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Baker County Board of Commissioners

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Regular Meeting
Baker County Courthouse
August 2nd, 2022
7:30 P.M.

Connie C. Hobbs, Chairman
Vann Irvin, Vice-Chairman

Tommy Rentz, Commissioner
Randy Johnson, County Manager

Chris Moore, Commissioner
Matt Bryan, Commissioner

The Baker County Board of Commissioners regular monthly meeting was held on August 2nd, 2022 at the Baker County Courthouse. Commission Chair Hobbs, Vice Chair Irvin, Commissioners Rentz, Moore, Bryan, and County Manager Randy Johnson were present for the meeting.

Chair Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and asked Commissioner Moore to open the meeting in prayer.

Commission Chair Hobbs asked the Commissioners to review the agenda and make a motion to adopt the agenda with additional items of L.O.S.T. Certificate of Distribution to be signed by the Chairman, and Executive Session. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions. Vice Chair Irvin seconded the motion. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs asked that the minutes of the July 5th, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting be reviewed. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

The motion to approve the minutes of the August 2nd, 2022 L.O.S.T. renegotiation meeting were tabled until the September 6th, 2022 regular monthly meeting.

Chair Hobbs advised the Commissioners that there are no speaker requests for the meeting.



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Chair Hobbs introduced Ms. Linda Westberry with the U.S.D.A. who presented a Letter of Conditions for Chair Hobbs signature. The Letter of Conditions is for the grant to purchase two patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Chair Hobbs asked for a motion to approve her signing the Letter of Conditions for the grant. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Vice Chair Irvin. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried. Chair Hobbs signed the document and returned to Ms. Westberry.

Chair Hobbs discussed with the Commissioners, two meetings that have been held with contract EMS companies. Chair Hobbs advised that she and County Manager Randy Johnson have met with Gold Star and Ameri Pro EMS contract companies. Chair Hobbs advised the Commissioners of the services offered by the companies, and a projected cost from each.

Chair Hobbs presented Resolution number 2022-0802A. The Resolution amends the budget adopted by the Baker County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2022. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Vice Chair Irvin. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented Resolution number 2022-0802B. The Resolution is to adopt the five year Comprehensive plan for the years 2022-2027. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Vice Chair Irvin. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs advised the Commissioners that Baker County is one the only Counties in Southwest Georgia without a TSPLOST. Chair Hobbs discussed the various ways the funding could assist the county with road projects. Chair Hobbs requested approval to pursue a referendum for the TSPLOST. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Chair Hobbs pursue the TSPLOST referendum, and was seconded by Commissioner Moore. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.



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Chair Hobbs present the 2023 LMIG funding approval for the County. The approval is for \$324,666.49 dollars and must be met with a thirty per cent match from the county which is \$97,399.94 dollars. Chair Hobbs asked the Commissioners to make recommendations for roads to be resurfaced. County Line, Milford, Lee Heard, Milford Church, and the remainder of Clear Lake were recommended to County Manager Randy Johnson to review and recommend for approval.

Chair Hobbs advised the Commissioners that the County has been approved for \$295,371.39 in grant funding to make improvements to the Courthouse. It will require a fifteen per cent match from the County representing \$44,305.70 dollars. Chair Hobbs advised the Commissioners that the County is soliciting sealed bids by way of a "Request for Proposal". Bids are due on August 19th, 2022 and will be opened on August 26th, 2022, at 10 A.M. in the Commission chambers.

Chair Hobbs requested a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.. Commissioner Bryan made a motion, and was seconded by Vice Chair Irvin. At 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to leave Executive Session and move back into the regular meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried with no action taken.

Chair Hobbs asked County Manager Randy Johnson to give his monthly report of work accomplishments to the Commissioners. County Manager Johnson reported the following activities.

- 202 miles of road graded
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- Cold patching on Milford, Clearlake, and Lee Heard roads
- 10' Bush Hog mower has been delivered
- Discussed constant down time of JD/Alamo limb trimmer machine
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- Annual ACCG/IRMA inspections went favorably. Need to develop a whistleblower policy.
- The Sheriff's Office has a 2016 Ford Interceptor that may have lost an engine. It has over 200,000 miles. Sheriff will report the final outcome as soon as possible.
- Mitchell EMC will be sending an invitation for their broadband/fiber project announcement soon.

