

RESOLUTION 2025-033

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARIES REGIONAL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Effingham County is currently part of the regional library system known as Live Oak Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as “Board” or the “County”) hired a consultant to audit and review the finances and services provided by Live Oak Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, the audit and review showed that taxpayers money is not being fully reinvested in the Effingham County Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best position to operate a standalone system and to be in control of taxpayers money that is currently in the hands of a regional library system; and

WHEREAS, Effingham County meets the State of Georgia requirements to have a standalone system; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes a standalone system would increase the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the fundamental importance of accessible library services to the intellectual, cultural, and social well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board is particularly committed to ensuring educational equity for all children and adults in Effingham County, recognizing that access to a well-resourced and professionally managed library system is critical for supporting their academic success, fostering a love for reading, and bridging potential achievement gaps; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows: The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, hereby formerly requests that the Trustees of the Effingham County Library Board call for a vote to withdraw from the Live Oak Public Libraries regional system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board explore all other options to withdraw from the Live Oak Public Libraries regional system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares that the foregoing preamble and whereas provisions set forth hereinabove constitute, and shall be considered to be, substantive provisions of this Resolution and are hereby incorporated by reference into this provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board grants the Chairman or Vice Chairman the authority to take any and all further actions necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that except as specifically provided herein, any and all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be and the same hereby are repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, this 7th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: *Damon M. Rahn*
Damon Rahn, Chairman

Attest: *Stephanie Johnson*
Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk

