

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 22, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 22, 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. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>140483-140648</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	838,055.98
ROAD	69,872.94
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,151.24
TRANSPORTATION	10,118.42
COURT FACILITIES	4,006.29
MISC GRANTS	5,860.52
EMS	38,222.81
FIRE	12,427.34
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	8,754.84
UTILITIES	1,362.86
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,542.13
CARES ACT HOUSING	25,207.96
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,540.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	9,999.10
LANDFILL	80,006.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,129.20</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 14,467.52</b>

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to set the agenda with the removal of item #9, SHIP per the request of Marlon Gayle. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular meeting and Final Budget meeting held on September 22, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting and Final Budget meeting held on September 22, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Comm. Brooks made a presentation to Linda Fugate on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners thanking her for serving the citizens of Levy County for the past 35 years, with 20 of those years as the elected Levy County Tax Collector.

## **LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN, LINDA COOPER**

Ms. Cooper requested the Board reverse their action taken on December 8, 2020 awarding Atty. Anne Bast Brown a 3% base salary increase.

Following discussion, the Commissioners decided to take no action on the request made by Ms. Cooper.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **BUILDING & ZONING**

Swearing in was done by Atty. Brown for anyone wishing to speak for or against the item to be presented. Comm. Brooks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding the Hardship Variance to be presented. There were none.

**Public Hearing** - Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 03-20) for Angela Rain and William Rain on behalf of David Meyer, Development Director.

Comm. Brooks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 03-20) as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Levy County Professional Paramedic and EMT's, IAFF, Local #4069; Recruitment and Retention Incentive Program.

Dana Sheffield requested further explanation of this item.

Chief Harrell explained this would provide a one-time payment of \$1,000 or \$4,000 to full-time Single Certified, and Dual Certified EMT's, full-time Single Certified and Dual Certified Paramedics and Certified Battalion Captains employed by the County as of March 1, 2021.

Terry Witt inquired if this was COVID related.

Chief Harrell and Comm. John Meeks responded it was inspired as a result of COVID and a way to reward current employees and attract future employees.

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

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-142 approving a Recruitment and Retention Incentive Program for full time Public Safety Paramedics and EMT's, approving Form Agreements, and authorizing the Director of Public Safety to execute completed agreements on behalf of the Board.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-142 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board ratification of LSE extension of Emergency Declarations 2020-137 and 2020-138.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve LSE of Emergency Declarations 2020-137 and 2020-138 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Matt Weldon, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the annual Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services – State Financial Assistance Agreement #27458 for FY 2020-2021.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services – State Financial Assistance Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-139 to amend the Final Budget for FY 2020-2021. The Annual Contract with FDACS for mosquito spray services has been increased for FY 2020-2021 to \$36,960, an increase of \$2,463. The current budget is set at \$34,497.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-139 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP**

**- Removed from agenda per request by Marlon Gayle -**

~~Marlon Gayle,~~

~~Requesting Board approval of the Subordination Agreement with authorization for the Chairman to execute the Agreement, subject to the condition subsequent the information contained in Paragraph 2 of the Agreement must be completed prior to recording and a copy of the completed, recorded Agreement being provided to the SHIP Department.~~

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Linda Cooper expressed her disappointment with Board taking no action on her request to rescind the County Attorney's 3% base salary increase. She then requested the Board re-examine the County Attorney's contract.

David Peaton thanked Comm. Brooks for his work with Emergency Management regarding the COVID crisis while he has been Chairman and looked forward to working with Comm. John Meeks again.

Atty. Brown spoke addressing some of Ms. Cooper's concerns regarding her contract.

Dana Sheffield spoke regarding the interest and participation of the general public in County Commission meetings. He thanked the Commissioners, staff and public who attend and participate in the meetings.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### **Comm. Brooks**

Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Board of County Commissioners and updating the Board appointments for 2021. \*See attached 2021 Board Departments and 2021 Board Appointments/Committees.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Comm. John Meeks as Chairman and Comm. Joyner as Vice-Chairman for 2021. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. The votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Rooks	Comm. Brooks
Comm. Rock Meeks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Joyner	

Comm. Brooks thanked Comm. John Meeks for inviting him to attend and speak at the “Wreaths Across America” ceremonies.

Comm. Brooks spoke regarding the Special Meeting for approval of Cares Act Rental Assistance Funds to recipients scheduled for next Tuesday stating it may or may not need to take place. The meeting was originally scheduled in order to comply with the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, but approval of an extension could eliminate the need for it.

Mr. Dean stated he had been copied with an email from Jay Moseley indicating there would be no need for a special meeting. He stated there would be follow-up and would make sure the meeting would not need to take place.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** stated there will be an FDOT tentative 5-year work program meeting in Jacksonville on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

**Comm. Joyner** spoke of his recent attendance of a funeral and of his frustration regarding noise from loud vehicles during the service.

**Comm. John Meeks** thanked Comm. Brooks for his leadership as Chairman. He then reported of the “Wreaths Across America” ceremonies held last weekend at area cemetery’s. Comm. John Meeks reported of the meeting he attended recently in Inglis regarding their sewer system. Comm. John Meeks then spoke of the meeting the Commissioners are attempting to schedule with the City of Cedar Key indicating the original dates and times suggested would need to be changed.

Comm. Brooks reminded everyone of the Water Department Workshop scheduled to immediately follow the January 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:43 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks