

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 26th day of March, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Thornton who acted as Chairman pro tem in the absence of Probate Judge Dewey D. Mitchell. Upon roll call the following members answered present:

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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Absent:

Dewey D. Mitchell	Judge of Probate, Ex-Officio Chairman Lauderdale County Commission
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D.C. Thornton, Chairman pro tem, upon declaration of a quorum being present, opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Fulmer.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that all items listed on the 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.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved for recording upon a motion made by Commissioner Fulmer and seconded by Commissioner Irons. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted authorizing the payment of Thompson Engineers in the amount of \$119,519.21 for work done at the Lauderdale County Landfill expansion during 2011-2012. The commissioners have reviewed the amendment. There being no 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 Parker that a resolution be adopted authorizing a budget amendment to the animal control department for the city of Florence in the amount of \$24,400 due to a policy change. Commissioner Irons stated that he had spoke with Judge Mitchell and Jenoice Bevis the morning of March 26th before the meeting, and that the increase was due to a policy change in the treatment of animals. At this point, Shelly Pettus, a resident of Lauderdale County asked Commissioner Thornton if she could ask a question. Ms. Pettus asked Commissioner Irons if Jenoice Bevis worked for the Lauderdale County Commission now or if she worked for the Animal Control or the City of Florence. Commissioner Irons stated no, she did not work for the Lauderdale County Commission, and that he had called her because she was working here at the time the budget was done. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved. Resolution and budget amendment are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Fulmer moved, seconded by Commissioner Irons that a resolution be adopted authorizing Courthouse Change Order Number 4 in the amount of \$28,562.00. Commissioners reviewed a list of the additional costs and found them all to be in order. Commissioner Parker stated that he did not understand why there were so many change orders and that we could have went with the second lowest bid and saved money. Commissioner Irons stated that there are unforeseen items that occur that can cause change orders. Ms. Pettus, a Lauderdale County resident asked Commissioner Thornton to speak, at which time she asked why we had change orders, that her husband was a contractor and he never had change orders because it was all included in the original bid. Commissioner Irons stated that the blueprints had been incorrect for some of the plumbing issues. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, the following votes were cast:

Fulmer	- Aye	Parker	- Nay
Thornton	- Aye	Irons	- Aye

Motion carried and approved. Resolution and Change Order Number 4 are herein recorded and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Irons moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the Lauderdale County Commission rescind the 2003 resolution with the Town of St. Florian, that permitted Lauderdale County to include St. Florian in the General NPDES Permit No. ALR04011. The Commissioners have reviewed the resolution. Commissioner Parker stated that this was in agreement with both the Lauderdale County Commission and the Town of St. Florian. 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 Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Fulmer that a resolution be adopted to approve and execute the agreement with the State of Alabama Federal Aid Project for resurfacing projects. There being no 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 Irons to approve a request by the Sheriff's office to approve a Family and Medical Leave for an employee of the Sheriff's department for not more than twelve weeks. There being no discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

The invoiced bills were audited, approved and ordered paid upon a motion made by Commissioner Fulmer and seconded by Commissioner Irons. Commissioner Parker asked Robert Bevis, Solid Waste Manager, if all the bills for Thompson Engineering had been paid. Mr. Bevis stated that all the bills due to Thompson Engineering had been paid. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Bevis when did the bills start not getting paid. Mr. Bevis said sometime in the spring of 2011. Commissioner Parker asked why the bills did not get paid on time. Mr. Bevis stated that he thought they were getting paid on time. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Bevis if we have corrected this issue so it will not happen again. Mr. Bevis replied yes. There being no further discussion and upon a vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Checks Issued March 12, 2012 through March 25, 2012

GENERAL - SPECIAL CHECK # 43891-43939	423,324.43
GASOLINE TAX FUND CHECK # 14399-14415	405,114.83
SOLID WASTE FUND CHECK # 4956-4971	143,624.15
REAPPRAISAL FUND CHECK # 9546-9558	29,448.74
RSVP FUND	2,636.17

CHECK # 15915-15923	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	354,402.57
CHECK # 31758-31808	
VOID # 31788, 31789	
TOURISM, REC., & CONVENTION FUND	22,351.00
CHECK # 380 & 381	
LEPA FUND	4,677.76
CHECK # 6779-6786	
SERIES 2001 DEBT SERVICE FUND	12,240.00
CHECK # 199	
AGRI-BUSINESS FUND	1,082.79
CHECK # 3115-3117	
CHILD PROTECTION FUND	2,910.67
CHECK # 1142	
RRR GASOLINE TAX FUND	7,901.94
CHECK # 547	
FIRE PROTECTION FEE FUND	18,008.20
CHECK # 3732-3745	
TVA TAX FUND	536,200.29
CHECK # 4737-4750	
TOTAL	1,963,923.54

Waterloo resident Gilbert Parrish asked Chris Smith, County Attorney, since Chris had mentioned in a previous work session meeting that Lauderdale County had exceeded the requirements of the 1981 resolution if that changed the circumstances of that 1981 resolution. Chris Smith stated he did not recall that statement, but Lauderdale County had exceeded their 1981 resolution. Chris Smith also stated the resolution gives a general guide as to what the road department will and will not do. Mr. Parrish stated he was confused since the county engineer seemed to be in limbo as to who has the final say over the roads, the county engineer or the commissioners. Commissioner Parker stated that he had made several suggestions to Ken Allamel,

County Engineer, but the commissioners can override the county engineer. Chris Smith stated that the commissioners play a direct role as they are given a map of their areas and they make recommendations. Commissioner Parker said he always drove the roads to see what area needed to be done. Mr. Parrish said he wanted to know what recommendations the County Engineer could make to see what could be done to Paradise Drive.

Billy Sledge, a resident of Lauderdale County came to discuss the Cemetery Authority. Mr. Sledge told the commissioners that he had given Brenda Bryant, County Administrator, a list of several people that were interested in being on the committee. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Sledge if he had spoken with everyone on the list. Mr. Sledge said that he had. Commissioner Irons told Mr. Sledge that he wanted to talk to him after the meeting because he had a candidate that would be a good person to be on the list for the Cemetery Authority. Chris Smith, County Attorney, stated that the City of Florence did not do a Cemetery Authority, but had instead set up a more efficient option that worked with the Historical Society.

Shelly Pettus, a resident of Lauderdale County, asked about our Emergency Action Plan. George Grabryan, EMA Director, stated that we were on target for the end of April and that some parts would be posted on their website.

Commissioner Fulmer stated that she had just completed an Emergency Management Conference for non Emergency staff on the importance of being prepared for any emergencies and how the commissioners need to play an active role and understand what their roles are during an emergency. She also stated the importance of communication and pre-planning between the Lauderdale County Commissioners and the EMA Director, George Grabryan. Commissioner Fulmer also stated that she had spoken to several State EMA employees and they are willing to come make a presentation to the commissioners about their involvement in emergency management.

Commissioner Irons stated he was pleased with the new look of the commission meeting room and the new carpet and how we had incorporated some of the furniture from the sale of the bank, and how that furniture had been used to make the court house look better. Commissioner Irons also stated that some of the floors of the courthouse had not had an upgrade or facelift since the courthouse had been first built in 1963 or 1964.

There being no further discussion to come before the Commission, it was upon a motion made by Commissioner Fulmer and seconded by Commissioner Parker that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular meeting or subject to call.

Dewey D. Mitchell, Chairman
Lauderdale County Commission

Rhea Tays Fulmer, Commissioner
District 1

D.C. Thornton, Commissioner
District 1

Fay Parker, Commissioner
District 2

ATTEST:

Larry Irons, Commissioner
District 2

Administrator