



BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

**October 21, 2025
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Andrew Strickland, Chair
Kendrick Butts, Vice Chair
Sammy Hall
Emily C. Davis
Scott Little

OTHERS

Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Brandon Palmer
Bo Danuser

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Pastor Burney of Saint Paul Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Butts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Little recognized Mayor Mary Parham-Copelan as attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the September 16, 2025 budget work session minutes, the September 16, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the executive session minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the September 24th called meeting minutes and executive session minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Airport Capital Improvement Plan

County Manager Carlos Tobar gave an update on the Baldwin County Airport terminal apron expansion and lower ramp stating drainage had been added, he presented a design standard update, and he stated that the environmental and design assessment for removal of the tops of the trees be being done.

Commissioner Butts asked for the anticipated start date. Mr. Tobar responded that if everything went well, construction should start next year.

Mr. Tobar stated he needed a motion to approve and submit the airport capital improvement plan the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to submit the Baldwin County Airport Capital Improvements Plan to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Hall asked if they hadn't approved the plan before. There was a discussion about submitting the plan, presenting a resolution for approval and tabling the motion for approval at the next meeting.

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

Education Brings Leadership and Achievement EBLA

Dr. Moss, Head Mistress of EBLA Academy addressed the commission presenting information about the accredited non-traditional private school. They were 26 years old. She introduced staff and shared information on the accelerated program, dual enrollment, college prep and tech prep. EBLA serviced many home school students.

Dr. Moss shared information about her educational history in the Baldwin County school system, Georgia Tech and University of Georgia. She was working on her second doctorate.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Commissioner Davis made a motion to amend the agenda to include land acquisition to the executive session agenda. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Critical Transportation Need MOU

Chairman Strickland read the caption for Resolution R-2025-76 stating the resolution authorized a Memorandum of Agreement with Liberty County and the Georgia Emergency

Management Agency and Homeland Security to establish procedures for emergency shelters for evacuees from a risk county to a host county.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION R-2025-76

A Resolution to Authorize an Agreement Between the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners and Liberty County, Georgia, Georgia Emergency Management, and Homeland Security Agency to provide sheltering during disasters and emergencies

WHEREAS, The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to enter into an agreement with Liberty County, Georgia, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security to provide safe places across Georgia in times of disaster and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement is hereby attached and by reference duly incorporated and made a binding part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the agreement is to define the roles and responsibilities required for establishing shelters for Critical Transportation Need evacuees from a Risk County (Liberty) evacuating to a Host County (Baldwin) during a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement details the process, protocols, coordination, and support requirements necessary to conduct effective operations in a Critical Transportation Need shelter; and

WHEREAS, the attached Memorandum of Agreement utilizes the Georgia Shelter Plan in accordance with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan activated by the Governor declaring a State of Emergency to support all Georgia counties should they encounter impacts that are beyond local sheltering capabilities

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 Acceptance. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement between Baldwin County and Liberty County.
3. Authorization of Agreement. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an agreement with Liberty County, Georgia, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
4. Authorization of Chairman. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Chairman of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners to sign any documentation or

take any other action necessary reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate this agreement and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith.

5. 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.
6. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution this day passed be and they are hereby repealed.
7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of October, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Andrew Strickland, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County, Georgia

County Manager Tobar stated the agreement set forth Liberty County as the risk county and Baldwin County was the host county; in case of emergency Liberty County would send evacuees to Baldwin County.

There was a discussion about the need for the agreement because Liberty was a costal county and that the coastal counties had MOUs with interior counties. Liberty County EMA Director Bob Dodd and County Manager Joseph Mosley addressed the commission thanking the commissioners for considering the MOU. Mr. Dodd discussed the procedure for evacuation after a state of emergency was declared by the Governor; Red Cross would set up a shelter in Baldwin County. Baldwin County EMA Director Wayne Johnson discussed the GEMA reimbursement process and housing evacuees at the gymnasium, which would accommodate 700 people.

Mr. Johnson discussed a congressional request for a generator for the facility; the MOU made the request eligible.

Commissioner Little made a motion at adopt the resolution. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2024 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Chairman Strickland read the caption for Resolution R-2025-77 stating the resolution authorized an agreement with Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. to make improvements to the sanitary sewer system as defined in the 2024 CDGB Grant.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION R-2025-77

A Resolution to Authorize an Agreement Between the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. to Rehabilitate Sanitary Sewer Lines as Identified in the 2024 Community Development Block Grant

WHEREAS, The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to enter into an agreement with Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc to rehabilitate sanitary sewer lines as part of the 2024 CDBG; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned agreement is hereby attached and by reference duly incorporated and made a binding part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, after review of the bid tabulations, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioner recommended during its September 2, 2025 regularly scheduled meeting that Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. be awarded a contract to improve the sanitary sewer lines as identified in the 2024 CDBG; and

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:

8. Incorporation of Recitals. The above stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
9. Authorization of Acceptance. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acceptance of the agreement between Baldwin County and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc.
10. Authorization of Agreement. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an agreement with Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc
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County Manager Tobar stated that this would be the last sewer project east of Vinson Highway, next they would move to Oconee Heights, Carter and Sloope bid the contract, Southeast Pipe Survey would line the sewers with cure in place pipes.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize an agreement with Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Golf Course Improvements

County Manager Tobar discussed a plan to close the golf course in January to make improvement and reopen in July. He discussed installing the driving range before the closer so revenue could still be generated and using county forces for clearing trees and laying water lines. The commissioners would have to authorize the purchase of the driving range equipment. The driving range would be installed prior to closing the golf course.

There was a discussion about the golf course improvements, the timeframe for closing the golf course, preparing a solicitation for pricing a Trackman System. The bids would be approved by the commission - (authorization would be for price gathering only).

Commissioner Hall made a motion authorize the bidding of equipment and software, including the Trackman system for the golf course driving range. Mr. Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Maurice Liggins addressed the commission in reference to the golf course. He discussed projects not being presented to the public; how much projects were costing, where funds were coming from and how much would be left afterward. He further stated that he likened the golf course to pickleball, it may be a want but it was not a need. He stated the he wanted to see tournaments.

There was a discussion about upgrading the golf course in order to be able to host golf tournaments and that the golf course worked at break even and had the potential to generate revenue and could offset the cost of the recreation department.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Little thanked Mr. Tobar and staff for getting the African American names inscribed on the courthouse memorial.

Commissioner Davis asked for an update on the trash on Gordon Highway and Register Road. Mr. Tobar responded that the mowing company was cleaning Register Road.

There was a discussion about checking behind the mowers to ensure litter pick up before mowing the rights of way.

Commissioner Butts asked when the striping would be completed. Mr. Tobar responded that striping should be done soon.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager gave an update on:

- Sewer line replacement preconstruction meeting for the last line on Vinson Highway would be November 4th at 10 am.
- 2025 sewer line replacement rehab kickoff would be November 4th at 11 am.
- The sewer line replacement and housing rehab public hearing is scheduled for November 4th at noon and November 6th at 5:30.
- Neely Road tour.
- Damage at end of Neely Road and Sidney Butts Road; in future, the contractor would be required for cul-de-sacs to have full base and pavement. Heavy vehicles were causing damage.
- The slide was installed at the water park and crews were doing final touchup work.
- The Harrisburg Park improvements were moving fast. The foundation plan for the new community center had been started. The library was still in the design phase.
- With the 2024 CHIP grant, 1 house had been completed, one was at 95% complete and two were at 50% and the final house bids would be solicited shortly.
- No word on the Congressional Directed spending request.
- The Habitat for Humanity home dedication for the Coffee house at 2254 Leo Court would be October 30th at 10:00 am, the other two on Ross Avenue were under way.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stephanie Wright addressed the commission regarding the Fight Cancer in All Colors Walk. She asked that this event be granted use of the soccer field every October just as the county

blocks off for Juneteenth. She expressed her concern about the events including not being allowed to release balloons, not allowing food trucks even when the concession stand was closed, and being directed from the track to the trail. She stated leaders did not cause problems, they worked to solve them.

Dexter Burney addressed the commission regarding the Fight Cancer in All Colors Walk. He stated it was as if the cancer survivors were being dismissed and not counted, their day to shine was being smothered by undue rhetoric. The participants had used the field on Highway 212 since 2021 to celebrate conquering cancer, they would not be tucked in a corner or trail for the survivors to stay silent, they rejected the insult to blow bubbles or organizing a neighborhood clean-up. Mr. Burney concluded by stating they appealed to the county commissioners to celebrate the cancer survivor community.

Chairman Strickland discussed establishing policies for the use of recreation facilities to avoid conflicts. Mr. Tobar stated that a special events permit would be discussed. There was discussion about using the park and charging a fee for use applied across the board for everyone. Commissioner Butts invited Ms. Wright to attend the work session to give input into how the park policy should be written.

Danny Register addressed the commissioners regarding grass cutting in the Coopers Community. He stated the mower crews were not picking up the litter and was being mowed over, something needed to be done to enforced picking up trash.

There was a discussion about picking up litter before mowing the right of way and designating someone to ensure litter was being picked up before mowing began.

Mamie Hall addressed the commission regarding problems with her driveway on Allenwood Circle across from Baldwin High School. She stated that county crews did work and made a mess at her driveway. She made many calls but could not get the problem resolved.

Clarence Hall addressed the commission regarding the same driveway on Allenwood Circle. He stated the commissioners had to be mindful about being professional, he wanted to know when the driveway would be fixed; he couldn't get an answer.

There was a discussion about getting the cost analyses and providing the information along with when the work would be done to Ms. Hall.

Stan Aldridge addressed the commission thanking the people who came in support of the golf course and thanking the commissioners for the progression on the golf course.

Desiree Liggins addressed the commission regarding doing work right the first time. She discussed different areas of the county and the disparity between areas. She expressed her concern about stray cats and implementing a trap and neuter program. She suggested redirection funds from wants to needs.

Malinda Brewer addressed the commissioners requesting information on previous airport capital improvements program for comparison.

Chairman Strickland recognized Vice Chairman Butt for completing the ACCG Life Long Learning Academy's Economic and Community Development Specialty Track. Chairman Strickland read the ACCG's letter of commendation and congratulated Vice Chairman Butts.

Maurice Liggins addressed the commissioners regarding the mowing contract and the paving contract and the need to hold contractors accountable for their work. He discussed the paving work being done on Sidney Butts Road and willing to take legal action to ensure the proper repair of the driveways. Mr. Liggins also stated that the response to the cancer survivors was not acceptable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Little made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The commissioners went into closed session at 7:10 PM.

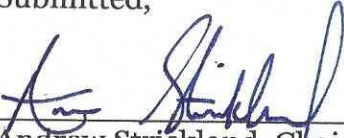
Commissioner Little made a motion to adjourn the executive session and return to open session. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The commissioners returned to open session at 8:41 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Little made a motion to adjourn the October 21, 2025 commission meeting at 8:41 PM. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

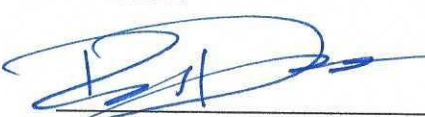
The commission meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,



Andrew Strickland, Chairman

ATTEST:



Bo Danuser, County Clerk

