

RESOLUTION NO. 23-xxx

**A RESOLUTION OF BINDING JOINT AGREEMENT
FOR SEEKING ADEM GRANT FUNDING FOR THE
BALDWIN COUNTY MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY**

FINDINGS:

1. The City of Orange Beach, through a dynamic Recycling Program, recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources, and works to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment.
2. The City of Orange Beach has undertaken many positive and successful waste reduction programs that have helped make the City of Orange Beach a recycling leader; however, we can further reduce waste and recycle even more.
3. Local community and county recycling leaders have come together to join in a discussion of a concentrated cooperative effort to share resources to maximize the environmental and economic value of county-wide recycling.
4. Local community and county recycling leaders, working together, have formed a Baldwin County Material Recovery Facility.
5. On September 21, 2021, Orange Beach City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-205 supporting a Baldwin County Recycling Cooperative.
6. The City of Orange Beach, along with the cities of Foley, Gulf Shores, and other municipalities in Baldwin County, are working with Baldwin County Solid Waste as the lead local agency to expedite the critical need to maximize our recycling efficiency and commodity value through a cooperative effort.
7. Baldwin County Solid Waste has begun the process of the engineering design of a state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to be located adjacent to the Magnolia Landfill and to serve the recycling needs of all of Baldwin County.
8. This new regional MRF is critical to the future viability and growth of recycling in Baldwin County and the ability of the State of Alabama to achieve its recycling goals, as established by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).
9. The Alabama Recycling Fund was created by the Alabama Legislature and administered by ADEM to provide grant funding to local governments to develop, implement, and enhance local recycling projects and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Orange Beach intends to work jointly with Foley and Gulf Shores to apply for grant funding under the Alabama Recycling Fund in support of the Baldwin County Material Recovery Facility;
2. That the City of Gulf Shores will serve as the lead applicant for this grant;
3. That any and all grant funds awarded by this joint application will be for the exclusive purpose of supporting the Baldwin County Material Recovery Facility; and
4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Renee Eberly, City Clerk of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 23-xxx, which was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on February 7, 2023.

City Clerk