

November 9, 2018

Arkansas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 1917

Little Rock, AR 72203-1917

Attn: Mr. Graham Sloan

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I have a complaint to file with the Ethics Commission.

Based on information that I received, I believe that the Faulkner County Judge, Mr. Jim Baker, has been engaging in electioneering prior to the recent election.

*I received a screenshot of an email which was sent to the Judge and others regarding a piece of legislation that would have favorable results for the county. It was presented as "good news." The Judge replied, and in that reply asked for support in the election. His response was "This is great, right now I am trying to get votes for re elect to help on these issues. Please contact all you can to go vote,.....I need it,"*

This comment went to the entire cc list shown in the email.

Using the FOIA process, I have obtained Judge Baker's emails for the pre-election period. In this information there appears to be more than a few examples of the County Judge using the Faulkner County information system for the benefit of his re-election campaign.

This request directly resulted in two written responses from individuals in the cc list of the email. Since this request and responses were sent and received on the County email system I believe that this is an example of electioneering. I have attached several other documents, obtained within the FOIA request, that show similar activities. See List of Documents

In full disclosure, I supported Judge Baker's opponent in the election. Also, the FOIA process was made difficult by the Judge's refusal to release the FOIA requested information to me. However, he did release the information to another FOIA request for his emails done by the Dem-Gaz. I did file suit and the information was released and an Agreed Order was signed. I have attached this document.

Please contact me if you need any clarification.

Sincerely,

Bob Gregory

332 Skunk Hollow Road  
Conway, AR 72032  
501-514-0727  
gregowbw@cox.net

*Note:*

*This was signed  
and Notarized.*

*Mailed 11-9-2018*

## List of Documents

1. Copy of FOIA request. (1 page)
2. Original screen shot that shows email. (1 page)
3. Copy of email that shows County Judge request for election help (3 pages)
4. Copy of email that shows response to request - #1 (3 pages)
5. Copy of email that shows response to request - #2 (4 pages)
6. Copy of email that shows Judge Baker's response to information request for campaign donation. (1 page)
7. Copy of email response to request for candidate information for a newspaper publication. (1 page)
8. Copy of email showing interest in cable advertising. (1 page)
9. Copy of email to his administrative assistant showing information on political advertisement. (2 pages)
10. Copy of email to program person for Faulkner County Board of Realtors that refers to one of his campaign messages re: roads. (1 page)
11. Copy of email discussing issue. (1 page)
12. Copy of Agreed Order, the result of lawsuit to comply with FOIA request. (3 pages)

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DOC. 1

October 25, 2018

The Honorable Jim Baker  
Faulkner County Judge  
801 Locust Street  
Conway, Arkansas 72032

Dear Judge Baker:

Under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act § 25-19-101 et seq., I request electronic copies via email or electronic disk of these public records relating to Faulkner County governmental operations:

**All email, outbound and incoming addressed to or from jim.baker@faulknercounty.org for the period August 1, 2018 to October 25, 2018**

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$10. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees, in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operation of Faulkner County. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Arkansas Freedom of Information Act requires a response within three (3) business days. If access to these requested records will take longer, please contact me about when you expect to make the electronic records available, and so will expect provision of the requested email on or before end-of-business October 30, 2018.

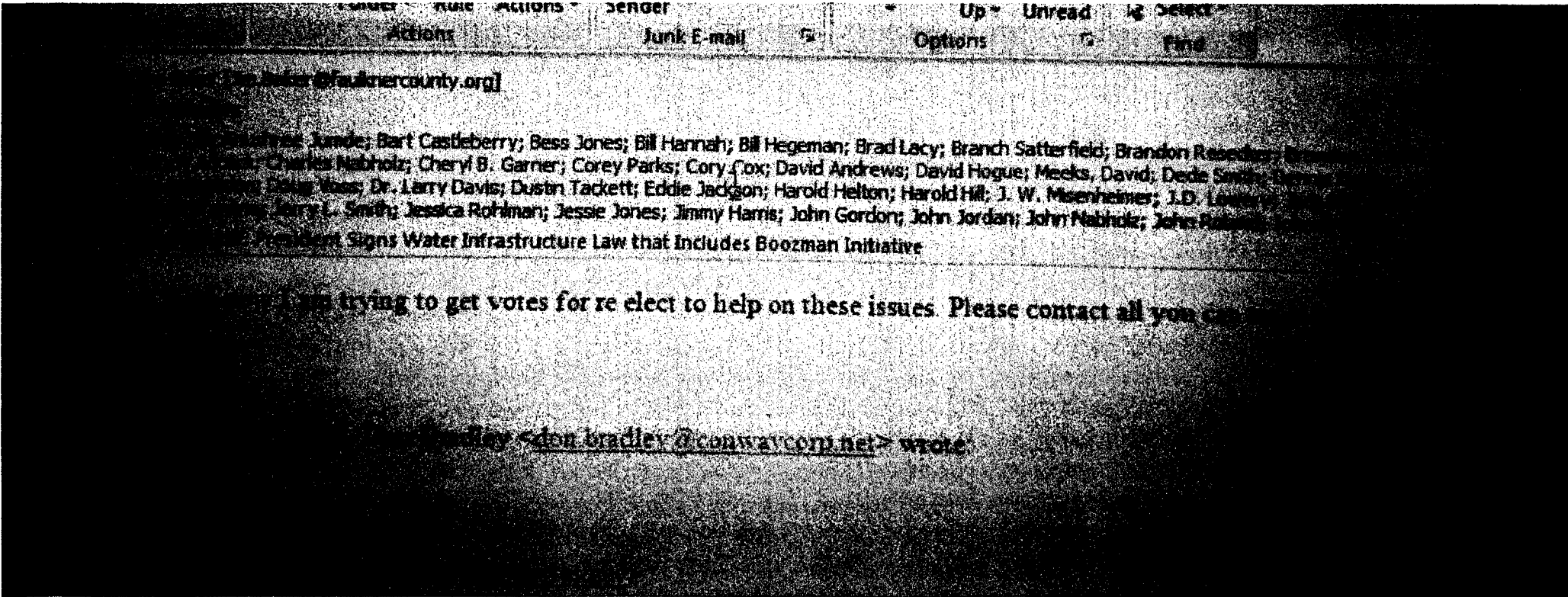
If you deny any part of this request, please cite the specific exemption you feel justifies a refusal to release the information, and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

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David H. - 10/30/18 @ 5:30 PM via phone  
Judge will not release info requested in FOIA.



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**From:** Charles Nabholz  
**To:** Jim Baker  
**Subject:** Re: RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:41:19 PM

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Jim,  
I voted early and voted for YOU.  
You will get Charlotte 's vote too. Let me know where to send any financial support if you need it.  
Charlie Nabholz

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Carol Adcock  
**Subject:** RE: RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative  
**Date:** Monday, October 29, 2018 8:13:00 AM

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Thank you, I appreciate what you do for our area. We do work at it , it does make a difference.

**From:** Carol Adcock [mailto:cadcock@conwaycorp.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 8:12 PM  
**To:** Jim Baker <Jim.Baker@faulknercounty.org>  
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Jim,

Carol and I will go vote tomorrow. We'll definitely vote for you and we'll encourage everyone at Centennial Bank to vote for you.

Bunny Adcock

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<vanderson@wcapdd.org>; Virginia Porta <virginia.porta@ahtd.ar.gov>; William E. Ruck <Bill.Ruck@Arkansas.gov>; William Rockefeller <rockefeller.william@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative

This is great, right now I am trying to get votes for re elect to help on these issues. Please contact all you can to go vote,.....I need it,

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2018, at 9:57 AM, Don Bradley <don.bradley@conwaycorp.net> wrote:

FYI, Good News

**From:** Deidre Smith <Deidre.Smith@arkansas.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** 'tbabb@odot.org' <tbabb@odot.org>; 'Bowman, Geoffrey' <gbowman@vsadc.com>; Bob Portiss <bob4port@outlook.com>; David Yarbrough <david@tulsaport.com>; SCOTT ROBINSON <SCOTT@MUSKOGEEPORT.COM>; 'Mike Hucker' <Mike.Hucker@cgb.com>; gregk@inc-online.com; 'Phyllis Harden' <phyllis.harden@pbsgc.com>; jnorman@bruceoakley.com; john.peters@profmarine.com; 'Steve Taylor' <STaylor@bruceoakley.com>; 'Mike Metzler' <mike.metzler@gmail.com>; Bryan Day <bday@lrportauthority.com>; Jay Boucher@gavilon.com; John Edwards - Helena-West Helena Phillips County Port Authority (johnedwardsoffice@gmail.com) <johnedwardsoffice@gmail.com>; Kenny Gober (kennygober@hotmail.com) <kennygober@hotmail.com>; randy@poinsettrice.com; 'Joseph C. Bitner' <jbitner@watcocompanies.com>; Mike Smith (mike@cityofcrossett.net) <mike@cityofcrossett.net>; 'dan pevy' <danpevy@hotmail.com>; Don Bradley <don.bradley@conwaycorp.net>; 'Leah Hasley' <leahhasley@yahoo.com>; Chadwell Jon <director@newportaredc.org>; 'director@swaria.org' <director@swaria.org>; Richard Brontoli <rva@rva.org>; 'Rayford Wilbanks' <wilbankspr1957@att.net>; Melanie Baden <melanietravels2@gmail.com>; Caleb Stanton <Caleb.Stanton@governor.arkansas.gov>; Craig Mobley <cmobley@ffb1.com>; Harvey Joe Sanner <sannerharveyjoe@gmail.com>; Jeff Rutledge <Jeff.Rutledge@sbcglobal.net>; Joe Harris, Jr. <jhidelark@yahoo.com>; Marty Shell <marty@fiveriversdist.com>; Matthew King <Matt.King@arfb.com>; William Varner <joycesvarner@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** 'Kimbra Scott' <kimbra@muskogeeport.com>; 'Claussen, Kirk (MARAD)' <kirk.claussen@dot.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative

FYI

**From:** Higginbotham, Gene (Boozman) [mailto:Gene\_Higginbotham@boozman.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:34 PM  
**To:** Deidre Smith <Deidre.Smith@arkansas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative

FYI

**From:** "Shop, Press (Boozman)" <Press\_Shop@boozman.senate.gov>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 16:21  
**To:** "Shop, Press (Boozman)" <Press\_Shop@boozman.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RELEASE: President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 23, 2018  
Contact: Patrick Creamer (202) 224-4843

## President Signs Water Infrastructure Law that Includes Boozman Initiative

WASHINGTON—A new policy initiative authored by U.S. Senator John Boozman (R-AR) that takes an innovative approach to modernizing critical water infrastructure—especially in rural areas often unable to afford upgrades to aging water systems—became law when President Donald Trump signed the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*.

The new approach—based off the *Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now (SRF WIN) Act* introduced by Boozman earlier this year—was included as a provision in the comprehensive reauthorization of our nation's water infrastructure programs. Boozman stood with the President in the Oval Office of the White House when he put his signature on the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*.

"I was proud to join President Trump as he signed the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018* into law. I'm particularly pleased that it includes my innovative solution to updating our water and wastewater infrastructure. With this new tool in the toolbox, we will be able to help state and local governments overcome the barriers that have stalled water infrastructure improvements for far too long. Fixing our crumbling infrastructure is a national priority and this new policy initiative I authored creates another option for any community, including those in rural America, to address overdue water infrastructure upgrades," **Boozman said**.

Specifically, Boozman's provision included in the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018* will:

- ? Combine the best aspects of State Revolving Funds (SRFs) with the leveraging power of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) to make the process easier and more affordable for states to meet their underserved or unmet water infrastructure needs.
- ? Increase access to previously unavailable funding sources for small and medium-size communities, while removing high application fees which often prevent access to funds for rural communities.
- ? Provide a direct and politically viable path to providing dramatic increases in funding for our nation's SRF programs that will help address the backlog of long-awaited local infrastructure projects.
- ? Allow thousands of vetted water and wastewater projects to receive funding without the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) having to process thousands of additional applications.

Boozman's efforts have garnered praise from Arkansas and national water infrastructure advocates.

Dennis Sternberg, Executive Director of Arkansas Rural Water Association, applauded the policy update to extend these authorities to states.

"We are very pleased a version of Senator Boozman's bill was included in the package. Small and rural communities have more difficulty affording public wastewater service due to lack of population density and lack of economies of scale. Rural America is very appreciative for the help," **Sternberg said**.

President of the American Society of Civil Engineers Kristina Swallow, P.E., said the benefits

of this approach will be felt nationwide.

“The SRF WIN provision secures a significant increase in investment for water infrastructure, which is sorely needed given our nation’s ‘D’ grade for drinking water and ‘D+’ grade for wastewater in the 2017 Infrastructure Report Card. Sen. Boozman’s leadership and vision led to this new funding option that will improve our nation’s water infrastructure,” **Swallow said.**

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Doc. 6

**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Betty Pickett  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Donations  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 8:08:20 PM

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Jim B Baker  
2921 Lakeview Acres Road  
Conway, AR, 72032

Sent from my iPhone

- > On Oct 9, 2018, at 4:00 PM, Betty Pickett <bpickett@conwaycorp.net> wrote:
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- > Hi Everyone,
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- > Hope all your campaigns are on track for a win November 6th. The executive committee of the Faulkner County Democratic Party met recently and did their final budget for the campaign push. I am pleased to announce that we are able to make a supplemental donation to the original amount we initially budgeted for your campaigns.
- >
- > The amounts are as follows:
- > State Representative. 500.00
- > County Judge 500.00
- > County Assessor 500.00
- > Justices of the Peace 300.00 each
- >
- > I am in the process of distributing the checks but before I send them I need for you to send me your mailing address so I can verify that I am sending them where you want them sent. Since there is only 4 weeks to Election Day we don't have time for delays.
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- > Look forward to hearing from you.
- >
- > Betty

Doc. 7

**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Sublett, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT! Candidate information for Log Cabin Democrat  
**Date:** Thursday, October 4, 2018 7:49:00 AM

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I need to get with you to spend money on some ads and sponsor this insert. 730-3519

**From:** Sublett, Kelly [mailto:ksublett@thecabin.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Kelly Sublett <ksublett@thecabin.net>  
**Subject:** Fwd: IMPORTANT! Candidate information for Log Cabin Democrat

Good afternoon candidates!

I am sending out this call for information again along with the link to the election website. Some of you have already completed the Q&A and you can see the responses under the "races" or "candidates" tab. So thank you!

We are still working on getting a few of the kinks out, but I wanted you all to be aware of the site and how it will look. You will be able to share your bios, etc.

This is all related to your participation. If you do not fill out the Q&A below, it will not appear on the election website or in the printed tab slated for Oct. 21.

Fill out the Q&A: <https://goo.gl/forms/BSkpsxojyauSYBPf1>  
Election Website: <http://inconway.com/vote/>

The Log Cabin will begin promoting this website by close of business Thursday (tomorrow). Right now, it is a work in progress, but I wanted to make sure each of you were reminded before we do so. You can certainly fill it out at any time between now and the election. All of that, again, is up to each of you. We will add them as we get them.

To have your bio included in the PRINTED election tab set for distribution **OCTOBER 21** in the Log Cabin Democrat (subscribers and racks), we need bios complete by **OCTOBER 15**. If you do not have bios complete by that date, **ONLY** your name will appear under the description of your race. The printed tab bios will look similar to the bios you can view on the website.

Again, if you have questions, do not hesitate to ask!  
All the best!  
Kelly

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Sublett, Kelly <ksublett@thecabin.net>  
**Date:** Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 2:42 PM  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT! Candidate information for Log Cabin Democrat  
**To:** Kelly Sublett <ksublett@thecabin.net>

Good afternoon,



Doc. 8

**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Vance Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: Pol. Rates Cable TV Advertising  
**Date:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 7:49:14 PM

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Please call me Monday, 730 3519 yes I am.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2018, at 1:50 PM, Vance Daniel <[Vance.Daniel@conwaycorp.com](mailto:Vance.Daniel@conwaycorp.com)> wrote:

Just checking back to see...if you had any questions .....v.

**From:** Vance Daniel  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** '[jim.baker@faulknercounty.org](mailto:jim.baker@faulknercounty.org)' <[jim.baker@faulknercounty.org](mailto:jim.baker@faulknercounty.org)>  
**Subject:** Pol. Rates Cable TV Advertising

Here is the official Gen. Election Rate Card.....v.

General Election (Window Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>)

Let me know if you would like for me to provide you with a proposal for Cable TV Advertising....or if you have any questions about Production etc.

Thank you for your time.....v.

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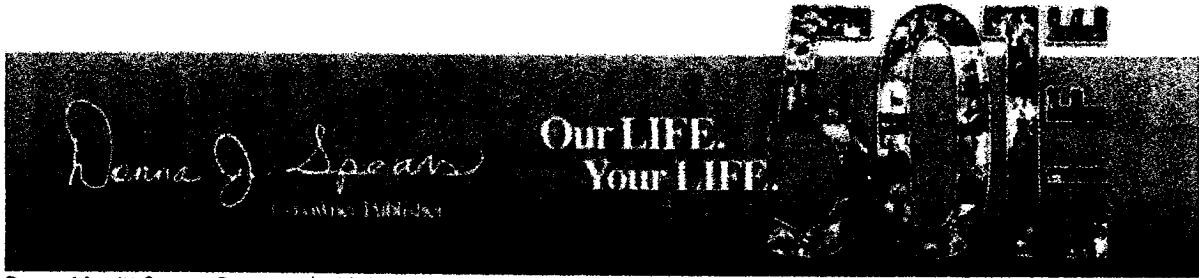
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**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Pauletta Womack; Latasha Davis  
**Subject:** FW: 501 LIFE ad for November  
**Date:** Monday, October 15, 2018 4:23:00 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.png  
Jim Baker 11.18.pdf ←

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**From:** Donna Spears [mailto:donna@501lifemag.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** Jim Baker <Jim.Baker@faulknercounty.org>  
**Subject:** 501 LIFE ad for November

Thoughts? Any changes?



Donna Merritt Spears, Co-owner/Publisher  
501 Advertising and Publishing – 501 LIFE magazine  
701 Chestnut Street, Conway, AR 72032  
Office: 501.327.1501 - Cell: 501.472.7316  
501lifemag.com

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Re-Elect

# JUDGE JIM BAKER



**DRIVEN TO LEAD  
WITH A ROADMAP TO THE FUTURE.**

Re-Elect

**Jim  
Baker**

FOR

**County Judge**

Under my leadership the Hwy. 25 relocation changed the landscape of North Faulkner County.

**Let's continue to improve our county**

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**From:** Jim Baker  
**To:** Brittney Burks  
**Subject:** RE: Jim canyou be our speaker ?  
**Date:** Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:36:00 PM

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Yes, yes, any time please contact my office at 450-4900 or my cell 730-3519. Hey one area that I fail to tell you -I have taken in 160 roads into the county system for the county to maintain For the benefit of the public that live on those roads. Thanks for the positive comments all of You gave me.

**From:** Brittney Burks [mailto:brittneyburksrealtor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:38 PM  
**To:** Jim Baker <Jim.Baker@faulknercounty.org>  
**Subject:** Jim canyou be our speaker ?

Jim,


I will be in charged of booking the 2019 Speakers of the Faulkner County Board of REALTORS. Would you be interested in speaking to us for 25 minutes at one of our Board Meetings in the upcoming year?

Please let me know so I can get you on the schedule. We appreciate you!

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Sincerest Regards,

*Brittney Burks*

"The REALTOR® That WORKS!"

  
501.269.9593 Cell

501.327.3838 Office

[BrittneyBurksRealtor@gmail.com](mailto:BrittneyBurksRealtor@gmail.com)

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**From:** [Jim Baker](#)  
**To:** [Jamie.Gates@conwavarkansas.org](mailto:Jamie.Gates@conwavarkansas.org)  
**Subject:** Fwd: League of Women Voter's Meet and Greet  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:23:47 PM

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I am not sure if Scott Kelly is doing one thing to help me, he does know how to take my pay to him. Have you seen any thing that looks like he is ? I know I need help, any suggestion would be great. Time is hear. I think I have been place on the S list. Any help would be appreciated !!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cindy Thornton <[cathornton59@gmail.com](mailto:cathornton59@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** October 23, 2018 at 3:48:00 PM CDT  
**To:** [jim.baker@faulknercounty.org](mailto:jim.baker@faulknercounty.org)  
**Cc:** [tmusia@gmail.com](mailto:tmusia@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** League of Women Voter's Meet and Greet

Candidate Meet and Greet sponsored by UCA's Vote Everywhere. It is October 29 at the Brewer-

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
CIVIL DIVISION**

**BOB GREGORY**

**PLAINTIFF**

**V**

**NO. 23CV-18-1654**

**JIM BAKER,  
in his official capacity as  
FAULKNER COUNTY JUDGE**

**DEFENDANT**

**AGREED ORDER**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2018, comes before the Court the above-styled matter. Based upon all matters properly before the Court and the agreement of the parties, the Court finds and orders:

1. This is an appeal from a denial of rights under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (herein "FOIA") pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-107(a).
2. Defendant Judge Jim Baker is the duly elected County Judge of Faulkner County, Arkansas.
3. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-107(a).
4. The items requested by Plaintiff in the FOIA request of October 25, 2018 are public records.
5. Defendant Jim Baker, in his official capacity as Faulkner County Judge, failed to produce the requested public records within three business days as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(e) and provided the requested documents within a week instead.

6. Defendant violated the Freedom of Information Act by failing to provide the identified public records within three business days. The Court finds that such violation occurred.

7. Defendant shall pay costs in the amount of \$187.50. Attorney's fees are waived.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Hon. Chris Carnahan  
Circuit Judge

APPROVED:

/s/ Joey McCutchen  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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Attorney for Defendant



Arkansas Judiciary

**Case Title:** BOB GREGORY V JIM BAKER, FAULKNER COUNTY  
JUDGE  
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So Ordered

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris R. Carnahan".

JUDGE CHRIS R. CARNAHAN