



Baldwin County Commission
Work Session and Regular
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Baldwin County Administration Building, County Commission Meeting Chambers
322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

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PRE-MEETING WORK SESSION (9:00 AM)

Present: 4 - Commissioner James E. Ball, Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie,
Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, and Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Absent: 0

Also present were Roger Rendleman, County Administrator, Mark Acreman, Assistant County Engineer, and Brad Hicks, County Attorney.

The Baldwin County Commission met for a work session (pre-Commission meeting) on April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Baldwin County Administration Building, County Commission Meeting Chambers.

WELCOME, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Following the Invocation by Brian Peacock, CIS Director, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman McKenzie.

REVIEW OF ITEMS AND SETTING OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Review and discussion of items on the Regular meeting agenda. The Commission will set the Consent Agenda for the Regular meeting, determining the order of items for consideration with any additions, removals and/or replacements as presented.

CA4 - Commissioner Ball requested Item CA4 be pulled for further review. It was decided that Item CA4 would be removed from the Agenda.

CE9 - Mark Acreman, Assistant County Engineer, explained the project includes removing vegetation and moving and resetting fencing in preparation for utility

relocations and construction.

CM1 - Tara Hazelbaker, Finance Director, explained the revisions to Policy 8.21 are needed to clean up verbiage and remove geographic restrictions regarding investments. She noted a request for proposals is forthcoming to evaluate options for excess cash reserves.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

None.

SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Staff Report by DJ White, Fleet Manager

Mr. White discussed the inventory of the Baldwin County fleet vehicles and equipment and creating maintenance files which allows preventative maintenance to be more efficiently scheduled and maintenance costs to be tracked.

Discussion took place regarding the frequency of cycling outdated and surplus equipment.

FE1 - Request for Renovations of Courtroom No. 1 and Judge's Suite in the Baldwin County Courthouse located in Bay Minette

Commissioner Ball requested Item FE1 be discussed during the work session due to scheduling conflicts.

Scott Taylor, Circuit Judge, discussed the proposed renovations to his offices in the Bay Minette Courthouse which include improving the functionality of the space, safety measures for staff, inmates and the public, and replacing carpeting.

Discussion took place regarding the use of ARPA funds or surplus mental health funds for the requested renovations.

It was decided to add Item FE1 to the Consent Agenda. Wanda Gautney, Purchasing Director, will submit a revised agenda item for the Regular Meeting with a recommendation for the Commission to approve a contract for the necessary renovations.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Brad Hicks, County Attorney, said there are two items for the Commissioners to discuss in an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OF PRE-MEETING WORK SESSION

Mr. Hicks recommended the Commission adjourn the meeting and convene in an executive session to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market

value of real property.

Mr. Hicks noted the Commission will not need to reconvene the work session after the executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, in accordance with Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7, to adjourn into an executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, Billie Jo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Chairman McKenzie said the work session will not reconvene. The Regular meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING (10:00 AM)

Present: 3 - Commissioner James E. Ball, Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie, and Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

Also present were Roger Rendleman, County Administrator, Mark Acreman, Assistant County Engineer, and Brad Hicks, County Attorney.

WELCOME, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Following the Invocation by Pastor Don Hutchinson with First Methodist Church, Bay Minette, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Gruber, the Commission transacted the following business to-wit:

A ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to adopt the minutes of the March 18, 2025, Baldwin County Commission Regular Meeting.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

B COMMITTEE REPORTS

BA FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

BA1 Payment of Bills

[25-0613](#)

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, to approve payment of the bills and distribution of taxes which are listed in the Baldwin County Accounts Payable Payments.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

BA2 Ratification of Interim Payments as Allowed by Policy 8.1

[25-0612](#)

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, to ratify interim payments approved by the Clerk / Treasurer and signed by the Chairman of the County Commission.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

C CONSENT

Chairman McKenzie noted Item CA4 has been removed from the Agenda and Item FE1 has been added to the Consent Agenda with modifications from the Purchasing Director.

