

January 13, 2016

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in emergency session in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 11:30 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Jerry L. Carl, President, Merceria Ludgood and Connie Hudson, Members. Also present were John F. Pafenbach, County Administrator/Clerk of the Commission, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and W. Bryan Kegley II, Assistant County Engineer. President Carl chaired the meeting.

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AGENDA #1

ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY/  
FIRE/STRICKLAND YOUTH CENTER

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

**WHEREAS**, a fire occurred at Strickland Youth Center on January 13, 2016, causing significant damage to the laundry room and smoke damage in other areas, including hallways and classrooms;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the premises considered, the Mobile County Commission, in a duly called and noticed emergency meeting held on January 13, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.:

1. Declares the existence of an emergency affecting public health, safety or convenience, as a consequence of the said fire; which could result from a delay in the procurement of equipment and services necessary to meet the emergency and repair the facility to good working order, and the procurement of laundry services for juveniles detained at the Center;

2. Specifically sets forth the nature of the danger involved in delaying the award of a contract, to wit: That juveniles detained at Strickland Youth Center as well visitors and state and county employees working there may be exposed to danger and ill health as a result of breathing or other exposure to smoke-filled air and surfaces coated with soot, and that such juveniles may be exposed to illness and germs without clean clothing and linens; and

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3. Authorizes letting one or more contracts for the procurement of equipment and services necessary to meet the emergency and repair the facility to good working order, and the procurement of laundry services, without public advertisement.

DONE this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

\s\Jerry L. Carl  
Jerry L. Carl, President  
Commission District 3

\s\Connie Hudson  
Connie Hudson  
Commission District 2

\s\Merceria L. Ludgood  
Merceria L. Ludgood  
Commission District 1

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #2

AUTHORIZE LETTING CONTRACTS FOR  
PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES  
NECESSARY TO MEET THE EMERGENCY AND REPAIR  
FACILITY TO GOOD WORKING ORDER AND PROCUREMENT  
OF LAUNDRY SERVICES, WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

**Commissioner Connie Hudson:** Do we need to also add, authorize the President to sign any contracts?

**County Administrator John Pafenbach:** No ma'am, I don't think so once the Commission acts to authorize something the President is legally empowered to execute the documents.

**Commissioner Hudson:** Does the Legal staff agree?

**County Attorney Jay Ross:** I agree either way. John's explanation is satisfactory.

**Commissioner Hudson:** Okay.

**County Attorney Ross:** There is nothing wrong with what you are asking.

**Commissioner Hudson:** It's just that typically that clause is added.

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**County Attorney Ross:** Particularly, when the sale of real property occurs all the title companies, my experience is they want that expressed provision in there to cover who is authorized to do it. That is the practice we have done. Either way is acceptable.

**County Administrator Pafenbach:** We will just add that Commissioner.

**Commissioner Hudson:** Okay.

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board authorize letting one or more contracts for the procurement of equipment and services necessary to meet the emergency and repair the facility to good working order, and the procurement of laundry services, without public advertisement, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute the contracts on behalf of Mobile County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Commissioner Connie Hudson:** I would like to commend Judge Naman's staff. There were people on site, and they had to work very quickly. There were no injuries no harm came to anyone just damage to the laundry room and to the roof as I understand it. Between the staff at the center and the First Responders, it was all handled very professionally. I commend everyone involved.

**County Administrator John Pafenbach:** It was Commissioner, and I would like to add that the Maintenance staff did an outstanding job over there.

**Commissioner Hudson:** The Maintenance staff, absolutely.

**Commission President Jerry L. Carl:** Tyler, do we have a place to properly house these kids until we get it cleaned up?

**Tyler Martin, County Engineer III, Facilities Design and Construction:** I don't believe that the housing part was affected as much. We have some classroom areas that were put out of business and we are working right now to get those back into a useable condition as quickly as possible. Mostly what we are voting on will be the deep cleaning and the repair and replacement of the equipment.

**Commission President Carl:** All right, good.

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AGENDA #3

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve a request for motion to adjourn until January 25, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry L. Carl, President

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Merceria Ludgood, Member

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Connie Hudson, Member

ATTEST:

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John F. Pafenbach, County Administrator