Baldwin County Commission

Baldwin County Commission Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 25, 2019 8:30 AM

Baldwin County 1809

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

District 1 – Commissioner James E. Ball

District 2 - Commissioner Joe Davis, III

District 3 – Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

District 4 - Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Wayne A. Dyess, County Administrator

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WELCOME, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present 3 - Commissioner James E. Ball, Commissioner Joe Davis III, and

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Absent 1 - Commissioner BillieJo Underwood

Also present were, Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, and David Conner, County Attorney.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. After the Invocation by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner James E. Ball, the Commission transacted the following business to-wit:

GENERAL

Insert Special Meeting Call Letter into the Record

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to insert the July 25, 2019, Baldwin County Commission Special Meeting Call Letter into the record.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - BillieJo Underwood

Abstain: 0

Consider the authorization by the County Commission (County) pursuant to Amendment
No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of
a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents
by the County to be entered by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development
Alliance, Inc. (BCEDA), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in
order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property

After Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, read the staff recommendation, David Conner, County Attorney, said this is a transfer of the Mega-site property currently owned by Baldwin County to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (BCEDA), for the purpose of allowing for the construction of certain improvements on the property, including railway, site prep, and other items related to the needs of that site to provide facilities and location to a potential candidate for the future. BCEDA has applied for and received a certification from the Alabama Department of Revenue, that they are the appropriate entity to receive funds and assist in the development of this property. Part of the application process required that they be the owner of the site and they are seeking donations and other funding in order to perform this work. It will not be at a cost to the County, but will be a great benefit to the County. As part of the package there are two sets of documents, one for the Crosby property and another for the Catawba property. There are two deeds, transfer agreements, and grants of option to purchase. Mr. Conner described the documents and concluded with the whole intent of this being that the BCEDA is attempting to assist in the construction of the improvements to enhance the site to assist the County Commission, at no cost to the County Commission.

There is also a provision in the resolution that requires the County Commission, under Constitutional Amendments 750 and 772, to make certain declarations in the resolution. Mr. Conner read for the record the portion of the resolution to be adopted by the Commission, with the following declarations:

"Further, be it resolved, that, respecting Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, the Baldwin County Commission, by this instrument, a resolution of the Baldwin County Commission, as adopted during the July 25, 2019, specially called (public) meeting of the Baldwin County Commission provides respective determinations by said county governing body that the individual action (transfer), as above referenced, which involves respective expenditure (grant) of public things of value to a firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any respective incidental benefit accruing to any private entity, said respective determinations as follows:

As above recited, the transfer of the Crosby Property and Catawba Property to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with certain improvements to be made to the properties which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements, and other infrastructure improvements."

Mr. Conner said pursuant to the Constitutional provisions, the Commission must make this determination, notice the meeting prior to the passage of the resolution, so as a part of the resolution the Commission will be making that determination that this serves a sufficient public purpose in accordance with those Constitutional Amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt Resolution #2019-133, authorizing the transfer of certain property owned by Baldwin County to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County; and
- 2) Approve the Transfer Documents, subject to any changes deemed necessary by the Chairman and the County Attorney; and
- 3) Authorize the Chairman, the County Administrator and Staff to execute any documents or take any action deemed necessary to affect said transfer of property.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - BillieJo Underwood

Abstain: 0

After the motion, before the vote, Mr. Conner said there is no public hearing required as he understands; he just wants to make this clear.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Francis Ripp appeared before the Commission and said he is with the Ripp Report. Mr. Ripp said it is obvious by looking at the crowd that not many people know what is going on. If it wasn't for the Lagniappe article, no one would know what is going on. There is very little information as to what is going on. Mr. Ripp said personally, when he sees a special meeting, he automatically sees red flags. There is not enough time for public participation, the special meeting is supposed to show some sort of planning. Why is the Commission proposing to do something this day for something they need to apply for in four days? Mr. Ripp says he does not understand the planning there. Mr. Ripp asked why wasn't this applied for in the past? Why now? He does feel the Commission needs to do this, they needed to do it a long time ago. Mr. Ripp further commented on the sales price and asked if the incentives will be passed on because there is a contract or are they going to increase the bargaining power for the property? The Commission paid \$32 million for the property. What if it lost by not having that money? Mr. Ripp said upper Baldwin County deserves to be developed. He looks at the Commission as the land owner representing the people of the county and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance as the sales agent. They have been here seven years without a sale. The Commission has one group that is trying to sell something that is \$32 million. They will put \$7 million in it and it will cost the Commission \$2 million by the time it gets the \$7 million in. Mr. Ripp said he wonders why nothing is being located in Baldwin County. Why has there not been another consultant that could sell the property? Why is the Commission not looking at another consultant in addition to the BCEDA?

The County needs an aggressive sales agent. It is not fair to the consumers that one agency is trying to pull this off. When is the sales contract going to end? Mr. Ripp said he has listened to Mr. Lee Lawson, President and CEO, Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, over the Fairhope airport and the K-1 Center and nothing has come from it. Mr. Ripp further commented on the BCEDA assisting the municipalities with their projects and said the Commission should consider other consultants or sales agents to work on the project.

Chairman Gruber said the BCEDA has been very active on the site. When you are dealing with the type of industry that would locate there, you have to go find them. They do not advertise and the Commission has to sign a letter of confidentiality. This is very competitive and the Commission is trying to make the site a lot better. BCEDA is working on this every day. They helped to bring UTC to the City of Foley. There is a lot that the BCEDA has done in Baldwin County, but so far, the companies looking have gotten a better deal somewhere else. The companies are looking for the very best deal they can get and hopefully this will help Baldwin County.

Mr. Ripp asked why not have other eyes and effort on it?

David Conner, County Attorney, said he cannot answer any questions regarding Fairhope. Mr. Ripp recognizes that these things for purposes of recruiting large industrial development type projects have to be done with a certain level of confidentiality and the law allows that to be done which means the citizens are not aware of everything that is going on behind the scenes. There are numerous agencies and consultants involved and one of the things the BCEDA is able to bring to the table that a real estate broker cannot, is the transaction that is taking place right now. Everybody has been working to get this done, they have been close on some projects but they have not gotten it yet. One of the things that were recognized to be helpful is this project and the BCEDA is bringing the \$7 million to the table, at no cost to the County. As it relates to a contract, there is no signed contract for this property at this time. The money has become available because of some funding that has been made available through the legislature. The mechanism that has been set up is for a group such as the BCEDA. There have been numerous contacts and meetings that take place all the time and just because the public does not know about it, does not mean people are not working on it. The County Commission gets involved when it is needed to address something, like today. As it relates to the notice requirements, it was determined that a special meeting needed to be held and notice was published in the newspaper, county website, and at least one article was published. In addition, Mr. Conner said he wants to assure Mr. Ripp that the BCEDA is doing its part but they are not the only group involved. The County Commission is working with everyone to make this happen.

