

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 27th day of January 2014. 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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Chairman Mitchell, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Larry Irons.

Public Comment on agenda items:

Awards and Presentations: Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion and second to change the awards presentation. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to add an item to awards and presentations, motion unanimously approved. The item is a resolution brought forward by Commissioner Irons to pay tribute to the first Burrell-Slater High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be approved to show the Lauderdale County's Support for the First Burrell-Slater High School Athletic Hall of Fame. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken,

motion passed unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Garner moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that all items listed on the regular business 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.

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

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the contract between Lauderdale County Commission and Lauderdale County Road Department and the AECOM company to provide professional engineering services on the CR-16 Bridge Replacement over Cypress Creek Project No. STPOA-3900. The cost of the proposed project is \$288,207.00 dollars. Commissioner Irons stated that the bridge represented one of the worse in Lauderdale County and that this project was very much needed. Commissioner Parker stated that EMA vehicles and School Buses would appreciate the new bridge and that this was a much needed project. Chairman Mitchell stated that this was just the beginning of the process and that this project was an MPO project with the money being 80/20 match. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed unanimously approved. Resolution and contract is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing the grant agreement with the Lauderdale County Commission and

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program for a federal grant in the amount of \$41,817.00 dollars. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion passed unanimously approved. Resolution and grant agreement is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted to authorize payment in the amount of \$143.61 to Legends Restaurant for the local luncheon with the Lauderdale County Commissioners and the local State Legislators. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing a Telephone Prepaid Service Agreement between the Lauderdale County Commission and Certified Alarm. This contract is for service at a cost of \$75.00 dollars per hour and only includes the telephone system and does not include any equipment. The contract will be for one year from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015. There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and contract agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted to authorize a County Wide agreement executed between the State and County covering the preliminary engineering by State forces and equipment on the project of Installation of Traffic Signal at the intersection of County Road 47 and 30. Commissioner Irons stated that this project would help relieve about 95% of the traffic issues at certain times and it would help the long lines that sometimes happen. Commissioner Thornton stated that this was a much needed project and that the traffic signal was needed. Chairman Mitchell stated that this was a move forward in the right direction and that the county

commission would have to arrange a contract with the City of St. Florian for maintenance and utilities after the installation of the signal. Commissioner Parker stated that this area had been an issue for several years and seemed to be growing every year and he was proud that the county could be able to help with this problem. Commissioner Irons stated that he had spoken with the Mayor of St. Florian on January 24, 2014 and that St. Florian has agreed to pay for the maintenance of the traffic signal. There being no further discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted to authorize the Lauderdale County Commission and Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency to enter into an agreement with Farmer/Morgan LLC. to update the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan must be updated every five years at a cost of \$27,500.00 dollars. Commissioner Irons asked George Grabryan EMA Director if any federal money would pay for this project. Mr. Grabryan stated that is was 100% federal money. Commissioner Parker asked what the project did. Mr. Grabryan stated that it was for a series of EMA exercises. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and copy of the agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed and ordered paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Irons and seconded by Commissioner Parker. After a brief discussion of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Checks Issued January 13, 2014 through January 26, 2014

GENERAL - SPECIAL CHECK # 47338-47402	1,439,165.45
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 15120-15132	191,635.89
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 5640-5654 VOID #5653	263,833.78
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 10099-10112	30,551.38
RSVP FUND CHECK #16279-16286	3,158.23
ACCOUNT PAYABLE FUND CHECK # 34438-34483	152,785.96
LEPA FUND CHECK # 7142-7149	5,001.31
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND CHECK #3277	442.00
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 580	14,545.49
TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND CHECK # 402	950.00
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND CHECK #3930-3943	240,575.72
CHILD PROTECTION FUND CHECK #1164	1,099.91
PUBLIC BLDG., ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL CHECK #430	750,000.00
TVA TAX FUND CHECK #5023-5035	464,495.74
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND	12,249.79

CHECK #220

TOTAL

3,570,490.65

Public Comment Period:

Rhea Fulmer, Killen Alabama stated that she wanted her comments to be entered into the formal minutes of the county records. Ms. Fulmer stated that she had written a letter of formal complaint to the Lauderdale County Commission and that the letter that she received back must have been written by a lawyer. Ms. Fulmer stated that she did not get an answer for her question, which was if Shoals Ambulance Service transmitted EKG's from May 1, 2013 until September 5, 2013. If Shoals Ambulance did transmit EKG's she would like to review the report showing those transmittals. Ms. Fulmer stated that she was concerned that if these transmittals did not occur people's lives were at stake. Chairman Mitchell stated that the county would do research and see if the information she wanted was available. Chairman Mitchell asked George Grabryan if the information she wanted was available. Chairman Mitchell asked George Grabryan if the Shoals Ambulances were in compliance of the contract and Mr. Grabryan stated that the ambulances were equipped with the proper equipment from the very first day of service for Lauderdale County. Ms. Fulmer stated that she has someone who is willing to sign a sworn affidavit stating that they could not transmit EKG's during the stated time frame when that person worked for Shoals Ambulance

service. Ms. Fulmer stated that in 2012 the county rebid the ambulance service to give the persons of Lauderdale County the best service available, if the best service did not transmit the EKG's then the commission has let the people in the county down. Ms. Fulmer stated that this had jeopardized lives and in her opinion and the county did not give them optimal medical care. Ms. Fulmer stated that the people deserve better and based on what I have heard, I'm concerned. Chairman Mitchell stated that the county would try to get the reports that she has asked for but that the reports are not a requirement of the ambulance contract. Chairman Mitchell stated that everyone had an opinion and that Shoals Ambulance is a private company, which George Grabryan would try to get the reports if they were available.

There being no further business to come before the Commission and upon a motion made by Commissioner Irons and seconded by Commissioner Thornton the meeting was duly adjourned until the next regular meeting 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

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Brenda Bryant, County Administrator