

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

**RESOLUTION # 2025-080
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 90-449, PROVIDING FOR A DETERMINATION
BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION RELATING TO A REQUEST FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE FORK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Act No. 90-449, 1990 Regular Session [Acts 1990, Vol. 1, p. 634] provided for a levy of a 1½ mill tax on all property located in Baldwin County, Alabama, to be distributed among qualified fire departments in Baldwin County, Alabama, based upon the outcome of a referendum election; and

WHEREAS, the required and aforesaid referenced referendum election was held on June 26, 1990, wherefore a majority of the qualified electors, voting at such election and in Baldwin County, Alabama, voted for said tax; and

WHEREAS, within Act No. 90-449, Section 3 provides as follows:

“Section 3. (a) Fire departments which participate in the distribution of tax proceeds shall expend such funds only for the acquisition of fire trucks, fire stations, fire equipment, communications, fire training, fire vehicle and station insurance, oil, gas, hydrants, utilities, and vehicle or station repair. Such funds shall not be used to pay salaries, purchase food or drink, or to hold fund raising projects.

“(b) Any exceptions to the above spending guidelines must be approved by the Baldwin County Fire Chiefs Association and the Baldwin County Commission.”

; and

WHEREAS, the White House Fork Volunteer Fire Department is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama and remains qualified to receive proceeds derived from Act No. 90-449 and, furthermore, has presented a written request (attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**) for the consideration of the Baldwin County Commission to approve the utilization of its proceeds of said taxes as security for repayment of a loan not to exceed \$597,577.00 (and the repayment of said loan’s applicable interest) for the purchase of one (1) Rosenbauer Pumper, complete with Freightliner Chassis (Stock #19060) at a cost of \$597,577.00; and

WHEREAS, this honorable county governing body, pursuant to Act No. 90-449, has reviewed the aforementioned written request, as well as the accompanying instrument indicating

the required approval of the Baldwin County Fire Chiefs' Association related to the same (attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**), and finds that such remains an exception to the spending guidelines set forth in said Act No. 90-449 and seeks to provide its approval to said spending exception; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the White House Fork Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized to use its proceeds of taxes derived by Act No. 90-449 as security for repayment of a loan not to exceed \$597,577.00 (and the repayment of said loan's applicable interest) for the purchase of one (1) Rosenbauer Pumper, complete with Freightliner Chassis (Stock #19060) at a cost of \$597,577.00; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that this instrument, codified as *Resolution #2025-080 of the Baldwin County Commission*, shall in no way obligate the Baldwin County Commission as to the loan sought by the White House Fork Volunteer Fire Department as hereinabove referenced, or any loan, sought or secured by the White House Fork Volunteer Fire Department.

DONE, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 18th day of February 2025.

Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie, Chairman

ATTEST:

Roger H. Rendleman, County Administrator