



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Mayor Craft, City Council and City Administrator

FROM: Deputy Police Chief Joe Taylor

ISSUE: Law Enforcement Agreement with Baldwin County Sheriff's Department

BACKGROUND: During certain events, including but not limited to Hangout Music Fest and Spring Break, GSPD is assisted by Deputies from the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department. In the past, arrests made by the Deputies were placed in the county court system creating logistical challenges for both agencies. This agreement allows the prosecution of local cases made by deputies to be handled in Gulf Shores Municipal Court. Both Baldwin County Sheriff Anthony Lowery and Magistrate Ken McKenzie agree that this is beneficial to all involved including the City of Gulf Shores, GSPD and defendants.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for additional law enforcement resources as necessary.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Adopted Same Agreement in 2025 with Sherriff Lowery.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Budgeted in the amount of \$70,000.

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

STAFF CONTACT: Deputy Police Chief Joe Taylor