

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A PARTIAL GUARANTY OF A GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA) LOAN OF THE FITZGERALD – BEN HILL COUNTY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Fitzgerald – Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”) has represented that it desires to apply for a loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (“GEFA”) in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to finance the closure and/or post-closure expenses related to multiple landfills (the “GEFA loan”); and

**WHEREAS**, for the GEFA loan, GEFA requires local government guaranties as a condition of approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of the Authority’s services to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Ben Hill County and the surrounding region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to support the Authority’s loan application by agreeing to guarantee fifty percent (50%) of the loan principal and interest, not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth by GEFA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia, as follows:

1. The Board, on behalf of Ben Hill County, Georgia, hereby approves and authorizes the partial guaranty of the GEFA loan on behalf of the Authority, in an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), representing fifty percent (50%) of the total loan obligation. Stated differently, Ben Hill County, Georgia agrees to guarantee up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of the GEFA loan.
2. The Chairman of the Board and/or the Ben Hill County Manager are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate Ben Hill County, Georgia’s guaranty of the GEFA loan, subject to review and approval by legal counsel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners this \_\_ day of November, 2025.

**[signatures on following page]**

**BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HAL WILEY, CHAIRMAN**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOPE HARMON, VICE CHAIRMAN**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DANIEL COWAN, COMMISSIONER**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BENNIE CALLOWAY, COMMISSIONER**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN WILLIAM MOONEY, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PAMELA TURNER, COUNTY CLERK**