Mr. Ripp asked about a contract, to which Mr. Conner replied there is no contract at this time. Mr. Ripp asked if there is a letter of intent, to which Mr. Conner said he cannot answer that right now. He is not aware if there is a letter out there or not, but it would be confidential if there was. Any contract and its terms would have to be approved by the County Commission in a public meeting, there is nothing active on the site at this time requiring the Commission's action. The meeting today is televised, it will be out there for the public to see. The BCEDA has been out there negotiating and working and will continue to do that and eventually it will happen.

Mr. Ripp said the property has not been "shovel ready" over the years and he feels this will help. He cannot believe that there are not very skilled, highly qualified consultants that can help the BCEDA with this. Mr. Ripp said he understands Mr. Conner and does not think there are any back-door deals going on.

PRESS QUESTIONS

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ball said he would like the extend his sincere thanks to Mr. Lee Lawson, President and CEO, Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance (BCEDA), and all involved for making this happen. Countless hours have gone into this and Mr. Lawson is doing his best job in making sure this is all done right. Commissioner Ball said he has full faith in Mr. Lawson and his company and all involved.

Commissioner Davis said he concurs with what Commissioner Ball is saying. Economic development is not only about bringing in brand new things and opportunities, it is also about helping those that are in existence now, growing the county's existing businesses and creating job opportunities and growth that will not impact just now but well into the future. Mr. Lawson and others are all involved in moving it forward and it is all in need to know basis. This is a process and it takes everyone working together. The Commissioners are brought in the loop when they are needed. Commissioner Davis said he is confident in the BCEDA and certainly in Mr. Lawson. From Commissioner Davis' prospective, it is about jobs and the opportunities for the citizens to progress. That is the reason the Commission does its part and trusts and is confident of those who handle the day-to-day details.

Chairman Gruber thanked everyone for coming today.

ADJOURNMENT

David Conner, County Attorney, said the Commission needs to go to an executive session and with no action needing to be taken today, it can adjourn from the executive session.

Mr. Conner recommended the Commission enter into an executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees; to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action; and 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. Conner said Brad Hicks, Conflicts Counsel, is here to make the oral declaration.

Mr. Hicks appeared before the Commission and said he is an attorney licensed in the State of Alabama and the planned discussion complies with the reasons stated under the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Conner said the executive session will last approximately 20 minutes.

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to adjourn into an executive session at 9:02 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes, to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees; to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action; and 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: 3 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - BillieJo Underwood

Abstain: 0

Chairman Gruber said the Commission will adjourn into an executive session at 9:02 a.m.

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July 16, 2019

MEMBERS

DISTRICT 1. JAMES E. BALL.
2. JOE DAVIS, III
3. BILLIE JO UNDERWOOD
4. CHARLES F. GRUBER

Mr. Wayne Dyess County Administrator Baldwin County Commission 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12

Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Dear Mr. Dyess:

Pursuant to Section 11-3-8 (b), <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u>, "A county commission may schedule a special meeting [of the Baldwin County Commission] when determined necessary in writing by a majority of the members of the commission, or in the case of an emergency, upon call of the chair."

Therefore, taking into account the aforementioned, coupled with the fact that this request is not styled an emergency, please be advised that a majority of members of the Baldwin County Commission have determined in writing and by this instrument that it is necessary to conduct a Special Meeting of the Baldwin County Commission for the date/time/place as follows:

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:30 a.m.

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

The purpose for the special meeting is to:

- [1] Consider the authorization by the County Commission (County) pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County to be entered by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (BCEDA), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property.
- [2] In addition, the County Commission will take any other action deemed necessary related to the property transfer and consider and/or authorize any other actions necessary to conduct County business.

Please make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Special Meeting.

Sincerely,

Commissioner James E. Ball

Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Vice Chairman

Commissioner Joe Davis, III

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, Chairman

STATE OF ALABAMA)	
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)	

RESOLUTION #2019-133 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT NO. 750 AND/OR AMENDMENT NO. 772 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA 1901, AND RELATED TO THE PROMOTION OF LOCAL ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING FOR RESPECTIVE DETERMINATIONS BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION THAT A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE COUNTY, WILL, RESPECTIVELY, SERVE VALID AND SUFFICIENT PUBLIC PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the <u>Constitution of Alabama 1901</u> authorizes, among other things enumerated within said Amendment and for the promotion of local economic and industrial development, the Baldwin County Commission to lend its credit or grant public funds and things of value in aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, further, Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the <u>Constitution of Alabama 1901</u> provides that the authority provided by said Amendment be exercised only after the following has been accomplished:

- [1] The action proposed to be taken by the Baldwin County Commission is at a public meeting of the governing body of Baldwin County by resolution containing a determination by the Baldwin County Commission that the expenditure of public funds or granting of things of value for such purpose will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to any private entity or entities; and
- [2] At least seven days prior to the public meeting, a notice is published in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county describing in reasonable detail: [i] the action proposed to be taken, [ii] a description of the public benefits sought to be achieved by such action and [iii] identifying each individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity to whom or for whose benefit Baldwin County proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Baldwin County Commission has proposed the transfer of certain real property currently owned by the County to a firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that pursuant to the authority provided by Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, the Baldwin County Commission, by this instrument, a resolution of the Baldwin County Commission, authorizes the transfer of certain property currently owned by the County to a firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County, as listed below:

[1] The transfer by execution and delivery of a deed and any additional necessary documents of the following real property (the "Crosby Property") currently owned by Baldwin County to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.:

PARCEL A:

Section 23, T1S, R3E: SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; S 1/4; SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4

Section 26, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4; N 1/2 of the SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of the S the NW 1/4

Section 25, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the SW 1

Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

PARCEL B:

Section 25, T1S, R3E: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the NW 1 Section 23, T1S, R3E: N 1/2 of the NE 1/4; NW 1/4; N 1/2 of the S Section 22, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4; NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; E 1/2 of the SE 1/4; that part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying East that part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying East of Highway 47, Jac Section 14, T1S, R3E: All lying South of I-65

Section 11, T1S, R3E: All of the SE 1/4 lying south of I-65

PARCEL C:

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subject to those restrictions and conditions as described in said deed; and

[2] The transfer by execution and delivery of a deed and any additional necessary documents of the following real property (the "Catawba Property") currently owned by Baldwin County to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.:

> TRACT I: Lying and being in Sections 35, 36 and 26, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 35; thence run East along the South boundary line of said Section 35, a distance of 3620.7 feet to an intersection with the West right-of-way line of the Mobile and Montgomery Division of the Railroad of CSX Transportation, Inc., said West right-of-way line being parallel to and 50 feet from the center line of the main tract of said division; thence North 46°34' East with the said West right-of-way line, a distance of 5798 feet to an intersection with the line between the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West along said line, a distance of 1231.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence West, a distance of 5280 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence South a distance of 6600 feet to the point of beginning.

