



# Baldwin County Commission

## Legislation Text

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**Item Status:** New

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**Submitted by:** Amanda Thweatt, Emergency Management Specialist

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### **ITEM TITLE**

Alabama Mutual Aid System (AMAS) Agreement with State of Alabama, Alabama Emergency Management Agency and Counties

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Alabama Mutual Aid System (AMAS) Agreement for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance between the State of Alabama, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and among each political sub-division of the state for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted.

The Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from the date of full execution and shall be renewed in successive one (1) year terms unless terminated in writing by the participating political subdivision. The agreement will need to be brought before the Commission each year for renewal.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Previous Commission action/date:** August 4, 2020

**Background:** August 4, 2020 - Approved and authorized the Chairman to execute the Alabama Mutual Aid System (AMAS) for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance between multiple agencies in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted.

On September 5, 2017, the Commission approved the Alabama Mutual Aid System Agreement endorsed by the Association of County Commissioners and the League of Municipalities. This Mutual Aid Agreement is for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted.

### **GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State Emergency Management Act of 1955 authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted. In accordance with the National Incident

Management System Compliance guidance (NIMS), all counties are requested to be part of their state's mutual aid compact. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is requesting all counties become partners in the State's Mutual Aid Agreement in order to be in compliance with NIMS. This will allow the State to better assist the Counties with resources and personnel. This agreement will allow the State to deploy personnel, equipment, and other resources in a more organized manner in a declared emergency. As part of the Mutual Aid Agreement, County equipment and personnel can be refunded through the FEMA Public Assistance Program during declared disasters.

This agreement in no way obligates the County to send resources or personnel, all requests for assistance will be presented to the Commission for prior approval.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Total cost of recommendation:** TBD in the event of an emergency or disaster which necessitates the utilization of mutual aid resources.

**Budget line item(s) to be used:** TBD

**If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?**  
Yes, TBD

### **LEGAL IMPACT**

**Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?**  
No

**Reviewed/approved by:** N/A

**Additional comments:** N/A

### **ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS**

**Is advertising required for this recommendation?** N/A

**If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason:** N/A

### **FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION**

**For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up:** N/A

**Individual(s) responsible for follow up:** Administration to obtain Chairman's signature on the two

(2) original agreements.

**Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):**

Administration to send the two (2) original agreements to:

Alabama Emergency Management Agency  
Attn: Tara Hetzel  
Post Office Box 2160  
Clanton, Alabama 35046

The State will retain one (1) original and send one (1) original back to administration to retain a copy for the BCC.

Administration will send an email copy of the fully executed document to the following:

Danon Smith - Baldwin County EMA - [danon.smith@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:danon.smith@baldwincountyal.gov)  
<<mailto:danon.smith@baldwincountyal.gov>>

Amanda Thweatt - Baldwin County EMA - [Athweatt@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:Athweatt@baldwincountyal.gov)  
<<mailto:Athweatt@baldwincountyal.gov>>

Tammy Rider - Baldwin County Sheriff's Office - [trider@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:trider@baldwincountyal.gov)  
<<mailto:trider@baldwincountyal.gov>>

**Additional instructions/notes:** N/A