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MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in regular session in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 10:00 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Connie Hudson, President, Merceria Ludgood and Jerry L. Carl, Members. Also present were Michelle Herman, Finance Director, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and Joe W. Ruffer, County Engineer. President Hudson chaired the meeting.

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INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reverend Jim Flowers, Pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church, 151 South Ann Street, Mobile, Alabama, 36604.

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PRESENT RESOLUTION/COMMENDATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT/CAPTAIN THURMAN  
T. MAINE, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (USCG)

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

President Hudson presented a resolution of commendation for professional achievement to Captain Thurman T. Maine, United States Coast Guard (USCG). She said Captain Maine would retire as the 18<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama and the Commission felt it was proper to present the resolution. President Hudson said during Captain Maine's tenure at the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center, he was responsible for providing the initial designation and annual proficiency training for all Coast Guard aviators and his departure would conclude a distinguished thirty (30) year career in the United States Coast Guard (USCG). She said Captain Maine was a native of North Stonington, Connecticut, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1983 and served as a boat crewman and coxswain at Station Provincetown, Massachusetts. President Hudson said Captain Maine was selected to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 1985, she said he received orders to Naval Flight Training from Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was winged as a Coast Guard Aviator in 1989. She said Captain Maine has had an illustrious career in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and among some of the duties he has held, served as the Aviation Manpower, Personnel and Training lead for the Deepwater Program at the Coast Guard Headquarters, Executive Officer of Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) New Orleans and Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. President Hudson said Captain Maine graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1995 with a degree in Management and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of South Alabama in 2002. She said Captain Maine

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has accumulated over five thousand two hundred (5,200) hours of military flight time and accomplished more than three hundred (300) shipboard helicopter landings. President Hudson said Captain Maine has earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues; state, local and national leaders, as well as the public at large, for his willingness to adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct and for his steadfast devotion to the betterment of the Coastal Guard Aviation Training Center.

The Commission commends Captain Maine on his extraordinary professional achievement on the occasion of his retirement as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center and it is with utmost regard we acknowledge Captain Maine for his outstanding dedication, leadership and commitment, and we further extend our heartfelt best wishes to him, his wife and their family on his retirement.

Captain Maine said the City of Mobile and Mobile County is a Coast Guard community and he was very proud to finish his career in Mobile, Alabama. He said he could not have asked for better support from a community during some great times in the Aviation Training Center and trying times as well. Captain Maine thanked the Commission.

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President Hudson said congratulations to Nayyer Mahdi, Grants Director, and Cathy Burden, Grants Administrator, for an achievement award Mobile County recently received from the National Association of Counties (NACo) as the Best of Category in Human Services. She said Ms. Burden was very instrumental in getting the project initiated and she invited Ms. Burden to come down to the podium to speak about the project and the achievement award.

Ms. Burden addressed the Commission and thanked them for their support. She thanked Commissioner Ludgood for bringing the need to the Grants Department's attention and encouraging them to submit the application for the award. Ms. Burden said in 2011, the County allocated the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Legal Services Alabama to hire an attorney for the Homelessness Prevention Project to provide free legal services to the under-served citizens of Mobile County. She said Legal Services Alabama in 2013 expanded their services to include domestic violence victims, but the primary focus was preventing homelessness. She said Legal Services Alabama provides front end assistance using a holistic approach to address civil legal issues targeting the areas of housing, consumer, family law and public benefit cases. Ms. Burden said the Homelessness Prevention Project attorney conducts community outreach to educate low income residents in need of housing assistance

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and provide community legal education for neighborhood groups, social service providers and faith-based organizations. She said the Homelessness Prevention Project attorney also provides housing training to landlord owners and agents. Ms. Burden said since the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) initial investment and a subsequent agreement of eighty thousand three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$80,395.00) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the Homelessness Prevention Project attorney has closed a total of five hundred and eight (508) cases that have resulted in nine hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred ninety dollars (\$968,990.00) in financial benefits to clients. She said their Homelessness Prevention Project met the award criteria of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Ms. Burden said she submitted the application for the award with no idea that they would be winners in Best in Category for Human Services.

President Hudson said kudos to the Grants Department. She said it was an example of many great things that were happening in the Grants Department and she appreciates their hard work.

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AGENDA #23

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENTLY AND  
PROMINENTLY PUBLIC DISPLAY/HISTORIC AND  
PATRIOTIC WORDS OF OUR NATIONAL MOTTO  
"IN GOD WE TRUST"/GOVERNMENT PLAZA BUILDING

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Amanda Scott, a resident of Mobile County, Alabama, and a paralegal student at Faulkner State Community College, Bay Minette, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said she did not attend her classes today because it was very important for the Commission to hear her personal opinion on the public display "In God We Trust" as our national motto in Mobile's Government Plaza building. Ms. Scott said she strongly urges the Commission to reject the proposal because many residents of Mobile County do not believe in a monotheistic god. She said some residents were polytheistic who believe in multiple gods and goddesses and some were atheists who do not believe in any gods, she said she was an atheist. Ms. Scott said to display "In God We Trust" in the Government Plaza building would only serve to divide Mobile residents on religion when they're already divided on so many other issues. She said if the Commission must display a motto they should display the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum," meaning "Out of many, one" which represents their common identity as Americans, Alabamians and Mobilians despite their religious and political differences. Ms. Scott said the Founding Fathers did not intend for the words

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"In God We Trust" to be a motto for the United States of America. She said the Founding Fathers had seen the dangerous consequences of merging Church and State in Europe and for that reason they ratified the First Amendment to the United States Constitution erecting a wall to separate Church and State. She said to quote United States Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan's statement concerning the Town of Greece versus Galloway, "When citizens of this country approach their government they do so only as Americans and not as members of one faith or another." Ms. Scott said the County Commission should not support government-sponsored worship that divides citizens on religious lines.

Rhett Ellis, a minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mobile, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said he was a religious person who opposed the erection of a monument. He said in the Old Testament book of Exodus, Chapter 20, Verse 4, the second commandment of the Ten Commandments in the King James Version reads, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth." Mr. Ellis said it dishonors and profanes the name of God to place God's name on money, and it dishonors the name of God to carve it on a stone which he said was explicitly forbidden in the Ten Commandments. Mr. Ellis said the First Amendment to the United States Constitution keeps religion out of government, and more importantly, it keeps government out of religion. He said religion was very sacred and the government should not involve itself.

Chuck VonDerAhe, a resident of Mobile County, Alabama, District 3, addressed the Commission and said he admired the Commissioners for their task of serving the people and to have actual contact with their constituents. He said he worked in Washington, D.C., for many years under a couple of the Cabinet members. Mr. VonDerAhe said when the Department of Transportation enacted new rules to regulate the trucking industry, it was not because the Secretary of Transportation had some truckers come into his office to share their views. He said those rules were enacted through 5 (five), ten (10) or more layers down in the bureaucracy. Mr. VonDerAhe said the Commission's job on the other hand was to ensure that the decisions made were legal and in the best interest of the County and the citizens. He said that was an awesome responsibility and hopefully he could help them make just that type of decision in the matter today. Mr. VonDerAhe said he was the President of Atheist Alliance of America, a national nonprofit organization that supports approximately fifty (50) affiliate local and state groups with an extremely high focus on preserving the separation clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. He said additionally, he was the organizer of the Greater Mobile Atheists, one (1) of two (2) organizations in the Mobile area which gives support and fellowship to his members as well as act as watchdogs for violations of rights and laws where religion and government cross paths. Mr. VonDerAhe said the other organization in the Mobile area was the Mobile Atheist Community, and he was

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not at liberty to discuss the number of members that were within those two (2) organizations. Mr. VonDerAhe said he knows the Commissioners would be surprised at how many people they represent who are members in those organizations. He said he also was a former Catholic Marinist Priest and currently was an ordained secular minister. He said over the past decade, religious groups, whose intentions were, he believed innocent and not intended to bring harm to the United States Constitution, have made a concerted effort to have "In God We Trust" emblazoned on courthouses, in council chambers and on public monuments. Mr. VonDerAhe said aside from being exclusionary of the Muslims, Hindu, atheists and various other United States citizens, it had significant legal ramifications and had cost state and local governments large amounts in legal expenses in the attempt to defend the display. He said that money would be much better directed toward the betterment of the community. Mr. VonDerAhe said it has become a popular practice due to the "wink-wink, nod-nod" attitude of the United States Congress in claiming that it does not violate anyone's rights, he said he disagrees. He said as an example, what if John Sharp from the Mobile Press-Register and the Alabama Media Group (al.com), was covering the Commission meeting today and for some strange reason a different section of the First Amendment was abused in a similar manner and a sign was erected in the City or County chambers that read "We support the freedom of the press for USA Today." He asked would Mr. Sharp be wrong in being offended or threatened by that sign every time he walked into one of those rooms? Mr. VonDerAhe said that was how a person would feel who was not a member of the Judeo-Christian community if the "In God We Trust" motto was displayed inappropriately, even on currency. He said he found it very interesting that he had never seen the words "In God We Trust" on a sign erected over the door of any church which was a place where it would be more fitting. Mr. VonDerAhe said he commends Commissioner Jerry Carl, for his recent excellent effort to remove illegal signage throughout Mobile County District 3. He recommended the Commission to adopt a resolution authorizing public display of a motto that said, "In the Constitution We Trust" or "In Our Citizens We Trust" or adopt none at all.

