

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 18, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

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

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

Tammy Jones, Supervisor of Elections, did swearing in of Comm. Desiree Mills.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	146785-146793, 146796-146935	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		632,150.42
ROAD		63,727.51
SHIP		69,402.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		6,593.16
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV		10,529.09
TRANSPORTATION		13,763.74
COURT FACILITIES		18,347.65
MISC GRANTS		53,023.23
EMS		65,826.88
FIRE		361,169.22
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		5,613.70
UTILITIES		5,295.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		2,546.76
CAPITAL PROJECTS		968,818.60
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		469.75
LANDFILL		133,470.67
TOTAL	\$	2,410,747.38
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	334,176.43

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	146794
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,249.12
ROAD	207.71
TRANSPORTATION	64.97
UTILITIES	68.96
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	91.98
CAPITAL PROJECTS	40.13
LANDFILL	114.93
TOTAL	\$ 1,837.80

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting.

CHECK NUMBER	146795
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	3,594.25
TOTAL	\$ 3,594.25

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

Wilbur Dean stated the Maintenance Department had an item to add to the agenda.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to rescind the last item of approving the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of an item concerning the Construction/Maintenance Department as #19. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying October 27, 2022 as Central Florida Community Action Day in Levy County and read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying October 27, 2022 as Central Florida Community Action Day in Levy County as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the month of November, 2022 as “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month” in Levy County and read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying the month of November, 2022 as “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month” in Levy County as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Deanna Sheppard, Haven Hospice representative thanked the Board for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherry McClain requested the road near where she lives in Levy County, SE 122nd Lane, near Dunnellon be county maintained. Comm. Rock Meeks took her phone number and stated he would pass this to Road Department staff to check into.

An MTS Ambulance representative spoke to the Board regarding the procedure for their ambulance service to be offered in Levy County. Comm. Rock Meeks took his phone number and stated he would pass this to the Department of Public Safety Director, Mitch Harrell.

Jack Schofield and Dan Hilliard spoke to the Board on behalf of the Town of Inglis and the Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration (WAR) regarding the Lower Withlacoochee River Engineering Grant. He inquired if the County would be willing to take over the administering of this grant.

Comm. Mills made a motion for County Engineer, Andrew Carswell and staff to obtain details of requirements and bring back at the next meeting for a decision. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

John Liptak, Tri-Co. Communications spoke to the Board regarding the RFP they submitted for a radio system for the county. He stated they were the lowest bid, but did not score well enough to get the bid according to the scoring process and requested clarification. Mr. Dean provided an explanation of how the scoring was done when the decision was made. Clayton Drew also spoke regarding how the decision was made.

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Randy Rutter, Assistant Property Appraiser introduced Jason Whistler, Property Appraiser who requested Board approval of the Amendment to the BOCC budget to appropriate funding to the Property Appraiser for DOR adjustment to salaries for FY 23.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Amendment appropriating funding to the Property Appraiser's budget for the DOR adjustment to salaries for FY 23 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. FP 22-09: Doug McKoy, representing Reid Tower Complex, LLC, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat to create a single-lot plat containing 13.59 ac MOL for an existing tower. Said parcel is located in Section 33, Township 10S, Range 14E in Levy County, Florida and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). PID: 0051100100 and a portion of 005110010A.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there were any in the audience who wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. FP 22-09 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 22-05: McMillen Surveying, representing Adam Perez and Eric Wandersleben of Brije, LLC, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to create 3 lots approximately 12.5 acres each. Said parcel is 38 acres MOL and is located in Section 20, Township 14S, Range 18E in Levy County, Florida with a Land Use and Zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 acre minimum). PID: 0459100300.

Atty. Shalley swore in members of the audience who would be speaking regarding the item to be presented. Comm. Mills stated she and her husband were the previous owners of the property being discussed and would abstain from voting.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there were any in the audience who wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 22-05 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 22-06: McMillen Surveying, representing Roger and Dorothy Skipper, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat (Valhalla Plat) of a single lot containing 10 acres MOL to correct an improper division of land. Said parcel is located in Section 19, Township 12S, Range 14E of Levy County, Florida and has a Land Use and Zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 acre minimum. PID: 0401900500.

Atty. Shalley swore in members of the audience who would be speaking regarding the item to be presented.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there were any in the audience who wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 22-06 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Information – Petition No. SE 22-01: On Monday, October 3, 2022, the Levy County Planning Commission continued to a date certain, Petition No. SE 22-01 for further consideration and requested the Petitioner provide additional information at their November 7, 2022 meeting and staff will re-advertise/re-notice the Petition before it comes to the Board of Levy County Commissioners meeting in December.
- E. Public Hearing – Petition No. SSA 22-02: This item will not be heard due to lack of time to advertise for an Ordinance, to be heard on November 8, 2022.
- F. Public Hearing – Petition No. CZ 22-02: This item will not be heard due to lack of time to advertise for an Ordinance, to be heard on November 8, 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to reappoint Marlon Gayle to represent Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA) Board of Directors for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to reappoint Marlon Gayle to represent Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency Board of Directors as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on four letters urging Congress to advance legislation protecting Federal Health Benefits for pre-trial detainees. This request is made on behalf of Sheriff McCallum with regard to inmate medical care expenses shouldered by the County.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve sending four letters to Congress with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks who requested a letter also be sent to Congresswoman Kat Cammack's office.

Comm. Rooks amended her motion to reflect the addition of a letter to be sent to Congresswoman Kat Cammack's office as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval for the 2022-2023 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant. This grant application was approved by the Board on May 17, 2022 and is paid at 100%.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Levy County Department of Public Safety (EMS) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN). This COPCN is necessary for the County to continue operating ALS/BLS services permitted by the State.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Levy County Department of Public Safety (EMS) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to purchase two (2) Lifepak 15 monitors from Stryker in the amount of \$38,231.40 per quote received. These monitors are used on the EMS transport units and will replace obsolete units.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Lifepak 15 monitors from Stryker as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to purchase two (2) Ford F250's from Duval Ford utilizing the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Bid Pricing for a total of \$97,692.50. These vehicles will be used as LCDPS command/supervisor vehicles and the current vehicles will be rotated into the LCDPS fleet for other uses or as backup units. Mr. Harrell explained the purchase of one of the vehicles was originally budgeted for last fiscal year, however, the vehicle would not be delivered until this fiscal year. These funds were transferred into the current fiscal year. The second vehicle is budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase two (2) Ford F250's from Duval Ford as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval to order and purchase two (2) Ford F550 ambulance chassis from ETR for an estimated cost of \$131,152. Mr. Harrell explained the order banks are expected to be open in November for only three dates for the 2023 model year. They have not yet released pricing and the amount listed is the best estimate available.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the order of two (2) Ford F550 ambulance chassis from ETR as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the EMPG Modification #2. The period of the Agreement, which began on July 1, 2021, is amended to end on December 31, 2022.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the EMPG Modification #2 with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Jimmy Jones, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves (contingency) for fiscal year 2022 due to unforeseen cost increases for the total amount of \$9,858.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the budget amendment appropriating Reserves (contingency) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves (contingency) to close out fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Jones stated this is for the expense of repairs done on the roof at Building & Zoning.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the budget amendment appropriating Reserves (contingency) as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board review and approval of ITB_2022_010 – Timber Harvesting.

Comm. Mills made a motion to review and approve ITB_2022_010 – Timber Harvesting as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks.

Following discussion, Comm. Mills rescinded her motion. Second was also rescinded by Comm. Rooks.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to bring this item back for decision at a future meeting. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Levy County and Wright-Pierce, Inc., for the Shell Mound Boat Ramp Improvements. Additional testing services need to be performed from the proposed dredge for full containment. The fee for this shall be increased by \$9,095 from \$93,850.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Wright-Pierce, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting Board approval of the ranking of firms for the P25 Project and authorize negotiations with the top scored proposer, Communications International. The top three bids were from Communications International, 96, Motorola, 85.25 and Williams Communications, 75.88.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the ranking of firms for the P25 Project and authorize negotiations with the top scored proposer, Communications International as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Requesting Board approval to request our allocation of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) in the amount of \$151,542.50. These funds will be distributed in two separate payments of \$75,771.25, one in FY22 and one in FY23. There is a very broad discretion on the use of these funds. Recipients may use these funds on any governmental purpose other than lobbying activity.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve requesting the Levy County’s allocation of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Mills stated she was appreciative and looked forward to serving the citizens of Levy County as Commissioner.

Comm. John Meeks helped in delivering tarps to Okeechobee County, which would then be delivered to Desoto County as travel to Okeechobee County was still limited due to the storm. The Cedar Key Seafood Festival was well attended over the weekend

Comm. Brooks spoke of a Broadband Conference coming up in January and asked Ali if all Commissioners could be emailed with the information.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Rock Meeks