

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 17, 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
- Comm. Lilly Rooks
- 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. Rooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	139875-140027
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	176,674.89
ROAD	76,358.51
MOSQUITO CONTROL	216.42
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	91.60
TRANSPORTATION	2,461.74
COURT FACILITIES	2,983.31
MISC GRANTS	5,847.62
EMS	30,158.61
FIRE	3,140.99
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	897.85
UTILITIES	1,183.59
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,807.96
SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF	46,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,503.59
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	2,299.87
LANDFILL	99,595.32
TOTAL	\$ 454,221.87
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 273,200.27

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks stated it had been requested to remove the E911 item from the Agenda. Additionally, he requested three items to be added:

1. Recognition of Road Department employees
2. Letter of Support to the Levy County Prevention Coalition
3. Request approval of Resolution 2020-132, adoption of Emergency Declaration 2020-133

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to set the agenda with the additions/deletion as stated. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Chamberlain spoke on behalf of the United Way of North Central Florida stating they were the lead agency for the North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry. She spoke to the Board concerning the CARES Act rental assistance applications and inquired of there being someone to assist in getting these filled out for individuals.

Comm. Brooks read into public record an email he received from Courtney Wilson expressing gratitude to Road Department employees who cleared a large tree which had fallen during a recent storm. The employees were: Quinten Parker, Martin Watson, and Ethan Keller. Certificates and gifts of appreciation were given to Alice LaLonde to deliver at the Road Department.

SWEARING IN COMMISSIONERS

Swearing in of re-elected Comm. Brooks, Comm. John Meeks and Comm. Joyner was done by Judge Smith.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-126; amending the final budget in the amount of \$333,066 for fiscal year 2020-2021. The budget amendment will appropriate \$171,119 to the Sheriff's FY 2020-2021 budget and \$161,947 to Capital Projects.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-126 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-129; amending the final budget in the amount of \$161,947 for fiscal year 2020-2021. These funds will be transferred from Capital Projects to the 911 Dispatch Building Cost Center.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-129 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

~~C. Requesting Board approval for the E911 Board State Grant Application for Levy GIS Maintenance.~~

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Matt Brooks, Chairman provided packets of information for the Commissioners and opened discussion for future plans for Levy County Water Utilities.

Comm. John Meeks requested a Workshop be scheduled in January for more in-depth discussion on this item. Jimmy Jones also spoke regarding the challenges his department is faced with in keeping the county owned water systems operating.

Audience members, Linda Cooper and Renate Cannon spoke regarding this item.

Following discussion, it was agreed by the Commissioners to schedule a Water Utilities Workshop on January 5th, 2021.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

John Meeks, Commissioner

A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-128, supporting affordable and reliable high-speed internet throughout Florida.

Audience members speaking regarding this item were: Dana Sheffield and Terry Witt.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-128 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval to appoint a representative from the Board to serve as a point of contact for the Local Technology Planning Initiative.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Comm. John Meeks as representative of the Board of County Commissioners to serve as a point of contact for the Local Technology Planning Initiative. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Comm. John Meeks brought to everyone's attention, the re-striping of Court Street. He pointed out the recently added blue line to the portion of the street in front of the Courthouse showing support for law enforcement officers.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Approval of Resolution 2020-130 amending the Final FY 2020 Budget. Mr. Blanton explained these actions are legally-required steps in the process of finalizing the County's amended fiscal year 2020 budget and correcting for any potential over-expenditures, as provided in FS 129 and prescribed in Budget Policy Resolution 2017-015 (Section VI(D)).

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-130 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Blanton provided an investment update for Fiscal Year 2020 to the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Consulting Engineer Agreement between Levy County and Mills Engineering Company. The term of the Agreement is from November 17, 2020 through June 17, 2021.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Cooper, Terry Witt and Renate Cannon.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Consulting Engineer Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Joyner voted NO.

- B. Requesting Board ratification of the CARES Act Funding Agreement Amendment Number 1 between FDEM and Levy County. This will allocate the funding for Levy County, which shall not exceed \$7,750,242.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify the CARES Act Funding Agreement Amendment Number 1 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board ratification of Levy County's Phase 1, 2, and 3 Plans for the Levy County CARES Funding.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Levy County's Phase 1, 2, and 3 Plans for the Levy County CARES Funding as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the Agreement between Levy County and James Moore & Co., P.L. The amendment to the Agreement is to adequately compensate James Moore for the additional and material impact on James Moore's services caused by the CARES Act Funds. In addition to the amounts to be paid to James Moore for County fiscal year 2020, Levy County shall pay to James Moore an amount not to exceed (\$7,000).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with James Moore & Co., P.L. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declarations 2020-124 and 2020-127, extending the Local State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- B. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declaration 2020-132 for Tropical Storm Eta and adoption of Emergency Declaration 2020-133 which rescinds Emergency Declaration 2020-132.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2020-124, 2020-127, 2020-132 and approval of Emergency Declaration 2020-133 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS & RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the MOA between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Levy County for Boating Access Projects at no cost to the county.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the MOA with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Site Dedication to the State of Florida for the public boating access facilities for the use and benefit of the general public for a minimum period of twenty (20) years.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Site Dedication to the State of Florida for the public boating access facilities as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-125; authorizing the signing and submission of 2022 5311 Operational Grant Application which is a 50/50 grant.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-125 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMM. BROOKS/LEVY COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION

Comm. Brooks requested Board approval and read into public record a letter of support on behalf of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to express support of the Levy County Prevention Coalition’s application for continued community-based tobacco prevention intervention funding.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Letter of Support as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Sheffield inquired of the consent agenda idea and whether or not the Board had decided to implement this. Comm. Brooks addressed his concerns stating while the Board had not agreed to use a consent agenda, they try to keep the department Directors’ waiting time in the meetings to a minimum.

Mr. Sheffield then provided information for the upcoming Car Show and Boat Parade which will take place in Fanning Springs on December 5th. This serves as the local “Toys for Tots” event.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rooks reported Animal Services will be open two weekends per month beginning on December 5th. Comm. Rooks announced there will be a “Pie Auction” in Cedar Key at the school on Tuesday, November 24th.

Comm. John Meeks reminded the other Commissioners of a Florida Association of Counties call which will take place at 1:00 P.M. concerning CARES Act funding. There will be a rural caucus for broad band discussion tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. The Legislative Conference will be December 2nd through December 4th in Duval County. Comm. John Meeks also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Comm. Brooks stated the recent Veterans Day Event in Williston was well attended. There will be a Transportation Disadvantaged meeting this Thursday in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room at 10:00 A.M. There is a virtual option for attending this meeting. There will be a North Florida Economic Development meeting on December 4th. Comm. Brooks stated Mr. Gayle had notified him of an AHAC meeting scheduled for January 13th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks