

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Type:	Baldwin County Commission – Work Session
Meeting Date:	11/08/2016
Placement of Item on the Agenda:	ADMINISTRATION
Item Status:	New
Submitted By:	Anu Gary
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ITEM TITLE	
Voting Administration - Redefining and Modernizing the Descriptions of the Standard Census Units Describing the Physical Boundaries of Each Baldwin County Voting Precinct and Changing the Designation of Certain Voting Precincts by Reference to the Numerical Description Associated to Voting Precincts in Baldwin County	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	
<p>Take the following actions:</p> <p>1) Adopt Resolution #2017-015, which supersedes and replaces Resolution #99-84 adopted by the Baldwin County Commission during its August 17, 1999, regular meeting, and any and all amendments to Resolution #99-84 adopted thereafter, to provide for certain changes affecting voting, in conformance with applicable Alabama law, specifically to:</p> <p>a) Redefine and modernize the descriptions of the standard census units [i.e. U.S. Census Bureau - GEOID Blocks] which describe the physical boundaries of each Baldwin County Voting Precinct, by utilizing the most recent data available by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce (2010 Census) and based upon criteria established and recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau for purposes of defining standard census units; and</p> <p>b) Change the designation of certain Voting Precincts by reference to the numerical description associated to Voting Precincts in Baldwin County, Alabama, in order to facilitate the administration of the election process.</p> <p>2) File with the Office of Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, Office of Board of Registrars of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Reapportionment Office of the State of Alabama, a certified copy of this Resolution, together with maps of the applicable areas of the county.</p>	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION	
Previous Commission Action/Background Information:	No
<p>The proposed Resolution #2017-015 supersedes and replaces Resolution #99-84 adopted by the Baldwin County Commission during its August 17, 1999, regular meeting, and any and all amendments to Resolution #99-84 adopted thereafter. Resolution #99-84, as amended, contains outdated descriptions of the standard census units, which describe the physical boundaries of each Baldwin County Voting Precinct. The data Baldwin County currently uses is from the 1990 and 2000 Census.</p> <p>The 2010 Census redefined and modernized the descriptions of standard Census units and adoption of the proposed Resolution #2017-015 would bring the Baldwin County voting precincts up to date with the most recent data available by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce.</p> <p>The proposed resolution also eliminates the alphanumeric characters from certain precincts and reassigns precinct numbers previously abolished by the Commission in order for the numbering to be more consistent, without skipped numbers. There are total of 46 Voting Precincts in Baldwin County.</p> <p>Staff has consulted with the State Reapportionment Office, the Secretary of State's Office, and the Baldwin County Board of Registrars regarding the proposed changes.</p> <p>Map #1 attached shows the existing precinct boundary lines and numbering as they are today.</p> <p>Map #2 attached shows the following precincts where the boundary lines would change slightly if the proposed resolution is adopted with the current 2010 Census information:</p> <p>Conflict area 1 = Precincts 32 and 38 Conflict area 2 = Precincts 12 and 13 Conflict area 3 = Precincts 23 and 35</p> <p>Map #3 attached shows the proposed changing precinct lines as listed above and the re-numbering of the following precincts:</p> <p>Precinct 7-A would change to 7. Precinct 42-A would change to 42. Precinct 42-B would change to 10. Precinct 48 would change to 20. Precinct 49 would change to 35.</p> <p>This item was discussed at the June 14, 2016, Commission work session and at that time, staff was instructed to bring the item back before the Commission with the finalized resolution to be approved after the November 8, 2016, General Election. If the Commission adopts the attached Resolution #2017-015 at its November 15, 2016, regular meeting, the Board of Registrars will send a mass mail-out to all registered voters in</p>	

Baldwin County January 2017, notifying the affected voters of the changes.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	
Does the recommendation have a financial impact?	No
LEGAL IMPACT	
Are there any legal documents required to be executed if this recommendation is approved?	Yes
Does this documentation require County Attorney's review and approval?	Yes
Has the documentation been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney?	No
Reason:	County Attorney will review and approve before formal adoption.
Is this routine documentation reviewed and approved by Department Head?	No
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS	
Is advertising required for this recommendation?	No
CONSISTENCY WITH B.C. STRATEGIC PLAN - 2006-2016	
Is the recommendation applicable to the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan?	Yes
POLICY IMPACT	
Is the recommendation consistent with Commission Policy?	Yes
PERSONNEL IMPACT	
Does the recommendation have personnel impact?	No
IMPLEMENTATION	
Is implementation for this item time sensitive?	Yes
Required Action and Time Line for Implementation:	TIME SENSITIVE - See below.
Department(s)/Individual(s) responsible for follow up activities and specific actions required:	<u>Administration</u> 1. Letter and Resolution to:

	<p>Baldwin County Probate Court ATTN: Judge of Probate Tim Russell</p> <p>2. Letter and Resolution to: Board of Registrars ATTN: Chairperson Betty Sweet</p> <p>3. (Certified Mail) Letter and Resolution to: Reapportionment Office ATTN: Donna Shanholtzer, Director Alabama State House 11 South Union Street Room 303 Montgomery, Alabama 36130</p> <p>cc: David Brewer, Chief of Staff, Alabama Secretary of State David.Brewer@sos.alabama.gov</p> <p>Cc: Kenny McIlwain, David Conner, Ron Cink, Violetta Smith</p> <p>All Baldwin County registered voters will be notified by the Board of Registrars by a mass mail out in early January 2017.</p> <p>Public Notice to media, county facilities, county website Update voting locations physical address list on county website Update voting contacts list and email to Violetta Smith, Elections Coordinator Update voting webpage for changes in precincts and upload resolution and notice to the page Update mailing list for election notices (physical and mailing incl. labels) Update map of voting precincts on county website</p>
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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Resolution 2017-015 - DRAFT 2016-11-08 Work Session.docx
- 2. Map of Existing Voting Precincts.pdf
- 2. Map of Precincts with Boundary Line Changes
- 3. Map of Proposed Voting Precincts incl. Boundary Line Changes and Re-numbering Certain Precincts.pdf

APPROVALS

Budget	
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Personnel	
Administration	Anu Gary 11/1/2016 4:04:42 PM
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