



## **BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**July 15, 2025**

**1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220**

**6:00 PM**

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### **AMENDED MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners Chairman Andrew Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### **INVOCATION**

Commission Vice Chairman Kendrick Butts introduced his Mason Brother David Mohamad from the Mason Lodge 93 in Macon, Georgia to say the prayer.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Sammy Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Davis made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Butts to approve the June 16, 2025 regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes and the July 1, 2025 work session minutes, regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes. The motion passed unanimously and all the minutes were approved.

Commissioner Scott Little joined the meeting via telephone.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

Commissioner Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item that would authorize the County Manager to sign a contract with an engineering firm to provide design and engineering for the Roberts Road Bridge and to send a letter to the Georgia Department of Transportation to request funds for the bridge repair because the bridge had failed and had to be closed. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to authorize the County Manager to sign a contract with an engineering firm to provide design and engineering for Roberts Road Bridge and to send a letter to the Georgia Department of Transportation to request funds for the bridge repair.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated this request was because the Roberts Road Bridge failure created an emergency situation.

There was a discussion about the timeline for repairs, selecting Watkins and Associates for the engineering, and the emergency nature of the situation as the bridge had failed. It was emphasized that this was an emergency action to ensure safety. Additionally, an alternative route on Highway 22 was mentioned and it was noted residents should be made aware of the repairs.

Chairman Strickland called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Collins P. Lee Memorial Library

Chairman Strickland read the caption of Resolution R-2025-55 to authorize an agreement With CAS Architecture for the architectural services for the Collins P. Lee Memorial Library.

The resolution was presented as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-55**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH CAS ARCHITECTURE TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE COLLINS P. LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT THE HARRISBURG COMMUNITY PARK**

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to build the Collins P. Lee Memorial Library at the Harrisburg Community Park; and

WHEREAS, competitive sealed bids were solicited for the architectural services for the Collins P. Lee Memorial Library; and

WHEREAS, bids were accepted on June 23, 2025 in the Board of Commissioners Office located at 1601 North Columbia Street, Suite 230 with CAS Architecture ranked the highest with the lowest cost proposal; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2025, during a commission meeting duly assembled and advertised, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners accepted the bid proposal submitted by CAS Architecture and authorized an agreement be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned agreement is hereby attached and by reference, it, along with all of the references, attachments, and addendums included in the agreement are duly incorporated and made a part of this resolution.

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 Agreement. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorize an agreement with CAS Architecture for the architectural service associated with the design and construction of the Collins P. Lee Memorial Library.
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 reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate this agreement with CAS Architecture 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Andrew Strickland, Chairman  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County, Georgia

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated the County Attorney had reviews and approved the agreement and addendum as to form.

The timeframe for completion was discussed; the environmental review had to be completed by October and completion could take up to 12 months.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

300 Sparta Highway

Chairman Strickland read the caption for Resolution R-2025-56 to authorize the sale of surplus property with a dilapidated structure located at 300 Sparta Highway to Jaykrishna Patel.

The resolution was presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION R-2025-56**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AGREEMENT TO SELL PROPERTY; AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGREEMENT TO SELL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WITNESSETH:**

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

**WHEREAS**, Baldwin County is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia to dispose of real property for the benefit of Baldwin County and its citizens and to enter into contracts with respect thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, Georgia ("the Board of Commissioners") determined that it was in the public interest to dispose of real property located at 300 Sparta Highway, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061, being more fully described or depicted in the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "1" ("Property");

**WHEREAS**, the County abided by all requirements set forth by Georgia law to sell the Property to the highest responsible bidder by sealed bids after due notice was given;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the execution and entering into the Purchase and Sale Agreement ("Agreement to Sell Property") reflected in Exhibit "1" and subsequent sale of the Property to the highest responsible bidder is in the best interest of the citizens of the County;

**WHEREAS**, the County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby adopts the following Resolution and the attached Agreement to Sell Property in the exercise of its sound judgment and discretion after giving thorough consideration to all the implications involved and keeping in mind the public interest and welfare of the citizens of the County.

**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. Acceptance of Agreement to Purchase Property.** The County hereby approves the Agreement to Sell Property attached hereto as Exhibit "1."
- 3. Authorization to Pursue Purchase of the Property.** The County Manager, County Attorney, employees, agents, or a combination thereof, are hereby authorized and specifically directed to continue in good faith the diligent pursuit of selling the Property by the Agreement to Sell Property reflected in Exhibit "1" to the highest responsible bidder.
- 4. Authorization of the Chairman and County Manager.** The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager to sign, execute, and deliver the Agreement to Sell Property reflected in Exhibit "1."
- 5. Other Actions Authorized.** The Chairman, County Attorney, and County Manager shall be authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient and to execute and/or attest and seal any additional documents which may be necessary or convenient to effectuate this Resolution or the transactions



contemplated by this Resolution.

