

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner D. C. Thornton, who acted as Chairman pro tem. Chairman Thornton announced that Dewey D. Mitchell, Ex-Officio Chairman was out of town to attend training sessions. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

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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ABSENT:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Chairman
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Chairman Thornton declared a quorum of the Commission to be present and the meeting open for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Fay Parker

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that all items listed on the agenda be approved for immediate consideration during this meeting. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Agenda is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved for recording. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with BFI Waste Services, LLC. The agreement is for solid waste disposal services for the final year of a three year bid period and under the same terms and

conditions as the original bid of \$18.00 per ton. Additionally, there is a mandatory \$1.00 per ton disposal fee imposed by ADEM. New agreement will be effective for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. Resident, Hank Thomas, asked the Commission why residential rate increases were recently put in place if the rates to the county were not going up. Commissioner Thornton stated that the renewal of the contract was set in the original bid at the same price. He further explained that the operational costs have increased. Commissioner Fulmer informed Mr. Thomas that rates of counties and municipalities around us have consistently gone up; however, we were among the lowest and if the county had not increased the rate, the county solid waste department would have been operating with a deficit balance due to increasing costs. Commissioner Irons enumerated several areas of the solid waste operations which have greatly increased, such as equipment costs, fuel costs, employee benefits and ongoing improvements to the landfill. Commissioner Irons said that the county was not in the business to make money, but rather, just to break even. Following further brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and documentation from BFI are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate for county employees traveling in private vehicles to 55.5 cents per mile effective July 25, 2011. 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing participation in the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant for disparate jurisdictions in the amount of \$15,343.00 to be shared in equal portions with the City of Florence. The City of Florence is the lead applicant and financial administrator of the grant. 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 Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing an agreement with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$7,750.00 for surveying services to complete FEMA elevation certificates for 31 identified tracts subject to the provisions of the Floodplain Management Program. The County Engineer, during brief discussion, informed the Commission that some of the money may be paid back by the

property owners. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and proposal are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that Andrew Betterton be reappointed for the 911 Board of Directors upon recommendation of the City of Florence, for an additional four year term to begin immediately and expire June 12, 2015 or whenever a successor is appointed. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that Darlene Ballard be reappointed to the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority for an additional five year term to begin immediately and expire July 21, 2016. Ms. Ballard is a joint appointee with the City of Florence. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted accepting an adjusted NAHSO Grant in the total amount of \$8,900.00. The grant funds are used by the Sheriff's Department for overtime and fringes related to designated traffic projects. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and adjusted grant agreement 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 Irons and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Following a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

#### CHECKS ISSUED JULY 11, 2011 THROUGH JULY 24, 2011

GENERAL FUND	616,933.28
CHECK # 42766-42839	
VOID # 42836	
GASOLINE TAX FUND	275,325.11
CHECK # 14114-14136	
SOLID WASTE FUND	162,225.27
CHECK # 4714-4733	
REAPPRAISAL FUND	12,197.60
CHECK # 9328-9343	
RSVP FUND	4,164.12

CHECK # 15768-15779	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	1,312,016.84
CHECK # 30769-30819	
VOID # 30788, 30812	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND	1,108.22
CHECK # 3058-3064	
TVA TAX FUND	507,140.59
CHECK # 4619-4632	
LEPA FUND	4,212.95
CHECK # 6643-6650	
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND	12,202.50
CHECK # 193	
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND	561,916.01
CHECK # 1047	
CDBG FUND	20,943.08
CHECK # 343 & 344	
CHILD PROTECTION FUND	2,346.96
CHECK # 1129 & 1130	
REAPPRAISAL MONEY MARKET	50,000.00
CHECK # 328	
TOTAL	3,542,732.53

Mr. Hank Thomas, Paradise Drive, Waterloo addressed the Commission in regards to the method used to select a Chairman pro tem. The County Attorney will research and get information to Mr. Thomas at a later date. Mr. Thomas also asked if any shelters were opened due to the extreme heat. The EMA Director stated that this would be accomplished in conjunction with the health department and after discussion it was determined not to be necessary. Mr. Thomas asked if the Commission had submitted names for the Board of Equalization. Chairman Thornton said the Commission was getting the names together for submission. Mr. Thomas then asked the Commission if they had the final cost of the recent land sale. The County Administrator provided

the figures to Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas again expressed his concerns regarding Paradise Drive and thanked Commissioner Fulmer and Ken Allamel for looking at the road. Commissioner Fulmer said she had visited the road recently with Ken Allamel, the County Engineer, not to get in Mr. Parker's business, but because she felt compelled to go because the Parrish's asked her to come. She said she did not know the answer to the problems with the road but would like the Commission to look at it from a more serious standpoint.

Commissioner Parker said he asked if we had equipment to pull ditches and that he would like to see ditches pulled first. He said that as a single Commissioner, he would like to move forward and see something done – and not live in 1981 when the road resolution was passed.

Mrs. Margaret Rupp, Paradise Drive, Waterloo, stated that Mr. Walker spent his own money and time to improve the road and she asked the Commission what the next step was for improvement.

Mr. Gilbert Parrish also thanked Commissioner Fulmer and Ken Allamel for looking at the road. He said he was concerned that the Commission and the County Engineer were passing responsibility for the roadwork between them. He asked who had the authority to ask Ken Allamel for figures on the cost of upgrading the road.

Barry Rupp, Paradise Drive, Waterloo was recognized by the Chairman. Mr. Rupp stated his frustration and said he really didn't know what he wanted to talk about and named several issues. He chastised the Commission for having no plan week after week.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Irons and seconded by Commissioner Fulmer it was 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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D.C. Thornton, Commissioner  
District 1

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Rhea Tays Fulmer, Commissioner  
District 1

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Fay Parker, Commissioner  
District 2

ATTEST:

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Larry Irons, Commissioner  
District 2

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Administrator