STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

RESOLUTION #2025-052 OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING INTEREST EARNED ON THE COUNTY'S AWARD OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS Baldwin County, Alabama, (the "County") has received American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("ARPA funds"); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury ("Treasury") as the federal agency charged with the award and administration of ARPA funds has exercised its authority with regard to the award of ARPA funds to exempt the award from certain requirements imposed by the federal Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, codified as Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the final rule issued by Treasury on January 6, 2022, the County has duly elected to take the standard allowance of revenue replacement funds equal to \$10,000,000 of its ARPA Funds ("ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds") to be used for government services, like improvements of government buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission (the "COMMISSION") has determined that designing and constructing a secure sally port at the Baldwin County Courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama, for the transfer of inmates from transport vehicles into the courthouse (the "Sally Port Project") using use interest earned on its ARPA award is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION adopted Resolution #2024-078 allocating up to \$3,613,500.00 of ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds to cover part or all of the eligible costs of the Sally Port Project construction costs; and

WHEREAS, Treasury has excepted ARPA fund awards from the requirements of 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8)-(9) and issued guidance providing that, as a result, ARPA funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts and that interest earned on these funds may be retained by the County; and

WHEREAS, Treasury has further advised that the County's use of interest earned on ARPA funds is not limited to uses of ARPA funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act and rules promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION has determined that using the interest earned on ARPA funds on a portion of the Sally Port construction costs that exceeded the County's \$10,000,000 in Revenue Replacement Funds for the Sally Port Project is a necessary and reasonable use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission hereby allocates up to \$697,359.61 of interest earned on the County's award of ARPA funds to the Sally Port Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Baldwin County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 3rd day of December 2024.

Matthew P. McKenzie

Chairman, Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:

Røger H. Rendleman, County Administrator