

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 11, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 11, 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. John Meeks
Comm. Rock 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. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	149115-149137, 149140-149273	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		1,841,458.70
ROAD		679,461.60
SHIP		24,150.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		180.35
TRANSPORTATION		2,926.93
911		17,396.00
COURT FACILITIES		12,802.38
MISC GRANTS		824.89
EMS		32,084.30
FIRE		232,250.10
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		25,657.04
UTILITIES		834.30
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		1,024.79
CAPITAL PROJECTS		792,928.50
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		9,043.10
LANDFILL		6,820.49
TOTAL	\$	3,679,843.47
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	282,158.69

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.

CHECK NUMBER	149138
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	786.62
ROAD	252.32
EMS	47.55
UTILITIES	406.88
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	109.95
LANDFILL	304.15
TOTAL	\$ 1,907.47

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.

CHECK NUMBER	149139
FUND	
GENERAL REVENUE	535.60
MISC GRANTS	75.00
EMS	1,258.94
FIRE	686.76
TOTAL	\$ 2,556.30

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 6, 2023 were presented for approval.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held June 6, 2023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the Proclamations/Recognitions item for presentation of milestone awards. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - TABLED

Presentation of milestone awards for completion of five continuous years of service and at the end of every additional five years of service for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Garte and Sallie Ann Collins spoke to the Board of the Sand Mine item discussed at the Planning Board meeting last night. Both were in opposition of the item.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval of the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement between Levy County and A & M Manufacturing, Inc. Mr. Dean stated the business is now in compliance.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Group Health Insurance Plans and Premiums, FY 2023-2024; overall premium increase of 5.75%.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Group Health Insurance Plans and Premiums for FY 2023-2024 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Martin stated the dates for Open Enrollment will be August 7th, 8th and 9th. Notification will be sent to all departments.

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northeast Florida Public Employees, Local 630, Laborer's International Union of North America, AFL, CIO (LIUNA). Increase to base pay of \$1.50 in addition to 3%.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Northeast Florida Public Employees, Local 630, Laborer's International Union of North America as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Martin stated the dates for Open Enrollment are August 7th, 8th and 9th.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of the recommended ranking of the Engineering and Related Services for Water Utilities RFQ_2023_003 and authorize award of the Form of Contract to the highest ranked proposer.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the recommended ranking of the Engineering and Related Services for Water Utilities RFQ_2023_003 and to award the Form of Contract to Wright-Pierce, the highest ranked proposer. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Legal and Planning & Zoning Departments to discuss with the BOCC the regulation of Barn Waste and Horse Manure Composting, including background findings from State departmental meetings and State regulatory framework, existing County regulatory framework and discuss recommendations.

The following audience members spoke and encouraged the Board to prohibit any Barn Waste and Horse Manure Composting businesses in Levy County: Jill Westbrook, Diane Garte, Jim Boyles, Lauren Wicket. Other audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt, Linda Cooper and Jeff Hardison.

Atty. Shalley was given direction work with Mrs. Hectus to bring Ordinances for Board approval prohibiting Barn Waste and Horse Manure Composting businesses in Levy County.

Comm. Mills made a motion directing Atty. Shalley to draft Ordinances as discussed. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Garte encouraged the Board to add restrictions into the Ordinance language regarding dumping. Jeff Hardison spoke of Comm. John Meeks and pointed out how much he works for the people of Levy County.

Sallie Ann Collins spoke regarding the Sand Mine application.

Jan Noble encouraged the Board to be sure the language in the Ordinances prohibiting Composting businesses is made clear.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Property Appraiser, Jason Whistler spoke regarding the Composting issue.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson, stated the first Board meeting of the Waccasassa Wastewater Cooperative is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th at 1:00 P.M. at the Dogan Cobb Municipal Building. The next Bread of the Mighty Food Bank will take place on Friday, July 28th at the park at 1:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Mills thanked those who came to the meeting today for their participation. Comm. Mills reported of the recent meeting of the Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration group in Inglis, which Congresswoman Kat Kammack also attended. Thanks were given to the Sheriff's Department for arrests made for vandalism done in the Inglis/Yankeetown area.

Comm. John Meeks congratulated Comm. Hodge and Comm. Mills for receiving their Certified County Commissioner Designation recently.

Comm. John Meeks stated Alachua County had requested a letter of support for the widening of Archer Road/SR 24, continuing 4 lanes from Tower Road to Archer.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to bring back a letter of support for approval at a later meeting date.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Schonna McLean, Budget Analyst

Presentation of Levy County – BOCC Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024 budget – consideration of updates and approval of Municipal Fire appropriations.

The Board agreed by consensus to accept the updates as stated by Mrs. McLean and the request for a one-time 16% increase for the Municipal Fire Departments.

An amortization schedule was provided to the Board for their review by Mrs. McLean for a 4 and 5 year option for the purchasing of 2 Mack trucks for the Road Department. The Commissioners would advise Mrs. McLean of which option they would choose at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:21 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks