

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 21, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Matt Brooks  
Vice-Chair, Comm. Desiree Mills  
Comm. Tim Hodge  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. John Meeks

Also present were: County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Brooks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Hodge.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>150354-150364, 150367-150484</b>	
<b>FUND</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE		255,241.66
ROAD		47,750.40
SHIP		28,095.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		768.00
TRANSPORTATION		11,734.48
COURT FACILITIES		2,469.07
MISC GRANTS		36,971.40
EMS		16,349.16
FIRE		32,522.40
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		5,131.00
UTILITIES		3,264.01
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		24,180.05
ARPASLFRF		37,687.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS		372.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		6,023.30
LANDFILL		109,195.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>617,754.64</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>512.82</b>

**LCNR EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the following LCNR expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting due to perceived conflict.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>150365</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,793.72
ROAD	111.25
TRANSPORTATION	31.55
EMS	50.55
FIRE	31.57
LANDFILL	8.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,027.63</b>

**AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditure for payment. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting due to perceived conflict.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>150366</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	746.60
ROAD	395.50
EMS	195.11
FIRE	171.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,508.75</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held October 3, 2023 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held October 3, 2023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the week of November 20 – 26, 2023 as “Team Mighty Ike Week”, a time to remember the youth tragically lost in automobile accidents as well as their families affected by this loss.

Comm. Brooks read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying the week of November 20 – 26, 2023 as “Team Mighty Ike Week” as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Comm. Brooks presented a Certificate of Recognition to Danny C. Floyd, Sr. and Virginia C. Floyd for their lifetime of outstanding service, tireless effort, and constant support for the youth of our community. Also, a Certificate of Recognition to Danny C. Floyd for his achievement of the 1991 Florida State Employee of the Year and his continued positive representation of Levy County.
- C. Wilbur Dean presented of a Certificate of Appreciation to Johnnie Pendarvis for over 23 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County until his well-earned retirement from the Levy County Solid Waste Department.
- D. Comm. Mills presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Solid Waste Department employee, Wesley Parker for going above and beyond when he assisted a customer. Comm. Mills read the letter received into public record.
- E. Tri-Counties Hospice Care Center in Chiefland representative, Jamie Hinote requested Board approval of a Proclamation proclaiming the month of November, 2023, National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming the month of November, 2023, National Hospice and Palliative Care Month as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks then read the Proclamation into public record.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Hoffman spoke regarding rezoning and introduced Karen Eagle who spoke concerning the language in a proposed Ordinance regarding the number of horses allowed on property of a certain size.

Phyllis Friedman spoke on the issue of livestock on small acreage and of the need for animal abuse law enforcement.

Other audience members who spoke on this issue were: Diane Marchant, Maria Wise, Valerie Kanavy, Bonnie Richlan

Elia, Alan and Kyra Fant spoke on behalf of Fant Farm Organics, their family run composting business.

Rose Fant spoke in opposition of Fant Farm Organics and encouraged the Board to enforce the Ordinance, which prohibits such businesses in Levy County.

Jeffrey Lieberman spoke on the issue concerning the number of horses allowed on agricultural property. He also invited everyone to a free Thanksgiving Feast at Rafter Cross Church.

## **BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2023-72 amending the Final Budget for FY 2023.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-72 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **LEVY COUNTY ENGINEER**

Andrew Carswell

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-74 certifying Levy County meets the criteria for reduction or waiver of Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management District permit processing fees; requesting same; and directing transmittal of this Resolution to the permitting entities.

### **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Meyer, Director

Requesting Board approval to purchase two (2) 2024 Chevy Silverado's off the Florida State Term Contract No. 251000000-23-STC from Alan Jay Fleet Sales in the amount of \$99,261.20.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Chevy Silverado's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-069 and the EMS County Award Grant Application for submission to the State.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-69 and the EMS County Award Grant Application for submission to the State as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant (EMPG) with the Chairman's signature and Resolution 2023-68 amending the FY 2024 budget in the amount of \$59,983 to incorporate Emergency Management yearly grants.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant with the Chairman's signature and approval of Resolution 2023-68 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the DR-4734 Hurricane Idalia Agreement (Agreement Number: Z3935) with the Chairman's signature.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the DR-4734 Hurricane Idalia Agreement with the Chairman's signature (Agreement Number: Z3935) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-73 to set a Public Hearing date to consider the closure and abandonment of portions of platted right-of-way which cross the Williston Highlands Golf Course located in Levy County, Florida; and directing published notice of said Public Hearing.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-73 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-75 to set a Public Hearing date to consider the closure and abandonment of portions of Magnolia Avenue lying within the Plat of Suwanatee Park, located in Levy County, Florida; and directing published notice of said Public Hearing.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-75 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-67 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$75,772 to appropriate the second tranche of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) received.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-67 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2023-6 for the Wastewater Treatment Plan and Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) remediation plan within the Basin Management Plan (BMPAP) between Levy County and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$25,800.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2023-6 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to Appropriate Reserves (Contingency) in the amount of \$28,500 for the Wastewater and Sewer Regulatory Compliance.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Appropriating Reserves (Contingency) in the amount of \$28,500 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-70, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$210,445 for the Multi-Agency Communications Systems Project (P25).

