

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Desiree Mills
Vice-Chair, Comm. John Meeks-Absent
Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Matt Brooks

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

Chairman Mills called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	150795-150803, 150806-150942	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		476,318.07
ROAD		62,288.98
MOSQUITO CONTROL		1,905.35
TRANSPORTATION		10,229.56
COURT FACILITIES		63,095.29
MISC GRANTS		48,262.88
EMS		46,284.20
FIRE		26,862.82
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		26,400.84
UTILITIES		1,911.28
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		3,158.58
CAPITAL PROJECTS		108,810.23
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		457.50
LANDFILL		113,385.00
TOTAL	\$	989,370.58
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	763,823.58

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	150804
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	780.22
ROAD	180.69
TRANSPORTATION	44.89
MISC GRANTS	17.95
LANDFILL	184.56
TOTAL	\$ 1,208.31

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	150805
FUND	AMOUNT
EMS	403.35
FIRE	403.35
TOTAL	\$ 806.70

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to move item #8 to #2A. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular meeting held November 21, 2023 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held November 21, 2023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Annie Johnson and Joyce Wilson from Unity Family Community Center in Williston introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Johnson stated an announcement was made on November 16th by Governor DeSantis’ office regarding the release of additional funding to the State of Florida to expand mentoring services. The facility in Levy County, Unity Family Community Center, was named as one of the fund recipients. Ms. Wilson then spoke to the Board providing further information about the mentoring programs offered by Unity Family Community Center.

Bill Menadier, Menadier Engineering, spoke to the Board thanking them for the opportunity to partner with Levy County on the Continuing Services Contract and stated he was looking forward to getting started.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

AGRICULTURE CENTER

Eric Simonne, Ph.D. spoke to the Board regarding the recent personnel changes at the UF IFAS Extension Office in Bronson and requested Board approval to name Mark Warren as the Ag. Extension Director for this office.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to name Mark Warren as the Ag. Extension Director for Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Simonne then requested the Board approve advertising for the position of Livestock Agent, which will be vacant by Mr. Warren taking the position of Ag. Extension Director.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to advertise for the position of Levy County Livestock Agent. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting the Board to ratify an emergency purchase for the Courthouse Security updates in the amount of \$60,001.24 from Empire Computing and Consulting, Inc. The items, necessary for accreditation, were purchased off the PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 535122-190.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify the purchases for the Courthouse Security updates as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval on behalf of Comm. John Meeks to send a letter to the Gulf Consortium regarding his intent to seek nomination consideration to the 2024 Gulf Consortium Officer Elections for Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chairman or Chairman.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to send a letter signed by the Board Chairman to the Gulf Consortium as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsive responsible bid received for ITB_2024_009 (Anderson Columbia, Inc.) in the amount of \$1,564,078.80 for the Widening & Resurfacing of CR 345 and the Form of Agreement. This project is SCOP Grant Funded, Financial Project No. 443407-1-54-01 – Contract No. G2168. The two bids received for this project were:

Anderson Columbia, Inc.	\$1,564,078.80
V.E. Whitehurst and Sons, Inc.	\$1,754,209.20

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to award the bid for Widening & Resurfacing of CR 345 and the Form of Agreement to Anderson Columbia, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsive responsible bid received for ITB_2024_008 (Anderson Columbia, Inc.) in the amount of \$1,880,081.76 for the Widening & Resurfacing of CR 347 and the Form of Agreement. This project is SCOP Grant Funded, Financial Project No. 441328-1-54-01 – Contract No. G1G09. The three bids received for this project were:

Anderson Columbia, Inc.	\$1,880,081.76
V.E. Whitehurst and Sons, Inc.	\$2,037,317.00
Art Walker Construction, Inc.	\$2,304,693.29

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to award the bid for Widening and Resurfacing of CR 347 and Form of Agreement to Anderson Columbia, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

A. Requesting appointment by the Board of Sue Beaudette to the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to appoint Sue Beaudette to the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Mr. Gayle introduced Chairman Gussie Boatwright who presented the Levy County AHAC Affordable Housing Incentive Report to the Board.

Marlon Gayle announced the next AHAC meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 10:00 A.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING & ZONING

County Engineer, Andrew Carswell on behalf of Stacey Hectus, Director Quasi-Judicial PETITION NO. FP 23-06: McMillen Surveying, representing Joshua Ryan Morrison & Lindsay Morrison, Robert Norwood Terrell, Jr. & Michelle Marie Terrell and Robert C. Morrison & Georgia Morrison, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat with road construction, to subdivide 40 acres, MOL into three (3) parcels containing 10 ac. MOL. Parcel is located in Section 13, Township 11S, Range 17E in Levy County, Florida, near the Alachua line. Said parcel has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. minimum). Parcel Number(2): 0314702800.

Mr. Carswell requested this item be continued.

Following discussion, Comm. Brooks made a motion to continue this item until March 5, 2024 during the 9:00 A.M. Regular Board Meeting. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks

2024 Gulf Consortium Elected Offices nomination considerations. – Moved to 2nd item presented by County Coordinator.

Comm. Rock Meeks inquired of the Rock Mine permit for the county. Mr. Carswell responded with an update stating an application was submitted to follow up on an emergency permit from December. More information was requested and Mr. Carswell indicated this would be submitted next week. Information was also provided by Ali Tretheway.

Comm. Brooks reported of his and Comm. John Meeks' attendance of a Senate Hearing earlier this morning in Tallahassee and of the issue of proposed term-limits for County Commissioners.

Comm. Mills stated Rural County Days is coming up in Tallahassee on January 24th and 25th and proposed serving clam chowder provided by Tony's in Cedar Key at the Levy County booth. She reported of attending the award ceremony at Kat Cammack's office for Ollie White, Levy County Veterans Services Director and of attendance of the MLK banquet, a Scholarship event Friday evening.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks