

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
30 NORTH BROAD STREET
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**Board of Commissioners Special Called
Agenda
Tuesday, January 22, 2026 - 10:00 AM**

Pat Graham
Chairman

Joe Goodman
District 1

Kenny Shook
District 2

Rolando Alvarez
District 3

Alex Ward
District 4

Tim Walker
District 5

Deborah Lynn
District 6

Srikanth Yamala
County Manager

I. Call to Order

II. New Business

- a) Consideration to approve the Engagement Letter with Chandler, Britt & Jay, LLC and authorize the County Manager to execute the letter.

III. Adjournment

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 22, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Abril Olivas, County Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Board Action

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

SUBJECT: Consideration to approve the Engagement Letter with Chandler, Britt & Jay, LLC and authorize the County Manager to execute the letter.

Background/Summary:

At the January 15, 2026 Barrow County Board of Ethics meeting, the Board of Ethics voted to request the Board of Commissioners to retain outside counsel for the purpose of providing advice and guidance related to an ethics complaint filed by Robin Martenelli.

Options:

- Approval
- Denial

Finance Officer Comments (if applicable):

If approved, the engagement with Chandler, Britt & Jay, LLC would be funded through the general fund.

Funding Source	Account Code	FY 2026 Budget	Year-To-Date Expenditures	FY 2026 Remaining Budget
General Fund	1001110-521209	\$20,000.00	\$9,625.00	\$10,375.00

ATTACHMENTS:

[Engagement Letter.pdf](#)



RICHARD B. CHANDLER, JR., P.C.
WALT M. BRITT, P.C.
GREGORY D. JAY, P.C.

4350 SOUTH LEE STREET
BUFORD, GEORGIA 30518
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January 20, 2026

Via Email: syamala@barrowga.org

Mr. Srikanth Yamala
County Manager, Barrow County
30 North Broad Street
Historic Courthouse
Winder, Georgia 30680

Re: Barrow County Board of Ethics - Engagement Letter

Dear Mr. Yamala:

This letter confirms the engagement of our services as attorney to the Barrow County Board of Ethics to address an ethics complaint filed against the Honorable Alex Ward, District 4, Barrow Board of Commissioners.

My fees will be charged on an hourly basis for time actually expended and the hourly rate for my services in this matter is \$290.00, and my paralegal Angela B. Burge will be billed at the rate of \$150.00 per hour. We typically charge for incidental costs (e.g. postage, all copies), additionally Barrow County will also be responsible for the reimbursement of costs incurred in the performance of our duties for reimbursement invoiced to our firm by third parties, such as outside courier services, outside copying services, court reporters, consultants and experts, and filing fees.

We will at all times perform work in a cost-effective manner, without sacrificing proficiency or jeopardizing your proper representation. We will use our best professional judgment in determining when to seek your permission prior to incurring expenses with third parties. You will be billed for internal firm costs incurred on your behalf such as mileage for travel, printing and photocopying costs performed in-house, computerized legal research, and standard postage.

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We generally bill on a monthly basis and our billing statements will contain an itemized description of the services rendered and costs incurred during the time period covered by the statement. You should feel free at any time to contact me with any questions you have about our statements.

You may terminate our representation in this matter at any time. Likewise, we may withdraw from this representation at any time, subject to any legal and ethical obligations that is imposed on us.

We are pleased that you have retained us and we look forward to working with you. So that we may commence our representation, I would appreciate it if you executed a copy of this letter, indicating your understanding and approval as outlined above, and return it to me at your convenience.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

CHANDLER, BRITT & JAY, LLC

Walt M. Britt

Agreed and Accepted:

By: _____
Srikanth Yamala, County Manager
Barrow Board of Commissioners

Date: January ____, 2026.