6. **Actions Ratified, Approved and Confirmed.** The signatures in the Agreement to Purchase Property from the Chairman or County Manager for the Board of Commissioners evidences the adoption by the Governing Body of this Resolution.
7. **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.
8. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution this day passed be and they are hereby repealed.
9. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Honorable Andrew Strickland, Chair  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County, Georgia

County Manager Carlos Tobar reminded the commissioners that the first bid to purchase 300 Sparta Highway was rejected and was rebid with a minimum of \$1,000; this bid came in at \$1,525.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the sale. Commissioner Little seconded the motion.

Commissioners Hall, Strickland, and Little approved the sale of 300 Sparta Highway and Commissioners Butts and Davis voted not to sell. The motion carried with a 3 to 2 vote.

#### WIOA Grant Agreement

Commission Chairman Strickland read the caption of Resolution R-2025-57 to authorize an agreement for Baldwin County to remain the sub-grantee, administrative, and program entity of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Grant.

The resolution was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION R-2025-57

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLE GEORGIA  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 11 AND WITH THE MIDDLE GEORGIA  
CONSORTIUM, INC. FOR BALDWIN COUNTY TO ACT AS THE SUB-GRANTEE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE, AND PROGRAMATIC ENTITY OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION  
AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2014 GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire offer the citizens of Milledgeville and Baldwin County with workforce training through the continuation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire for Baldwin County to continue to participate in the WIOA programs by entering into a Contract Service and Financial Agreement with the Executive Committee and Chief Elected Executive Officials for Middle Georgia Workforce Development Area 11 and also with the Middle Georgia Consortium, Inc. whose 11 members are the 11 counties within the Middle Georgia Workforce Development Area 11; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement Baldwin County shall act as the WIOA sub-grantee as well as WIOA administrative and programmatic entity; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding to provisions of this agreement, Baldwin County shall have no liability for costs incurred which exceed the funds obligated to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, funds provided under this agreement shall only be used to provide employment related activities that could not be provided with funds or sources otherwise available and the available funds shall not be used to substitute or supplant other funds and sources of revenue.

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 Agreement. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the agreement with the Executive Committee of Chief Elected and Executive Officials for Middle Georgia Workforce Development Area 11 and with the Middle Georgia Consortium, Inc.
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 agreement 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 15th day of July, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Honorable Andrew Strickland, Chair  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County, Georgia

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated that Baldwin County had acted as the fiscal agent for the Workforce Development Area 11 since 2015, this is an extension of the same contract the county was currently acting under to remain the fiscal agent from July 2025 to July 2026.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to authorize the agreement that was seconded by Commissioner Butts. The motion passed unanimously.

Adult Felony Drug Court Grant

Chairman Strickland read the caption for Resolution R-2025-58 to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Adult Felony Drug Court grant.

The resolution was presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION R-2025-58**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR AN ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT GRANT.

**WHEREAS**, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to receive funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating County for an Adult Felony Drug Court Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant provides funding of \$373,058 with a match of \$65,534.

**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 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Adult Felony Drug Court Grant.
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.
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Honorable Andrew Strickland, Chairman  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

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Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County Georgia

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated she needed approval from the commissioners to accept the Adult Felony Drug Court Program grant in the amount of \$373,058 with a match of \$65,834.

Commissioner Davis made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Little to approve the grant.

There was a discussion about the source of the financing, what the grant funds were used for, and the court's effectiveness in the community and its success rate.

There was a discussion about having someone from the court give a presentation.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.



Mental Health Court Grant

Chairman Strickland read the caption for Resolution R-2025-59 to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Mental Health Court Grant.

The resolution was presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION R-2025-59**  
**AREOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A MENTAL HEALTH**  
**COURT GRANT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners desire to receive funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating County for a Mental Health Court Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant provides funding of \$363,558 with a match of \$64,157.

**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 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Mental Health Court Grant.
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.
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Honorable Andrew Strickland, Chairman  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

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Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County Georgia

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated that this was a program to address mental health issues and to keep people out of jail by providing counseling and treatment. The grant award was for \$363,558 with a match of \$64,157.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the grant, commissioner Butts seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about what the program provided for mental health issues, how it was helping people, where the money was going, and the fact that the program kept people out of jail, helping law enforcement reduce the amount of mental health issues they had to deal with, and these were diversion programs for first time offenders.

There was discussion about having the judge and program coordinators give the commissioners a presentation on the programs.

Chairman Strickland called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Appointments

##### Middle Georgia Regional Commission Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

The Clerk presented the names of Tommy French and Hope Waller as nominations for reappointment to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Joint Development Authority.

Commissioner Hall made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Davis to reappoint Tommy French and Hope Waller to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. The motion passed unanimously and Tommy French and Hope Waller were reappointed for 4-year terms from 2025 - 2029.

##### Emergency Medical Services Central GA Region 5 Council

The Clerk presented the names of Andrew Strickland and Renee Morgan as nominations to fill the vacated seat of Lewis Osborne on the Emergency Medical Services for Central Georgia Region 5.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to appoint Andrew Strickland to the EMS Central Georgia region 5 council. Commissioner Butts seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously and Andrew Strickland was appointed to a three-year term from 2025 to 2028.

##### Fall Line Development Authority

The Clerk presented the names of Greg Tyson, Edward Walker and Sammy Hall for appointment to the Fall Line Regional Development Authority.