Motion by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item CA4 which has been removed from the Agenda, and including Item FE1 with modifications by the Purchasing Director.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

CA ADMINISTRATION

CA1 Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort - 2025 Memorial Day Event

[25-0602](#)

Related to the Alabama State Veterans Cemetery 2025 Memorial Day Event at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort on Monday, May 26, 2025, take the following actions:

1) Make a determination that public purposes are served by and through the Baldwin County Commission expending County public funds and/or other County public assistance/in kind assistance, to aid with the Memorial Day Event including, but not limited to, the provision of Baldwin Regional Area Transit System (BRATS) public transportation, 200 chairs, tent, portable PA system, podium, stage, and stage skirting for use by the public. Public purposes include the promotion of veterans and all branches of the United States Armed Services for their contributions and sacrifices, at a permanent public memorial cemetery, as well as civic purposes and recreational purposes benefiting the general public; and

2) Authorize the provision of BRATS public transportation for a total cost of \$388.00 (to be donated by Baldwin County BRATS Department and not reimbursed by another County Department) and the provision of chairs, tent, portable PA system, stage, and stage skirting for use by the public for a total cost of \$2,662.50 as paid from the Commission Contingency Budget.

CA2 Tent Rental for Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Event

[25-0642](#)

Authorize the expenditure of \$1,576.25 for rental of a 40'x60' tent from A Grand Affair for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Event on May 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Law Enforcement Memorial Park in Robertsedale, Alabama.

CA3 Case No. LV-25002 - Alcohol License Application for LVPAL LLC d/b/a TA Robertsedale

[25-0638](#)

Approve the transfer and issuance of 040 - Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 - Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) licenses by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board from Oasis Travel Center LLC d/b/a Derailed Diner, located at 27801 County Road 64 Extension, Robertsedale, Alabama 36567, to LVPAL LLC d/b/a TA Robertsedale, located at 27801 County Road 64 Extension, Robertsedale, Alabama 36567.

CA4 AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc. - Reappointment(s)

[25-0650](#)

Removed from the Agenda.

CA5 Cindy Haber Center, Inc. - Reappointment(s)

[25-0645](#)

As it relates to the Cindy Haber Center, Inc., adopt Resolution #2025-096 which:

- 1) Reappoints Ms. Julie Shiver Jackson as a member of the Board of Directors, for a six (6) year term, said term continuing from April 1, 2025, and expiring April 1, 2031; and
- 2) Reappoints Ms. Norma Giles, as a member of the Board of Directors, for a six (6) year term, said term continuing from April 1, 2025, and expiring April 1, 2031.

CA6 Ono Island Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority - Reappointment(s)

[25-0649](#)

Related to the Ono Island Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority, reappoint Mr. Rudolph Peter Stritzinger, III, to the board (Place Seat #1) for a six (6) year term, said term continuing from March 1, 2025, and expiring March 1, 2031.

CA7 Revision of Baldwin County Commission Policy #2.6 - Alcohol License Applications

[25-0611](#)

Adopt the revised Baldwin County Commission Policy #2.6 - Alcohol License Applications.

CB **ANIMAL CONTROL**

CB1 Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Babette Dixon for Rabies Clinics

[25-0615](#)

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Professional Services Agreement between Dr. Babette Dixon and the Baldwin County Commission for rabies clinics. This agreement commences on April 1, 2025, and continues for a period of two (2) years expiring on April 1, 2027, with an automatic renewal for one additional one (1) year term, expiring on April 1, 2028.

This Agreement hereby supersedes and replaces in its entirety the original Agreement between Dr. Babette Dixon and the Baldwin County Commission, approved March 19, 2024.

CD **BALDWIN REGIONAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (BRATS)**

CD1 FY 2026 Section 5307/5339 Urbanized Area Public Transportation Grant Application

[25-0596](#)

Authorize Baldwin Regional Area Transit System (BRATS) staff to submit the Fiscal Year 2026 Urban Transportation Grant Application for Section 5307 Federal funds in the amount of \$702,515.00 and Section 5339 Federal funds in the amount of \$37,485.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) electronically through the required web-based portal "Transit Award Management System" (TrAMS).

CE BUDGET/PURCHASING

CE1 Competitive Bid #WG25-18 - Provision of Erosion Control Materials for the Baldwin County Commission. [25-0601](#)

Award Bid #WG25-18 for the Provision of Erosion Control Materials to the lowest responsible bidders, Baldwin Feed and Seed, LLC, Cleverdon Farms, Inc., and Evans & Company, Inc., per the Award Listings.

CE2 Competitive Bid #WG25-20 - Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance Services for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0597](#)

Award Bid #WG25-20 - Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance Services to the lowest bidder, Power Systems of MS, LLC, as per the Award Listing and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract. Contract effective immediately upon the same date as its full execution for twenty-four (24) months with the option to renew for one (1) additional twelve (12) months.

CE3 Competitive Bid #WG25-23 - Purchase and Installation of Intelligence Led Policing Equipment and Software for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office [25-0637](#)

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the specifications and authorize the Purchasing Director to place a competitive bid for the Purchase and Installation of Intelligence Led Policing Equipment and Software for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; and
- 2) Further, authorize the Chairman/Purchasing Division Commissioner for the Baldwin County Commission to approve any necessary addendums or clarifications if required after the bid is advertised.

CE4 Construction of New Outdoor Atrium at Baldwin County Courthouse Located in Bay Minette, Alabama, for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0643](#)

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Allowance Authorization No. 1 with Tindle Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,671.50 for exterior and interior temporary signage, with no change to the original contract amount, for the Construction of New Outdoor Atrium at the Baldwin County Courthouse located in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Allowance cost will be paid from contract contingency allowance that was included in the bid amount.

CE5 Contract Extension for Personal Property Consultant Services for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0603](#)

Extend the Contract for Personal Property Consultant Services with Lisa A. Hobart, LLC, for an additional twelve (12) months at the same prices, terms, and conditions stated in the original award approved May 2, 2023. The contract extension will expire on May 25, 2026.

CE6 Contract Extension for Unify Telephony System Maintenance and Support Services for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0608](#)

Extend the Contract for Unify Telephony System Maintenance and Support Services with Westridge Professional Services, Inc., for an additional twelve (12) months at the same prices, terms, and conditions stated in the original award approved on May 2, 2023. The new contract extension will expire on June 6, 2026.

CE7 Contract Related to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering / Environmental Services for County Road 13 and Corte Road Intersection Improvement Project for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0641](#)

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract with Gresham Smith for the Engineering / Environmental Services for the County Road 13 and Corte Road Intersection Improvement Project in the estimated amount of \$204,218.00.

CE8 Contract Related to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering / Environmental Services for Styx River Road Bridge Replacement Project for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0640](#)

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract with Gresham Smith for the Engineering / Environmental Services for Styx River Road Bridge Replacement Project in the estimated amount of \$97,734.00.

CE9 Project No. HW18068000 - County Road 64 Clearing and Grubbing for the Baldwin County Commission [25-0646](#)

Award the bid for Project No. HW18068000 - County Road 64 Clearing and Grubbing to the lowest bidder, Gibson Construction Services, LLC, in the Bid Amount of \$246,244.16; Construction Time: 60 working days; and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract.

CE10 Annual Pre-award Risk Assessment by ADCNR [25-0639](#)

Authorize the Chairman to execute the annual Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Subrecipient Risk Assessment questionnaire which allows ADCNR to determine a subrecipient's ability to carry out projects and comply with Federal and State statues, regulations, and the terms and conditions of subawards for purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring.

CE11 Resolution #2025-095 - Amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

[25-0636](#)

Adopt Resolution #2025-095 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (Resolution #2024-159 and Resolution #2024-158, adopted on September 17, 2024) in order to reallocate funding.

CK **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)**

CK1 FY 2025 Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward from Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

[25-0599](#)

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward in the amount of \$17,000.00 from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency; and
- 2) Authorize Chairman to execute the Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward Agreement and any related documents.

The period of performance for this grant is October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

CL **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

CL1 Application for Certificate of Exception from Garbage Pick-up

[25-0609](#)

As authorized by Section 22-27-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975, and without limitation, approve the Application for Certification of Exception from Garbage Pick-up, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, for the following individual:

Marcus Armstead
7942 Bertha Cleveland Road
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507
(Application Receipt No. 117870 - Commencing 03/13/2025)

CM **FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

CM1 Revision of Baldwin County Commission Policy 8.21 - Banking and Investment Policy

[25-0634](#)

Approve and adopt revised Baldwin County Commission Policy 8.21 - Banking and Investment Policy.

CN **GRANTS**

CN1 Extension of Professional Services Agreement with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. for Ventilation System Improvements in Foley Satellite Courthouse

[25-0566](#)

Approve the extension of the Professional Services Agreement with LaBella Associates, D.P.C., for a period of ninety (90) days, continuing from April 7, 2025, and ending July 6, 2025, to oversee the Foley Satellite Courthouse ventilation system improvements project that was awarded to Persons Services Corporation on August 6, 2024.

CO HIGHWAY

CO1 Transfer of Various Vehicles and Equipment

25-0558

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the Highway Department transferring the following vehicles and equipment to other Highway sections/locations at no cost:

2021 Ford F550 Service Truck - VIN# 1FDUF5HT3MEC71103
2021 Ford F550 Service Truck - VIN# 1FDUF5HT5MEC71104
2024 Ford F150 Pickup Truck - VIN# 1FTEW1LP6RKF31952
2025 Kenworth T880 Dump Truck - VIN# 1NKZXPTX3SJ160552; and

2) Authorize the Chairman to execute the Fixed Asset Change Forms.

CO2 Sale of Surplus Equipment on GovDeals.com

25-0624

Approve the sale of surplus equipment as listed in the attached "GovDeals.com Auction Equipment List" by the Highway, Parks and Building Maintenance Departments.

CR PERSONNEL

CR1 Animal Shelter - Employment of Two (2) Animal Control Officer Positions

25-0616

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the employment of Jessica Meinhardt to fill the open Animal Control Officer position (#608) at a grade 305 (\$16.20 per hour / \$33,696.00 annually); and

2) Approve the employment of Ryan Brown to fill the open Animal Control Officer position (#5355) at a grade 305 (\$16.20 per hour / \$33,696.00 annually).

These actions shall be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR2 Emergency Management Agency - Personnel Changes

25-0618

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the lateral transfer of Amanda Thweatt from the Logistics Division Manager position (#3074) grade S313 (\$55,057.60 annually) to fill the Operations Division

Manager position (#1044), with no change in salary; and

2) Approve the employment of Anna-Marie O'Brien to fill the open Emergency Management Specialist position (#5560) at a grade 309 (\$19.17 per hour / \$39,873.60 annually).

These actions shall be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR3 Highway Department (Bay Minette) - Personnel Changes

[25-0617](#)

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the employment of Gage Bringer to fill the open Operator Technician Trainee position (#5487) at a grade 306 (\$17.01 per hour / \$35,380.80 annually); and

2) Approve the employment of Gregory Robinson to fill the open Operator Technician I position (#5627) at a grade 308 (\$18.25 per hour / \$37,960.00 annually); and

3) Approve the promotion of Austin Butler from the Operator Technician I position (#5007) grade 308 (\$18.71 per hour / \$38,916.80 annually) to fill the open Operator Technician II position (#340) at a grade 309 (\$20.21 per hour / \$42,036.80 annually); and

4) Approve the promotion of Jacobie Knight from the Operator Technician I position (#5386) grade 308 (\$18.74 per hour / \$38,979.20 annually) to fill the open Operator Technician II position (#264) at a grade 309 (\$20.24 per hour / \$42,099.20 annually); and

5) Approve the lateral transfer of Keanna Knight from the Traffic Control Technician II (Sign) position (#5386) grade 309 (\$19.65 per hour / \$40,872.00 annually), in the Highway Traffic Operations Department (53135), to fill the open Operator Technician II position (#248), with no change in salary, in the Bay Minette Highway Department (53111).

These actions shall be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR4 Highway Department (Construction Engineering) - Promotion of Employee

[25-0623](#)

Approve the promotion of Johnathon Carter from the Engineering Technician I (Construction Option) position (#865) grade 310 (\$21.61 per hour / \$44,948.80 annually) to fill the vacant Engineering Technician II (Construction Option) position (#1071) at a grade 311 (\$23.34 per hour / \$48,547.20 annually) to be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR5 Highway Department (Maintenance Engineering) - Employment of One (1)

[25-0648](#)

Engineering Technician II Position

Approve the employment of Timothy Reid to fill the Engineering Technician II (Utilities Option) position (#5020) at a grade 311 (\$21.54 per hour / \$44,803.20 annually) to be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR6 Highway Department (Pre-Construction) - Employment of One (1) Design Technician I Position

[25-0647](#)

Approve the employment of Sierra Stilwell to fill the Design Technician I position (#5443) at a grade 310 (\$22.00 per hour / \$45,760.00 annually) to be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR7 Juvenile Detention Center - Employment of Three (3) Detention Worker I Positions

[25-0619](#)

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the employment of Elizabeth Wilbon to fill the open Detention Worker I position (#5760) at a grade 308 (\$19.00 per hour / \$39,520.00 annually); and
- 2) Approve the employment of Deja Banks to fill the open Detention Worker I position (#5009) at a grade 308 (\$19.00 per hour / \$39,520.00 annually); and
- 3) Approve the employment of Marissa Buchholz to fill the open Detention Worker I position (#5316) at a grade 308 (\$18.25 per hour / \$37,960.00 annually).

These actions shall be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR8 Planning and Zoning Department - Personnel Changes

[25-0620](#)

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the promotion of D. Kaylan Driskell from the Engineering Technician I position (#5765) grade 310 (\$25.50 per hour / \$53,040.00 annually) to fill the open Engineering Technician II position (#1072) at a grade 311 (\$27.54 per hour / \$57,283.20 annually); and
- 2) Approve the employment of Michael Sharp to fill the Project Coordinator (PZ) position (#5380) at a grade S317 (\$95,056.00 annually), with said salary due to experience; and
- 3) Approve the employment of Barrett Guy to fill the Engineering Technician I position (#5765) grade 310 (\$23.50 per hour / \$48,880.00 annually) , with said salary due to experience.

These actions shall be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CR9 Probate Office - Promotion of Employee

25-0621

Approve the promotion of Shana Pimperl from Recording Officer I (#309) grade 306 (\$18.23 per hour / \$37,918.40 annually) to fill the Public Records Administrator position (#164) at a grade 313 (\$27.65 per hour / \$57,512.00 annually) to be effective no sooner than April 7, 2025.

CS PLANNING AND ZONING

CS1 Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission - Removal of Members

25-0654

As it relates to the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission, take the following actions:

- 1) Remove Mr. Glenn Seale from the Planning Commission in accordance with the Planning Commission bylaws at the request of Chairman Pumphrey and thank Mr. Seale for his prior civic service as a temporary one-time member of the Planning Commission for Planning District 37; and
- 2) Remove Mr. William (Bill) Booher from the Planning Commission as of the completion of his temporary one-time term for Planning District 19 that expired on July 6, 2024, and thank Mr. Booher for his prior civic service.

FE BUDGET/PURCHASING

FE1 *Renovations of Courtroom No. 1 and Judge's Suite in the Baldwin County Courthouse Located in Bay Minette, Alabama

25-0607

Take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the quote from Tindle Construction in the amount of \$45,630.00 for Renovations of Courtroom No. 1 located on the first floor of the Bay Minette Courthouse and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract and Certificate of Compliance; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Director to issue a Purchase Order to Delta Flooring in the amount of \$16,587.00 for the installation of new carpet in Judge Scott Taylor's office suite area; and
- 3) Authorize the use of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) balance in the total amount of \$62,217.00 for both projects.

D PRESENTATIONS

DA GENERAL

Sheriff Anthony Lowery presented Lifesaver Awards to the following deputies for their life-saving efforts on May 15, 2024, assisting the Alabama Marine Police at Gravine Island with a woman who had been injured in a boating accident:

Deputy Brandon Chain
Deputy Delaney Thomas
Deputy Jacob Bridges

Sheriff Lowery introduced the recent graduates from the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC), Deputy Nicole Thomas who graduated from APOSTC in December 2024, and Deputy Jason Cohen who graduated from APOSTC in February 2025.

The Commissioners thanked the Sheriff and the deputies for their dedication and service to the citizens of Baldwin County.

Sheriff Lowery commented on the passing of Captain Darren Williamson and his work with the BCSO, and Major Steve Arthur's 50th anniversary in law enforcement.

Deputy Landon Pickett provided a presentation regarding the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Cadet Program, designed to prepare youths for a career in law enforcement and leadership. Members of the current program consist of the following high school students in Baldwin County who are also members of the Public Safety Cadet Program:

Alex Foster - Baldwin County High School
Fernan Mendez - Fairhope High School
Chance Abadilla - Robertsedale High School
Noah Yokley - Spanish Fort High School
Kayliegh Sprute - Fairhope High School
Mackenzie Watson - Baldwin County High School
Trinity Smith - Virtual School
Matthew Festa - Homeschooled
Joshua Rinna - Elberta High school
Shelby Cantrell - Homeschooled
William Harpin - Homeschooled
Levi Whitt - Elberta High School
Enyerber Duenas - Foley High School
Valerie Godwin - Virtual School

Sheriff Lowery commended the cadets for attending their first competition with

only five months to train and placing in the following categories:

Burglary in Progress: 3rd place
Response to Disturbance: 3rd place
Crime Scene: 2nd place
Response to Active Threat: 2nd place
Unknown Problem: 1st place
Unknown Risk Traffic Stop: 1st place

DA2 Proclamation - National Telecommunicators / Communication Officers
Week - April 13-19, 2025

[25-0633](#)

After Roger Rendlemen, County Administrator, read the proclamation, Chairman McKenzie presented the Proclamation to Sheriff Anthony Lowery and members of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

Sheriff Lowery thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and Baldwin County 9-1-1 and discussed the important role of telecommunicators in law enforcement.

Later in the meeting, the Commission took the following action:

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2025, as National Telecommunicators / Communication Officers Week in Baldwin County, Alabama.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood
Abstain: 0

Chairman McKenzie discussed the important role of Communications Officers who are the first responders for citizens who contact 9-1-1. He thanked the men and women in this role for the work they do.

DA3 Resolution #2025-089 - Recognizing the Stockton Five Arts Club 100th
Year Anniversary

[25-0565](#)

After Commissioner Ball read the resolution, he presented it to members of the Stockton Five Arts Club.

Ms. Georgene Connor, co-chair of the Stockton Five Arts Club 100th year anniversary celebration, discussed the Club's impact in Stockton and North Baldwin County.

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, to

adopt Resolution #2025-089 which honors and commends the Stockton Five Arts Club for its active community involvement and promotion of arts in North Baldwin County for 100 years.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

DA4 Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month - April 2025

[25-0614](#)

After Chairman McKenzie read the proclamation, he presented it to Ms. Nikki Whittaker, Director of the Child Advocacy Center and Care House, Ms. Rhyon Ervin, Executive Director of The Lighthouse, Ms. Diane Zills, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Counseling Specialist, and Ms. Tiffany Givens, member of the Sexual Assault Response Team.

Ms. Whittaker discussed the number of children served this year and thanked the Commissioners, the Sheriff's Office, and law enforcement partners for their support.

Ms. Ervin thanked the Commissioners for the Proclamation on behalf of The Lighthouse Board of Directors and the team of advocates at The Lighthouse.

Ms. Zills discussed the importance of community support and the opportunity for The Lighthouse to collaborate with Infirmary Systems and the Baldwin County District Attorney's Office.

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2025 as "Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month" and "Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

E PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

F OTHER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

G ADDENDA

None.

H PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

I PRESS QUESTIONS

None.

J COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commissioners provided their closing comments.

K ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball to adjourn the April 1, 2025, Baldwin County Commission Regular meeting at 10:54 a.m.

The April 1, 2025, Baldwin County Commission Regular meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew P. McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.