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Regular Monthly Meeting

October 4th, 2022

The Baker County Board of Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on October 4th, 2022, 7:30 p.m., at the Baker County Courthouse. Chair Hobbs, Vice Chair Irvin, Commissioner Rentz, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Moore and County Manager Randy Johnson were in attendance.

Chair Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened the meeting in prayer by Commissioner Moore.

Chair Hobbs asked the Commissioners to review the meeting agenda for approval with the addition of a letter from Waste Management referencing the contract renewal for 2023. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs stated that there were no speaker requests submitted prior to the posting of the meeting agenda. Chair Hobbs recognized that two citizens were present, Mr. Willie Cooper and Ms. Maxell Cooper. Chair Hobbs advised the Board that she would allow Mr. and Ms. Cooper to speak for three minutes. The Cooper's expressed concern about the condition of their road, Big Oak Lane. Mr. Cooper stated they have problems entering their driveway due to the way the County motor graders are scraping the road. Mr. Cooper also expressed that the community wants to have Big Oak Lane paved. County Manager Randy Johnson agreed to meet with Mr. Cooper at his residence to determine if the County can provide a solution to the area of the roadway at



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Mr. Cooper's driveway. Chair Hobbs stated the County would explore grant opportunities for paving the road.

Chair Hobbs asked the Commissioners to review the minutes of the September 6th, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the minutes if there are no changes needed. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Rentz seconded the motion. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented to the Commissioners, an agreement for Residential Point Cost Study from Technical Appraisals. This is the cost for assisting the Tax Assessor with property reevaluations. Chair Hobbs stated that Sarah Kelly, the County Tax Assessor, has not completed the necessary training to be able to complete the evaluations herself. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the Residential Point Cost Study. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to approve and was seconded by Vice Chairman Irvin. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented resolution 2022-1004 for review by the Commissioners. The resolution supports the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission in applying for 5311 transportation funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve and was seconded by Vice Chairman Irvin. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented an Elections Service Management Agreement for assistance that will be given to the Elections Office. Chair Hobbs called for a motion on the Agreement. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to approve the



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agreement, and Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs presented a list of vehicles from the Sheriff's Office that are no longer serviceable and need to be surplused. Chair Hobbs called for a motion to approve surplusing the vehicles. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Hobbs called on County Manager Randy Johnson to give his report. The following information was provided.

- Hurricane Ian report
- 149 miles of roads graded
- 114 miles of roads mowed
- 3 driveway culverts installed
- Road detour on to Bennie Benton from Cross Road causing problems
- Issues with Cat 924 Loader. Meeting set up for October 10th with Yancey Brothers Caterpillar to resolve the issue.
- Currently have two vacancies on the Road Department
- Lights and A/C repairs needed at the old historic Courthouse.

With no further business before the Commission Board, Chair Hobbs called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rentz made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Moore. With all Commissioners in favor, the motion carried.



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November 1st, 2022,

Attest: Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, County Clerk

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