> TRACT II: Lying and being in Sections 35 and 36, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the center of said Section 36; thence running North a distance of 1270 feet to an intersection with the East right-of-way line, being parallel to and 50 feet from said center line of the main tract of said Division; thence South 46°34' West along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 5725.4 feet to an intersection with the South boundary line of said Section

35; thence East along said boundary line of Section 35, a distance of 2841.7 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 2640 feet to the corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence East a distance of 1320 feet to the center of said Section 36, the point of beginning.

TRACT III: Being all of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, being the same land conveyed by the Carney Lumber Company by a deed dated April 10, 1905, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 9, N.S., pages 111-113.

BEING all or part of the same property acquired by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, a predecessor of Grantor from the Louisville Property Company by deed dated February 1, 1908, and recorded in Deed Book 13, N.S., page 475.

LESS AND EXCEPT from Tracts I, II and III any portion thereof lying south of the CSX Transportation, Inc. railroad right-of-way.

subject to those restrictions and conditions as described in said deed.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that, respecting Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, the Baldwin County Commission, by this instrument, a resolution of the Baldwin County Commission, as adopted during the July 25, 2019, specially called (public) meeting of the Baldwin County Commission provides respective determinations by said county governing body that the individual action (transfer), as above referenced, which involves respective expenditure (grant) of public things of value to a firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of Baldwin County will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any respective incidental benefit accruing to any private entity, said respective determinations as follows:

[1] As above recited, the transfer of the Crosby Property and Catawba Property to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. shall serve a valid and sufficient public purpose for the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. to, among other things enumerated in the applicable Agreement with Baldwin County, provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with certain improvements to be made to the properties which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements, and other infrastructure improvements.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that, respecting Amendment No. 750 and/or Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, the Baldwin County Commission, at least seven days prior to the July 25, 2019, specially called (public) meeting of the Baldwin County Commission, provided notice, on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, as published in the newspapers having the largest circulation in Baldwin County, Alabama (Mobile Press Register and Gulf Coast Newspapers), which described in reasonable detail: [i] the action(s) proposed to be taken as identified by this instrument, [ii] respective description(s) of the public benefits sought to be achieved by such respective action(s) identified by this instrument and [iii] identified each individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity to whom or for whose benefit Baldwin County proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value as identified by this instrument, a copy of said notice attached to this instrument as **Exhibit "A."**

DONE, under the Seal of the County of Baldwin, at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 25^{th} day of July, 2019.

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, Chairman Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:

Wayne A. Dyess County Administrator

EXHIBIT A

TO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-133 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC MEETING OF
THE BALDWIN COUNTY
COMMISSION

Regarding Economic
Development Action Under
Alabama Constitutional
Amendment No. 772 and/or
Alabama Constitutional
Amendment No. 750 for
Baldwin County Economic
Development Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin County, Alabama (the "County") will meet in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "The Transfer Documents") to be entered by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the "BCEDA") to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property").

The Transfer Documents will be executed and delivered thereafter.

BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements.

Pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the County Commission will transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made.

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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared April M. Perry who, by me duly sworn, deposes and says that: she is the Legal Representative of the following newspaper listed below, a newspaper of GENERAL CIRCULATION, PUBLISHED and PRINTED in Baldwin County, Alabama, and that there was published in The Courier, The Islander, The Onlooker, & or The Baldwin Times in the issue/s of:

07/17/2019

a legal notice, a copy of which is hereto attached. The sum charged by the Newspaper for said publication does not exceed the lowest classified rate paid by commercial customers for an advertisement of similar size and frequency in the same newspaper(s) in which the public notice appeared.

There are no agreements between the Newspaper and the officer or attorney charged with the duty of placing the attached legal advertising notices whereby any advantage, gain or profit accrued to said officer or attorney.

April M. Perry, Legal Ad Representative

Amber Kimbler, Notary Public Baldwin County, Alabama

My commission expires April 10, 2022



AMBER KIMBLER My Commission Expires April 10, 2022

Sworn and subscribed to on 07/17/2019.

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION - LEGA

Acct#: 984131

Ad#: 301393

Economic Development Action

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As contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property.

The Transfer Documents will be issued and delivered by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Transfer Documents will be effective on the date of full execution and delivery of the Deed.

The County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience,

order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly benefit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose.

The County Commission expects to determine at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities.

All interested persons may examine and review the Transfer Documents and all relevant documents pursuant to which the deed is to be executed, and make copies thereof at personal expense, at the offices of the County Administrator of the County in the County Administration Building, Bay Minette, Alabama, during normal business hours, before and after the meeting of the County Commission referenced herein.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, at (251) 580-2550 or wayne.dyess@baldwincountyal.gov.

Further information concerning the information in this Notice may be obtained from the County Administrator of the County at the offices thereof in the County Administration Building during normal business hours. July 17, 2019



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Principal Clerk of the Publisher

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MATE OF ALACAMINING

LEGAL NOTICE

Notary Public

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION Regarding Economic Development Action
Under Alabama Constitutional Amendment No 772 and/or Alabama Constitutional Amendment

No. 750 Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. Notice is hereby given that the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Bald-win County, Alabama (the "County") will meet in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabarna 36507, for the purpose of consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "The Transfer Documents") to be entered by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the "BCE-DA') to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the sub-ject property (the "Property"). The Transfer Documents will be executed

and delivered thereafter. BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be

made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements

Pursuant to Amendment No 772 and/or No 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the County Commission will transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improve-ments to the Property can be made. As contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property.

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The County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly ben-efit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose.

The County Commission expects to determine at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connec-tion with the transactions described above will serve a valid and sufficient public pur-pose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities.

All interested persons may examine and review the Transfer Documents and all rele-vant documents pursuant to which the deed is to be executed, and make copies thereof at personal expense, at the offices of the at personal expense, at the offices of the County Administrator of the County in the County Administration Building, Bay Minette, Alabama, during normal business hours, before and after the meeting of the County Commission referenced herein. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, at (251) 580-2550 or wayne.dyess@baldwinco untval gov.

Further information concerning the information in this Notice may be obtained from the County Administrator of the County at the offices thereof in the County Administration Building during normal business hours PRESS REGISTER hily 17 7019

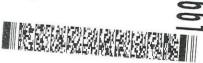


STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA HARRY D'OLIVE, JR. PROBATE JUDGE Filed/cert. 7/30/2019 8:16 AM TOTAL \$ 52.00 14 Pages



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WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the

County Commission has agreed to transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Documents are being issued and delivered by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Transfer Documents will be effective on the date of full execution and delivery of the Deed; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly benefit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Transfer Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the property made the subject of this Transfer Agreement is located in Baldwin County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: Lying and being in Sections 35, 36 and 26, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 35; thence run East along the South boundary line of said Section 35, a distance of 3620.7 feet to an intersection with the West right-of-way line of the Mobile and Montgomery Division of the Railroad of CSX Transportation, Inc., said West right-of-way line being parallel to and 50 feet from the center line of the main tract of said division; thence North 46°34' East with the said West right-of-way line, a distance of 5798 feet to an intersection with the line between the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West along said line, a distance of 1231.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence West, a distance of 5280 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 26; thence South a distance of 6600 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT II: Lying and being in Sections 35 and 36, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the center of said Section 36; thence running North a distance of 1270 feet to an intersection with the East right-of-way line, being parallel to and 50 feet from said center line of the main tract of said Division; thence South 46°34' West along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 5725.4 feet to an intersection with the South boundary line of said Section 35; thence East along said boundary line of Section 35, a distance of 2841.7 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 2640 feet to the corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence East a distance of 1320 feet to the center of said Section 36, the point of beginning.

TRACT III: Being all of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, being the same land conveyed by the Carney

Lumber Company by a deed dated April 10, 1905, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 9, N.S., pages 111-113.

BEING all or part of the same property acquired by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, a predecessor of Grantor from the Louisville Property Company by deed dated February 1, 1908, and recorded in Deed Book 13, N.S., page 475.

LESS AND EXCEPT from Tracts I, II and III any portion thereof lying south of the CSX Transportation, Inc. railroad right-of-way.

(Said lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Property".)

WITNESSETH

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, County Commission and BCEDA do hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The County Commission shall convey the Property described above to the BCEDA by statutory warranty deed in a form substantially similar to the form set forth in Exhibit A, subject to any changes deemed necessary by the County Commission.
- BCEDA has agreed to obtain funding necessary to complete the construction
 of certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access
 improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements.
- BCEDA shall be responsible for the payment of any costs or expenses related to the construction of the aforementioned improvements and shall obtain lien waivers from all contractors and subcontractors.
- 4. In the event any liens, encumbrances or other matters of record affect the title to the Property, except those matters of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed

the title to the Property to the BCEDA, BCEDA shall be responsible for taking any and all action deemed necessary to clear the title to the Property as set forth herein, including the payment of attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the County to clear the title to said Property.

- 5. The ultimate goal and purpose of the transfer of the Property is to allow BCEDA to assist in the construction of the aforementioned improvements, and the Property is to be conveyed back to the County, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- 6. Upon completion of the aforementioned improvements, BCEDA shall convey the Property back to the County.
- BCEDA shall also grant an option to purchase to the County on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the County.
- 8. In the event the County does not exercise the option to purchase described above, and BCEDA does not convey the Property back to the County in accordance with Paragraph 6 above, the Property shall revert back to the County as set forth in the deed from the County to BCEDA.
- 9. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, BCEDA SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY AND ANY COMMISSIONER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, AGENT, EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH 9 THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES ARE COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, OBLIGATIONS, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, SUITS, LOSSES, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIENS, JUDGMENTS AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS OF INVESTIGATION) OF ANY KIND, NATURE OR

DESCRIPTION RESULTING FROM ANY INJURIES TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON OR ANY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WHICH ARISES, OR IS CLAIMED TO ARISE FROM (I) AN INCIDENT OR EVENT WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN OR ON THE PROPERTY; OR (II) THE OPERATION OR CONDUCT OF BCEDA'S BUSINESS, CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, WORK OR ACTIVITIES ON THE PROPERTY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "CLAIMS"), UNLESS SUCH CLAIM IS THE RESULT OF OR CAUSED SOLELY BY THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE COUNTY. BCEDA SHALL, AT BCEDA'S SOLE COST AND EXPENSE, DEFEND SUCH CLAIM BY OR THROUGH ATTORNEYS REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNTY.

- 11. BCEDA shall maintain a minimum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in general liability insurance and shall provide such other insurance as may be deemed necessary by the County in such amounts as may be required by the County, and the County shall be named as an additional insured.
- 12. No assignment of this Agreement or any right or duty accruing under this Agreement shall be made, in whole or in part, by either party, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 13. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, each of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.
- 14. Each and every provision of this Agreement shall survive the closing or conveyance of the Property and shall not be nullified or affected by the closing or conveyance of the Property.

- 15. Time is of the essence as to all matters covered in this Agreement.
- 16. This Agreement and the documents referred to in this Agreement constitute the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior contracts or agreements, and there are no other conditions, covenants or agreements which shall be binding between the parties.
- 17. The parties hereto acknowledge that each party and its counsel have had the opportunity to review and revise this Agreement, and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments or exhibits hereto.
- 18. Words of any gender used in this Agreement shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in singular number shall be held to include the plural and vice versa, unless context requires otherwise. The captions used in connection with the sections of this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to construe or limit the meaning of the language contained in this Agreement, or be used in interpreting the meanings and provisions of this Agreement.
- 19. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Alabama, and the validity of the same, its construction, interpretation, enforcement and the rights of the parties hereunder, shall be determined under, governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Alabama, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions arising thereunder.
- 20. This Agreement shall be conditioned upon and subject to the approval of the Baldwin County Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and BCEDA have hereunto set their hands and seals on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

BCEDA:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation

By

LEE LAWSON
Its: President

COUNTY:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

By:

CHARLES F. GRUBER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN
I, And Gan, a Notary Public in and for said County in said
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State, hereby certify that LEE LAWSON, whose name as President of the BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, is signed
to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being
informed of the contents of such instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the
same voluntarily for and as the act of said non-profit corporation on the day the same bears date.
Given under my hand and seal this the Hay of July, 2019.
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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama
My Commission Expires:
My Commission Expire October 12, 2019
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN
I, And Gary , a Notary Public in and for said County in said
State, hereby certify that CHARLES F. GRUBER, whose name as Chairman of the BALDWIN
COUNTY COMMISSION, and WAYNE DYESS, whose name as County Administrator of the
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, the governing body of Baldwin County, Alabama, a political
subdivision of the State of Alabama, are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to
me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of such instrument,
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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

This instrument prepared by:

DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

WHEREAS, the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin County, Alabama (the "County") met in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "The Transfer Documents"), to be entered into by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the "BCEDA"), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the County Commission has agreed to transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made; and

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WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Deed.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day cash in hand paid to it by BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto the Grantee, subject to any matters set out below, the following described real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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a distance of 3620.7 feet to an intersection with the West right-of-way line of the Mobile and Montgomery Division of the Railroad of CSX Transportation, Inc., said West right-of-way line being parallel to and 50 feet from the center line of the main tract of said division; thence North 46°34' East with the said West right-of-way line, a distance of 5798 feet to an intersection with the line between the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West along said line, a distance of 1231.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Corner of said Section 36; thence West 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence West, a distance of 5280 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of

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LESS AND EXCEPT from Tracts I, II and III any portion thereof lying south of the CSX Transportation, Inc. railroad right-of-way.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the following:

- 1. Right of way granted Baldwin County in Deed Book 28, page 436.
- 2. Oil, gas and mineral lease, and all rights in connection therewith, by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company to Signal Company dated December 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 380, page 721.
- 3. Existing Power Transmission Line Rights of Way.
- 4. Restrictions, conditions, covenants and easements as contained in deed from CSX Transportation, Inc. to John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company dated September 28, 1988 and recorded in Real Property Book 335, page 1350.
- 5. Mineral Lease dated June 21, 1995 from Scott Paper Company to Callon Petroleum Operating Company and recorded in Real Property Book 636, page 1278.
- 6. Conveyance, Assignment and Bill of Sale from Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Appalachian Resources Management Company recorded at Real Property Book 636, page 1281.
- 7. Mineral Deed from Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Indigo Minerals, LLC dated December 1, 2007 and recorded at Instrument No. 1100189.
- 8. Assignment dated December 1, 2007 from Callon Petroleum Company and Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Indigo Minerals, LLC recorded at Instrument No. 1100190.
- 9. Conveyance dated January 1, 2011 from Indigo Minerals, LLC to Indigo Minerals II, LLC and recorded at Instrument No. 1280348.
- 10. Easements and rights set forth in Easement Deed by Court Order in Settlement of Landowner Action filed February 22, 2012 at Instrument No. 1326202.

- 11. All matters of public record and/or recorded or reflected in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Baldwin County, Alabama, and/or which could have reasonably been observed during inspection of the Property.
- 12. The terms and conditions of that certain Transfer Agreement between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, even date herewith.
- 13. The terms and conditions of that certain Grant of Option to Purchase between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, even date herewith.
- 14. In the event the Optionee does not exercise that certain Grant of Option to Purchase between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, or the Property is not conveyed back to Grantor pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Transfer Agreement between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, the Property conveyed to Grantee pursuant to this Statutory Warranty Deed dated July 26, 2019, shall revert back to the Grantor, and Grantee shall be divested of all title to the Property.

The recording references refer to the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, unless otherwise indicated.

Together with, all and singular, the rights, benefits, privileges, improvements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

This instrument prepared by BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C., at the direction of the Grantor without the benefit of a title search or survey.

Blackburn & Conner, P.C., represents the Grantor, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto caused this instrument to be executed on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

В	y: CHARLES F. GRUBER Its: Chairman
ATTEST:	
Wayne Dyess, County Administrator	

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I,State, hereby certify that CHARLES F. GRUBER COUNTY COMMISSION, and WAYNE DYESS BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, the governi subdivision of the State of Alabama, are signed to to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, bein they, as such officers and with full authority, execut commission on the day the same bears date.	S, whose name as County Ac ng body of Baldwin County, A the foregoing instrument and ng informed of the contents of	Iministrator of the Alabama, a political who are known to of such instrument,
Given under my hand and seal this the	day of	, 2019.
	Notary Public, Baldwin Co	ounty, Alabama

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

This instrument prepared by:

DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
HARRY D'OLIVE, JR. PROBATE JUDGE
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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

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WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Deed.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day cash in hand paid to it by BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto the Grantee, subject to any matters set out below, the following described real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

TRACT I: Lying and being in Sections 35, 36 and 26, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 35; thence run East along the South boundary line of said Section 35,

a distance of 3620.7 feet to an intersection with the West right-of-way line of the Mobile and Montgomery Division of the Railroad of CSX Transportation, Inc., said West right-of-way line being parallel to and 50 feet from the center line of the main tract of said division; thence North 46°34' East with the said West right-of-way line, a distance of 5798 feet to an intersection with the line between the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence West along said line, a distance of 1231.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence West 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 1320 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence West, a distance of 5280 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Sou

TRACT II: Lying and being in Sections 35 and 36, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the center of said Section 36; thence running North a distance of 1270 feet to an intersection with the East right-of-way line, being parallel to and 50 feet from said center line of the main tract of said Division; thence South 46°34' West along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 5725.4 feet to an intersection with the South boundary line of said Section 35; thence East along said boundary line of Section 35, a distance of 2841.7 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 2640 feet to the corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence East a distance of 1320 feet to the center of said Section 36, the point of beginning.

TRACT III: Being all of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, being the same land conveyed by the Carney Lumber Company by a deed dated April 10, 1905, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 9, N.S., pages 111-113.

BEING all or part of the same property acquired by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, a predecessor of Grantor from the Louisville Property Company by deed dated February 1, 1908, and recorded in Deed Book 13, N.S., page 475.

LESS AND EXCEPT from Tracts I, II and III any portion thereof lying south of the CSX Transportation, Inc. railroad right-of-way.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the following:

- 1. Right of way granted Baldwin County in Deed Book 28, page 436.
- 2. Oil, gas and mineral lease, and all rights in connection therewith, by Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company to Signal Company dated December 30, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 380, page 721.
- 3. Existing Power Transmission Line Rights of Way.
- 4. Restrictions, conditions, covenants and easements as contained in deed from CSX Transportation, Inc. to John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company dated September 28, 1988 and recorded in Real Property Book 335, page 1350.
- 5. Mineral Lease dated June 21, 1995 from Scott Paper Company to Callon Petroleum Operating Company and recorded in Real Property Book 636, page 1278.
- 6. Conveyance, Assignment and Bill of Sale from Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Appalachian Resources Management Company recorded at Real Property Book 636, page 1281.
- 7. Mineral Deed from Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Indigo Minerals, LLC dated December 1, 2007 and recorded at Instrument No. 1100189.
- 8. Assignment dated December 1, 2007 from Callon Petroleum Company and Callon Petroleum Operating Company to Indigo Minerals, LLC recorded at Instrument No. 1100190.
- 9. Conveyance dated January 1, 2011 from Indigo Minerals, LLC to Indigo Minerals II, LLC and recorded at Instrument No. 1280348.
- 10. Easements and rights set forth in Easement Deed by Court Order in Settlement of Landowner Action filed February 22, 2012 at Instrument No. 1326202.

- 11. All matters of public record and/or recorded or reflected in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Baldwin County, Alabama, and/or which could have reasonably been observed during inspection of the Property.
- 12. The terms and conditions of that certain Transfer Agreement between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, even date herewith.
- 13. The terms and conditions of that certain Grant of Option to Purchase between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, even date herewith.
- 14. In the event the Optionee does not exercise that certain Grant of Option to Purchase between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, or the Property is not conveyed back to Grantor pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Transfer Agreement between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, the Property conveyed to Grantee pursuant to this Statutory Warranty Deed dated July 26, 2019, shall revert back to the Grantor, and Grantee shall be divested of all title to the Property.

The recording references refer to the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, unless otherwise indicated.

Together with, all and singular, the rights, benefits, privileges, improvements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

This instrument prepared by BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C., at the direction of the Grantor without the benefit of a title search or survey.

Blackburn & Conner, P.C., represents the Grantor, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto caused this instrument to be executed on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

By:

CHARLES F. GRUBER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Given under my hand and seal this the Honday of July, 20

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama My Commission Expires:

> My Commission Expires: October 12, 2019

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

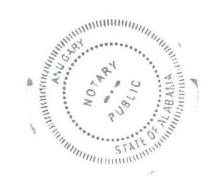
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

This instrument prepared by:

DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750



STATE OF ALABAMA

GRANT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

WHEREAS, the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin

County, Alabama (the "County") met in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday,

July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration

Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of

consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County

Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County

Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of

Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and

delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "Transfer Documents"), to be

entered into by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the

"BCEDA"), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the

construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the

"LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which

will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure

improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of

Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA HARRY D'OLIVE, JR. PROBATE JUDGE Filed/cert. 7/30/2019 8:20 AM TOTAL \$ 37.00

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County Commission has agreed to transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Documents are being issued and delivered by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Transfer Documents will be effective on the date of full execution and delivery of the Deed; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly benefit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Grant of Option to Purchase ("Option to Purchase").

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as Optionor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day cash in hand paid to it by BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, hereinafter referred to as Optionee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto the Optionee, subject to any matters set out below, an Option to Purchase the following described real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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TRACT II: Lying and being in Sections 35 and 36, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the center of said Section 36; thence running North a distance of 1270 feet to an intersection with the East right-of-way line, being parallel to and 50 feet from said center line of the main tract of said Division; thence South 46°34′ West along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 5725.4 feet to an intersection with the South boundary line of said Section 35; thence East along said boundary line of Section 35, a distance of 2841.7 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North a distance of 2640 feet to the corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence East a distance of 1320 feet to the center of said Section 36, the point of beginning.

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LESS AND EXCEPT from Tracts I, II and III any portion thereof lying south of the CSX Transportation, Inc. railroad right-of-way.

(Said lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Property".) Optionee's exercise of this Option to Purchase shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. This Option to Purchase shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the conveyance of the Property by that certain deed from the Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.
- 2. This Option to Purchase shall be binding on Optionor's successors and assigns.
- 3. The Optionee shall have the right and authority to exercise this Option to Purchase at any time, in its sole discretion, by sending written notice of its determination to exercise

this Option to Purchase to the Optionor at Optionor's last known address. The option price to purchase the Property shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and the Optionor shall convey the Property to Optionee within ten (10) days from the date of said notice by statutory warranty deed, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances or other matters affecting the title to the Property, except those matters of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed the title to the Property to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

- 4. In the event any liens, encumbrances or other matters of record affect the title to the Property, except those matters of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed the title to the Property to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., the Optionor shall be responsible for taking any and all action deemed necessary to clear the title to the Property as set forth herein, including the payment of damages, losses, expenses and attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Optionee to clear the title to said Property.
- The Option to Purchase granted hereby shall be continuing in nature and is not subject to waiver.
- 6. No assignment of this Option to Purchase or any right or duty accruing under this Option to Purchase shall be made, in whole or in part, by either party, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7. This Option to Purchase shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, each of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

- 8. Each and every provision of this Option to Purchase shall survive the closing or conveyance of the Property and shall not be nullified or affected by the closing or conveyance of the Property.
 - 9. Time is of the essence as to all matters covered in this Option to Purchase.
- 10. This Option to Purchase and the documents referred to in this Option to Purchase constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior contracts or agreements, and there are no other conditions, covenants or agreements which shall be binding between the parties.
- 11. The parties hereto acknowledge that each party and its counsel have had the opportunity to review and revise this Option to Purchase, and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Option to Purchase or any amendments or exhibits hereto.
- 12. Words of any gender used in this Option to Purchase shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in singular number shall be held to include the plural and vice versa, unless context requires otherwise. The captions used in connection with the sections of this Option to Purchase are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to construe or limit the meaning of the language contained in this Option to Purchase, or be used in interpreting the meanings and provisions of this Option to Purchase.
- 13. This Option to Purchase shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Alabama, and the validity of the same, its construction, interpretation, enforcement and the rights of the parties hereunder, shall be determined under, governed by and construed in accordance with

the substantive laws of the State of Alabama, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions arising thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Optionor and Optionee have hereunto set their hands and seals on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

OPTIONOR:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation

By

LEE LAWSON

Its: President

OPTIONEE:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

By: CSUS

CHARLES F. GRUBER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of ______, 2019.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission Expires:

My Commission Expires: October 12, 2019



OPTIONOR'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

OPTIONEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

This instrument prepared by:

DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750 COUNTY OF BALDWIN

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA HARRY D'OLIVE, JR. PROBATE JUDGE Filed/cett. 7/26/2019 10:49 AM Total \$ 49.00 13 Pages



WHEREAS, the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin County, Alabama (the "County") met in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "Transfer Documents"), to be entered into by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the "BCEDA"), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the

County Commission has agreed to transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Documents are being issued and delivered by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Transfer Documents will be effective on the date of full execution and delivery of the Deed; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly benefit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Transfer Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the property made the subject of this Transfer Agreement is located in Baldwin County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL A:

Section 23, T1S, R3E: SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; SE 1/4 of the SE

1/4; SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4

Section 26, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4; N 1/2 of the SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; E 1/2 of

the NW 1/4

Section 25, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4

Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

PARCEL B:

Section 25, T1S, R3E: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

Section 23, T1S, R3E: N 1/2 of the NE 1/4; NW 1/4; N 1/2 of the SW 1/4

Section 22, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4; NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4; that part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying East of Highway 47; that part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying East of Highway 47, Jack Springs Road

Section 14, T1S, R3E: All lying South of I-65

Section 11, T1S, R3E: All of the SE 1/4 lying south of I-65

PARCEL C:

Section 23, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

PARCEL D:

Section 23, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section 24, T1S, R3E: NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4

(Said lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Property".)

