



Baker County Board of Commissioners

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August 2nd, 2022

Called Meeting 6 P.M.

L.O.S.T. Renegotiation

The Baker County Board of Commissioners and the Newton City Council met at the Baker County Courthouse to continue the L.O.S.T. renegotiations.

Present with the Baker County Board of Commissioners was Chair Hobbs, Vice Chair Irvin, Commissioners Rentz, Bryan, Moore, County Manager Randy Johnson, and County Attorney Russell Britt.

Present with the City of Newton was Mayor Gary Coker, Mayor Pro-Tem John Spann, Councilman's Jackson and Richardson. Councilman Barfield was not present. City Attorney Greg Williams was present for the meeting.

Commission Chair Hobbs called the meeting to order and requested that members of both entities review the meeting agenda for approval or changes. Vice Chair Irvin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Spann seconded the motion. With all members of the entities in agreement, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs asked Mayor Coker and Mayor Pro Spann to review the minutes of the June 17th, 2022 L.O.S.T. renegotiation meeting. Chair Hobbs then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Coker requested that the wording in paragraph three be changed to reflect the wording Mayor Coker said the City of Newton is willing to pay their share of the non emergent 911 calls, as well as other costs associated with operations that involve the City and County if the City owes it. Chair Hobbs noted Mayor Coker's request and stated that the minutes of the June 17th, 2022 meeting would be corrected to reflect his request.



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Chair Hobbs moved to discussion of the City of Newton's request to be given 20.93 per cent of the L.O.S.T. revenues collected, and that figure was based on population. Chair Hobbs then informed the members present of services provided by the county, both mandated and not mandated by the State of Georgia. Chair Hobbs stated that the County is responsible to provide Law Enforcement and Fire Protection and if there is an E-911 Dispatch Center, they must provide emergency dispatch for the City, but are not mandated to provide "non emergency" dispatch. The County is also not mandated to provide Emergency Medical Services. Chair Hobbs discussed the number of emergency and non emergency calls within the City of Newton for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st 2021, and the costs associated with these services. Chair Hobbs discussed the paving through the LMIG county project that was provided to the city of Newton, at no cost, on the resurfacing of the portion of Clear Lake Road within the City. Chair Hobbs discussed other programs such as Family Connections, and the East Baker Historical Society that benefit residents of the City.

Mayor Coker stated to the committee that the City of Newton was willing to pay their share of the non emergency costs for services received by the City from the County. Mayor Coker recommended that an intergovernmental agreement between the two entities be drafted, reviewed, and signed by both the Chairman and the Mayor prior to the L.O.S.T. revenues being collected starting in January of 2023.

Chair Hobbs then stated that based on the information of services provided, that the City of Newton's request to receive 20.93 per cent of the revenue was not reasonable. At this time, the Mayor asked that the City Council be excused from the meeting to discuss the information.

Upon returning to the meeting, Mayor Coker stated that the City of Newton was willing to share the L.O.S.T. collected revenues at the rate of 15 per cent for the City and 85 per cent for the County in addition to the agreed upon non emergent costs associated with services provided by the County.



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Chair Hobbs then asked the Commissioners if they were in agreement with the Mayor's recommendation. All Commissioners were in agreement.

Chair Hobbs advised the members of the Board of Commissioners and the City Council that County Manager Randy Johnson would complete the Certificate of Distribution and submit it to the Georgia Department of Revenue upon signatures of the Commission Chair Hobbs and Newton City Mayor Gary Coker.

With no further business before the members of the two entities, the meeting was adjourned.



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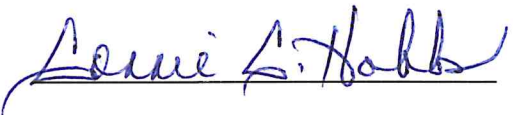
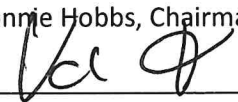
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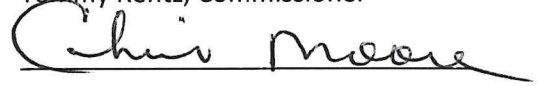

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Randy Johnson, County Clerk


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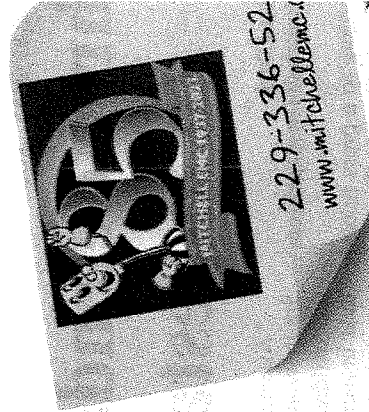

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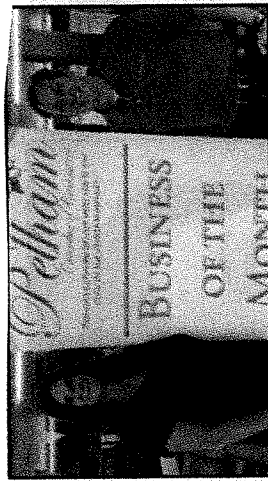
There will be a called meeting of the Baker County Board of Commissioners and the Newton City Council, jointly, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6 p.m., to continue the Local Option Sales Tax Renegotiations.

The meeting will be held at the Baker County Courthouse, 167 Baker Place, Newton Georgia, in the courtroom. This meeting is open to the public.

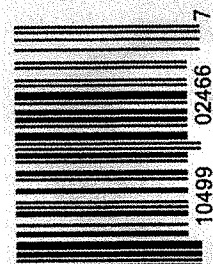


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L.O.S.T. Renegotiations Meeting
 August 2nd, 2022
 6PM

SIGN IN SHEET

Name	Phone Number
Donni Hobbs, Chair	Baker Co. Bd. of Commissioners
Randy Johnson	" " " "
Lloyd Robinson	
John Lynn	
Drew Jackson	
Dary Cohen	
Gregory T. Wilham	
Bill Bell	
Matt [Signature]	
Chris Moore	
Vc	
Tony Red	



CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO: State Revenue Commissioner

Pursuant to an Act of the Georgia General Assembly, effective January 1, 1980, relating to Local Sales & Use Taxes, the governing authorities for the qualifying municipalities and the county located within the special district coterminous with the boundaries of Baker County hereby certify that the proceeds of the combination city/county local sales and use tax generated in such district shall be distributed by the State Revenue Commissioner as follows:

City of Newton shall receive 15 %

City of _____ shall receive _____ %

City of _____ shall receive _____ %

City of _____ shall receive _____ %

City of _____ shall receive _____ %

City of _____ shall receive _____ %

County of Baker shall receive 85 %

This certificate shall continue in effect until such time as a new certificate shall be executed as provided in said Act.

By executing this schedule, the county and cities, acting through their respective officers, represent that all municipalities lying wholly or partly in the tax jurisdiction have been given an opportunity to show that they are 'qualified municipalities,' as that term is used in the Act, and that all municipalities listed herein as recipients are 'qualified' and so may receive distribution from the proceeds of the tax.

Executed on behalf of the governing authorities of the qualifying municipalities representing not less than a majority of the aggregate population of all qualifying municipalities located within the special district and the governing authority of the county, this 2nd day of August 2022

Dary W. Cook
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CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
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