



BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING

April 7, 2025

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

11:30 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Andrew Strickland, Chairman

Scott Little

Emily C. Davis

Sammy Hall

Kendrick Butts

OTHERS

Carlos Tobar

Brandon Palmer

Dawn Hudson

Bo Danuser

CALL TO ORDER

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners Chairman Andrew Strickland called the April 7, 2025 called commission meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Agenda Amendment

Commissioner Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution R-2025-33 making a budget amendment to cover the increased expenditure of having the District Attorney prosecute code violations in the Magistrate Court. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the agenda was amended unanimously.

Resolution R-2025-32

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated the county needed someone to prosecute code violations and the District Attorney was willing to do it.

Resolution R-2025-32 was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATING A
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY ORDINANCES IN THE MAGISTRATE
COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WITNESSETH:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to OCGA § 15-10-66, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners ("Board of Commissioners") may designate an attorney to act as the prosecuting attorney for violations of county ordinances in the Magistrate Court of Baldwin County;

WHEREAS, T. Wright Barksdale III, District Attorney for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit has agreed to prosecute violations of county ordinances in the Baldwin County Magistrate Court;

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. Designation of Magistrate Court Prosecuting Attorney. The Board of Commissioners hereby designates T. Wright Barksdale III, District Attorney for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit, or any of his designees, to act as the prosecuting attorney for violations of County ordinances in the Magistrate Court of Baldwin County.
3. 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.
4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. Any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution this day passed be and they are hereby repealed.
5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 7th day of April, 2025.

BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Honorable Andrew Strickland
Chairman, Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser
Baldwin County Clerk

There was a discussion about authorizing the District Attorney to prosecute ordinance violations in Magistrate Court when there was a fine.

Motion Mr. Hall to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution R-2025-33

RESOLUTION 2025-33
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE 2025-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Georgia is required by the laws of the State of Georgia to prepare, adopt and to operate under an annual balanced budget commencing January 1st of each Fiscal Year; and,

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commissioners has designated the Finance Director to prepare and submit a balanced operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director presented a balanced Proposed 2025 Operating Budget for Baldwin County at a scheduled public hearing to solicit public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners adopted the proposed budget;
and

WHEREAS, any amendments to said Budget after Final Adoption shall be made as follows:

Any increase in Appropriations in any Fund for a Department,
whether through a change in Anticipated Revenues in any Fund
or through a transfer of Appropriations among Departments,
shall require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the original budget; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby formally amend the Original 2025 Operating Budget for Baldwin County as required above.

This 7th day of April, 2025.

Andrew Strickland, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bo Danuser, County Clerk

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson discussed making the budget amendment necessary to cover the additional cost of having the District Attorney prosecute ordinance violation cases in Magistrate Court; each of 4 Assistant District Attorneys would receive a stipend of \$5,000 for a total of \$20,000 from fund balance.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Little made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The commission went into closed session at 11:50 PM.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting at 1:04 PM. Commissioner Little seconded them motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners returned to open session at 1:04 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Little made a motion to adjourn the April 7, 2025 called commission meeting at 1:05 PM. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

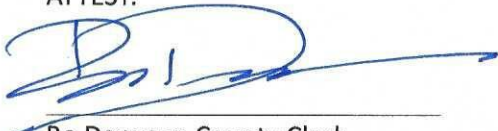
The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Submitted,



Andrew Strickland, Chairman
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County, Georgia