



Baker County Board of Commissioners



**Regular Meeting
August 4th, 2026
07:30 P.M.**

**Connie C. Hobbs – Chairperson
Matt Bryan – Commissioner**

**Vann Irvin – Vice Chairman
Chris Moore – Commissioner**

Tommy Rentz, Commissioner

Minutes

The Baker County Board of Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Vann Irvin, Tommy Rentz, Matt Bryan, Chris Moore, and Connie Hobbs in attendance. County Manager, Marie Howard, was also in attendance.

Chair Hobbs called the meeting to order.

Chair Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Moore delivered the invocation.

Chair Hobbs presented the agenda and requested the agenda be amended with the addition of the Historic Preservation Grant Preservation Agreement. Commissioner Moore made a motion of adopt the agenda with the amendment. Commissioner Rentz seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Bryan, Rentz, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 7th, 2026, Called Meeting. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Moore, Bryan, Rentz, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 7th, 2026, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Irvin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 16th, 2026, Called Meeting. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 16th, 2026, Public Hearing. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.



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Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 23rd, 2026, Data Center Informational Meeting. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of July 28th, 2026, Called Meeting. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Speaker Requests:

- Chair Hobbs reported Mr. Lorenza King had rescinded his request to address the Commission.
- T. E. Moye, Jr. – Data Centers – Requested Data Center moratorium be extended to December 31st, 2028, to allow more time for research as there were many concerns, rapidly changing technology, future of data centers, ocean storage and they would like to have input in the development of any Data Center Ordinance. He stated he never thought any Commissioner had taken any bribes and we did not need to lose friends over this issue. He challenged Commission to consider our neighbors.
- Mr. Lucius Adkins – Data Centers – Expressed appreciation for the Commission hosting the Data Center Informational Meeting. He thinks about 85% of the people are opposed to Data Centers being built in the county. Protection of our wildlife, creeks and other natural resources is important. Requested the Data Center moratorium be extended to December 31st, 2028.
- Mr. Mark Hudson – Data Centers – The love of money is the root of all evil. The effects of a data center is horrific abomination. Data Centers will deplete our water, stress the environment, surveil the citizens, create continuous noise and fundamentally change Baker County forever. The citizens want nothing to do with a data center. He stated “anyone who votes will become suspect.” Only a small handful of citizens want a data center. Mr. Hudson stated “we treasure our water and we will all be held accountable to our Lord. Do not invite this plague among us. This is evil.”
- Sharon Heard – Data Centers – Very concerned about data centers and requested the moratorium be extended through 2028 to allow more time to become more educated on data centers. Ms. Heard stated she feels the goal for Georgia is to become the data center capital of the world. If so, we would be targets of countries that hate us. Hates the thought of becoming responsible for even one death. She stated, “tell us what you



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are thinking – tonight.” Ms. Heard stated she had copies of a moratorium and ordinance for the county to use as a reference and provided copies to Chair Hobbs.

Chair Hobbs recognized Mr. Brent Davis, engineer, to present bid proposals regarding resurfacing Josuli Road from the intersection of Josuli Road and Cross Road to Josuli Road and Joe Heard Road. The bids were Reeves Construction Company, \$881,769.25; Oxford Construction, \$900,962.80; and David Taylor Construction, Inc., \$1,095,714.50. After reviewing the bid packages qualifications, Mr. Davis recommended the project be awarded to Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$881,769.25. Commissioner Moore made a motion to award the project to Reeves Construction Company. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Chair Hobbs requested a motion to authorize the Chair to execute the Notice of Award. Commissioner Moore made a motion for the Chair to execute the Notice of Award. Commissioner Rentz seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

Chair presented Resolution 2026-0804, a resolution establishing an 18-month moratorium on the construction and operation of a data center in the unincorporated area of Baker County was presented for consideration. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-0804. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moore. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

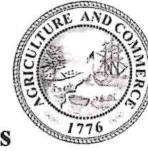
Chair Hobbs presented a letter to the Baker County Board of Tax Assessors requesting they assume responsibility for issuing 911 addresses. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to authorize Chair Hobbs to execute the letter on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Website Design and Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$150.00 per month between the County and Stephanie Key was presented by Chair Hobbs. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented a draft of the Preservation Agreement between the County and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division, which would need to be executed in response to \$955,665.44 in grant funds received for repairs and restoration work performed on the historic courthouse. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to authorize the Chair to execute the agreement upon receipt. Commissioner Moore seconded



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the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore and Hobbs all approved the motion. Motion carried.

County Manager, Ms. Howard, provided the following updates:

- Road Department is continuing to address various road issues
- Looking forward to ensuring the County's website is updated with current information.

Being no further business, Commissioner Rentz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest Marie Howard Clerk



Connie C. Hobbs Chairman
Chris Moore
Tommy Rentz
Vann Irvin