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-70 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Mrs. Tretheway announced the Levy County Staff will be holding a Stakeholder Public Meeting for the Cedar Key Resiliency Project, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Nature Coast Biological Station, located at 551 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Cedar Key, FL 32625.

- F. Requesting Board approval of the Second Amendment to the MOA between Levy County and the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the MOA between Levy County and the Suwannee River Water Management District as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- G. Requesting Board approval of the recommended ranking for RFQ\_001, State Lobbyist Services and the Form of Agreement with the top ranked proposer, Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the recommended ranking for RFQ\_001, State Lobbyist Services and the Form of Agreement with the top ranked proposer, Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Jennifer Green, speaking on behalf of Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC addressed the Board thanking them for the opportunity.

- H. Discussion with the Board regarding the approach of leasing property (for construction of a tower to be owned by a private party with a lease back of space for the P25 project equipment), rather than the County contracting for construction of a new county-owned tower.

Following discussion among the Commissioner, it was agreed by consensus to move forward with leasing property.

The meeting recessed at 10:57 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:06 A.M.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

Andrew Carswell, County Engineer on behalf of Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. PETITION NO. FP 23-04: Steve McMillan surveyor, representing Jackie Willington of Hideaway Hills, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat to Subdivide 12.788 acres, into three (3), four (4) acre parcels MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 30, Township 12, Range 18 in Levy County, Florida with a Land Use and Zoning of Rural Residential (R/R) (1 home per 3 acres). Parcel number: 0422400200.

Upon request made by the applicant's representative, Mr. Carswell requested this item be continued to the December 19<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Comm. Mills made a motion to continue PETITION NO. FP 23-04 to the December 19<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting at 9:00 A.M. as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Carswell presented and requested Board approval of PETITION NO. FP 23-05: Mr. Steve McMillen, surveyor, representing Sandra Beamer of Suggs' Estates, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat to subdivide 52.817 acres, into eight (8) parcels of 5 to 10 acres MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 34, Township 12, Range 18 in Levy County, Florida with a land use of Urban Low Density Residential (ULDR) and Zoning of Urban Single-Family Residential, (R-1), (one home per acre). Parcel Number is: 0427000000.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Petition No. FP 23-05 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Carswell presented and requested Board approval of Petition No. PP 23-05: Mr. Steve McMillen surveyor, representing Gary Garboski, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat (Garboski Acres) to divide 37.836 acres MOL into two (2) parcels, a 15 acre parcel and a 21 acre parcel. Said parcel is located in Section 32, Township 12, Range 19 in Levy County, Florida and has a land use of Medium Density Residential and zoning or R-2 (5 units per acre). Parcel Number: 0483600200.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 23-05 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Mr. Carswell presented and requested Board approval of Petition No. PP 23-07: Mr. Steve McMillen surveyor, representing Gloria Danner, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat (G&G Alliance) to correct an unlawful split on 14.6 acres MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 19, Township 11, Range 15 in Levy County, Florida and has a land use and zoning of Agriculture/Rural Residential (A/RR) (10 ac. minimum). Parcel Number: 0158500000.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 23-07 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Steve Schwing, Inglis Mayor provided an update on their Septic/Sewer Public Workshop held last week with the design consultants for the project. The decision to move forward or not with this project will be made at the next Town meeting in December.

Tyler Voorhees, Town of Bronson Councilman spoke to the Board regarding Animal Control within the Town.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Rock Meeks** inquired of the procedure for switching the date an Ordinance could be heard by the Board. Comm. Brooks explained the process.

**Comm. Mills** spoke of the Newberry Veterans Memorial Gala she recently attended. This event was held to raise funds for a Veterans Memorial Park to be located in Newberry. Comm. Mills stated she would like to see something similar to this done in Levy County once the Government Complex renovations were complete. She also spoke of the Yankeetown Seafood Festival held last weekend.

**Comm. John Meeks** spoke of the Christmas LARC Adopt a Client opportunity, stating they are currently seeking sponsors. He also reminded everyone of the Toys For Tots collection bins located in the building. Comm. John Meeks then mentioned he had been approached by constituents seeking a County operated gun range in Levy County and expressed an interest in this. He asked the other Commissioners to consider this opportunity. Comm. John Meeks then read into public record a letter he received from the Bronson United Methodist Church thanking the Board for their assistance in the clearing of the area between the Methodist Church and the State Attorney/Public Defender building which had become a place for homeless individuals to stay.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of recent meetings attended. He then reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Department and Committee assignments, which will be decided at the last meeting in December. Staff was directed to provide copies of the current lists to each of the Commissioners. Comm. Brooks stated the Williston Christmas Parade will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. The Christmas Parade in Chiefland will be the following weekend, December 9<sup>th</sup> and the Inglis/Yankeetown Christmas Parade will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks