

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 19, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks  
Comm. Matt Brooks  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were: County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean  
Interim County Attorney – Heather Encinosa, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson

Chairman John Meeks 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. Brooks.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>143413-143588</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	703,716.35
ROAD	66,228.56
MOSQUITO CONTROL	660.12
TRANSPORTATION	12,392.18
COURT FACILITIES	2,645.17
MISC GRANTS	119,768.51
EMS	164,166.82
FIRE	283,672.56
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	11,159.47
UTILITIES	4,928.83
COMMUNICATION	20,417.28
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,220.47
RESTORE ACT	131,676.24
CAPITAL PROJECTS	251,177.52
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	38,395.44
LANDFILL	111,196.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,925,421.83</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 584,044.14</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular/Budget Meeting held July 20, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular/Budget Meeting held July 20, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of recognition of Cleveland Griffin for his years of employment with the Road Department as he is retiring. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks read aloud the Obituary for John Kelly. Mr. Kelly had been a Firefighter, Paramedic and Registered Nurse. He was currently working as an EMT and Paramedic instructor at the College of Central Florida. He also served as a Paramedic and Field Training Officer for the Levy County Department of Public Safety.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Recognition of Almarie Sheppard for going above and beyond her job duties, and for her loyal dedication to the Levy County Solid Waste Department and the citizens of Levy County.
- B. Recognizing David Peaton for 5 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County serving as the Assistant Director to Emergency Management.
- C. Recognizing Cleveland Griffin for his years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County as he retires from the Road Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comm. John Meeks read an email received from Johnny Mottford into public record. In the email, Mr. Mottford expressed his concern of Ordinance restrictions concerning building codes for accessory structures on property in addition to a home. Stacey Hectus spoke regarding this item.

A second email, from Holly Berry was read aloud by Comm. John Meeks concerning a previously approved Special Exception for outdoor commercial recreation. Ms. Berry inquired how many counts of forgiveness would be issued to the McCormick's for violation of the stipulations/restrictions. Stacey Hectus spoke regarding this item stating there had been an appeal to the Board's decision.

Renate Cannon spoke regarding the setbacks for property owners to place a structure/home.

## **PLANNING/ZONING**

Stacey Hectus, Director

Atty. Heather Encinosa swore in members of the audience who wished to speak regarding the item being presented.

Comm. Cohn Meeks asked if any Commissioners had any ex-parte communication regarding this item. There were none.

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-013 as it relates to the “Property Rights Element” to be adopted and added to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Hectus read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-013 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Petitioning the Board, McMillen Surveying, representing John and Elizabeth Thibodeau requested Board approval of a Preliminary Plat to Re-Plat Tract 21 of Starting Point. Said parcel is located within Section 16 and 21, Township 14, Range 19 and has a zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). Said parcel contains 24.275 acres. Proposed Re-plat will create two parcels consisting of 12.138 acres, more or less. Parcel number: 1801100000.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat requested by John and Elizabeth Thibodeau as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-02; property owners Romain and Rachel Spell of R & R Acres, proposed subdivision is located in Section 7, Township 16, and Range 17. The property has a zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. Minimum). Said parcel contains 62.20 acres, more or less and proposed subdivision will create 5 lots containing 10+ ac. Parcel Number: 1436501600.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item as presented. There were none.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-02 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Tammy Jones

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-128, amending the final budget for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$34,437.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-128 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Rob Boschen requested Board approval of Resolution 2021-130, amending the final budget in the amount of \$20,200 for FY 2020-2021 for the Boating Improvement Fund.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-130 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROPERTY APPRAISER**

Randy Rutter requested Board approval of the amendment to the BOCC budget in the amount of \$1,841 for FY 2021 recorded via meeting minutes.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Property Appraiser's Office as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval to waive the bid process, and approve the purchase of a Dragline for the Levy County Road Department in the amount of \$567,500 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. Jessie Durrance explained the item is an American Model 9225 Duty Cycle Crane s/n 8908AC3493 (refurbished) in the amount of \$567,500.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of the Dragline as requested from Carol Green, DBA CDC&P as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of LSE Emergency Declarations 2021-121, 2021-122, 2021-126, and 2021-127.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify LSE Emergency Declarations 2021-121, 2021-122, 2021-126, and 2021-127 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. MacDonald provided an update to the Board on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) formal approval of the Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plan.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2021-2022 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance with the Chairman's signature on the Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting to the Board the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Tire Amnesty Plan reimbursement program. Mr. Hastings stated a Waste Tire Amnesty Event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the DEP Tire Amnesty Plan reimbursement event as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Dana Sheffield spoke regarding this item.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-131 amending the Solid Waste in the amount of \$118,750 for the final budget for FY 21/22.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-131 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-129 amending the final budget for FY 22 in the amount of \$200,000.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-129 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mrs. Tretheway provided an update to the Board on the Courthouse Renovation Project.

Audience member, Terry Witt spoke regarding this item.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sheriff McCallum spoke of a recent call from Wayne Burrell with Lighting Solutions regarding changing the light fixtures at the Jail, indicating they will be interested in working with the company to improve the lighting at the jail.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson spoke of Beautify Bronson Day scheduled for this Saturday. She also reminded everyone the Levy County Veteran's Day Parade will take place in Bronson on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.

Larry Wilcox and Tonya Wilcox spoke of their desire to place an RV park on their property. Stacey Hectus spoke of the requirements for establishing an RV park in Levy County.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. John Meeks gave a Legislative report to the Board.

Comm. John Meeks requested discussion on the appointment of the Broadband Champion for Levy County.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Comm. John Meeks as the representative for Levy County. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks voted NO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:49 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, John Meeks