

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Matt Brooks
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks – by phone
Comm. Lilly Rooks – by phone
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

CHECK NUMBER	138274-138432
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,404,643.91
ROAD	181,036.97
SHIP	14,950.75
MOSQUITO CONTROL	133.31
TRANSPORTATION	6,146.24
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	5,988.34
MISC GRANTS	66,913.83
EMS	45,543.16
FIRE	22,272.54
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	194.80
CDBG	1,922.68
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,967.44
CAPITAL PROJECTS	18,028.90
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	20,443.34
LANDFILL	51,905.93
TOTAL	\$ 1,857,593.06
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 310,775.71

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AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to add two items to the agenda:

1. Tammy Jones, Supervisor of Elections
2. Sheriff McCallum, Levy County Sheriff's Office

Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and Budget Workshop held on May 19, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and Budget Workshop held on May 19, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comm. Joyner expressed thanks on behalf of the residents in Starting Point to the Road Department for the recent paving of a road in the area.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones requested Board approval to relocate Precinct 5 to the Tommy Usher Center in Chiefland. Mrs. Jones stated the current building at Precinct 5 has a very small area for voting. Due to the recent pandemic and after discussion with the precinct clerk, she felt the voting should be moved to precinct 13, which is the Tommy Usher Center. The space is large enough for two precincts to be at one polling place.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to relocate Precinct 5 to the same location as Precinct 13, the Tommy Usher Center in Chiefland as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board informing them of a recent problem with the attack on the phone system of the administrative numbers at the Sheriff's Office which is still ongoing. He spoke of having a "voice over" system installed and let the Commissioners know he would be coming back at some point in the near future for assistance with funding.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Mr. Dean presented the PRM Group Health Insurance Plan options for selection by the Board and stated the open enrollment dates had been set for August 24th, 25th and 26th, 2020 and will be located at the Board Annex location in the cafeteria. He stated there was a 4.5% increase to the insurance for this year. Public Risk Management of Florida (PRM) offers 10 group health insurance plans for consideration and all changes during open enrollment will be effective on October 1, 2020.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the dates presented for open enrollment as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2020-085, approving the Levy County Cares Program. The Cares Program provides economic support to Levy County businesses suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency, approving documentation relating to the Levy County Cares Program, and authorizing the County Coordinator to approve applications and authorize payment from the Levy County Cares Program. David Peaton spoke to the Board stating the application will be on the Board website Monday, July 27th at 8:00 A.M. Alicia Tretheway stated the applications may be printed from the website or picked up at the Board office, but must be turned in to the Board office and time-stamped once completed. The deadline for applications to be received by the Board office is

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-085 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Dana Sheffield, Terry Witt and Pat Bonnish.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-084, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. This budget amendment in the amount of \$1,937,606.00 is necessary to appropriate the small business relief funding provided via Cares Act Agreement with DEM.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-084 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of the CARES Act Funding Agreement for the George T. Lewis Airport in the amount of \$20,000 and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Agreement electronically as requested by FAA.

Comm. John Meeks made a Motion to approve the CARES Act Funding Agreement for the George T. Lewis Airport as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of the 2020-2021 Nature Coast Middle School Transportation Agreement. Mrs. Conley stated the rates would remain the same as last year at \$7.00 per student.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Nature Coast Middle School Transportation Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Ratification of Emergency Declaration 2020-080 and 2020-081.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2020-080 and 2020-081 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Witt inquired of “forged” signatures on Library documents. Comm. Matt Brooks responded stating documents had been appropriately signed and re-submitted to the State.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks inquired of status of the Interlocal Agreement with Cedar Key regarding the Big Dock. Comm. Brooks stated there had been no communication received from Cedar Key at this time.

Comm. Joyner and Comm. John Meeks thanked the Board and staff working to make the CARES Act funds available to Levy County businesses.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of a request he received from a Town of Bronson Councilman regarding the need for a speed bump on Capitol Street and requested Jessie Durrance and Alice LaLonde to look into this.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the need for expanded broadband services for rural areas.

Comm. John Meeks encouraged everyone who has not done so, to fill out their Census form or go online to complete the form and get it submitted.

Comm. Brooks encouraged everyone to be patient with all of the restrictions in place by businesses regarding the Covid-19 restrictions.

The meeting recessed at 10:24 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:33 P.M.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Presentation of Levy County – BOCC Fiscal Year Ending September 2021 Budget. Mr. Blanton also reminded the Commissioners of the following budget hearing and approval dates:

August 4, 2020	Final Workshop – Tentative Budget and set proposed millage.
September 8, 2020	Tentative Hearings
September 22, 2020	Final Hearings

Consideration of Revenue updates and approval of Municipal Fire Applications.

Chiefland Fire

Chief Harris requested a budget increase of \$5,212 annually, as well as a one-time budget increase of \$13,137.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the budget requests for Chiefland Fire as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Cedar Key Fire

Chief Robinson requested a budget increase of \$15,000 annually.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the budget request for Cedar Key Fire as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Joyner voted NO.

Fanning Springs Fire

Deputy Chief Wallace Taylor requested a one-time budget increase of \$12,205 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a \$6,000 one-time increase for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve a \$10,000 one-time increase for the upcoming fiscal year. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Joyner voted NO.

Williston Fire

Chief Stegall requested a \$49,143 increase and approval of Proposal #1 as provided to the Commissioners. Department of Public Safety, Chief Harrell spoke by phone regarding the request for Williston Fire.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve an annual increase of \$49,143 for Williston Fire and to consider the proposals provided by Chief Stegall at a later date. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Inglis Fire

Chief MacDonald requested a budget increase of \$15,000 annually.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve an annually increase of \$9,000 to the Inglis Fire budget. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

Bronson Fire

Comm. John Meeks made a budget request and motion on behalf of the Bronson Fire Department to approve an annual budget increase of \$17,642. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Atty. Brown spoke to the Board regarding an update for more extensive documentation required by DEM of CARES Act applications.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks