



Baldwin County Board of Commissioners
Called Meeting

March 5, 2026
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
11:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Scott Little, Vice Chairman
Andrew Strickland
Sammy Hall
Emily Davis

OTHERS

Carlos Tobar
Brandon Palmer
Dana Lleras
Bo Danuser

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Butts called the March 5, 2026 called Commission meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

FISCAL/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2026 CDBG Application

Chairman Butts read the caption for resolution R-2026-18 stating the resolution authorized Baldwin County to apply for the FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant.

The resolution was presented as follows

RESOLUTION R-2026-18 **RESOLUTION R-2026-BALDWIN COUNTY FY2026** **CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established the Community Development Block Grant program to assist cities and counties with improvements to public facilities, economic development, and housing in Georgia, and

WHEREAS, there exists in Baldwin County a need to provide public infrastructure and housing improvements to the County's FY2026 CDBG Target Area,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board of Commissioners that Baldwin County supports the application for FY2026 CDBG funds and that the County will apply for up to the maximum eligible amount of CDBG grant funds for infrastructure and housing improvements in the County's FY2026 CDBG Target Area. The County commits to the required

cash match for the project, \$1,000 cash for the required audits and all additional cash and/or in-kind services needed to complete the project over the grant amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chairman is authorized and directed to act as the official representative of Baldwin County, to act in connection with the application, to be responsible for compliance with the applicable state and federal requirements of the program, and to provide such additional information as may be required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chairman is authorized to enter into an agreement for engineering and grant administration services relating to the application and subsequent grant (if funded) and to execute the application and other required documents on behalf of the County including the grant award package (if funded);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County commits to own, operate, and maintain all proposed improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby adopts the Citizen Participation Plan of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to ensure public involvement in the CDBG process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3) and in accordance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Section 3 Compliance Plan will to the greatest extent feasible, comply with all Section 3 requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Section 105(b)(3) of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA). The County hereby commits to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing to the greatest extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. The County hereby commits to comply with all Section 504 requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed infrastructure and housing improvements are in conformance with Baldwin County's Comprehensive Plan and are not inconsistent with the County's Service Delivery Strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and dedicated commitment has been made to the project for the successful completion of the above improvements for the citizens, especially the County's low-to-moderate income citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED this 5th day of March, 2026.

Kendrick Butts, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by Baldwin County on the date so stated in said Resolution. I further certify that I am the County Clerk and that said Resolution has full force and effect the 5th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: _____
Bo Danseur, County Clerk

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated that since 2024 there had been a housing component to the CDBG. The 2026 CDBG housing cash match was \$46,000 from the general fund and the sewer cash match of \$300,000 would come from SPLOST.

Commissioner Hall asked why there had to be a housing component. Mr. Tobar responded the housing component allowed an application each year and that accelerated the sewer repairs. Two homes would be reconstructed.

There was a discussion about the scope of the CDBG grant which would replace terra cotta pipes and about the concerns of encumbering general fund and sales tax dollars for upcoming years.

County Manger Tobar left the meeting to get information about the what was approved with the SPLOST referendum. The commissioners moved to the next item of the agenda until his return.

Solicitor General Budget Amendments

Chairman Butts read the caption for resolution R-2026-19 stating the resolution authorized amendments to the Office of the Solicitor General budget.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-19

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF BALDWIN COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Georgia (the "County") is a duly formed political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, has previously adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget for the County; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that the budget for the 2026 fiscal year requires amendment in order to address the operational and financial needs of the Office of the Solicitor General of Baldwin County, including adjustments that have arisen since adoption of the original budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the County to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. **Approval of Budget Amendment.** The amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget relating to the Office of the Solicitor General of Baldwin County, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby amended pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3.
3. **Severability.** In the event any provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2026.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Honorable Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser
Baldwin County Clerk

DATE ADOPTED _____

Resolution R-2026-19

Exhibit A

		FY 25 ACTIVITY	FY 26 BUDGET	FY 26 ADJUSTED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
100 - GENERAL FUND					
100-2360-511100	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	\$ 441,388.45	\$ 459,517.82	\$ 384,619.57	\$ (56,768.88)
100-2360-511150	ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICLS	\$ 119,640.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 5,360.00
100-2360-511110	VICTIM ASSISTANCE EMPLOYEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,762.25	\$ 61,762.25
100-2360-512100	GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 17,633.31	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 366.69
100-2360-512200	SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	\$ 39,464.37	\$ 44,715.61	\$ 44,715.61	\$ 5,251.24
100-2360-512410	RETIREMENT CONTR-COUNTY	\$ 35,926.41	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 73.59
100-2360-512415	RET CONTR-COUNTY-FEB 2019 (401A)	\$ 12,470.64	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 29.36
100-2360-512420	RETIRE CONTR - COUNTY - OTHER	\$ 10,114.97	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 385.03
100-2360-522230	REPAIRS & MAINT-OTHER EQU	\$ 6,734.24	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 65.76
100-2360-522320	RENTAL OF EQUIP/VEHICLES	\$ 2,359.95	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,040.05
100-2360-523100	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BENEF)	\$ 901.49	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (1.49)
100-2360-523210	TELEPHONE	\$ 5,430.69	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (430.69)
100-2360-523220	POSTAGE	\$ 830.94	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 169.06
100-2360-523400	PRINTING AND BINDING	\$ 3,473.62	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (473.62)
100-2360-523500	TRAVEL	\$ 3,944.58	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (444.58)
100-2360-523700	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$ 1,508.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 492.00
100-2360-523952	VOCA-SOLICITOR PROGRAM	\$ 90,972.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 90,104.00	\$ (868.00)
100-2360-531110	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,273.14	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (273.14)
100-2360-552120	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 837,781.86	\$ 892,833.43	\$ 813,801.43	\$ 16,734.63
Separate fund					
100-2360-523954	VICTM ASSIST PROG (FINES)	\$ 40,715.06		\$ 40,000.00	\$ (715.06)

County Attorney Brandon Palmer stated the Solicitor General was good with the amendments.

Commissioner Hall stated that he met with the Solicitor and they came up with a solution and she was satisfied with the budget amendments.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the budget amendments to the Solicitor General Budget. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Probate Court Budget Amendments

Chairman Butts read the caption for resolution R-2026-20 stating the resolution authorized amends to the Office of the Probate Court budget.

The resolution was presented as follows

RESOLUTION 2026-20

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Georgia (the "County") is a duly formed political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, has previously adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget for the County; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that the budget for the 2026 fiscal year requires amendment in order to address the operational and financial needs of the Office of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, including adjustments that have arisen since adoption of the original budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the County to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.
2. **Approval of Budget Amendment.** The amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget relating to the Office of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby amended pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3.
3. **Severability.** In the event any provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2026.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Honorable Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser

EXHIBIT "A"

100-GENERAL FUND	PROBATE COURT			
Account Number	Account Name	2025 YTD Activity	2026 Requested	2026 Budget Recommended
100-2451-511100	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	218,539.48	240,000.00	235,000.00
100-2451-511150	ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICLS	116,147.11	114,000.00	114,000.00
100-2451-512100	GROUP INSURANCE	36,933.48	33,000.00	33,000.00
100-2451-512200	SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	24,417.77	18,000.00	18,000.00
100-2451-512410	RETIREMENT CONTR-COUNTY	47,186.93	48,000.00	48,000.00
100-2451-512415	RETIREMENT CONTR-401 A	6,144.34	6,600.00	6,600.00
100-2451-512420	OTHER RETIREMENT CONTRIB	5,352.11	6,500.00	6,500.00
100-2451-521200	PROFESSIONAL	18,700.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
100-2451-521300	TECHNICAL	10,487.19	10,200.00	10,200.00
100-2451-522230	REPAIRS & MAINT-OTHER EQU	5,578.55	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-2451-522320	RENTAL OF EQUIP/VEHICLES	4,219.43	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-2451-523100	INSURANCE -PROPERTY/LIABILITY	1,802.99	1,900.00	1,900.00
100-2451-523210	TELEPHONE	3,085.07	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-2451-523220	POSTAGE	2,100.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-2451-523300	ADVERTISING	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-2451-523400	PRINTING AND BINDING	4,974.96	7,400.00	8,000.00
100-2451-523500	TRAVEL	2,360.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-2451-523600	DUES AND FEES	1,206.00	800.00	1,500.00
100-2451-523700	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-2451-531110	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,858.85	7,500.00	7,500.00
100-2451-531131	VITAL RECORDS OPER SUPPLS	2,813.32	3,000.00	4,000.00
100-2451-531600	SMALL EQUIPMENT	2,424.67	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-2451-552120	RISK MGMT/WORKERS COMP	35.00	600.00	600.00
Total		519,367.35	537,000.00	534,300.00

In the Manager's absence Commissioner Strickland stated that it was his understanding that the Probate Court's budget was reduced and the reduction was not consistent with any conversation they had; the current budget caused shortfalls on some fees. The budget amendment was to correct that and be more consist with the view of the Board; the amendments moved the budget to what it should be.

Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the budget amendments for the Probate Court. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Moratorium on Multifamily Residential Development

Chairman Butts read the caption for resolution R-2026-21 stating the resolution enacted a moratorium on Multifamily Residential Development.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-21

A RESOLUTION ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL APARTMENTS, TOWNHOMES, DUPLEX AND MULTIPLEX DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF LOG CABIN ROAD FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MORATORIUM; TO PROVIDE FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, IMPOSITION OF MORATORIUM, THE DURATION OF THE MORATORIUM; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Baldwin County (the "County") is a duly formed political subdivision of the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, Baldwin County has been vested with substantial powers, rights and functions under Article IX, Sec. II, Par. I to generally regulate the practice, conduct or use of property for the purposes of maintaining health, morals, safety, security, peace, and the general welfare of the County;

WHEREAS, Georgia law recognizes that local governments may impose moratoria on zoning decisions, building permits, and other developmental approvals where exigent circumstances exist to warrant the same, including to protect and preserve the status quo when acting on behalf of the public welfare and to ensure the provision of public safety and health;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia (the "Board of Commissioners") that the concept of "public welfare" is broad and inclusive and includes, but is not limited to, the valid public objectives of aesthetic conservation, preservation of the value of existing lands and buildings within the County, making the most appropriate use of resources, preserving existing neighborhood characteristics, enhancing and protecting the economic well-being of the community, facilitating adequate provision of public services, and the preservation of the resources of the County;

WHEREAS, the County has a strong interest in regulating growth management so as to lessen the burden on public utility, public infrastructure, public safety services and traffic congestion. The County imposes land use regulations to maintain orderly and safe operation of the County and to protect the citizens of the County;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the area surrounding Log Cabin Road (as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto) does not yet have the necessary infrastructure including,

but not limited to, public utilities and road capacity, to support an increase in the number of multifamily residential developments in the area;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the negative impact to health, safety and welfare to the citizens of the County and the burdens on the County should the County not take immediate measures to protect against additional multifamily residential developments in the area shown on Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners recognizes that substantial and irreparable harm would result to the citizens of the County if the County does not regulate the current land use procedures and impose a moratorium on multifamily housing in the area shown on Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has directed County staff to explore and present recommendations for implementing district-based land use regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is, and has been, interested in developing a cohesive and coherent policy regarding development in the County, and has intended to promote community development through stability, predictability and balanced growth which will further the prosperity of the County as a whole;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners' findings as stated herein and its desire to review and implement district-based land use regulations necessitates a cessation of multifamily residential development in the area shown on Exhibit "A" and finds that such cessation is reasonable and in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
2. **Findings of Fact.** The Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following findings of fact:
 - a. The area surrounding Log Cabin Road (as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto) does not yet have the necessary infrastructure including, but not limited to, public utilities and adequate road capacity to support an increase of multifamily developments in the area;
 - b. The County staff is in the process of exploring options to prepare recommendations to the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners for implementation of district-based land use regulations;
 - c. The County's implementation of district-based land use regulations and evaluating and planning necessary public infrastructure for increased multifamily housing developments in the area shown on Exhibit "A" requires a cessation of the application and issuance of any development permits, variances, or licenses or other permits pertaining to multifamily residential developments;
 - d. It is necessary and in the public interest to delay, for a reasonable time, the

processing of applications for and the issuance of any development permits, variances, or licenses or other permits pertaining to multifamily residential developments to ensure that the same are consistent with the long-term planning objectives of the County.

3. **Moratorium on Multifamily Residential Development.** The County does hereby enact a moratorium for an indefinite period, not to exceed six (6) months from the effective date of this Resolution, to allow the County Manager and staff to adequately study, review, evaluate, and devise a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding implementation of district-based land use regulations and to study the impact of increased multifamily housing developments in the area shown on Exhibit "A".

