



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Alabama Mutual Aid System (AMAS) Agreement

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize 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.

This Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from the date hereof and shall automatically be renewed in successive one (1) year terms unless terminated in writing by the participating political subdivision. Notice of such termination shall be made in writing and shall be served personally or by registered mail upon the Director, State Emergency Management Agency (EMA), which shall provide copies to all other participating parties. Written notification shall be submitted no later than sixty (60) days prior the requested date termination. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect upon approval by the participating political subdivision and upon proper execution hereof.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: 09/5/2017

Background:

The Commission approved the original agreement in 2006.

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.

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 being 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: 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?
Yes

Reviewed/approved by: Brad Hicks reviewed and approved

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: 1. Administration to obtain Chairman's signature on the agreement.

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

Administration to send copies to:
Alabama Emergency Mgt Agency
Attn: Tara Hetzel
Post Office Box 2160
Clanton, Alabama 35046

and a copy of the executed document to Baldwin County EMA Dept - Jenni Guerry, Deputy Director.

Additional instructions/notes: N/A