Commissioner Davis made a motion that was seconded by Chairman Strickland to reappoint Greg Tyson, Edward Walker and Commissioner Sammy Hall to the Fall Line Regional Development Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Strickland announced that the Baldwin County Recreation Department's girls' softball team was runner-up in the World Series; Baldwin County was well represented. He announced the road contractor had a family emergency and was running behind. Mr. Tobar added that the contractor would be in Baldwin County tomorrow and that Sydney Butts Road would be done first, along with the other triple surface roads. He also stated that notice of the beginning of the overlay work would be given.

Commissioner Butts discussed the contractor's starting the resurfacing late, there being 3 months of delays, and possibly moving to the next bidder because the current contractor was not fulfilling the terms of the contract.

There was a discussion about the delays in repaving streets and the frustrations it was causing. Mr. Tobar stated the contract had to be finished by December 31<sup>st</sup>, and the next lowest bid was \$600,000 greater.

There was a discussion about the terms of the contract not being violated technically because the company was working within the requirements of the contract and also about imposing a level of accountability for the contractor, even within the allotted time frame.

Commissioner Strickland discussed the litter pickup requirement in the right of way mowing contract not being followed and asked the County Manager to contact the mowing company with the county's expectations.

Commissioner Butts discussed putting in a work order to clean a ditch.

Commissioner Davis discussed clearing a ditch on Shana Drive; the overgrown ditch flooded.

Commissioner Little discussed cleaning a ditch on Medlin Road, he would put in a work order.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Carlos Tobar gave his report updating the commissioners on the:  
2024 CDBG sewer line replacement/housing rehab multi-activity grant including that the three houses on Marion Street had been completed;  
Contract for the low cost spay and neuter clinic with Paws for Georgia should be ready for the next meeting;  
Walter B. Williams trail was complete with the exception of the signage, there were over 8 miles of trails;  
there would be a ribbon cutting for the ballfield lights and the pickleball courts next Tuesday at the courts;

- First shipment of equipment for Coopers Park splashpad had been sent and the features would be sent later;  
2024 CHIP grant contracts for rehabbing three houses had been signed, rehab would start August 9th;  
Fire hydrants were being inspected county wide;  
He went on a sustainability tour with Georgia College and the county was doing a lot of unique things that were also beneficial to other governments such as the Land Bank and the heirs' property program.

There was a discussion about working with the Georgia Heirs Properties Loss Center and that the county was working on the fourth one.

There was a discussion about not allowing use of the pickleball courts before the ribbon cutting on Tuesday.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Desiree Liggins addressed the commissioners regarding paving Sydney Butts Road, asking when the contractor would be on site, for the order of roads, and for the completion dates. She discussed accountability and the types of resurfacing being done on the various streets. She notified the commissioners of the need for cutting the ditch at the Highway 22 and 24 split. She discussed ensuring that the low cost spay and neutering program would be done humanely. She discussed helping a man on the low-cost housing list and asked what the county was doing to help people with rent and mortgages.

Maurice Liggins addressed the commissioners regarding the road program; he claimed it was being mismanaged and that he and his wife had 17 years of experience with contracts. He further stated that contractors had to be held accountable and parameters had to be set. He claimed the commissioners' unconscious bias would lead to bad leadership decisions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Hall made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation, property acquisition, and personnel. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners went into closed session at 7:11 PM.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner Hall made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Butts to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously and the commissioners returned to open session at 8:20 PM.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution to resolve a tax dispute with Washington County. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the agenda was amended to add the resolution.

The resolution was presented as follows:



RESOLUTION R 2025-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE REGARDING TITLE AD VALOREM TAXES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WITNESSETH:

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

WHEREAS, Washington County improperly collected title ad valorem taxes from Fowler-Flemister Concrete, Inc;

WHEREAS, the title ad valorem taxes collected by Washington County should have been paid to Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-17 affords Baldwin County the opportunity to file a petition in superior court to seek a determination and judgment that Baldwin County is entitled under the law to the title ad valorem taxes.

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. Authorization to Legal Counsel. The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its County Attorney and the law firm of Smith, Welch, Webb & White, LLC to take all actions necessary or convenient toward seeking the title ad valorem taxes at issue including, but not limited to, filing a Petition in Superior Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-17 to seek a determination and judgment that the title ad valorem taxes are due to Baldwin County. The County Attorney and the law firm of Smith, Welch, Webb & White, LLC is further authorized to take all such other legal actions as may be necessary or convenient toward protecting the rights of Baldwin County related to the title ad valorem taxes at issue as may be necessary by law.
3. Additional Documents, Attestation, and Authorization. The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, County Attorney, and other County personnel to assist in all legal endeavors related to the purpose for this Resolution, including investigation, processing, and filing of petitions, lawsuits, motions, and any other action that may be necessary.
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 15th day of July, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Honorable Andrew Strickland, Chairman  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County, Georgia

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize legal action to resolve a dispute regarding title ad valorem taxes. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the resolution was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The July 15 2025 Baldwin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Submitted,

  
Andrew Strickland, Chairman  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Bo Danuser, County Clerk  
Baldwin County Georgia

