The Commission convened in special session at the Birmingham Courthouse at 4:54 p.m., David Carrington, President, presiding and the following members present:
   District 1 George F. Bowman
   District 2 Sandra Little Brown
   District 3 James A. (Jimmie) Stephens
   District 4 Joe Knight
   District 5 David Carrington

Commission President, David Carrington, presiding and with the following members present: Commissioner George Bowman, Commissioner Sandra Little Brown, Commissioner Joe Knight and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens, Commissioner Carrington called the County Commission into a special meeting to consider action upon a matter of emergency about which Commissioner Carrington has determined, in the best interest of citizens of Jefferson County, must not be delayed until the next regular meeting of the County Commission. Commissioner Carrington stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to authorize award of an emergency contract for debris removal and disposal from the public rights-of-way within Jefferson County and to authorize the County to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with any municipality or township located within the County regarding storm debris removal and disposal within such municipality or township. There being no objection or a motion to overrule the determination of an emergency, the special meeting proceeded.

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, the citizens of Jefferson County, Alabama, suffered extensive property damage, personal injury and loss of life in an outbreak of unprecedented severe weather; and
WHEREAS, the destruction and debris have created conditions on and about public highways, roads and streets, so as to jeopardize the safety, health and convenience of the traveling public and others; and
WHEREAS, this condition has produced an emergency need for the County to contract for debris removal from the public rights-of-way for such highways, roads and streets; and
WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission has determined pursuant to Alabama law that such emergency condition requires the awarding of a contract without the standard public advertisement provided, however, that the Jefferson County Commission has issued a Request For Proposals to 21 contractors, published the request on the County website and has received twelve proposals to perform said work.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION that the Commission hereby determines that Ceres Environmental has submitted the lowest qualified proposal and the President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Ceres Environmental upon approval of said contract by the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION that the President is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Jefferson County Commission and any municipality or township within Jefferson County, Alabama, regarding storm debris removal and disposal in such municipality or township, upon approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by the County Attorney.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stephens seconded by Commissioner Bowman that the above resolution be adopted. Voting "Aye" Bowman, Stephens, Brown, Carrington and Knight.

Thereupon the Commission Meeting was adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Chambers.