RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1212

A RESOLUTION OF THE STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2, a "budget" is "a plan of financial operation embodying an estimate of proposed expenditures during a budget period and the proposed means of financing them"; and

WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3, the governing authority of Stewart County, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners (the "County"), must approve an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government; and

WHEREAS, under Article I, Section 16 of the Stewart County Code of Ordinances (1995 Georgia House Bill 1902, approved by the Governor and made effective April 4, 1996), "No expenditures of county funds shall be made except in accordance with the county budget, or amendments thereto, adopted by the board of commissioners. The chairperson of the board of commissioners shall enforce compliance with this provision by all departments of county government and to this end shall institute a system of allotments of all moneys appropriated and budgeted"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2, 36-81-4, and 36-81-5, the County has appointed the office of County Manager to serve at the County's budget officer responsible for preparing a proposed annual budget for the County and has authorized the office of County Manager to approve transfers of appropriations within departmental budgets (and thus below the legal level of control as that term is defined under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2), except for transfers within a department to or from salaries and benefits accounts, to or from fixed assets, or transfers to any travel or training account; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has submitted a proposed budget for review by the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has complied with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5, which sets out the requirements established by the General Assembly for the State of Georgia for the adoption of budgets by local governments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and after a public hearing, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, to provide for necessary services in cost-efficient manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stewart County Board of Commissioners, and be it ordained by authority of the same, effective immediately upon passage, as follows:

- 1) The annual budget for Stewart County, Georgia for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$ 6,090,046.34 as set forth in a copy of the budget attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit A", is adopted.
- 2) All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Enacted this 12 th day of December , 2023.

Chairman Joseph B. Williams

Board of Commissioners Stewart County, Georgia

Clerk