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MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in emergency session, upon call of the President, in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 8:30 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Jerry L. Carl, Vice President, and Merceria Ludgood, Member. President Connie Hudson was absent. Also present were John F. Pafenbach, County Administrator/Clerk of the Commission, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and Joe Ruffer, County Engineer. Vice President Carl chaired the meeting.

AGENDA #1

ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR CONVENIENCE/FIRE IN NORTH TOWER/MAY 3, 2014/PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO CLEANSE AIR/GOVERNMENT PLAZA

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

WHEREAS, a fire occurred in the North Tower of Mobile Government Plaza on May 3, 2014, causing significant damage, including smoke damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Mobile County Commission, in a duly called and noticed emergency meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2014:

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 certain equipment necessary to cleanse and purify the air and render the premises safe for those working in Mobile Government Plaza as well as those conducting business with the state, county and City of Mobile;

2. Specifically sets forth the nature of the danger involved in delaying the award of a contract for procurement of certain equipment necessary to cleanse and purify the air, to wit: That those working in Mobile Government Plaza as well as those conducting business with the state, county and City of Mobile could be exposed to danger and ill health as a result of breathing or other exposure to smoke-filled air; and

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3. Approves the award of a contract for the lease of twenty-three (23) air purification units from Service Master for up to thirty (30) days at a cost of \$250.00 each, for a total of not more than \$5,750.00 per day, as needed to meet the emergency, without public advertisement.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA #2

APPROVE LETTING CONTRACT/LEASE AIR
PURIFICATION UNITS/SERVICE MASTER

The following is a synopsis of the comments made:

Commissioner Ludgood asked would it taper off where they would need fewer and fewer air purification units?

John Pafenbach, County Administrator, said tomorrow they should receive a proposal for the proposed scope of work from Service Master for Phase 2. He said also tomorrow their insurance carrier would have an expert to assess damages, look at the scope of work and decide what needs to be changed, if anything. Mr. Pafenbach said he hopes by next Monday they would have on the agenda bids for the work. He said as the process moves forward he hopes that it would taper off.

Commissioner Ludgood asked would they have someone watching to know when it was tapering off?

Mr. Pafenbach said yes.

Commissioner Ludgood said she did the numbers, and it was very expensive.

Mr. Pafenbach said they contacted three (3) vendors to get some informal bids and none of them lease those machines. He said they only sold them and the price per unit was approximately \$4,000.00 each. Mr. Pafenbach said when Martha Durant, Chief Staff Attorney, prepares the contract he would have her include the wording "for up to thirty (30) days" in case it does taper off, they could cut their cost. He said all of the expenses should be reimbursed to them by their insurance carrier.

Commissioner Ludgood asked would it be the County's insurance carrier who would assess the damages tomorrow?

Mr. Pafenbach said the County has turned the entire situation over to their insurance carrier as a property claim and the roofing contractor has turned it over to their insurance carrier as a liability claim. He said that was what they were advised to do by their agent.

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Commissioner Ludgood asked if the County was paying the initial cost for the work to be done?

Mr. Pafenbach said yes, and the County would be reimbursed.

Vice President Carl said he visited the Fifth (5th) and Seventh (7th) floors and they smell like plastic. He said he observed the area causing the irritation and advised they get it fixed right the first time because insurance representatives do not come out a second time. Vice President Carl said they have done a wonderful job.

(End of synopsis)

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Vice President Carl, that the Board approve letting a contract for the lease of twenty-three (23) air purification units from Service Master for up to thirty (30) days at a cost of \$250.00 each, for a total of \$5,750.00 per day, which are necessary to meet the emergency, without public advertisement.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA #3

ADJOURN

Commissioner Ludgood moved, seconded by Vice President Carl, that the Board approve a request for motion to adjourn until May 12, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry L. Carl, Vice President

Merceria Ludgood, Member

ATTEST:

John Pafenbach, County Administrator