Vivian S. Beckerle, Attorney, addressed the Commission and said she was speaking on behalf of Alabama's Chapter members of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. She said she urges the Commission to reject the resolution requesting that the Commission publicly display "In God We Trust" in Mobile's Government Plaza building. Ms. Beckerle said the inclusion of the religiously based motto was divisive and offensive to people who do not subscribe to a particular faith or who strongly believe political leaders were not elected to promote religious views. She said some people claim the "In God We Trust" phrase was deeply rooted in the United States of America religious history, but history reveals that the Founding Fathers never intended those words or any other religious reference to become the national motto. Ms. Beckerle said when originally commissioned to create the Great Seal of the

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United States of America, the Founding Fathers; Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams devised the motto "E Pluribus Unum" meaning "from many, one." She said the United States Congress did not authorize "In God We Trust" to be used as the national motto until 1956. Ms. Beckerle said in recent years "In God We Trust" has served a religious right to rally a cry to promote a particular Christian faith. She said Jacquie Sullivan, Councilwoman, Bakersfield, California, started the "In God We Trust" display movement in 2002. Ms. Beckerle said on the website it said their mission was to keep God's name in America and to acknowledge and affirm the role of faith in God that lives in citizens as their core value. She said the main problem was that the display did not represent all Mobile's citizens. Ms. Beckerle said to display the "In God We Trust" motto inside government buildings promotes a specific Christian perspective and excludes citizens who do not agree. She said the display "In God We Trust" was contrary to the original intent of the Founding Fathers who sought to include rather than exclude members of a diverse population. Ms. Beckerle said the United States federal courts affirmed that printing and engraving "In God We Trust" on its money does not violate the United States Constitution, but under current interpretation of the Establishment Clause jurisprudence relating to government sponsored religious displays were not shielded from constitutional scrutiny merely because it has historical significance. She said the very act of placing the motto inside government buildings could invite lengthy and detailed litigation to ascertain the motto's constitutionality. Ms. Beckerle said the Commission should not promote initiatives that could lead to controversy and squander taxpayers dollars on costly litigation. She said she urges the Commission to reject the inclusive motto "In God We Trust" display inside the Government Plaza building because it does not wholly represent the diversity and beliefs that comprise Mobile's residents. She said she urges the Commission to display a neutral motto, "E Pluribus Unum" which was truly historical and inclusive.

Bob Beckerle, Attorney, addressed the Commission and said he was a Christian and a Baptist Deacon who was against the resolution authorizing the public display "In God We Trust" sign inside the Government Plaza building. He said he opposed the resolution because the sign was sacrilege. Mr. Beckerle said it cheapens God's name, it disrespects God's Divine nature, it reduces God to just a name on a sign like something common or ordinary. He said God was not a commonplace slogan to be placed on the walls in municipal chambers. Mr. Beckerle said proper recognition to God was given through worship and praise, not posting signs. He said besides the slogan being sacrilegious, it was also illegal. Mr. Beckerle said the sign was defended for being patriotic or ceremonial, and not religious in the United States federal courts. He said how could God's name not be religious, when God created the universe and the earth. Mr. Beckerle said treating God's name as patriotic or ceremonial was to make it appear trivial. He said God is holy and not a poster child. Mr. Beckerle said the sign

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denies religious freedom to the citizens who were Atheists, Unitarians, Jews and some Christians. He said the sign would make them feel like outsiders. Mr. Beckerle said if a nonbeliever presented an issue before the Commission he would feel he was on an uphill battle. He said the local government should unite its citizens and not separate them. Mr. Beckerle said if a citizen requested a sign that said "In Allah We Trust" it would be an entirely different matter. He said the Commissioners Chambers were paid for by all citizens as taxpayers and it should be a level playing field. Mr. Beckerle said it all comes down to common courtesy, treating each citizen with respect, acting fairly, doing unto others as we would want them to do unto us and love thy neighbor. He said the Commission's vote on the resolution should not represent the majority, but liberty and justice for all. Mr. Beckerle said freedom was guaranteed to everyone or it was guaranteed to no one. He said if freedom was taken from him today, it could be taken from them tomorrow.

David Underhill, a resident of Mobile, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said they should not deceive themselves to believe that installing a sign with the phrase "In God We Trust" in a prominent place inside the Government Plaza building was simply a neutral declaration, he said it acknowledged the existence of a Majesty beyond human scope. Mr. Underhill said when the advocates of the project say, "God" they mean the God of the Holy Bible, a specific and an exclusive Deity of Christians and Jews that were being elevated into an object of veneration in a public building. He said if the Commissioners doubt it, they should ask themselves if they were willing to remove the phrase periodically and replace it with "In Allah We Trust" since several hundred or perhaps a few thousands of their constituents were Muslims. Mr. Underhill asked if the Commissioners were willing to replace occasionally "In God We Trust" with some appropriate tribute to "In Buddha We Trust" since many devotees who live in South Mobile County attest it by the Buddhist Temple in that area. He said would the Commission accord a similar honor to the Great Spirits, as many thousands of their constituents likely have descended through generations of ancient worshipers to that deity whose legacy endures in their language every time they say the word "Mobile" and the word "Alabama." Mr. Underhill said it made the Commissioners feel uncomfortable to think of removing God, even temporarily and substituting it with Allah, Buddha, Great Spirit or just blank in respect to atheists. He said it made the Commissioners squirm and they have that reaction because they know that such substitutions would put them in the position of officially honoring a god that was not their own. Mr. Underhill said the Commissioners should be instructed by those squirming reactions of the unpleasant, upsetting sensation they're imposing on others, who do not adhere to the God of Christians and Jews. He said if the Commission displays the "In God We Trust" sign on the walls inside of the Government Plaza building, if the Commission decides to afflict that sensation they could console themselves with many examples of that phrase used elsewhere,

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like on the United States coins and currency, on public structures or with laws and court cases permitting religious observances at various governmental functions. He said to cite bad examples set by others does not make it a good idea to duplicate those examples. Mr. Underhill said only a couple of blocks from Government Plaza was a waterfront with a port that joined the oceans of the world and a couple of miles from there airplanes would soon come off an assembly line to carry passengers of every religion and of non-religion to every part of the world. He asked if the Commissioners want to officially flaunt a phrase telling people in ports receiving Mobile ships and riding on airplanes made in Mobile, Alabama, that they were not welcomed unless they were willing to enter a public building announcing their obedience to the Christian God? Mr. Underhill said do the Commissioners want to tell their fellow citizens that if they do not worship a particular god they were lesser, second class citizens, not deserving full respect and honor that the government accords to Christians and Jews by adorning itself with a tribute to their sole God.

Pete Riehm, a resident of Mobile, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said Mobile has a long and rich history that was cherished by its citizens who each shared his or her part in his or her community. He said Mobile was a very blessed community and more than five hundred (500) years ago the first map that called the continent America was the first map that called the Mobile Bay "Bahia Espiritu Santo" which means "Bay of the Holy Spirit." Mr. Riehm said with the blessings of God, Mobile has grown and prospered for centuries. He said there have been trials and tribulations, but with Divine Providence the citizens as a community have come together whether it was hurricanes, economic downturns or social turmoil. Mr. Riehm said today they have many economic blessings and high aspirations for prosperity and harmony. He said those lofty goals and challenges recalls to his mind the words of Benjamin Franklin's Appeal at the Constitutional Convention. Mr. Riehm said the Constitutional Convention had been meeting for five (5) weeks and had hit a perilous deadlock and could not move forward. He said Benjamin Franklin addressed the assembly and said "look at what we all have come through, look how God has delivered us, look at all the blessings of the Revolutionary War, all that we have overcome and got here, how can we forget that friend." Mr. Riehm said then Benjamin Franklin said those famous words, "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that except the Lord builds the House they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this; And I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel." Mr. Riehm said Benjamin Franklin's words still ring true today. He said the Mobile County Commission proudly begins its sessions with a prayer and today he did not notice



