

STATE OF ALABAMA §

LAUDERDALE COUNTY §

The Lauderdale County Commission convened at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in the City of Florence, Alabama at 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of January, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Commission Chairman, Dewey D. Mitchell. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Chairman of Commission
Roger Garner	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 Parker. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing acceptance of three HMGP Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be used for installing a total of seven (7) Emergency Warning Sirens. After a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Road Department to contract the services of White, Lynn, Collins & Associates to help perform preliminary surveys countywide on road improvements. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and contract are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Lauderdale County Commission to invite our local state legislators to a lunch to discuss local economic development issues. 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Lauderdale County EMA to enter into an agreement with the State Homeland Security Program and authorize George Grabryan, EMA Director to execute this grant agreement. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids for LA-2013-8, "Cleaning & Chemical Products-B" were advertised, received and publicly opened and read aloud on January 24, 2013. Bid tabulation sheets were prepared for Commissioners review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bid be awarded to Echolab as the only bidder. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation is herein recorded and made a part of these minute.

The invoiced bills were audited, approved and ordered paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Garner. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Checks Issued January 14, 2013 through January 27, 2013

GENERAL - SPECIAL CHECK # 45495-45548	465,301.49
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14741-14756	286,652.20

SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 5273-5287	323,200.84
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9807-9817	34,882.25
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16085-16091	2,052.89
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 33024-33053	134,560.87
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6946-6952	3,876.43
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3192 & 3193	173.33
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4877-4889	484,945.69
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 563	8,067.82
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 390	760.00
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK # 2831-3844	234,717.42
TOTAL	1,979,191.23

Hank Thomas, Waterloo, Alabama asked if the bid openings for the Ambulance Bids that would be opened on January 29, 2013 would be open to the public. Chairman Mitchell told Mr. Thomas that they were open to the public. Mr. Thomas also stated that he did not understand why the County addressed the destruction of Ghost Bridge so fast when he could get no one to address his issues on Paradise Drive. He also stated that he had sent two letters over the course of the past year. Chairman Mitchell stated that the bridge had been vacated since 1996 and the residents in the area and the Sheriff's Department had complained about the illegal activities going on in the area.

Mr. Thomas stated that he could not get anyone from the Department Heads or Commissioners to address the issues of guard rails for Paradise Drive and he thinks Paradise Drive needs guard rails.

Chris Smith, County Attorney, answered stating that the letters Mr. Thomas has sent to the Lauderdale County Commission are now a legal matter and is under litigation and he has advised the department heads not to answer those questions.

Mr. Thomas stated he was glad to have an answer as to why he could not get an answer from anyone. Mr. Thomas also asked Commissioner Garner if he knew that the Lauderdale County Commission was being sued for an accident on Paradise Drive and invited him to come and look at Paradise Drive.

Gilbert Parrish, Waterloo resident stated that he wanted to welcome Commissioner Garner to the Commission and congratulated Chairman Mitchell on his win as Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Parrish stated that he had attended a lot of meetings and work sessions and he thought Paradise Drive needed to have chip and seal work done because one time as he was going up the largest hill his car had died and slid all the way back down because of loose gravel. He also stated that the only thing Mr. Thomas had accomplished since he started coming to the meetings was he got the vents cleaned and the Lady Liberty statue had been repaired. Mr. Parrish stated that no one had used common sense when dealing with Paradise Drive and he hoped that the County would do something about his road.

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

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

D.C. Thornton, Commissioner
District 1

Roger Garner, Commissioner
District 1

Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator