**Baker County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting**
**May 5th, 2026**
**07:30 P.M.**

**Connie C. Hobbs – Chairperson** **Vann Irvin – Vice Chairman**
**Matt Bryan – Commissioner** **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. Interim 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 for consideration. Commissioner Rentz made a motion of adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Bryan, Rentz, Moore, and Hobbs voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

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

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of April 7th, 2026, Comprehensive Plan 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.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of April 7th, 2026, Regular 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.

Chair Hobbs stated the Apri 10th, 2026 Budget Work Session minutes will be presented for approval at the June 2nd, 2026 regular meeting.

Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of April 22nd, 2026, FY 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing. Commissioner Rentz 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.

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Chair Hobbs presented the minutes of April 29th, 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: None

Commissioners were advised the Transport Contract with "The Bereavement Group, LLC, dba Lofton Funeral Home" needed to be renewed. (See Exhibit A attached.) Commissioner Rentz made a motion to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the contract. Commissioner Irvin seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore and Hobbs all voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

The tower lease with Flint Equipment Company for co-location of equipment on Baker County's tower was discussed. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to authorize the Commission Chair to execute the contract with Flint Equipment Company for an annual sum of $4,000.00. (See Exhibit B attached.) Commissioner Rentz seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Moore, Bryan, and Hobbs all voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed a bid tubulation sheet for landscaping and lawn maintenance services for all Baker County Board of Commissioners properties. After discussion, Commissioner Rentz made a motion to award the bid to Apex Outdoor Services and authorized the Commission Chair to execute the agreement. (See Exhibit C attached.) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Commissioners Irvin, Rentz, Bryan, Moore, and Hobbs all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

After discussing the FY 2026-2027 budget and the concern of excess expenditures over budget for the past several fiscal years, the Commission agreed to request the county attorney draft a letter of expectations for budget compliance for the Commission to review.

The following updates were provided by the County Manager, Ms. Howard:

- Much progress has been made in the financial status of the county and currently working with CPA Perry Henry to resolve a few issues with the balance sheet.
- Currently gathering information to move forward with the road closure requests for Queen Ash Road and Tucker Lane. At the request of Commissioner Rentz, Sanders Lane will be added to the list for consideratаion.

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Chair Hobbs recognized Mr. Paul Fyrer, regional representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop. Mr. Fryer made the following comments:

- Recently attended the AFC Water Conference in Albany and reported on several of the drought initiatives currently underway in the area.

Being no further business, Commissioner Rentz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bryan 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

Matt Bryan

Vann Irvin

Tommy Rentz