WITNESSETH

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, County Commission and BCEDA do hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

- The County Commission shall convey the Property described above to the BCEDA by statutory warranty deed in a form substantially similar to the form set forth in Exhibit A, subject to any changes deemed necessary by the County Commission.
- BCEDA has agreed to obtain funding necessary to complete the construction of certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements.
- BCEDA shall be responsible for the payment of any costs or expenses related to the construction of the aforementioned improvements and shall obtain lien waivers from all contractors and subcontractors.
- 4. In the event any liens, encumbrances or other matters of record affect the title to the Property, except those matters of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed the title to the Property to the BCEDA, BCEDA shall be responsible for taking any and all action deemed necessary to clear the title to the Property as set forth herein, including the payment of attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the County to clear the title to said Property.
- 5. The ultimate goal and purpose of the transfer of the Property is to allow BCEDA to assist in the construction of the aforementioned improvements, and the Property is to be conveyed back to the County, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

- 6. Upon completion of the aforementioned improvements, BCEDA shall convey the Property back to the County.
- BCEDA shall also grant an option to purchase to the County on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the County.
- 8. In the event the County does not exercise the option to purchase described above, and BCEDA does not convey the Property back to the County in accordance with Paragraph 6 above, the Property shall revert back to the County as set forth in the deed from the County to BCEDA.
- 9. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, BCEDA SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNTY AND ANY COMMISSIONER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, AGENT, EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH 9 THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES ARE COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, OBLIGATIONS, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, SUITS, LOSSES, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIENS, JUDGMENTS AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS OF INVESTIGATION) OF ANY KIND, NATURE OR DESCRIPTION RESULTING FROM ANY INJURIES TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON OR ANY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WHICH ARISES, OR IS CLAIMED TO ARISE FROM (I) AN INCIDENT OR EVENT WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN OR ON THE PROPERTY; OR (II) THE OPERATION OR CONDUCT OF BCEDA'S BUSINESS, CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, WORK OR ACTIVITIES ON THE PROPERTY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "CLAIMS"), UNLESS SUCH CLAIM IS THE RESULT OF OR CAUSED SOLELY BY THE

NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE COUNTY. BCEDA SHALL, AT BCEDA'S SOLE COST AND EXPENSE, DEFEND SUCH CLAIM BY OR THROUGH ATTORNEYS REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNTY.

- 11. BCEDA shall maintain a minimum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in general liability insurance and shall provide such other insurance as may be deemed necessary by the County in such amounts as may be required by the County, and the County shall be named as an additional insured.
- 12. No assignment of this Agreement or any right or duty accruing under this Agreement shall be made, in whole or in part, by either party, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 13. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, each of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.
- 14. Each and every provision of this Agreement shall survive the closing or conveyance of the Property and shall not be nullified or affected by the closing or conveyance of the Property.
 - 15. Time is of the essence as to all matters covered in this Agreement.
- 16. This Agreement and the documents referred to in this Agreement constitute the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior contracts or agreements, and there are no other conditions, covenants or agreements which shall be binding between the parties.
- 17. The parties hereto acknowledge that each party and its counsel have had the opportunity to review and revise this Agreement, and that the normal rule of construction to the

effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the

interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments or exhibits hereto.

18. Words of any gender used in this Agreement shall be held and construed to

include any other gender, and words in singular number shall be held to include the plural and vice

versa, unless context requires otherwise. The captions used in connection with the sections of this

Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to construe or limit the meaning of the

language contained in this Agreement, or be used in interpreting the meanings and provisions of this

Agreement.

19. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Alabama,

and the validity of the same, its construction, interpretation, enforcement and the rights of the parties

hereunder, shall be determined under, governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive

laws of the State of Alabama, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions arising

thereunder.

20. This Agreement shall be conditioned upon and subject to the approval of the

Baldwin County Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and BCEDA have hereunto set their hands

and seals on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

BCEDA:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC.,

an Alabama non-profit corporation

Bv:

LEFLAWSON

Its: President

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COUNTY:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

By: Ch CHARLES F. GRUBER Its: Chairman ATTEST: Wayne Dyess, County Administrator STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN _, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that LEE LAWSON, whose name as President of the BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of such instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said non-profit corporation on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama My Commission Expires: _

> My Commission Expires: October 12, 2019

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of July

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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires: October 12, 2019

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

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DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750



COUNTY OF BALDWIN

WHEREAS, the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin County, Alabama (the "County") met in a specially called public session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in the County Commission Chambers of the Baldwin County Administration Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, of a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the execution and delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "The Transfer Documents"), to be entered into by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the "BCEDA"), to transfer property currently owned by the County to BCEDA in order to allow for the construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the "LEDO") for the County, and it will cause certain improvements to be made to the Property, which will include site improvements, access improvements, rail improvements and other infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the purpose of the economic development of the County, the County Commission has agreed to transfer to the BCEDA certain Property so that the desired improvements to the Property can be made; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated in the Transfer Documents, BCEDA will provide the funds required for the design, engineering, and construction costs to be incurred in connection with the improvements to be made to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Documents are being issued and delivered by the County Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Transfer Documents will be effective on the date of full execution and delivery of the Deed; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission seeks to achieve, by undertaking its obligations pursuant to the Transfer Documents, to promote the local economic and commercial development of the County; to promote the expansion and retention of business enterprises within the County; to increase employment in the County; to promote and develop for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in the County; to increase the tax and revenue base of the County and property values of the County; and to promote the convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of its citizens. The increased tax revenues, additional economic activity, creation of new jobs and the other benefits will directly benefit the County and serve a valid and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined at its public meeting that the transfer of property, and things of value in connection with the transactions described above, will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to BCEDA or any other private entity or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Deed.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day cash in hand paid to it by BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto the Grantee, subject to any matters set out below, the following described real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL A:

Section 23, T1S, R3E: SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4

Section 26, T1S, R3E: NE 1/4; N 1/2 of the SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; E 1/2 of the NW 1/4

Section 25, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4

Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

PARCEL B:

Section 25, T1S, R3E: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

Section 24, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

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SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the following:

- Reservation of a non-participating royalty interest equal to 12.5% X 8/8 of all oil, gas, and other minerals produced and saved or mined from the Property as contained in deed recorded at Instrument No. 1342734.
- Reservation of easements and rights-of-way as contained in deed recorded at Instrument No. 1342734.
- Any and all liability and responsibility for the payment of so-called "rollback" taxes assessed pursuant to Ala. Code §40-7-25.3 in the event the current use of the Property is altered or changed or any other action is taken or omitted to be taken by the County, its successors and assigns, that causes imposition of any taxes under said statute.
- All matters that would be revealed in an accurate survey of the 4. above-described property.
- All prior grants or reservations of oil, gas, or other minerals or leases or options to lease same of record in Baldwin County, Alabama; provided, however, that the Grantor shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to any oil, gas, and other minerals not previously granted or reserved to other parties.
- Any lack of access to the Property except through parcels adjacent to Jack Springs Road in Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 3 East.
- Terms, conditions, provisions and restrictions of all permits and licenses of federal, state or local government, including applicable agencies and department and private and quasi-governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Property, including but not limited to restrictions on construction in any areas delineated by governmental agencies as wetlands.
- As to the Property in Parcel A, the rights of the United States of America, the State of Alabama or other parties in and to the shore, littoral or riparian rights to the portion of the Property lying adjacent to McCurtain Creek.
- Final Judgment in Condemnation Case dated December 6, 1966, and recorded as Instrument Number 709851 in the Records.
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- 19. The terms and conditions of that certain Transfer Agreement between Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July 26, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, even date herewith.
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Together with, all and singular, the rights, benefits, privileges, improvements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

This instrument prepared by BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C., at the direction of the Grantor without the benefit of a title search or survey.

Blackburn & Conner, P.C., represents the Grantor, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto caused this instrument to be executed on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission
By:	CHARLES F. GRUBER Its: Chairman
ATTEST:	
Wayne Dyess, County Administrator	
STATE OF ALABAMA	
COUNTY OF BALDWIN	
I,	
Given under my hand and seal this th	ne, 2019.
	Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama My Commission Expires:

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

This instrument prepared by:

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA Harry d'Olive, Jr. Probate Judge Filed/Cett. 7/26/2019 10:51 AM **DEED TAX** \$ 32300.50



STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

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This instrument prepared by BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C., at the direction of the Grantor without the benefit of a title search or survey.

Blackburn & Conner, P.C., represents the Grantor, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto caused this instrument to be executed on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

y: _____

CHARLES F. GRUBER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Given under my hand and seal this the 2-6th day of

. 2019.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama My Commission Expires:

> My Commission Expires: October 12, 2019

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. Post Office Box 1340 Robertsdale, AL 36567

This instrument prepared by:

DAVID J. CONNER of BLACKBURN & CONNER, P.C. Post Office Box 458 Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 (251) 937-1750



STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

GRANT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the County Commission (the "County Commission") of Baldwin

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Building, located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507, for the purpose of

consideration of the transaction of any business that may properly come before the County

Commission; such business to include, but not be limited to, the authorization by the County

Commission pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or Amendment No. 750 of the Constitution of

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delivery of a deed and any additional documents by the County (the "Transfer Documents"), to be

entered into by the County and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (the

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construction of improvements on the subject property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, BCEDA is the Local Economic Development Organization (the

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improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 and/or No. 750 of the Constitution of

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA HARRY D'OLIVE, JR. PROBATE JUDGE Filed/cert. 7/26/2019 10:54 AM TOTAL \$ 34.00

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Baldwin County Commission Resolution No. 2019-133, the Chairman of the County Commission has been given the authority to execute this Grant of Option to Purchase ("Option to Purchase").

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as Optionor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day cash in hand paid to it by BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission, hereinafter referred to as Optionee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto the Optionee, subject to any matters set out below, an Option to Purchase the following described real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL A:

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the NW 1/4

Section 25, T1S, R3E: SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4

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PARCEL D:

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(Said lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Property".) Optionee's exercise of this Option to

Purchase shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. This Option to Purchase shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years

from the conveyance of the Property by that certain deed from the Baldwin County, Alabama, to the

Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., dated July, 26, 2019, and recorded in the

Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. This Option to Purchase shall be binding on Optionor's successors and

assigns.

3. The Optionee shall have the right and authority to exercise this Option to

Purchase at any time, in its sole discretion, by sending written notice of its determination to exercise

this Option to Purchase to the Optionor at Optionor's last known address. The option price to

purchase the Property shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and the Optionor shall convey the Property to

Optionee within ten (10) days from the date of said notice by statutory warranty deed, free and clear

of all liens, encumbrances or other matters affecting the title to the Property, except those matters

of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed the title to the Property to the

Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

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- 4. In the event any liens, encumbrances or other matters of record affect the title to the Property, except those matters of record set forth in the above-referenced deed which conveyed the title to the Property to the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., the Optionor shall be responsible for taking any and all action deemed necessary to clear the title to the Property as set forth herein, including the payment of damages, losses, expenses and attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Optionee to clear the title to said Property.
- The Option to Purchase granted hereby shall be continuing in nature and is not subject to waiver.
- 6. No assignment of this Option to Purchase or any right or duty accruing under this Option to Purchase shall be made, in whole or in part, by either party, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7. This Option to Purchase shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, each of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.
- 8. Each and every provision of this Option to Purchase shall survive the closing or conveyance of the Property and shall not be nullified or affected by the closing or conveyance of the Property.
 - 9. Time is of the essence as to all matters covered in this Option to Purchase.
- 10. This Option to Purchase and the documents referred to in this Option to Purchase constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior contracts or agreements, and there are no other conditions, covenants or agreements which shall be binding between the parties.

11. The parties hereto acknowledge that each party and its counsel have had the

opportunity to review and revise this Option to Purchase, and that the normal rule of construction

to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed

in the interpretation of this Option to Purchase or any amendments or exhibits hereto.

12. Words of any gender used in this Option to Purchase shall be held and

construed to include any other gender, and words in singular number shall be held to include the

plural and vice versa, unless context requires otherwise. The captions used in connection with the

sections of this Option to Purchase are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to construe or

limit the meaning of the language contained in this Option to Purchase, or be used in interpreting the

meanings and provisions of this Option to Purchase.

13. This Option to Purchase shall be deemed to have been made in the State of

Alabama, and the validity of the same, its construction, interpretation, enforcement and the rights

of the parties hereunder, shall be determined under, governed by and construed in accordance with

the substantive laws of the State of Alabama, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions

arising thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Optionor and Optionee have hereunto set their hands and

seals on this the 26th day of July, 2019.

OPTIONOR:

BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation

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Its: President

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OPTIONEE:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by and through the Baldwin County Commission

CHARLES F. GRUBER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN

I. Anu Gany , a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that LEE LAWSON, whose name as President of the BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., an Alabama non-profit corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of such instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said non-profit corporation on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the day of

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission Expires:

My Commission Expires:

October 12, 2019

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BALDWIN

Anu Gary _____, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that CHARLES F. GRUBER, whose name as Chairman of the BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, and WAYNE DYESS, whose name as County Administrator of the BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, the governing body of Baldwin County, Alabama, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of such instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said commission on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the Holday of July , 2019.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

My Commission Expires:

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OPTIONOR'S ADDRESS:

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OPTIONEE'S ADDRESS:

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12 Bay Minette, AL 36507

This instrument prepared by:

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