

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 8, 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. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	140333-140482
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,652,784.32
ROAD	49,989.20
MOSQUITO CONTROL	89.43
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	12,325.08
TRANSPORTATION	7,903.31
911	15,721.33
COURT FACILITIES	15,891.84
MISC GRANTS	169,435.73
EMS	27,811.86
FIRE	68,700.69
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,530.72
UTILITIES	1,221.26
ADD COURT COSTS	2,439.32
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,898.80
SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF	1,500.00
CARES ACT HOUSING	10,885.10
CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,893.98
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	2,500.00
LANDFILL	365,475.24
TOTAL	\$ 2,413,997.21
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 275,607.70

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to set the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Tentative Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting held September 8, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting held September 8, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon inquired if there was an Ordinance regulating the use of ATV's on County roadways.

Atty. Brown responded there is a Levy County Ordinance prohibiting the operation of ATV's on County maintained roads and enforcement would be done by either contacting the Sheriff's Department or Code Enforcement. Comm. Matt Brooks stated Ordinance 90-3 was adopted on October 17, 2006 by the Board. There is also a State Statute addressing the operation of ATV's on roadways.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Comm. Brooks called Barbara Locke to the front of the room for recognition and presentation of a plaque by the Board of her 44 years of service at the Levy County Health Department. Natalie McKellips was then introduced as she will be filling the position of Director at the Health Department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval to adjust the Holiday schedule for the Landfill Department. Currently, the scheduled days to be closed for the Christmas Holiday are Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th. A change to this schedule has been requested by the Landfill and the commercial haulers to keep the Landfill open on December 24th, then closed on December 25th and 26th.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the adjusted Holiday schedule for the Landfill as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean introduced the new County Planner, Stacy Hectus to the Board. He also stated the remainder of the School Board employees still occupying space in the buildings at the Annex property are scheduled to be out by December 14th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of LSE extensions 2020-131, 2020-135, and 2020-136.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify LSE extensions 2020-131, 2020-135, and 2020-136 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board Chairman signature on Apple Development Program authorization letter and BOCC approval delegating authority to David Peaton for the Apple Development Program. This will allow Emergency Management to continue the progression of the development of an Emergency Management public access smartphone application.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the Apple Development Program authorization letter and delegating authority to David Peaton for the Apple Development Program as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS & RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

Requesting Board approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Project 17332 – Highway 40 Boat Ramp Improvements.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission Project 17332 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Federal Engineering, Inc. This will approve the consultant to review and provide recommendations for the County's aging radio system.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with Federal Engineering, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of all Agreements for Continuing Professional Services as referenced in the disciplines.

The Engineers Professional Library will consist of the following Engineering Firms:

AE Engineering, Inc.	A/R/C Associates, Inc.
ASR Engineering, Inc.	Barnett, Fronczak, Barlowe & Shuler Architects
Cardno, Inc.	Chen Moore and Associates, Inc.
Clemens, Rutherford & Associates, Inc.	David Dinkins Engineering, PA
Dewberry Engineers, Inc.	DRMP
EDA Consultants, Inc.	George F. Young, Inc.
GLE Associates, Inc.	J Brown Professional Group, Inc.
Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc.	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
North Florida Professional Services, Inc.	Passero Associates, LLC
TRC Engineers, Inc.	Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC
Wright-Pierce, Inc.	

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve all Agreements for Continued Professional Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

Requesting Board approval to release License and Permit Bond issued by the Cincinnati Insurance Company for Deep South Sanitation, LLC as they are no longer doing business in Florida.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve release of the License and Permit Bond as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval and signature of Sub-Recipient Agreement between Levy County BOCC and the Balmoral Group for RESTORE Act Pot 3 Suwannee Sound/Cedar Key Oyster Reef Restoration Project. The total amount of the Federal Award Subject to this agreement is \$1,900,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Balmoral Group for RESTORE Act, Pot 3, Suwannee Sound/Cedar Key Oyster Reef Restoration Project as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Requesting Board approval of a 3% increase in current base salary for County Attorney, effective retroactively to October 1, 2020 (for Fiscal Year 2020-0021).

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the 3% increase for the County Attorney as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Joyner voted NO.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jimmy Pittman, representing North Florida Professional Services spoke to the Board thanking them for their inclusion into the Library of Engineers and stated they looked forward to serving Levy County.

Dana Sheffield thanked the public for their attendance Saturday at the Car Show in Fanning Springs. He expressed gratitude for the generosity of the public in their donations for Toys for Tots and for the two people who made the event possible financially, Steve Smyrski and Paula Ruden.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks reported of the recent passing of Chuck Yeager.

The Sons of Amvets Post 88 will sponsor the "Wreaths Across America" program on December 19th at noon at the Rosemary Cemetery.

Comm. Brooks

Comm. Brooks asked Mrs. Whitehurst about Levy County's participation in Rural County Days in Tallahassee. Mrs. Whitehurst stated Levy County is registered and she is planning to attend the reception on March 10th and the event on March 11th.

Comm. Joyner expressed an interest in having all of the Commissioners attend the Rural County Days event on March 11th.

- Comm. Brooks provided the Commissioners, for informational purposes only, the current 2020 Board Appointments, Committees and Departments. He requested each Commissioner review the current appointments as they will be voting on these as well as Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2021 at the next meeting.
- Discussion regarding the City of Cedar Key and the Dock Street Fishing Pier. Comm. Brooks stated two letters had been received from the City of Cedar Key and read the letters into public record.

Comm. Brooks requested meeting date suggestions from the Commissioners to meet with the City of Cedar Key for Dock Street Fishing Pier discussion. The Commissioners agreed upon the date of January 19th at 6:00 P.M. and a backup date of February 16th at 6:00 P.M. in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room. These dates will be presented to the City Commission's Board members and Mayor.

- Requesting the Board to consider placing a collection box at the Annex and the Courthouse for residents to turn over their old American Flags so they can be properly disposed of.

Comm. John Meeks stated the collection box which was at the Courthouse outside of the former Commission office had been brought to the Commission office in the Annex.

Mr. Dean stated he would have a collection box placed at the Courthouse as well as one at the Veteran's office.

Comm. Brooks suggested selecting a date to conduct the ceremony for retiring old flags collected throughout the county. Comm. John Meeks suggested each year on Flag Day.

Comm. Brooks stated a Levy County Legislative Delegation meeting date had been scheduled for December 14th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in Williston at the Community Room.

Mr. Dean announced there will be a reception for the retiring Tax Collector, Linda Fugate next Tuesday, December 15th in the Annex Cafeteria from 11:30 A.M to 1:30 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks