMP. FUND CHECK # 174 & 175	6,260.00
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1061	2,691.88
TOTAL	2,315,818.49

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ATTEST:

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Administrator