

Legislation Text

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Meeting Type: BCC Regular Meeting Meeting Date: 11/6/2018 Item Status: New From: Ronald J. Cink, County Administrator Submitted by: Anu Gary, Admin/Records Manager

## ITEM TITLE

Baldwin EMC Operation Round Up

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Baldwin County Commission's continued participation in Baldwin EMC's Operation Round Up Program, benefitting the Baldwin Electric Membership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation, which provides financial assistance to local charities and service organizations as well as individuals in need.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

## Previous Commission action/date: N/A

**Background:** Baldwin EMC was the 200th cooperative nationwide to adopt Operation Round Up. The program was established in 1989 as a means of providing assistance to the less fortunate in the area each co-op serves. Through this program, basic needs of individuals such as food, shelter and healthcare can be met and assistance can be provided in areas such as education and the environment.

Unless a customer chooses not to participate, Baldwin EMC will automatically round each participating member's electric bill up to the next dollar. For example, a bill of \$73.46 would become \$74.00. The extra cents from each participating member's bill will be collected and placed in the Baldwin Electric Membership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation directed by an appointed group of leading community members volunteering their time. The collected funds will then be redistributed to meet needs in the Baldwin EMC service areas and surrounding communities. Operation Round Up funds can go to local charities and service organizations as well as individuals in need.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding? N/A

### LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents? N/A

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:** Amanda Cunningham/Sharon Grant, Accounting Department, cc: Kim Creech and Eva Cutsinger

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed): Amanda Cunningham submit opt-in forms to Baldwin EMC.

Additional instructions/notes: N/A