

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 11th day of August, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Lauderdale Commission, Dewey D. Mitchell. Upon roll call, the following members answered present:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Chairman of Commission
D.C. Thornton	Commissioner, District 1
Larry Irons	Commissioner, District 2
Fay Parker	Commissioner, District 2

Legal Counsel:

Christopher A. Smith	County Attorney
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Absent:

Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
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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 Fay Parker.

Award and Presentations: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Commissioner Irons 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 Parker 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.

The first item on the agenda was for a resolution for vacation of a right of way at the northern boundary of the former King property; however the item failed due to lack of motion.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing to purchase a full page back cover in the Lauderdale County's Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Plat Map booklet. The cost of the advertisement is one thousand five hundred dollars with the payment being charged to the tourism fund. 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 approval of the EMPG grant between the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency and Alabama Emergency Agency for the 2014 EMPA Cooperative Agreement. The award is for fifty three thousand two hundred and seventy five dollars for the sole purpose to enhance emergency management and catastrophic planning. Commissioner Irons asked George Grabryan, Lauderdale County EMA Director, if the grant was 100% funded and Mr. Grabryan stated that it was 100% federally funded. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and grant agreement are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that a resolution be adopted to authorize the Lauderdale County retirees to receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$2.00 dollars per month for each year of service credited to the retirees account or \$300.00 dollars; whichever is greater. The retirees who receive a monthly retirement benefit from the Employee's Retirement System (ERS), on September 30th, 2014 will receive this one-time payment. There being no discussion and

upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and list of retirees are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Thornton moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted to authorize Stephen J. Kirkpatrick and Brenda Kirkpatrick to begin the vacation process on an unnamed road way that abuts the Southwest, South, Southeast, and East sides of said road (Property description copied and recorded for these minutes). There being no discussion and upon vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and property description recorded and made part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for Bid No. LA-2014—1, “Various Print Bids”. Bid responses were received, publicly opened and read aloud on August 8th, 2014. A bid tabulation sheet was prepared for the Commissions review. Chairman Mitchell stated that there were three bidders: First Impression of Hampton Cove, Harold Printing and Printers and Stationers of Florence. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Thornton that the bids be given to the lowest bidder. There being no 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, allowed and ordered paid upon motion by Commissioner Irons and seconded by Commissioner Thornton. There being no discussion of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Scheduled Public Hearing: Vacation of Easement

Chairman Mitchell stated that the notification of the Ashley Easement had run for four consecutive weeks in a local paper and that the deadline to turn in any written statements about the vacation easement had to be turned in by August 8th, 2014 to the Lauderdale County Commission’s Office by 5 p.m. Chairman Mitchell asked Brenda Bryant, County Administrator, if she had received any written statements, Ms. Bryant

stated that she had not received any letters; Chairman Mitchell then referred to Chris Smith, Lauderdale County Attorney. Mr. Smith stated that Sarah Castile, the person who had filed the petition to vacate the undeveloped right of way on Ashley Road, had fulfilled all the legal requirements and the County Commissioners could vote to go forward with the petition. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to move forward with the vacation. Commissioner Irons stated that Ms. Castile's house on Ashley Road was on the northwest side of the property and that Ms. Castile owned all of the property around the right of way and that the property needed to be vacated. Commissioner Parker stated that he agreed and he had also reviewed the Ashley Road. Upon a vote, motion passed unanimously. Chairman Mitchell then read the resolution to vacate the Ashley right of way. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker to adopt the resolution that vacates the Ashley right of way. There being no further discussion and upon vote taken, motion passed unanimously. Resolution is herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comments:

Charles Ford, Florence, AL, thanked the Commissioners for agreeing to give the County Retiree's the one-time lump sum payment.

Don Strait, Mayor of St. Florian, stated he wanted to thank the Commissioners for not going forward with the St. Florian vacation.

Commissioner Irons stated that he wished to thank the citizens for coming to the meeting today.

Jean Eckl Elliott, St. Florian, stated that she wanted to thank the Commissioners for their consideration of the right of way easement for St. Florian and how not going

forward with the right of way was the correct thing to do; she hoped that someone would see the need for a road since that would be the shortest route for a road.

Commissioner Parker stated that he appreciated the citizens for showing up for the meeting and when citizens come forward it makes it easier to make decisions for the county.

Jimmy Czermak, St. Florian, stated that the County Commission really needed to do something at the intersection in St. Florian by the First Southern Bank; that he had seen so many people almost have a wreck at that intersection. Mr. Czermak stated that he owned the Drink Box, a restaurant in St. Florian, and that he had paid county taxes since 1980 and he thought the County Commission should do something about that situation maybe consider an overpass at Middle Road.

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