

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 24th 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 Irons.

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

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the closing of the local Legislative Office. Commissioner Irons stated this issue had been discussed with the local legislators and they all agreed they did not use this office because they had offices of their own. He also stated the legislative clerk will be transferred to the Solid

Waste Department as an administrative clerk effective October 1, 2012. Commissioner Fulmer stated that this would be a better use of county money and that money could be used more effectively in some other department. Chairman Mitchell stated that this issue was discussed at the county's budget meetings and opportunities to use county's money in the best way possible. 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 Lauderdale County to close the "Economic Development Fund" account and transfer all of the fund balance and future revenues into the "General Fund" account with no restrictions on where the money is to be spent. 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 that a resolution be adopted authorizing a letter of concurrence in the award bid contract to Glasgow Construction, along with payment to the Alabama Department of Transportation for Project LCP 39-137-11, BRZ 3900(205). Commissioner Irons stated that this bridge project replaced two more bridges that would help school routes and that when we get federal aid money we really get two bridges for the price of one. Commissioner Parker stated that this would be a big help for school buses and emergency vehicles and he was very glad this could happen. There being no more 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 approving a line item only budget adjustment for the Appraisal Department due to fuel costs increase of the budgeted amount. There being no 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted approving the FY 2013 operating budget in the amount of \$27,543,837.00. Commissioner Irons stated that this was a \$309,327.00 decrease over last year with the county employees receiving a step raise of approximately 3.42% and a 3% cost of living raise this year. Commissioner Irons also stated that this was a tight budget and the Commission had wanted the department heads to stay within their guidelines with Public Safety being 61% of the General Fund Budget. Commissioner Thornton stated that we needed to stay current on the purchasing of equipment for our departments because it saves money by not spending so much on maintenance when the equipment was just too

old and needed to be replaced. Commissioner Parker stated he was very proud of our budget and the equipment we were purchasing. He also stated that we should stay on top of things and not get too far behind on replacing equipment. Commissioner Fulmer stated that she wanted to thank the department heads for their hard work and that we are very fortunate to be blessed with a county that has the resources Lauderdale County has. Chairman Mitchell stated that we were able to help our employees with their pay structure, but the county did have to dip into their resources in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars to balance the budget. He also stated that we need to keep up with services and make sure that we closely monitor our budget and be responsible. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with the competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on September 18, 2012 for Bids No. 2013-1 through 2013-13, "Annual Road Bids". At this time Commissioner Irons asked that bid 2013-13 be separate from the other bids due to special circumstances. Chairman Mitchell set 2013-13 aside. A bid tabulation sheet for each bid was prepared for Commissioners review. Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bids be awarded to the lowest bidders. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulations are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on September 18, 2012 for Bid No. 2013-13, "Gasoline and on Road Diesel Fuel". A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for Commissioners review at which time Commissioner Irons asked that this bid be considered using the timeline as the sole reason to award the bid to Tatum Oil of Sheffield. He stated that this is a very serious issue when the county was faced with inclement weather, that being able to get gas and fuel needed in one day can save the county thousands of dollars plus help out the county. Commissioner Fulmer stated that she was in favor of awarding the bid to Tatum Oil as long as the county was following bid laws. Chairman Mitchell then asked for a motion and a second to approve Tatum Oil. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Tatum Oil. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation sheet is herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted to approve the contract bid between Lauderdale County and Rogers Group, Inc. be renewed. The Rogers Group has agreed to continue current pricing as shown in Bid 2012-20 for the FY 2012-2013 paving projects. After a brief discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Bid tabulation 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 Irons and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Following a brief discussion of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Checks Issued September 10, 2012 through September 23, 2012

GENERAL -SPECIAL CHECK # 44752-44814 VOID # 44768-44770, 44773	597,715.47
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14600-14613	469,418.78
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 5141-5153	148,077.71
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9703-9714	22,713.71
RSVP FUND CHECK # 16020-16026	1,932.63
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK # 32563-32641 VOID # 32574 & 32579	272,975.44
LEPA FUND CHECK # 6879-6885	3,734.86
TVA TAX FUND CHECK # 4821-4834	536,200.29
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK # 3164-3168	755.37
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	180,267.49

CHECK # 558

TOURISM, RECREATION & CONV. FUND 6,931.76
CHECK # 384 & 385

PUBLIC BLDG., ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL 800,000.00
CHECK # 421

PUBLIC HIGHWAY & TRAFFIC FUND 306,197.64
CHECK # 407

TOTAL 3,346,921.15

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was upon a motion made by Commissioner Irons and seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that the meeting be 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

Brenda Bryant, Administrator