During the moratorium period, no applications for any development permits, variances, or licenses or other permits of any kind shall be accepted by the County or any of its Departments, Boards, or Committees pertaining to multifamily residential developments, including horizontal and vertical apartments, townhomes, duplex and multiplex developments, to be located or operated on any property located within the area shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto. Any such applications tendered and/or submitted to the County or any Department, Board, or Committee during this moratorium period shall not be accepted, considered, nor acted upon by the County, nor any Department, Board, or Committee thereof. Should an application be accepted, in error, during the moratorium period, such application shall be deemed null and void and have no effect whatsoever and shall constitute no assurance of any right to engage in any act or action related to the development of multifamily residential developments. Reliance on any such permit shall be unreasonable.

This moratorium shall have no effect upon approvals of permits for multifamily residential developments previously issued or as to development plans previously approved by the County prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

Property owners who claim to have a vested right, pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, to obtain a permit for multifamily residential development must follow the following procedure, which provides consideration of an exemption request from this moratorium where a claim of legal vesting is made:

- i. A written application shall be submitted to the County Manager, with verified supporting data, documents, and facts which the Applicant feels supports a claim of legal vesting. Such information will be reviewed by the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners and approved/denied within thirty (30) days of submission in a public meeting. During this 30-day timeframe, additional facts and data may be requested on behalf of Baldwin County by its staff to further the review process.
- ii. Should the Applicant fail to provide requested information or otherwise fail to cooperate during the review process, the exemption request will be

denied. If the information provided fails to support a claim of legally vested rights, the exemption request will be denied.

- iii. Any exemption granted by the Board of Commissioners shall merely grant the Applicant the right to have County staff accept and process the underlying application in accordance with all existing County and State laws.
4. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.
5. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution this day passed be and they are hereby repealed.
6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2026.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Honorable Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County, Georgia

Commissioner Strickland stated that he would like to get through Planning and Zoning before lifting this moratorium on Log Cabin Road. Log Cabin was one of the busiest roads and when Planning and Zoning was either adopted or struck down, they would be able to quit extending the moratorium.

Commissioner Little stated that in 2017 or 2018 it would have cost about 20 million dollars to four-lane Log Cabin; the moratorium would allow the county to plan for the density that dumps onto Log Cabin.

There was a discussion about the possibility of putting a roundabout at the intersection of North Jefferson Street and Log Cabin Road.

Commissioner Little made a motion to adopt the moratorium. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tobar returned to the meeting.

GDOT Transit Application

Chairman Butts read the caption for resolution R-2026-22 stating the resolution authorized an application be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation Transit Fund Grant for the 2026 fiscal year.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION R-2026-22

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM FOR THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to continue to receive funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation Transit Trust Fund Program for the 2026 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides supplemental operating funding along with additional funding for capital expenses associated with the operations of the Baldwin County Transit.

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Transit provided affordable transportation to the low- and moderate-income citizens of Baldwin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia, and it hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
2. **Authorization of Grant Application.** The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the preparation and submission of a Georgia Department of Transportation Transit Trust Fund Program.
3. **Authorization of Chairman.** The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners to sign any documentation or take any other action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the application and administration of the Grant and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith.
4. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.
5. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution this day passed be and they are hereby repealed.

6. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2026.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County Georgia
Date Adopted _____

County Manager Tobar stated this grant required no match.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the transit grant.

Mr. Tobar stated that the grant included bus repairs, operational supplies, and possibly an expansion vehicle.

Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners returned to the discussion on the 2026 CDBG application.

Mr. Tobar stated the SPLOST included public works infrastructure to include water, sewer, storm drainage, flood control, road, streets and sidewalk improvements.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the 2026 CDBG application. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about when the application would be approved and if approved when the funds would have to be spent. There was also a discussion about the years long timeline for encumbering the \$300,000 and opting out of the grant if there were no SPLOST funds available in two years when the projects would have to be paid out.

Chairman Butts called for the vote.

The motion carried and the grant application was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Davis asked when Lake Laurel Road would be completed to keep mud out of people's driveways. Mr. Tobar responded that grass would have to be planted and he would check on that.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The March 5, 2025 called commission meeting was adjourned at 11:25 PM.

Submitted,

Kendrick B. Butts
Kendrick Butts, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser
Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County, Georgia

