

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011. The meeting was called to order by the Judge of Probate who acted as Chairman. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

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| Dewey D. Mitchell | Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Chairman<br>Lauderdale County Commission |
| Rhea Tays Fulmer  | Commissioner, District 1  |
| D.C. Thornton     | Commissioner, District 1  |
| Fay Parker        | Commissioner, District 2  |

Legal Counsel:

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| Christopher A. Smith | County Attorney |
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Absent:

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| Larry Irons | Commissioner, District 2 |
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Chairman Mitchell 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 Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that all items 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing the acceptance of the 2011-2012 RAP Grant in the amount of \$31,000.00 on behalf of the Juvenile Court. Judge Jackson presented statistics which support the positive impact of the grant. Commissioner Parker said he was somewhat familiar with the grant and was glad to be

able to help the Family Court. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. The resolution and grant agreement are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement by and between the University of North Alabama and the Florence Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency. The agreement will provide reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in cases of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fulmer. Following a brief discussion of the bills and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

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CHECKS ISSUED OCTOBER 11, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2011

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| GENERAL FUND          | 921,206.96 |
| CHECK # 43235-43297   |            |
| VOID # 43272-43286    |            |
| GASOLINE TAX FUND     | 105,673.19 |
| CHECK # 14229-14250   |            |
| VOID # 14229          |            |
| SOLID WASTE FUND      | 101,331.41 |
| CHECK # 4812-4824     |            |
| REAPPRAISAL FUND      | 19,833.96  |
| CHECK # 9416-9426     |            |
| RSVP FUND             | 1,932.63   |
| CHECK # 15830-15836   |            |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND | 457,341.04 |
| CHECK # 31161-31193   |            |
| AGRI-BUSINESS FUND    | 278.83     |

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| CHECK # 3097-3099                  |              |
| LEPA FUND                          | 3,734.86     |
| CHECK # 6696-6702                  |              |
| CHILD PROTECTION FUND              | 2,608.32     |
| CHECK # 1135 & 1136                |              |
| AL. TRUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | 202,660.86   |
| CHECK # 248 & 249                  |              |
| PUBLIC BLDG., ROAD & BRIDGE FUND   | 118,140.00   |
| CHECK # 360-374                    |              |
| TOURISM, REC. & CONVENTION FUND    | 2,000.00     |
| CHECK # 375                        |              |
| TVA TAX FUND                       | 507,140.59   |
| CHECK # 4647-4660                  |              |
| TOTAL                              | 2,443,882.65 |

Commissioner Fulmer made a motion to add to the agenda a resolution allowing the Commission to make application for the Mt. Bethel Community Storm Shelter. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion. Commissioner Thornton said he thought this issue had been decided when the Commissioners agreed to participate in the individual shelter program which requires a 25% match from the participants. He went on to say that this match for the community shelter would be at county cost. Chairman Mitchell stated that this was his recollection also and pointed out that there were no funds put in the budget for this year to pay the match. Commissioner Fulmer had understood that this was never a closed subject and said the community had worked with Representative Greer to obtain the 25% grant money. The worth of the property would be included in the twenty five percent and there will be contingencies in the application showing no commitment from the County for the match. The application may be pulled at any time. Chairman Mitchell said federal funds cannot be used for match on a federal grant and the money to which Commissioner Fulmer referred was federal TVA funding. Commissioner Parker said he thought it would be a shame for a community who did all that was necessary not to be considered. He said he

wished other communities had participated in the community shelter program, but since this one community did he felt that he was obligated to help them. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, the following votes were cast:

Parker - aye                      Fulmer - aye  
Thornton - nay

Motion failed for lack of unanimous vote.

Mr. Hank Thomas, Paradise Drive, thanked Commissioners Parker and Fulmer for attending a meeting in which the problems of Paradise Drive were discussed. Mr. Thomas said approximately 50 people had attended. He then put the Commission on notice that he was declaring the road to be not in passable condition, since his wife was recently unable to travel the road.

Mr. Gilbert Parrish, Paradise Drive, echoed the comments of Mr. Thomas asking for the definition of passable

Commissioner Parker said that the road needed grading due to lots of loose gravel.

Mr. Thomas said the road was graded two weeks ago from the pavement past his home.

Commissioner Fulmer went to Waterloo last Saturday in a Jeep and the tires spun going up the hill.

Chairman Mitchell stated that he, too, was in Waterloo all weekend; however, he did not know anything about a meeting to discuss the road. Ms. Parrish told the Chairman that it was a picnic.

James Godwin, Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department, said the road was not safe for the fire trucks.

Mel Grimes, Paradise Drive paved portion, said that people cannot get boats in and out of Paradise Drive and that something needs to be done on the road.

Commissioner Parker said the road would be graded in the next two days.

Mr. Gilbert Parrish said that grading will not last until the road is compacted.

Mr. Barry Rupp said the road was very unsafe with the curves presenting a very dangerous situation for cars meeting on the road. He told the Commission that the citizens had repeatedly come to the meetings and begged for help on the road. He again asked the Commission for help with the road conditions.

There being no further discussion to come before the Commission, it was upon a motion made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Fulmer 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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Fay Parker, Commissioner  
District 2

ATTEST:

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Larry Irons, Commissioner  
District 2

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Administrator