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anyone being uncomfortable. He said the prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance that has been said for a long time which acknowledges a Cardinal truth that the nation was based on "One Nation Under God" and the majority of its citizens live under that truth and share the benefits of those liberties without being uncomfortable. Mr. Riehm said humbly he requests that Mobile County join countless cities and counties in displaying the "In God We Trust" plaque. He said it was his fervent hope that the waters would no longer divide them, but the Bay of the Holy Spirit would unite them as they proclaim the national motto "In God We Trust" prominently displayed on an appropriate plaque. Mr. Riehm said the First Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: "Congress should make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." He said his request was not to establish a religion, it only acknowledges the One who has made it all possible. Mr. Riehm said the Founding Fathers set up a system to protect the minority, but not to establish a tyranny of the minority. He said there were no changes being made, it only reaffirmed the national motto which was displayed in the House of Representatives and Senate chambers, and inscribed on United States coins. Mr. Riehm said it was a reaffirmation of what the Founding Fathers of the American republic established on the foundation of self-evident truths, that all men are created equal, that they are all endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among those are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. He said God is the One who gives us our rights, the One who created all things, the One who allows and tolerates dissenting opinions, who has set up a system where Christians can thrive and everyone else can thrive because we are open and loving and accepting. Mr. Riehm said it was a system of government established by the Founding Fathers who subscribed to the natural law and the Holy Scriptures. He said his request was only a reaffirmation of that system. Mr. Riehm said like it or not it was the system of One Republic, One Nation Under God and We the People want it reaffirmed. He said the majority of Mobilians want the elected officials to consider when discussing and debating on the issue to keep in mind "In God We Trust."

Rachel Chalker, a resident of Mobile, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said the population of Mobile County was a little more than four hundred thousand (400,000) people and about 10 percent of those citizens forty thousand (40,000) do not hold a belief in a Supreme God, gods, goddesses or any other supernatural deity. She said they were atheists and citizens who pay taxes and trust the Commission to manage it on behalf of all citizens. Ms. Chalker said the motto "In God We Trust" was discriminatory against the Mobile Atheist Community which consist of engineers, social workers, doctors, scientists, teachers and other hard working tax paying citizens of Mobile County. She said Mobile County would not approve a plaque stating "We Are White" or "We Are Men" or "We Are Able-Bodied." Ms. Chalker said collectively as a County the four hundred thousand (400,000) citizens were not any of

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those things, why then should the Commission consider adopting a resolution to display a plaque stating their monotheists. She said she was a member of the Mobile Atheist Community and they were not monotheists, they do not trust in God. Ms. Chalker said they were citizens of a diverse city and the Commission must represent them all without discrimination on the basis of race, gender or religious belief. She said she urges the Commission to disapprove the resolution authorizing the public display of a discriminatory and false motto that does not accurately describe the citizens of Mobile County.

**(End of synopsis)**

**The following is the verbatim transcription of Commissioner Ludgood comments:**

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MERCERIA LUDGOOD  
REGARDING JUNE 19, 2014, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23

I cannot in good conscience support an action by this County Commission that I believe is a hollow gesture at best and divisive at worse. My reasons are as follows:

1. I believe that our role as County Commissioners is a secular one and that we should avoid both promoting and prohibiting religion in our official capacity.
2. Mobile Government Plaza is the people's house, paid for and maintained by taxpayer dollars and all taxpayers regardless of their religious persuasion should feel comfortable coming here to conduct their business.
3. This action is legally dubious and invites challenge as well as a regular stream of proposals for other religious expressions that may not be as warmly welcomed.

On a personal note, I have always found interesting the things people do and have done in the name of God, from the Crusades to the jihadists. Upon closer examination you will find little of God as I understand Him.

The same U. S. Congress that endorsed this as the national motto and those before, were hardly godly in the laws it passed that systematically discriminated against many of their fellow Americans because of race, their country of origin, their membership in a labor union, whether or not they owned land, their gender.

This so-called "national motto" rings hollows when you also examine the clear political agenda attached to this latest effort. It is an agenda of exclusion with callous disregard for the rights of those who have different beliefs.

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For me, it is in God "I" trust; that I can say with certainty. Civil rights struggles have taught us that you cannot legislate morality. Neither Congressional pronouncements nor County Commission resolutions can change people's hearts.

While I cannot support this measure, I try every day, in all my dealings, to let the light of God shine through me in the way I treat people, in the decisions I make and in my personal conduct. I try to do the right thing for the right reason.

If the purpose of this effort is to transform this country, then it must be done one person at a time, with a shared vision of who we want to be as a nation. For that reason I think the better course to breathe real meaning into this effort is to encourage all of us to do as the prophet Amos declared, that we let justice run down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

**(End of Commissioner Ludgood's verbatim transcription)**

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Commissioner Carl said to talk about God was a very personal issue and the different religions were not created by God, they were created by men. He said to take the name God and apply it only to Christianity was one-sided. Commissioner Carl said when they looked at the word God "In God We Trust" they must ask themselves who was their God? He said their God could be money, a bottle or Allah. Commissioner Carl said it was very thought provoking when they look at the word God and how it applied to their life. He said he did not understand how the word God would intimidate or make anyone uncomfortable, especially when they're surrounded by that word. Commissioner Carl said it was inscribed on the money, in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayers. He said he was in full support of the resolution because the slogan was based on a historical fact about America and it has been inscribed on America's money since 1864. Commissioner Carl said it was not a new idea, it has been around for a long time. He asked who was their God? Commissioner Carl said he knew who his God was and he was very comfortable with it. He said he personally supports it to the max whether it was a political move or not, it does not make a difference to him.

President Hudson thanked the speakers for expressing their opinion on the agenda item. She said how fortunate and blessed they were to be in a country where citizens could come to a public meeting and express their views, no matter what they were and not worry about retaliation or any rebuttal. President Hudson acknowledged the following retired military officers at the meeting: Captain Hal Pierce, United States Navy; Captain Thurman T. Maine, United States Coast Guard; Commander Pete Riehm, United States Navy; and Major Vivian S. Beckerle, United States Army. She said millions more have served in the military providing service and sacrifice so that the citizens of America could

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express their views. President Hudson said the agenda item was a very personal and passionate issue to many people. She said during her reflection on what was in the best interest and if it was something they should display, she kept coming back to the fact that it was the national motto approved by the United States Federal Government, it was on buildings and inscribed on money. President Hudson said at the beginning of the meeting they all stood for an invocation to a higher power and continued to stand placing their hands over their hearts facing the American Flag repeating the words "One Nation Under God." She said God may be different to many people or may not exist at all to some people, but the tradition of America was "One Nation Under God." President Hudson said it was the national motto and it was splitting hairs when Mobile City Council and Mobile County Commission both open their meetings with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. President Hudson said they pull money out of their pockets to spend it and it was splitting hairs to deny putting the national motto on a wall inside the Government Plaza building. She said she has no reason to oppose it and her decision was not meant to be disrespectful to anyone who has a different belief, but was based on tradition, based on the heritage of America and that it was the national motto. President Hudson said speakers have spoken about Allah, but it was not in Allah they trust and if the national motto was "In Allah We Trust" then it would have some merits, but it was not. She said she supports the resolution authorizing the display of the national motto.

**(End of synopsis)**

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by President Hudson, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the sentiment "In God We Trust" has long been an integral part of American heritage, serving to solemnize public occasions, express confidence in the future, and encourage the recognition of what is worthy of appreciation in society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Star Spangled Banner, authored by Francis Scott Key in 1814, contains a version of the phrase, proclaiming "In God is our trust!" and

**WHEREAS**, "In God We Trust" was first engraved on United States coins in 1864; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress thereafter passed the Coinage Act of February 12, 1873, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to "cause the motto IN GOD WE TRUST to be inscribed on such coins as shall admit of said motto"; and

**WHEREAS**, President Theodore Roosevelt, in 1907, described the phrase "In God We Trust" as one "which it is indeed well to have inscribed on our great national monuments, in our temples of justice, in our legislative halls ... wherever it will tend to arouse and inspire a lofty emotion in those who look thereon"; and

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**WHEREAS**, in our nation's capital the words "In God We Trust" are inscribed over the entrance to the Senate Chamber and above the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved a Joint Resolution of the 84<sup>th</sup> Congress, declaring "In God We Trust" the national motto of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the following year "In God We Trust" appeared on United States paper money; and

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Senate, in 2006, passed a resolution requesting senators and all American citizens "To commemorate, celebrate, and reaffirm the national motto of the United States on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formal adoption"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 the U. S. House of Representatives adopted Concurrent Resolution 13, reaffirming "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States and supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile County Commission wishes to affirm our American heritage, traditions and hopes for the future of our county, state, and country, by publicly displaying the national motto in or near the County Commission/City Council chamber in Mobile Government Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile City Council has by resolution requested the public display of "In God We Trust" in a significant place in Mobile Government Plaza;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the national motto "In God We Trust" be publicly displayed in a prominent place in or near the Auditorium of Mobile Government Plaza; and it having been made known to the Commission that donations have been offered for the purpose of displaying the national motto as herein provided,

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that public funds will not be utilized for such purpose and the display will be completed when sufficient funds have been donated for such specific purpose and, **FURTHER**, on the advice of counsel, donations will be accepted only from individuals and/or secular entities and organizations.

Commissioner Ludgood voted no.

Motion carried.

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**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Captain Hal Pierce, United States Navy Retired, Sea Lord of Mobile and the United States Navy Port Coordinator, Mobile, Alabama, addressed the Commission and said Admiral Jeremiah Denton had passed. He said Admiral Denton was a celebrated United States Navy pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam and tortured in his years as a Prisoner of War (POW). Captain Pierce said Admiral Denton signaled Americans of the abuse by blinking "T-O-R-T-U-R-E" in Morse code during a televised interview. He said Admiral Denton would have been ninety (90) years old July 15, 2014, and on that day they would celebrate his great service to his Country at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park at 10:00 A. M. Captain Pierce said Admiral Denton's airplane and medals would be on display all day and all were welcome to come. He said he cordially invites the Commission to provide a proclamation naming July 15th Admiral Jeremiah Denton's Day.

**(End of synopsis)**

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AGENDA #1

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2014 and June 9, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #2

APPROVE CLAIMS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve payment of the following claims and payrolls, and the signing of warrants by the President of the Commission:

CHECK DATE	CHECK #	VENDOR	AMOUNT
6/6/2014	00294328	A AND M PORTABLES INC	315.00
6/6/2014	00294329	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	595.00
6/6/2014	00294330	ADVANTAGE FIRST AID SAFETY	85.57
6/6/2014	00294331	ALABAMA ASSN OF ASSESSING OFFI	135.00
6/6/2014	00294332	ALABAMA DEPT OF FORENSIC SCIEN	40,833.34
6/6/2014	00294333	ALABAMA MEDIA GROUP	22.06
6/6/2014	00294334	ALABAMA PIPE AND SUPPLY CO INC	372.00
6/6/2014	00294335	ALABAMA POWER CO	1,821.51
6/6/2014	00294336	AMAZON COM	130.78
6/6/2014	00294337	AMERICAN LOCKSMITH SERVICES LL	90.00

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6/6/2014	00294338	AS AND G CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION	5,356.12
6/6/2014	00294339	AT AND T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	1,327.48
6/6/2014	00294340	AUTOMOTIVE PAINTERS SUPPLY	15.49
6/6/2014	00294341	AUTONATION	1,672.62
6/6/2014	00294342	AZALEA CITY FUNERAL HOME	600.00
6/6/2014	00294343	BAYOU CONCRETE LLC	1,222.00
6/6/2014	00294344	BAYOU FASTENERS AND SUPPLY INC	105.00
6/6/2014	00294345	BEARD EQUIPMENT CO	106.38
6/6/2014	00294346	BEN MEADOWS CO INC	2,128.86
6/6/2014	00294347	BLACKLIDGE EMULSIONS INC	1,608.54
6/6/2014	00294348	BLOSSMAN GAS INC	62.07
6/6/2014	00294349	BLUE RENTS	1,407.33
6/6/2014	00294350	BORDEN	885.00
6/6/2014	00294351	BROADHEAD, JIM	51.27
6/6/2014	00294352	BROADNAX, GLENDA R	26.81
6/6/2014	00294353	C THORNTON INC	34,359.12
6/6/2014	00294354	CALL NEWS	662.80
6/6/2014	00294355	CARDIAC SCIENCE CORPORATION	1,494.88
6/6/2014	00294356	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	838.76
6/6/2014	00294357	CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	7,440.84
6/6/2014	00294358	CINTAS CORP LOC 211	454.45
6/6/2014	00294359	CINTAS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	64.86
6/6/2014	00294360	CITY OF MOBILE	829.84
6/6/2014	00294361	COAST SAFE AND LOCK	316.00
6/6/2014	00294362	COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONSOLID	150.25
6/6/2014	00294363	DEX IMAGING OF ALABAMA LLC	100.50
6/6/2014	00294364	DMS MAIL MANAGEMENT INC	1,470.78
6/6/2014	00294365	EVERYDAY IT INC	18,706.17
6/6/2014	00294366	FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER OF MO	6,986.33
6/6/2014	00294367	FIELDS, JOSEPH ALAN	210.25
6/6/2014	00294368	GENERAL FUND	11,153.97
6/6/2014	00294369	GIB CENTRALIZED SERVICE AL	125,801.26
6/6/2014	00294370	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	69.60
6/6/2014	00294371	GULF CITY BODY AND TRAILER WOR	52.92
6/6/2014	00294372	GULF STATES CONSULTANTS AND AD	2,990.00
6/6/2014	00294373	HILLER SYSTEMS INC	374.00
6/6/2014	00294374	HILLMAN OIL INC	4,972.49
6/6/2014	00294375	HINKLE METALS AND SUPPLY CO	17.36
6/6/2014	00294376	HOME DEPOT, THE	108.78
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6/6/2014	00294378	JOYCES PRODUCE	426.50
6/6/2014	00294379	TRUCKWORX	88.56
6/6/2014	00294380	KNOX PEST CONTROL	35.00
6/6/2014	00294381	LA POLICE GEAR INC	4,202.68
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6/6/2014	00294384	LONGLEAF ALLIANCE, THE	450.00
6/6/2014	00294385	LOWES	726.97
6/6/2014	00294386	M AND A STAMP CO	67.20
6/6/2014	00294387	MADER BEARING SUPPLY CO	224.00
6/6/2014	00294388	MARINE RIGGING INC	128.00
6/6/2014	00294389	MARSTON, CHANDLER	152.25
6/6/2014	00294390	MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	10,420.84
6/6/2014	00294391	MCCONNELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	123.38

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6/6/2014	00294392	MCCOVERY, STEFFON D	373.70
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6/6/2014	00294395	MERCHANTS FOOD SERVICE	2,995.60
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6/6/2014	00294397	MOBILE CO FOSTER GRANDPARENT P	10,194.55
6/6/2014	00294398	MOBILE CO WATER SEWER AND FIRE	433.52
6/6/2014	00294399	MOBILE CONVENTION AND VISITORS	28,000.00
6/6/2014	00294400	MOBILE VICTORY POLARIS LLC	490.30
6/6/2014	00294401	MOFFATT, THOMATRA	333.53
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6/6/2014	00294403	MURRILL TANK SERVICE	1,400.00
6/6/2014	00294404	NAVIGATION ELECTRONICS INC	1,379.84
6/6/2014	00294405	NEC CORPORATION OF AMERICA	119,520.00
6/6/2014	00294406	GMPCS PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS	198.09
6/6/2014	00294407	NUDRAULIX INC	71.73
6/6/2014	00294408	O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES INC	697.09
6/6/2014	00294409	P AND G MACHINE SUPPLY	54.41
6/6/2014	00294410	PAYNE, DAVID	358.88
6/6/2014	00294411	PEPBOYS AUTO	959.28
6/6/2014	00294412	PERSONAL TOUCH CLEANING SERVIC	6,473.25
6/6/2014	00294413	PITNEY BOWES INC	22.00
6/6/2014	00294414	PORT CITY TRAILERS	67.70
6/6/2014	00294415	PRECISION AUTO GLASS INC	225.00
6/6/2014	00294416	PRESSURE WASHERS OF ALABAMA	259.08
6/6/2014	00294417	PROBATE COURT	1,758.00
6/6/2014	00294418	PROBATE COURT	150.15
6/6/2014	00294419	RADNEY FUNERAL HOME INC	900.00
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6/6/2014	00294421	REGIONS BANK	8,600.00
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6/6/2014	00294424	ROWLAND, ALISHA	220.97
6/6/2014	00294425	RUBBER AND SPECIALTIES	6.38
6/6/2014	00294426	SABEL STEEL SERVICE	534.77
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6/6/2014	00294433	TAITE, KRYSTAL S	377.04
6/6/2014	00294434	THAMES BATRE MATTEI BEVILLE AN	1,336.00
6/6/2014	00294435	TRUCKIN UP	140.00
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6/6/2014	00294437	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA	2,731.27
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6/6/2014	00294440	VULCAN SIGNS	18,348.75
6/6/2014	00294441	WALKER, KENRICK	274.78
6/6/2014	00294442	WALKER, SANDRA L	369.00
6/6/2014	00294443	WARD INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS OF A	221.66
6/6/2014	00294444	WILSON DISMUKES INC	473.59
6/6/2014	00294445	US POSTAL SERVICE	25,000.00



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6/10/2014	00294449	ADAMS DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING	225.00
6/10/2014	00294450	ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES	563.00
6/10/2014	00294451	AIRGAS USA LLC	195.64
6/10/2014	00294452	AL DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAG	1,155.00
6/10/2014	00294453	ALABAMA FLAG AND BANNER INC	338.60
6/10/2014	00294454	ALABAMA POWER CO	1,283.14
6/10/2014	00294455	ALLIED WASTE SERVICES	78.24
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6/10/2014	00294457	ALTAPOINTE HEALTH SYSTEMS INC	5,833.33
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6/10/2014	00294460	ASPHALT SERVICES INC	1,800.29
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6/10/2014	00294462	BAILEYS POOL AND PATIO	599.95
6/10/2014	00294463	BARRY A VITTOR AND ASSOCIATES	3,835.00
6/10/2014	00294464	BORDEN	840.70
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6/10/2014	00294466	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	69.34
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6/10/2014	00294472	COMMERCIAL DIVING SERVICES	2,375.00
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6/10/2014	00294474	COOLEY, ERICKA S	375.00
6/10/2014	00294475	COVINGTON AND SONS LLC	899.75
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6/10/2014	00294477	CRANE, JOSEPH RANDALL	2,157.64
6/10/2014	00294478	CRYSTAL ICE CO	449.25
6/10/2014	00294479	CUSTOM DESIGNS	205.00
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6/10/2014	00294482	DEX IMAGING OF ALABAMA LLC	436.35
6/10/2014	00294483	DIRT INC	1,039.50
6/10/2014	00294484	DIXIE BUILDING SUPPLY CO INC	331.26
6/10/2014	00294485	DRUHAN, J MICHAEL	1,078.82
6/10/2014	00294486	ECOLAB INC	270.74
6/10/2014	00294487	ESTES TECH INC	34.00
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6/10/2014	00294491	GASOLINE TAX FUND	200,000.00
6/10/2014	00294492	GLOBAL INDUSTRIES INC	453.04
6/10/2014	00294493	GLOBALSTAR USA	175.05
6/10/2014	00294494	GOLDEN TOUCH COMMERCIAL CLEANI	10,150.00
6/10/2014	00294495	GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	372.00
6/10/2014	00294496	GULF CITY BODY AND TRAILER WOR	4,859.55
6/10/2014	00294497	GULF COAST LANDSCAPING INC	200.00
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6/10/2014	00294499	GULF SUPPLY CO INC	15.00

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6/10/2014	00294502	HATCH MOTT MACDONALD	2,420.00
6/10/2014	00294503	HAVEN HILL EGG CO INC	92.70
6/10/2014	00294504	HAWORTH INC	955.31
6/10/2014	00294505	HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENAN	415.80
6/10/2014	00294506	HENRY SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH	107.90
6/10/2014	00294507	HILLER SYSTEMS INC	1,369.00
6/10/2014	00294508	HILLMAN OIL INC	3,195.05
6/10/2014	00294509	HINKLE METALS AND SUPPLY CO	200.95
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6/10/2014	00294518	TRUCKWORX	1,155.66
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6/10/2014	00294526	LYNN E YONGE MD PC	2,667.00
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6/10/2014	00294528	MAYFIELD DAIRY FARMS INC	134.05
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6/10/2014	00294534	NAPHCARE INC	1,943.70
6/10/2014	00294535	OFFICE DEPOT	1,744.09
6/10/2014	00294536	PATCO AC AND HEATING INC	5,055.00
6/10/2014	00294537	PINE CREST FUNERAL HOME	600.00
6/10/2014	00294538	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	2,747.11
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6/10/2014	00294541	SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM OF MO	10,566.95
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6/10/2014	00294543	SHULMAN ROGERS GANDAL PORDY AN	58.50
6/10/2014	00294544	SITE ONE ON THE INTERNET INC	4,000.00
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6/10/2014	00294546	SOUTHERN REPRO GRAPHICS	2,173.96
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6/10/2014	00294548	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES GULF COAST	186.86
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6/10/2014	00294558	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	22.60
6/10/2014	00294559	VERIZON WIRELESS	14,409.08
6/10/2014	00294560	WATCH SYSTEMS LLC	114.66
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6/10/2014	00294562	WITTICHEN SUPPLY CO INC	29.49
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6/13/2014	00294567	ABL MANAGEMENT INC	26,486.40
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6/13/2014	00294617	DADE PAPER AND BAG CO	221.34
6/13/2014	00294618	DAUPHIN ISLAND WATER SEWER AND	21.01
6/13/2014	00294619	DAVIS PHD, JOHN W	825.00
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6/13/2014	00294621	DYSON PLUMBING INC	6,762.72
6/13/2014	00294622	ELITE 911 UNIFORMS INC	230.82
6/13/2014	00294623	EVANS	47.15
6/13/2014	00294624	FADALLAS AUTO AIR AND DETAIL	1,113.94
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6/13/2014	00294629	FIREHOUSE SALES AND SERVICE	1,111.00
6/13/2014	00294630	FLEETPRIDE INC	33.90
6/13/2014	00294631	FORD LUMBER CO	157.64
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6/13/2014	00294633	FORM SOLUTIONS INC	1,125.00
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6/13/2014	00294638	GOODWYN MILLS AND CAWOOD INC	4,397.31
6/13/2014	00294639	GULF COAST OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	790.41
6/13/2014	00294640	GULF EQUIPMENT CORP	500.00
6/13/2014	00294641	GULF STATES DISTRIBUTORS INC	1,990.00
6/13/2014	00294642	GULLEDGE, RHONDA	327.33
6/13/2014	00294643	HARPER, JOHNNY	467.15
6/13/2014	00294644	HEALTH INSURANCE ACCOUNT	25,079.79
6/13/2014	00294645	HILLMAN OIL INC	1,398.67
6/13/2014	00294646	HURRICANE ELECTRONICS INC	554.40
6/13/2014	00294647	ICC	1,560.00
6/13/2014	00294648	IND REVOLVING FUND DEPT OF COR	29,047.00
6/13/2014	00294649	J AND O AUTO PARTS AND SUPPLY	42.92
6/13/2014	00294650	JOE MONEY MACHINERY CO	176.63
6/13/2014	00294651	JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	144.74
6/13/2014	00294652	JOHNSTON DRUHAN LLP	2,021.87
6/13/2014	00294653	TRUCKWORX	845.62
6/13/2014	00294654	KITTRELL AUTO GLASS	298.55
6/13/2014	00294655	KOBY IMPORT AUTO INC	250.00
6/13/2014	00294656	KULLMAN FIRM, THE	3,776.00
6/13/2014	00294657	LEGAL SECURITY SERVICES LLC	1,344.00
6/13/2014	00294658	LGF SYSTEMS	368.00
6/13/2014	00294659	LINSLEY, ERIC	487.85
6/13/2014	00294660	LOWES	306.86
6/13/2014	00294661	LYONS LAW FIRM	5,010.18
6/13/2014	00294662	M AND A STAMP CO	48.00

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6/13/2014	00294663	M AND A SUPPLY CO INC	273.47
6/13/2014	00294664	MAHDI, NAYYER	1,108.28
6/13/2014	00294665	MALONE MACHINE WORKS INC	120.00
6/13/2014	00294666	MANHOLES INC	125.00
6/13/2014	00294667	MARSHALL, GEORGE ROY	415.34
6/13/2014	00294668	MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	58,523.17
6/13/2014	00294669	MAYBERRY FUNERAL HOME LLC	900.00
6/13/2014	00294670	MAYNARD COOPER AND GALE PC	9,292.50
6/13/2014	00294671	MCCONNELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	721.59
6/13/2014	00294672	MCGRIFF TIRE CO	238.50
6/13/2014	00294673	MCKINNEY PETROLEUM EQUIP	402.24
6/13/2014	00294674	MCNALLY, STEPHANIE	7.36
6/13/2014	00294675	MELTON, WILLIAM	303.00
6/13/2014	00294676	MERCHANTS FOOD SERVICE	2,427.10
6/13/2014	00294677	MIMS PC, L DANIEL	837.00
6/13/2014	00294678	MINGLEDORFFS INC	2,384.79
6/13/2014	00294679	MOBILE AREA WATER AND SEWER SY	31.20
6/13/2014	00294680	MOBILE ASPHALT CO	2,380.39
6/13/2014	00294681	MOBILE BEACON	500.00
6/13/2014	00294682	MOBILE CO FOSTER GRANDPARENT P	17,446.45
6/13/2014	00294683	MOBILE FENCE CO	2,269.00
6/13/2014	00294684	MOBILE JANITORIAL AND PAPER CO	330.00
6/13/2014	00294685	MOBILE LUMBER AND BLDG MATERIA	50.99
6/13/2014	00294686	MOBILE MECHANICAL	88.00
6/13/2014	00294687	MOBILE PAINT MANUFACTURING CO	1,378.12
6/13/2014	00294688	MOBILE YOUNG LAWYERS	200.00
6/13/2014	00294689	MOWREY ELEVATOR COMPANY OF FLO	4,245.00
6/13/2014	00294690	NATIONAL ASSN OF COUNTY ENGINE	450.00
6/13/2014	00294691	NAVMAN WIRELESS NORTH AMERICA	100.00
6/13/2014	00294692	NORTH AMERICAN VIDEO INC	5,073.00
6/13/2014	00294693	NUDRAULIX INC	390.90
6/13/2014	00294694	OASIS TINTING AND GRAPHICS	234.00
6/13/2014	00294695	OFFICE DEPOT	1,530.76
6/13/2014	00294696	OFFICE SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIO	50.00
6/13/2014	00294697	OLENSKY BROTHERS OFFICE PRODUC	1,420.02
6/13/2014	00294698	P AND G MACHINE SUPPLY	286.78
6/13/2014	00294699	PARKER, EUGENE	232.20
6/13/2014	00294700	PENGAD INC	87.60
6/13/2014	00294701	PHELPS, MIRANDA G	31.42
6/13/2014	00294702	PHOENIX RESTORATION SERVICES I	200.00
6/13/2014	00294703	PIERCE LEDYARD PC	75.00
6/13/2014	00294704	PINNACLE DATA SYSTEMS LLC	93.20
6/13/2014	00294705	PITTS AND SONS INC	320.00
6/13/2014	00294706	PLUMBMASTER INC	1,309.01
6/13/2014	00294707	POLYSURVEYING OF MOBILE	56,405.12
6/13/2014	00294708	PORT CITY TRAILERS	125.80
6/13/2014	00294709	PRECISION AUTO GLASS INC	230.00
6/13/2014	00294710	PRESSURE WASHERS OF ALABAMA	1,150.68
6/13/2014	00294711	PROVANTAGE	388.10
6/13/2014	00294712	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT RESOU	712.80
6/13/2014	00294713	QUICK INTERNET SOFTWARE SOLUTI	759.00
6/13/2014	00294714	R E MICHEL COMPANY	332.70
6/13/2014	00294715	RIVERS, HERMAN H	250.00
6/13/2014	00294716	SERVICEMASTER RECOVERY MANAGEM	126,500.00

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6/13/2014	00294717	SEXAUER, J A	102.15
6/13/2014	00294718	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	2,184.00
6/13/2014	00294719	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	855.41
6/13/2014	00294720	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	76.52
6/13/2014	00294721	SHRED IT USA INC	64.12
6/13/2014	00294722	SITE ONE ON THE INTERNET INC	370.00
6/13/2014	00294723	SOUTH ALABAMA UTILITIES	350.01
6/13/2014	00294724	SOUTHERN APPEAL LANDSCAPE MANA	575.00
6/13/2014	00294725	SOUTHERN CONTROLS INC	2,450.79
6/13/2014	00294726	SOUTHERN LIGHT LLC	20,561.00
6/13/2014	00294727	SPRINGDALE TRAVEL	2,848.49
6/13/2014	00294728	SPROT PRINTER RIBBONS LLC	9,564.41
6/13/2014	00294729	STANDARD EQUIPMENT CO INC	105.49
6/13/2014	00294730	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	115.92
6/13/2014	00294731	TEAM ROOFING	210,300.00
6/13/2014	00294732	TESSCO INC	51.70
6/13/2014	00294733	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	135.00
6/13/2014	00294734	TIDE MOVING AND STORAGE	11,955.00
6/13/2014	00294735	TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT CO	2,462.52
6/13/2014	00294736	TRIPLE POINT INDUSTRIES LLC	1,039.40
6/13/2014	00294737	VAN SCOYOC ASSOCIATES	5,014.79
6/13/2014	00294738	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,813.50
6/13/2014	00294739	VORPAHL, JAMES	536.65
6/13/2014	00294740	VULCAN SIGNS	5,862.10
6/13/2014	00294741	WARD INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS OF A	1,718.36
6/13/2014	00294742	WEAVER AND SONS INC, HOSEA O	28,214.42
6/13/2014	00294743	WESCO GAS AND WELDING SUPPLY I	621.00
6/13/2014	00294744	WILHELM, DAWN WILSON	397.85
6/13/2014	00294745	WILSON DISMUKES INC	18.47
6/13/2014	00294746	WITTICHEN SUPPLY CO INC	2,005.00
		Total Claims Paid for General Invoices	\$ 3,501,569.10
6/10/2014	00002220	MOBILE CO EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	2,507.11
6/10/2014	00004160	MOBILE CO EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	111,714.27
6/12/2014	00004162	MOBILE CO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	411,502.59

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6/10/2014	00004296	MOBILE CO EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	802.02
6/12/2014	00004298	MOBILE CO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,745.60
6/10/2014	00005770	MOBILE CO EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	26,894.95
6/12/2014	00005772	MOBILE CO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	89,311.89
6/10/2014	00081523	MOBILE CO EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	483,106.20
6/12/2014	00081525	MOBILE CO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	1,729,137.90
Total Claims Paid for Treasury Division			\$ 2,857,722.53
Total Claims Paid			\$ 6,359,291.63

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #3

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING/FUND  
BALANCE REPORT-05/31/2014

President Hudson asked if any citizen of the County wanted an opportunity to be heard, for or against any item related to the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Report, for the period ending May 31, 2014. (Act No. 86-414)

There was no response.

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AGENDA #4

APPROVE REQUEST OF TREASURER/  
WRITE-OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE FUNDS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the request of the Treasurer to write-off an amount of \$8,305.82 as uncollectible funds, paid in error relating to a tax sale of a property.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #5

APPROVE RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE LICENSING  
FEES AND HARDWARE MAINTENANCE FEES  
AGREEMENT/ELECTION SYSTEMS &  
SOFTWARE (ES&S)/PROBATE COURT

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve renewal of software licensing fees and hardware maintenance fees \*agreement with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) in the amount of \$10,800.00, for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 for two (2) DS850 high speed ballot scanners for Probate Court. (\*Invoice only)

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #6

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST OF  
BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT/DISPOSE  
OF CERTAIN ITEMS FROM FIXED ASSETS INVENTORY  
LIST, DECLARE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND  
AUTHORIZE ITEMS TO BE DISPOSED OF BY LAWFUL MEANS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile County Commission has control of all property belonging to the county and is authorized by state law to dispose of the same by order entered upon its minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, there is presently located in the Building Maintenance Department, certain items of property of the County shown on the one-page list attached as \*Exhibit A, which are no longer needed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mobile County Commission that the items of property shown on the one-page list attached as \*Exhibit A be, and they are hereby, declared SURPLUS and, where applicable, removed from the fixed asset inventory list, to be disposed of by lawful means.

It is further DIRECTED that a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mobile County Commission convened on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

**\*Exhibit "A" on file in Administrator's Office**

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #7

APPROVE APPLICATION TO CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL  
& COMMUNITY SERVICE/SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Commissioner Carl asked if it was a mandated program?

Nancy Johnson, Public Affairs Director, said it was a grant partnership with the federal government.

President Hudson said the County has had the partnership for a very long time.

Ms. Johnson said for approximately three (3) decades.

**(End of synopsis)**

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve the application to the Corporation for National & Community Service in the amount of \$357,427.00 for continued funding of the Senior Companion Program, for the period September 30, 2013 through June 30, 2015, with a local match of \$99,899.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #8

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/HOME  
PROGRAM/UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PROGRAM

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Commissioner Carl said please explain the item and why it was on the agenda.

Michelle Herman, Finance Director, said it was a list of all the payments that have been issued by the HUD Program that were made last month. She said the Commission approves a list of claims of other items paid periodically in the meetings, but the HOME Program payments do not show up on that list.

Nayyer Mahdi, Grants Director, said the HOME Program wire transfers do not show up on the accounts payable claims list.

Commissioner Carl asked if it was a mandated program?

Ms. Mahdi said the auditors told her it should be placed on the Commission agenda.

**(End of synopsis)**

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Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve payment of claims for the HOME Program, in conjunction with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #9

APPROVE LEASING BALLOT COUNTERS  
AND AUTOMARK (ADA) VOTING MACHINE/  
CITY OF PRICHARD/SPECIAL ELECTION  
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve leasing two (2) Model 100 ES&S ballot counters and one (1) AutoMark (ADA) voting machine to the City of Prichard, for their Special Election for City Council District 2, to be held August 26, 2014, and if necessary, a run-off election to be held October 7, 2014, for each of the following locations:

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
505 Mt. Calvary Avenue  
Prichard, AL 36610

College Park Baptist Church  
5860 College Parkway  
Eight Mile, AL 36613

The rental fee is \$250.00 per ballot counter.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #10

APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD OF  
REVIEW/JUNK ORDINANCE HEARINGS/CITATIONS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve recommendations of the Board of Review for the Junk Ordinance hearings held June 10, 2014, for the following citations:

Citation #821 - Dismissed  
Citation #1034 - Dismissed

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #11

APPROVE AGREEMENT/DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS  
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (EPA)/COUNTY COMMISSION

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve an agreement with the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts (EPA) for a single audit of federal assistance provided to the County Commission for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$34,500.00, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the agreement on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #12

APPROVE AMENDING EFP-133-14/CONTRACT/  
THE COLEMAN GROUP D/B/A SPHERION  
STAFFING SERVICES/DISTRICT 1 FUNDS

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve amending EFP-133-14, contract with The Coleman Group d/b/a Spherion Staffing Services for an additional \$12,500.00, from District 1 funds, for a youth summer internship program, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the amended contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #13

APPROVE CDP-323-14/CONTRACT/MOBILE  
SYMPHONY, INC./DISTRICT 3 FUNDS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve CDP-323-14, contract with Mobile Symphony, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00, from District 3 funds, for its Preludes & Strings Program, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #14

APPROVE APPLICATION OF J AND S  
MARKETS II, LLC/LIQUOR LICENSE

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the application of J and S Markets II, LLC, for off premises, retail table wine license, The Handy Store, 11155 Tanner Williams Road, Mobile, Alabama, 36608. (District 2)

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #15

AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD  
STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) GRANT  
AGREEMENT/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
SOUTHWEST ALABAMA, INC.

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board authorize an amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant agreement with Habitat for Humanity Southwest Alabama, Inc. to allow expenditure of remaining Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the amendment to the agreement on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #16

APPROVE CDP-115-14/CONTRACT/INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA/DISTRICT 1 FUNDS

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve CDP-115-14, contract with International Development Association of Alabama in the amount of \$3,500.00, from District 1 funds, to provide educational services and citizenship information for immigrants, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County, contingent upon receiving paperwork.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #17

APPROVE EFP-140-14/CONTRACT/  
NU IMAGE, INC./DISTRICT 1 FUNDS

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve EFP-140-14, contract with Nu Image, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00, from District 1 funds, for youth to participate in a musical workshop, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County, contingent upon receiving paperwork.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #18

APPROVE EFP-141-14/CONTRACT/UNITED  
METHODIST INNER CITY MISSION/DISTRICT 1 FUNDS

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve EFP-141-14, contract with United Methodist Inner City Mission in the amount of \$3,000.00, from District 1 funds, for a summer program, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County, contingent upon receiving paperwork.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #19

APPROVE INVESTMENT PURCHASES/  
COUNTY FUNDS/TREASURER

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve investment purchases of County Funds by the Treasurer for the month of May, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #20

APPROVE CDP-116-14/SPONSORSHIP/R PLACE  
FOUNDATION, INC./DISTRICT 1 FUNDS

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve CDP-116-14, sponsorship with R Place Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00, from District 1 funds, for its annual event to fund services for individuals recovering from addiction.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #21

APPROVE REQUEST/ADD VEHICLES/  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FLEET

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the request to add vehicles to the Sheriff's Department's fleet, as follows:

2012 Nissan Maxima, VIN #1N4AA5AP6CC802622  
2012 GMC Acadia, VIN #1GKKRREDXCJ346591  
2006 Nissan Armada, VIN #5N1AA08BX5N706101

and deadline the following vehicles:

Asset 7973, Chevy Tahoe  
VIN #1GNEC13T85R121328

Asset 7720, Ford Crown Victoria  
VIN #2FAFP74W25X133791

Asset 7807, Ford Crown Victoria  
VIN #2FAFP71V78X106747

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #22

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING RENAMING DAUPHIN  
ISLAND AIRPORT AS JEREMIAH A. DENTON AIRPORT

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner  
Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of honoring the late Jeremiah  
A. Denton, a man of undaunted courage and bravery, a native  
son, war hero, statesman and humanitarian who dedicated his  
life to the service of God and country, the Mobile County  
Commission, in humble gratitude for his countless  
contributions to our nation, state and county, does hereby  
name the airport at Dauphin Island, Mobile County, Alabama

**THE JEREMIAH A. DENTON AIRPORT**

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #24

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST OF  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE/DISPOSE OF CERTAIN  
ITEMS FROM FIXED ASSETS INVENTORY LIST, DECLARE  
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZE ITEMS  
TO BE DISPOSED OF BY LAWFUL MEANS

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Commissioner Carl asked how would those items be  
disposed of?

Michelle Herman, Finance Director, said surplus  
property was usually placed on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner  
Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile County Commission has control of  
all property belonging to the County and is authorized by  
state law to dispose of the same by order entered upon its  
minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, there is presently located in the District  
Attorney's Office, certain items of property of the County  
shown on the eight-page list attached as \*Exhibit "A", which  
are no longer needed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mobile County  
Commission that the items of property shown on the  
eight-page list attached as \*Exhibit "A" be, and they are  
hereby, declared SURPLUS and, where applicable, removed from  
the fixed asset inventory list, to be disposed of by lawful  
means.

**\*Exhibit "A" on file in Administrator's Office**

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It is further DIRECTED that a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mobile County Commission convened on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #25

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT/JGBAG,  
INC./APPROVED IN MAY 27, 2014 MINUTES,  
AGENDA #13/HOME INSPECTION SERVICES

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that the Board approve an amendment to the agreement with JGBAG, Inc., that was approved in the May 27, 2014 Minutes, Agenda Item #13, for home inspection services as it relates to insurance requirements, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the amendment to the agreement on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #26

APPROVE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUPPORT AND  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT/HLP, INC./  
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approval renewal of an annual support and maintenance agreement with HLP, Inc., for the period July 1, 2014 through June 10, 2015 in the amount of \$5,520.00, for Chameleon/CMS Software products for the Animal Control Department, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the agreement on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #27

ASSIGN BURK-KLEINPETER, INC./PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT/  
MCP-304-14/BURROUGHS LANE SIDEWALK

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board assign Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., the professional engineering services contract for MCP-304-14, Burroughs Lane Sidewalk, design only, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #28

TERMINATE GRANT AGREEMENT/  
ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY/CODEN BAYOU DREDGING

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board terminate a grant agreement with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency for Coden Bayou Dredging.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #29

RESCIND ACTION/AGENDA ITEM #35,  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 MINUTES/ASSIGNMENT OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT/  
COWLES, MURPHY, GLOVER & ASSOCIATES/PROJECT  
NO. ODP-2014-01/CODEN BAYOU DREDGING

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board rescind action on Agenda Item #35 in the February 24, 2014 Minutes, assignment of professional engineering services contract to Cowles, Murphy, Glover & Associates, for Project No. ODP-2014-01, Coden Bayou Dredging.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #30

AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP) GRANT AWARD NO. F13AF00136 FOR CIAP-MC03/ HERON BAY CUT-OFF ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT/ REALLOCATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS TO CIAP-2MC01/ MOBILE COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION PROJECT

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board authorize termination of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Grant Award No. F13AF00136 for CIAP-MC03, Heron Bay Cut-Off Access Improvements Project, and reallocation and application of those funds to CIAP-2MC01, Mobile County Conservation Acquisition Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #31

APPROVE EXTENSION/PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT/BRANTLEY & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL CORPORATION/ COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve a twenty-four (24) month extension for a professional property appraisal services contract with Brantley & Associates Real Estate Appraisal Corporation pursuant to the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the extension to the contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #32

APPROVE EXTENSION/PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT/DRIVEN ENGINEERING, INC./ PROJECT CIAP-MC06-0001/MOBILE COUNTY RECYCLING DROP-OFF FACILITY

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

President Hudson asked when would the current contract terminate?

G. William Melton, Environmental Services Director, said the contract would terminate next month.

President Hudson asked was the estimated completion date for the project September, 2014?

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Mr. Melton said it was October 1, 2014.

President Hudson asked if the contract needed to be approved for another full year?

Mr. Melton said yes, in case anything goes on beyond the contract period.

Commissioner Carl asked if there was a cost for the additional year?

Mr. Melton said no.

**(End of synopsis)**

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve a one (1) year extension for a professional engineering services contract with Driven Engineering, Inc., for Project CIAP-MC06-0001, Mobile County Recycling Drop-Off Facility, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the extension to the contract on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #33

ADOPT MOBILE COUNTY DEBRIS  
MANAGEMENT PLAN/USE IN  
RESILIENCY OF DISASTER RECOVERY

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

President Hudson said please explain the agenda item.

G. William Melton, Environmental Services Director, said they put into writing the activities of their personnel staff and their current contracts they have for handling debris during a disaster. He said the plan was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and now the local match has been cut in half for the debris portion.