With no further business before the Board, Chair Hobbs called for an adjournment.

Commissioner Bryan made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Commissioner Moore. With all Commissioners in favor, the meeting was adjourned.



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September 6th, 2022

Attest: Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, County Clerk

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Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 631-1000 Main Office

June 29, 2022

Constance Hobbs, Chair
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RE: Fiscal Year 2023 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

Dear Chair Hobbs:

We are pleased to announce that the Department will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 LMIG Program in July 2022. Grants will be processed electronically through our **GRANTS (LMIG) Application System**. To begin your FY 2023 LMIG Application, please visit the Department's website at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Local/LMIG. This site provides a link to the LMIG Application, the LMIG Application Tutorial (Manual), and to the General Guidelines and Rules and other pertinent reports. The project list will be entered directly into the LMIG Application System. Please contact your District State Aid Coordinator, **Shannon Bradford**, at **229-391-5438** for assistance with the online application process.

For an application to be processed, the following requirements must be met:

- A local government must be in Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) audit compliance.
- A signed cover letter must be attached and include a completion status of the last three fiscal years' LMIG Grants.
- A signature page must include both the local government seal and the notary seal. The application website provides a blank signature page for you to download, complete and upload as an attachment.
- A local government must provide their District State Aid Coordinator with a Statement of Financial Expenditures form and invoices for Fiscal Year 2020 projects and all other prior years unless previously approved to combine funding for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The forms can be attached in the LMIG Application System if they have not already been provided to your District State Aid Coordinator.

All electronic LMIG applications must be received no later than February 1, 2023. Failure to submit applications by the deadline might result in a forfeiture of funds.

Your formula amount for the Fiscal Year 2023 Program is **\$324,666.49** and your local match is **30%**. Each local government is required to match this formula amount in accordance with Code Section 48-8-244(d).

If you have any questions regarding the LMIG Program, please contact the Local Grants Office in Atlanta at (404) 347-0240 or email questions to LocalGrantsProgram@dot.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Wright
Local Grants Administrator

cc: The Honorable Freddie Sims, Georgia State Senate
The Honorable Winfred Dukes, Georgia House of Representatives
The Honorable Johnny Floyd, State Transportation Board
Scott Chambers, District Engineer
Shannon Bradford, District State Aid Coordinator



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RESOLUTION NO 2022. – 0802A

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, after careful consideration by the Baker County Board of Commissioners, the Board did adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in adoption of the County complied with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 which set out requirements established by the General Assembly of Georgia for the adoption of budgets by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Baker County Board of Commissioners intended to operate the County consistent with the budget adopted for this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, circumstances and events have arisen requiring an amendment to the budget to comply with changes during a course of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baker County Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The annual budget for Baker County for the period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, is amended as provided in “Exhibit A” attached hereto.

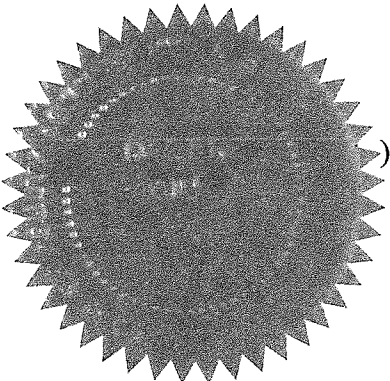
Section 2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of August, 2022.

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By: Connie Hobbs
(Chairman, Connie Hobbs)

Attest: Randy Johnson
Clerk, Randy Johnson



A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
RESOLUTION NO : 2022-0802B

Whereas, Baker County, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

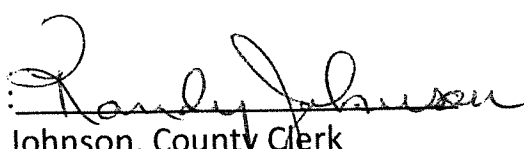
Whereas, the County Commission held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizen input;

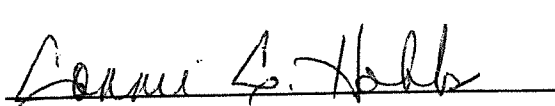
Whereas, in development of the comprehensive plan, Baker County examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan, and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Baker County Board of Commissioners that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 2nd day of August, 2022

Attest :


Randy Johnson, County Clerk


Connie C. Hobbs, Chairman

