

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 10th day of September, 2012. 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 Parker 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 Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer 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 Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing the fee schedule for the Lauderdale County Board of Health Department. Doctor Karen Landers, Director of the Lauderdale County Health Department stated that there were no cost increases over last year's fees and that the Health Department never turned anyone away

due to their inability to pay. Upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Commissioner Thornton thanked the Lauderdale Health Department for keeping their costs under control. Commissioner Irons also expressed his thanks. Chairman Mitchell asked Dr. Landers if Franklin and Colbert Counties had approved the fee schedule. Dr. Landers stated that Colbert County had the resolution on their agenda and that she would be in Franklin County next week to give them their resolution. Resolution and fee schedule are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing Lauderdale County to designate the Tennessee Valley Youth Detention Center as its choice to receive payment from the Alabama Department of Youth Services for the use of the juvenile bed for Lauderdale County. Commissioner Irons stated that Lauderdale County had four beds the county paid for and this was a very important issue for our community and he wanted to thank everyone for their consideration on this matter. 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 to change the date for the October 8, 2012 Commission meeting and to reschedule the meeting for 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2012 due to the Columbus Day Holiday being on October 8, 2012. There being no more discussion, 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 to discontinue the job of Voting Machine Custodian upon the retirement of Jerry Hester as of September 31, 2012. The Lauderdale County Commission will enter into a contract with Jerry Hester beginning October 1, 2012 for election services duties on an as needed basis only. There being no discussion, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to adopt a resolution to renew the contract for election services with Don Harris. There being no 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 Irons to adopt a resolution and agree to all the provisions of the County Wide Agreement with the State of Alabama Department of

Transportation for the resurfacing Project LCP 39-146-12. Commissioner Irons stated that this is part of ATRIP money that pays 80% of the cost, with the county only responsible for the remaining 20% of the cost and would allow the county to use county money for road projects in other areas and he hoped Lauderdale County would be approved for these projects. There being no further discussion, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to adopt a resolution and agree to all the provisions of the County Wide Agreement with the State Department of Transportation for Bridge Replacement Project LCP 39-147-12. Commissioner Parker stated that he also hoped these projects would be approved because it would mean major savings for the county and the school system. School bus routes could be changed to save money on shorter school routes because the weight restrictions some of the bridges have now would be changed. 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 to adopt a resolution that agrees to all the provisions of the County Wide Agreement between Lauderdale County and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for Bridge Replacement Project LCP 39-148-12. Commissioner Irons stated if these projects get approved a total of six bridges would be replaced and that would help school system bus routes and also help commerce by allowing farmers and large trucks to travel throughout the county better. Commissioner Thornton stated that some of the county bridges were built in the 1930's and 1940's, so it would be good for the county if the projects get approved. Chairman Mitchell stated that this is just the first step in the process of applying for these projects and we were by no means approved for these projects yet. He also stated this was a tremendous opportunity for our county but there is also a tremendous amount of competition for this ATRIP money. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is 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 of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Checks Issued August 27, 2012 through September 9, 2012

GENERAL -SPECIAL CHECK # 44697-44751	348,966.18
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14586-14599	271,699.80
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 5128-5140	56,899.18
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9692-9702	20,181.35
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16012-16019	1,893.87
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK # 32464-32562 VOID # 32473-32481, 32495, 32507, 32508, 32556	700,223.88
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6872-6878	3,733.71
TOBACCO TAX FUND CHECK #2849	16,892.39
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3159-3163	602.01
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 557	29,302.12
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND CHECK # 205	12,240.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND CHECK # 1062	630,855.88
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK # 1148	2,087.32
TOTAL	2,095,577.69

Hank Thomas, Paradise Drive, Waterloo, stated that he wanted to thank Commissioners Parker and Irons for their work done in Waterloo in preparation for the Trail of Tears. Mr. Thomas also wanted to know when the county would be discussing the ambulance bids because he was confused why the county was waiting to decide on this issue. He said it had been over a month since the bids had been opened. Chairman Mitchell stated that the county had been accruing information on the contract since the ambulance contract was a joint bid between Lauderdale County and the City of Florence. He also told Mr. Thomas the bid was on the agenda for the October 2nd work session. Mr. Thomas asked what more information had the commissioners been looking at? He stated he had read both bids and he wanted to know if there was more information that he had not been given. Commissioner Fulmer stated that she had questions of what other information Chairman Mitchell was referring to. Chairman Mitchell stated that he was referring to questions he had about the bids and gathering his questions for the discussion. Commissioner Fulmer stated that she had been asked by people if the commission was waiting until after the election to make a decision on the ambulance bid. She stated that it was not her intention to wait until after the election for the county to decide on the bid.

There being no further discussion to come before the Commission, it was upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Thornton 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