

## **BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MINUTES**

**January 5, 2010**

Ed Preston conducted a workshop with the BCC to get some guidance on some principles to follow in negotiating a 20-year commitment to adding trips to 1-10. Those principles are:

- Expiration Date of concurrency commitments Linked to Job Creation
- Commitments to Road Improvements linked to Project Site Plan Approvals & Traffic Analyses
- Annual Traffic Monitoring
- Extensions Based on Available Capacities
- 5-Year terms

Chairman Alex Robinson instructed Mr. Preston to draft the Developers Agreement between Jackson-Shaw, Woodstock Park and Baker County and bring the proposal back to the commission for approval.

The Baker County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Chairman Alex Robinson  
Commissioner Michael R. Crews  
Commissioner Mark Hartley  
Commissioner B. Gordon Crews

Also present:

County Manager Joseph L. Cone  
County Attorney Terry Brown  
County Clerk Al Fraser

Chairman Alex Robinson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Mark Hartley led in the prayer and then the flag ceremony.

Chairman Alex Robinson asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Joe Cone requested Item #1 under him be removed concerning the Equal Rights Amendment Resolution 2009-31 and add a request from the Community Action Agency. Commissioner Michael Crews moved to approve the agenda and remove item #1 under the County Manager and add the request from the Community Action Agency. The motion was second by Commissioner Mark Hartley. Motion carried unanimous.

Commissioner Gordon Crews moved to approve the consent agenda items, which were;

1. Expenditure Report
2. Approval of Minutes December 21, 2009
3. Baker County Health Dept. Increase in Funds Report

Commissioner Mark Hartley seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimous

Stanford Lugg representing the **2010 U.S. Census** Bureau gave a video presentation and explained to the Commissioners the importance of everyone in Baker County participating. He explained billions in Federal dollars would be distributed from the 2010 Census and Baker County needed an accurate count in order to receive their share of the funds. Mr. Lugg pointed out in 2000 only 61% of Baker County residents participated and he hoped more would return the census forms this time. Chairman Alex Robinson informed Mr. Lugg the Board had compiled a list of names for the Census committee who have agreed to participate in the 2010 Census. Mr. Lugg requested the Board consider adopting a Resolution in support of the 2010 Census.

Joe Cone presented an agreement between Baker County, Peacock Consulting Group and Council on Aging concerning *evaluating mitigation potential of St. Mary Shoals Park*. This proposal follows the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on December 21, 2009. One of the items discussed at this meeting was the potential of St. Mary Shoals Park to provide wetland mitigation for various projects within Baker County. Over 95% of the county, including St. Mary Shoals Park, is located in the Upper St. Mary's River Drainage Basin (Basin 1). There are a number of opportunities available to the County for generating mitigation at the park, including the preservation of wetland creation. The Peacock proposal is to provide environmental consulting services for a preliminary assessment of the mitigation potential for the park, specifically the mitigation that is needed for the Baker County Council on Aging. The COA needs mitigation in order to develop their property on Buck Starling Road. The cost for the preliminary mitigation assessment is not to exceed \$1500 and the COA has agreed to pay the amount. Commissioner Michael Crews moved to approve the agreement and the motion was second by Commissioner Mark Hartley. Motion carried unanimous.

Joe Cone presented a letter from the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Richard Farmer to represent Baker County on their board. Commissioner Gordon Crews moved to re-appoint Dr. Richard Farmer and the motion was second by Commissioner Michael Crews. Motion carried unanimous.

Joe Cone presented the bid results for a bathroom facility needed at St. Mary Shoals Park. He pointed out Jody Paul Thrift was the only bidder and his bid was for \$49,200. Due to the bathroom needing to be completed by February 28<sup>th</sup> and no time to re-advertise for the re-bidding Commissioner Gordon Crews moved to accept Mr. Thrift's bid of \$49,200 and the motion was second by Commissioner Mark Hartley. The motion carried 3 to 1 Chairman Robinson voted no.

Commissioner Gordon Crews moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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**Al Fraser, Clerk**

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**Alex Robinson, Chairman**