President Hudson asked was the existing plan revised?

Mr. Melton said it was the same, they just put it in writing for approval to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the County to get a lower local match.

Commissioner Ludgood asked if it was an annual plan they do every year at the beginning of hurricane season?

Mr. Melton said no. He said it was a one-time living document that only had to be updated if things were changed.

President Hudson asked if they had an existing plan?

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Mr. Melton said they updated the existing plan for a pilot program that offered a greater federal share if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved it.

**(End of synopsis)**

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board adopt the Mobile County Debris Management Plan for use in resiliency of disaster recovery.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #34

ADOPT RESOLUTION OPPOSING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS  
PROPOSED BY UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)/REDEFINE CLEAN WATER ACT  
DEFINITION OF WATERS OF UNITED STATES

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

Commissioner Ludgood said please provide a detailed explanation of the agenda item.

G. William Melton, Environmental Services Director, said the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a new rule, to redefine the Clean Water Act definition of the Waters of the United States which would expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. He said the proposed rule would have a significant impact on counties across the country. Mr. Melton said it would implement additional enforcement regarding which waters fall under federal jurisdiction through the Clean Water Act. He said the new definition was aimed at clarifying issues raised in some Supreme Court cases over the scope of the Clean Water Act jurisdiction. Mr. Melton said the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) past focus was on navigable waters of the United States which identified waters that were designated as federally protected waters. He said questions have been raised about which waters fall under federal jurisdiction creating uncertainty over the definition. Mr. Melton said the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wanted to resolve the confusion by redefining navigable waters. He said his main concern was tributaries because those were County ditches, and the proposed new rule would redefine it to mean any water body that has water in it at any time. Mr. Melton said it would allow the United States Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to determine if a particular ditch was waters of the United States. He said once a ditch was under federal jurisdiction, the permit process could be extremely cumbersome, time consuming and expensive, leaving counties vulnerable to citizens' lawsuits and litigation. Mr. Melton said he strongly recommends the Commission adopt the resolution joining the

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efforts of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and counties across the country who oppose those additional regulations.

Commissioner Carl said he has been in contact with Congressman Bradley Byrne and it appears everyone seems to be against it.

Mr. Melton said Congressional Committees have addressed concerns of the wording of those regulations and the explanations have been different than what it read.

President Hudson asked if he expects it to be brought up at the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual meeting?

Mr. Melton said yes.

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have released a 371 page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the USACE would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will negatively impact County-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and drainage systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is impractical for the federal government to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle that may have some tenuous connection, miles away, to a body of water currently defined as "navigable", now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mobile County Commission hereby strongly opposes the EPA and USACE expansion of the Clean Water Act, as proposed, and opposes additional regulations proposed by EPA to re-define the current definition as well as implement additional enforcement with respect to the Clean Waters Act and the Waters of the United States.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #35

APPROVE PROJECT NO. GFP-246-13/DAUPHIN  
ISLAND AIRPORT SEAWALL REPAIR/ANNUAL  
WORK ORDER NUMBER 178322

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve Project No. GFP-246-13, Dauphin Island Airport Seawall Repair, which is under Annual Work Number 178322, to repair the southwest side of the seawall at the Dauphin Island Airport. Total estimated cost is \$5,799.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #36

ADOPT RESOLUTION  
SETTING SPEED LIMITS

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Code of Alabama (1975), 32-1-1, et seq. and 32-5A-173, authorize local authorities to establish reasonable and safe maximum speed limits upon highways, parts of highways or arterial streets; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Alabama Code (1975), 32-5A-173 (a), MOBILE COUNTY has conducted engineering and traffic investigations, and, based upon said investigations, determined that the maximum speed permitted under Alabama Code (1975), 32-5A-170, et seq. on certain of those highways, parts of highways or arterial streets is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon said highways, parts of highways, or arterial streets; and

**WHEREAS**, MOBILE COUNTY desires to declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit on said highways, parts of highways or arterial streets pursuant to said statute;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION, determines and declares that reasonable and safe maximum speed limits shall be set for its highways, portions of highways or arterial streets, as set out below:

**NEW SUBDIVISION(S) SPEED LIMIT(S)**

Chesapeake Subdivision

25 MPH

Selby Phillips Drive North

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**NEW ROADS ADDED TO EXISTING SUBDIVISION SPEED LIMITS IN MOBILE COUNTY**

Magnolia Springs 25 MPH

Banbury Ct.  
Clairmont Drive North  
Driftwood Loop East  
Driftwood Loop South  
Driftwood Loop West

Taylor Pointe 25 MPH

Elliott Ct.

**REVISED ROAD SPEED LIMITS**

North Woods Drive 30 MPH

FROM: Coleman Dairy Road East  
TO: Northwoods Drive

North Woods Drive West 30 MPH

FROM: Hickory Lane  
TO: North Woods Drive

**REVISED START/END POINTS OF SPEED LIMITS**

Magnolia Springs 25 MPH

Edison Drive

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #37

AWARD BID/PFP-2013-501/CHICKASAW  
STREET RESURFACING/JOHN G. WALTON  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board award the bid for PFP-2013-501, Chickasaw Street Resurfacing, to John G. Walton Construction Company, Inc., for their bid in the amount of \$122,422.17. The award will not include the additive alternate that was also included with the bid.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #38

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1/CORNERSTONE  
DETENTION PRODUCTS, INC./CIP-2013-004/  
SLIDING CELL DOORS/METRO JAIL 900  
FACILITY/ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE  
SERVICES/THE ARCHITECTS GROUP, INC.

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve Change Order #1 with Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc., for CIP-2013-004, sliding cell doors for the Metro Jail 900 Facility, to provide terms for additional construction phase services with The Architects Group, Inc., at no additional cost to the County, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the change order on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AWARD BIDS/  
APPROVE PURCHASE

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board take the following action on bids:

award bid #29-14, meats to be delivered to the James T. Strickland Youth Center for July 16, 2014, to Sysco Gulf Coast, Inc., for their bid in the amount of \$4,002.44.

award bid #30-14, groceries to be delivered to the James T. Strickland Youth Center for July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, to The Merchants Company, for their bid in the amount of \$13,444.67; Sysco Gulf Coast, Inc., for their bid in the amount of \$8,558.20; and American Wholesale Grocery Inc. d/b/a American Foods, for their bid in the amount of \$7,004.50.

approve purchase of one (1) extended cab four wheel drive pickup truck from the current Alabama State Contract T191, for the Environmental Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE COST OF APPOINTED ELECTION  
OFFICIALS/MANDATORY TRAINING/REPUBLICAN  
PRIMARY RUN OFF ELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT ELECTION/JULY 15, 2014

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the cost of appointed election officials for mandatory training for the Republican Primary Run Off Election and the Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held July 15, 2014, as follows:

Inspectors	88 @\$30.00	\$2,640.00
Chief Clerks	88 @\$30.00	\$2,640.00
Total		\$5,280.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE COST OF APPOINTED ABSENTEE  
ELECTION OFFICIALS/REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
RUN OFF ELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT ELECTION/JULY 15, 2014

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the cost of appointed absentee election officials for the Republican Primary Run Off Election and the Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held July 15, 2014, as follows:

Returning Officer	1 @\$200.00	\$ 200.00
Manager	1 @\$200.00	\$ 200.00
Clerks	4 @\$150.00	\$ 600.00
Total		\$1,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE COST OF APPOINTED ELECTION  
OFFICIALS/REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUN  
OFF ELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT ELECTION/JULY 15,2014

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve the cost of appointed election officials for the Republican Primary Run Off

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Election and the Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held July 15, 2014, as follows:

Inspectors	88 @\$200.00	\$17,600.00
Chief Clerks	88 @\$175.00	\$15,400.00
Assistant Clerks	381 @\$150.00	\$57,150.00
Total		\$90,150.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #39

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND/OR COMMENTS

**The following is a synopsis of the comments made:**

President Hudson congratulated the following employees who were retiring July 1, 2014: Terri Grodsky, 20 years 8 months as a County employee with the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) and 34 years with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); Carolyn Huddleston, 33 years with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and Edward Walker, 27 years 5 months with the Metro Jail. She wished them the very best in their retirement.

President Hudson said the Commission's next meeting would be combined and held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 10:00 A. M. She said a groundbreaking was scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2014, at 10:00 A. M., at Baytown Senior Village, Semmes, Alabama, north of the Winn Dixie near the corner of Moffett Road and County Road 68. President Hudson said kudos to the Grants Department, for their help on this project.

**(End of synopsis)**

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AGENDA #40

ADJOURN

Commissioner Carl moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve request for a motion to adjourn until July 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Connie Hudson, President

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Merceria Ludgood, Member

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Jerry L. Carl, Member

ATTEST:

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Michelle Herman, Finance Director