

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 22nd day of September, 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
Roger Garner	Commissioner, District 1
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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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.

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.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing the list of charges for the Public Health Service fees for the Lauderdale County Board of Health. These charges are submitted by Dr. Karen Landers, Area Health Officer. These service fees have already been approved by Colbert and Franklin counties. Dr. Landers stated that other counties (Colbert and Franklin) have approved the fee schedule. Chairman Mitchel stated that the fee schedule had no changes from last year. Dr. Landers stated that the charges have been the same for several years. Commissioner Parker thanked Dr. Landers for the job that the Lauderdale County Health Department does for Lauderdale County. Chairman Mitchell stated that he appreciated the work that the Health Department does with their limited resources. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and fee schedule are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted that proclaims October 5 through October 11, 2014, as Mental Illness Awareness Week. Chairman Mitchell recognized Betty Robertson of NAMI Shoals who thanked the County Commission for passing the resolution and stated that this upcoming week was important to the mental health community. Ms. Robertson invited everyone to the candle light service on October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverbend Center. Chairman Mitchell thanked Ms. Robertson for her work especially concerning the volatile mental issues that she deals with. There being no further discussion and upon a 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 the change of the Lauderdale County Commission meeting from Monday, October 13, 2014 to Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Due to

Columbus Day a State Holiday. There being no discussion and upon a 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 the hiring of a new County Engineer, Eric Hill. The contract for Mr. Hill will begin September 29, 2014. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed unanimously approved. Resolution and contract are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Garner that a resolution be adopted authorizing the 2014-2015 Lauderdale County Budget. The counties total operating budget is thirty million five thousand eight hundred and thirty two dollars. Chairman Mitchell stated that he wished to express his concerns in reference to the shortage and in using the fund balances. Chairman Mitchell stated that his concern in using fund balances were in reference to the inability of being able to replenish the fund balances with future revenues. Also, when you look at your best estimates of the last two budget adoptions you will see that this year's deficit is three million eighty-eight thousand dollars and last years was three million seven hundred thousand dollars, which is concerning's due to stagnant revenues, and even though the county can afford it right now what will the future hold for the county. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed unanimously approved. Resolution and budget are herein recorded and made part of these minutes.

In compliance with competitive bid laws of the State of Alabama, sealed bids were advertised for the purchase of supplies and products for the Road Department for the upcoming year. Bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on September 16, 2014 and were evaluated by Road Department staff. The Commission has been presented with copies of the tabulations for their review. Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the bids are awarded as follows:

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| 1. Circular Concrete Roadway Pipe | No Response |
| 2. Crushed Stone | Rogers Group |
| 3. Sign Post | Split Bid
Galvanized Post- Traffic Signs
Green Paint Post- G & C Supply |
| 4. Lubricants | W. H. Thomas Oil Co., INC. |
| 5. Ready Mix Concrete | Bama Concrete Products Co., INC. |
| 6. Corrugated High Density Polyethylene | Construction Materials |
| 7. Traffic Signs, Reflectors and
Pavement Markers | Traffic Signs |
| 8. Cold Mix for Patching | Advanced Asphalt Products, LLC. |
| 9. Liquid Bituminous Material | Hunt Refining Company |
| 10. Gasoline and On Road Diesel Fuel | Tatum Oil Company, INC. |

Commissioner Irons asked David Abernathy, Assistant County Engineer, if the quote on gasoline was per gallon. Mr. Abernathy stated that it was. Chris Smith, County Attorney, stated that Bid No. 2015-1 “Circular Concrete Roadway Pipe”, having had no response, the motion would be for the department head to negotiate a new bid. All other contracts were for the low bidder. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion passed unanimously approved. Bids are herein approved and along with bid tabulation sheets are made part of these minutes.

The invoiced bills were audited, allowed and ordered paid upon motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Irons. There being no discussion of the invoices and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comments:

Rhea Fulmer, 170 Fox Den in Killen, Alabama, stated that she wished to be a patient advocate and address the ambulance issues. Ms. Fulmer stated that she believes that we have not improved our ambulance service since we changed services. Ms. Fulmer has requested several reports from our Lauderdale County EMA and asked that we respond in a timely manner. Ms. Fulmer has requested that we send her copies of all the transmitted EKG's from Shoals Ambulance Service, Killen/Lauderdale EMS and Killen Center Star from the beginning of Shoals Ambulance February 2013. See attached LIFENET summaries. Ms. Fulmer stated that she had concerns from an OSHA report that she read to the Commissioners. The report was an employee complaint on lack of cleaning of an ambulance after a call. The complaint was concerning Shoals Ambulance Service, Ms. Fulmer stated that Shoals Ambulance Service had been fined \$2,700.00 dollars on an informal settlement. Ms. Fulmer stated that what concerned her the most was what could happen when procedures for cleaning were not followed, that blood borne pathogens could be passed on if the ambulances were not allowed to be decontaminated. Ms. Fulmer stated that a Brooks High School student waited over twenty minutes for an ambulance. Ms. Fulmer then requested the manifests for all of the 911 calls and dispatch from May 2013 until present time of all runs for Shoals Ambulance Service and to receive the reports in a timely manner. Ms. Fulmer then questioned a citizen at the commission meeting and Chris Smith, County Attorney, reminded Chairman Mitchell that citizens making statements are not allowed to question other citizens in the meeting. Chairman Mitchell also reminded Ms. Fulmer that she had passed the three minute time limitation under the county policy for public comments. Ms. Fulmer stated that she did not realize that there were time limits.

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