

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 8, 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

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.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	144370-144390, 144393-144559	
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		1,666,452.50
ROAD		781,168.79
SHIP		21,240.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		72.14
TRANSPORTATION		2,576.22
911		16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES		6,460.89
MISC GRANTS		48,996.99
EMS		25,107.00
FIRE		74,065.76
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		18,668.30
UTILITIES		2,722.57
ADD COURT COSTS		1,490.43
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		1,752.04
CAPITAL PROJECTS		2,914.02
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		185,675.86
LANDFILL		18,491.54
TOTAL		\$ 2,874,175.30
EFT/ACH PAYMENT		\$ 259,069.84

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

CHECK NUMBER	144391
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,020.43
ROAD	98.59
EMS	11.49
FIRE	11.49
UTILITIES	55.96
LANDFILL	89.51
TOTAL	\$ 1,287.47

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

CHECK NUMBER	144392
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	765.95
MISC GRANTS	348.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,113.95

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on November 2, 2021 and November 16, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on November 2, 2021 and November 16, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Mark Warren spoke to the Board recognizing the UF/IFAS Extension Office for winning the 2021 Statewide Peanut Butter Challenge. Employees from the Ag. Extension office in attendance were: Arianne Horton, Kristen Brault, and Jennifer Munden.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Garte, Morriston resident spoke to the Board of a meeting she along with Maria Wise and Pat O'Neil had with Senator Jennifer Bradley on February 2nd concerning the FDOT Northern Turnpike extension proposed route.

Maria Wise spoke regarding the FDOT Northern Turnpike extension proposed route and the efforts of the community to provide information to the FDOT of the negative impacts this road would have to Levy County. She inquired of efforts by the Board to discourage the planned route for this road.

Dell Weible, Cedar Key resident spoke regarding his golf cart rental business in Cedar Key and his overflow golf cart parking on a parcel of land owned by Levy County. He asked if it would be possible for him to purchase this property. Comm. Rooks responded to Mr. Weible's inquiry stating the County would not be willing to sell this property.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ryan Asmus, Program Manager

Presentation of Project Development and Environment (PD & E) Study to consider improvements to US 19 from Red Level in Citrus County to NW 140th Street in Chiefland.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Diane Garte, Tommy Hines, Jack Schofield, Sallie Collins, Ryan Fitzgerald and Terry Witt.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Coordinator requested Board approval of the Amendment to the Grant Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Management Services and Levy County, Agreement No. S18-21-05-05.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Agreement No. S18-21-05-05. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOWN OF YANKEETOWN

Jack Schofield, Mayor

Requesting Board approval to obtain and install a historic marker at the Bird Creek Bridge on CR 40.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to allow Mr. Schofield make begin the process of filing for Florida Historical Marker Application. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance No. 2022-3; Final Adoption of a Zoning Map Atlas with Zoning District designations for all real property located within the unincorporated areas of Levy County. Ms. Hectus read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item. Audience inquired of some of the mapping designations and was answered by Ms. Hectus. Lee Smith also spoke.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-3 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance No. 2022-4; to Amend the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida relating to simulated gambling devices and internet cafes; by creating a new Article IV within Chapter 22 and titled “Simulated Gambling Devices” by amending sec. 2-140 to provide civil penalties for violations and so forth as the Ordinance reads. Ms. Hectus read the Ordinance title into public record.

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

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance No. 2022-5; Clay Sweger, EDA Consultants, representing Arthur Suggs with a request for a small land-use amendment to the Future Land Use Map from “Urban Low Density Residential” (1 dwelling unit per acre) to “Commercial” on approximately 3.80 acres of land within the Williston Municipal Service District. Parcel No. 042700500. Ms. Hectus read the Ordinance title into public record.

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

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-5 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance No. 2022-6; Clay Sweger, EDA Consultants, representing Arthur Suggs with a request to change the zoning from fall back Forestry/Rural Residential (1 unit to 20 acres) to Highway Commercial (C-4) zoning designation of Parcel No. 0427000100 (north of parcel approximately 1.58 acres) and Moderately Intensive Commercial (C-3) on Parcel No. 0427000500 (south of parcel approximately 3.80 acres). Subject parcels are located in the Williston Municipal Service District (MSD). Ms. Hectus read the Ordinance title into public record.

Atty. Shalley asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication with the applicants. Comm. Brooks stated he had ex-parte communication with the petitioner.

Swearing in of audience members was done by Atty. Shalley.

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

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-6 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:49 A.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Providing the Commissioners and the public with a copy of the Northern Turnpike Extension correspondence dated January 25, 2022 from the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Dean then read the response letter into public record.

- B. Requesting Board approval to notice the City of Cedar Key that Levy County will be terminating the Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspections. Atty. Shalley indicated she could prepare the necessary termination documents and, if approved, Mr. Dean could sign.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve a notice to the City of Cedar Key for termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspections in 90 days and approval for Mr. Dean to sign termination documents. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting the appointment of Scott Osteen, Economic Representative, and the re-appointment of John Meeks, Board of County Commissioners Chair or Designee, Chris Cowart, School Board Representative, Holly McGlashan, Higher Education Institution Representative, and Leslie Sturmer, Aquaculture Representative to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee in accordance with Resolution 2020-001. Term expiration is 03/05/2024.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-001 appointing the members as stated to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Whitehurst then gave an update to the Board of "Rural County Days" held recently in Tallahassee.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-2 to advertise the Public Hearing for the closing of a portion of Pine Avenue in Cedar Key Heights, Section A, located in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-3 to advertise the Public Hearing for the closing of a portion of a right-of-way lying West of Tract 7, Starting Point, located in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-3 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-6 approving a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and authorizing the execution of the Agreement and all related documents, for construction and oversight of construction of sidewalks on CR 40 and 56th Street.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-6 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alesha Renaudo requested on behalf of Director, Mitch Harrell, Board approval of the Department of Health EMS Matching Grant for Vents. If awarded, this grant would allow for the purchase of ventilators for use on LCDPS ambulances. Max County share (25% of request) \$75,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Department of Health EMS Matching Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2022-01 between Levy County and J Brown Professional Group for the ADA improvements to Blue Springs and Henry Beck Park.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2022-01 with J Brown Professional Group as requested. Second was made by John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for Derelict Vessel Removal (ITB_2022_015) to Atlantic & Gulf Maritime, LLC, and approve the Form of Purchase Order.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the bid from Atlantic & Gulf Maritime, LLC and approval of the Form of Purchase Order as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield invited everyone to the Expo coming up April 2nd at the Cross City Airport. Harriet Jones spoke of making regulations for land clearing clear to the contractors regarding gopher tortoises. An email was read into public record by Comm. Rock Meeks from Bonnie Lee regarding internet service in the Chiefland area. A second email was from Elaine concerning toll roads in Levy County.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks presented the Levy County Local Technology Planning Team to the Board for approval and stated the purpose of this team is to bring reliable internet to Levy County. The members are listed below:

Mike West	E911 Coordinator
Darlene Slattery	Library Coordinator
Chris Cowart	Superintendent of Schools
Natalie McKellips	Health Department, Administrator
Burke Brooks	
Tisha Whitehurst	Tourism Executive Director
Johnathan Lewis	Prevention Coalition Director
Mark Warren	Ag. Agent
Scott Osteen	Nature Coast Business Development Director
Ali Tretheway	Procurement Coordinator
Matt Weldon	Parks Director

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Levy County Local Technology Planning Team as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks also spoke of various Legislative items recently approved in Tallahassee.

Comm. Brooks requested the consensus by the Board to proceed with a pilot program with AE Engineering, ELJ Technologies for soil testing on two (2) dirt roads in Levy County (NE 180th Ave. and NE 55th St.). Comm. Brooks stated this would be done at no cost to the county. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to proceed with this pilot program testing.

Comm. Brooks spoke of the barn waste/shavings issue and requested consensus by the Board to work with Atty. Shalley and Ms. Hectus to draft two (2) Resolutions addressing this issue in Levy County for the Board to consider adopting. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to move forward with drafting of the Resolutions.

Comm. Rooks stated the next public meeting for the FDOT Northern Turnpike Extension is planned for February 15th at the College of Central Florida, Chiefland.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Rock Meeks