

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 5, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 5, 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. Brooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>144967-144981, 144984-145100</b>	
<b>FUND</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE		1,540,040.16
ROAD		81,732.17
MOSQUITO CONTROL		328.63
TRANSPORTATION		2,958.03
911		16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES		9,959.33
MISC GRANTS		34,522.67
EMS		15,392.26
FIRE		2,843.93
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		3,853.35
UTILITIES		3,331.94
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		1,840.78
CAPITAL PROJECTS		23,677.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		799,913.35
LANDFILL		32,664.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,569,378.39</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>577,455.87</b>

### **LCNR EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>144982</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	901.98
ROAD	316.86
EMS	45.58
FIRE	45.56
LANDFILL	284.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,594.56</b>

### **AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>144983</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,792.50
EMS	170.42
FIRE	170.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,133.35</b>

### **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held January 4, 2022 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held January 4, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

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

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Wilbur Dean read the Proclamation into public record and requested Board approval of a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April, 2022 as National Healthcare Decisions Month.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April, 2022 as National Healthcare Decisions Month. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Haven Hospice representative, Deanna Sheppard spoke regarding the services they offer. Community Hospice and Palliative Care representative, Charlene Stefanelli also spoke to the Board stating April 16<sup>th</sup> is National Healthcare Decisions Day, but stated the entire month is observed as it is so important for people to know this free service is available.

- B. Wilbur Dean read the Proclamation into public record and requested Board approval of a Proclamation proclaiming April, 2022 as Water Conservation Month.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation for April, 2022 as Water Conservation Month as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Hardison provided information to the Board regarding ads on HardisonInk.com.

Sean Brewer introduced himself and announced he is seeking election to the position of Circuit 8 Judge.

## **JAMES MOORE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS**

Zach Chalifour, CPA, gave a presentation of Levy County BOCC fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

## **TOWN OF INGLIS**

Andrew White, Mayor

Discussion on the Regional Evacuation Building at the South Levy Recreational Park. He asked if the Board would consider assisting with a multiuse community storm shelter at the South Levy Recreational Park.

Comm. Rooks pointed out the South Levy Recreational Park property is located in a flood zone.

Mr. White requested Board approval to use the South Levy Recreational Park for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities this year.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to permit the South Levy Recreational Park facilities be used by the Town of Inglis and community for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Scott Osteen, Executive Director

Providing the Board with an update of the Nature Coast Business Development Council.

### PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance Number 2022-9, an Ordinance of Levy County, Florida, amending the text of the Land Development Code related to Lot, Yard, and Height regulations and associated definitions; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing directions to the Clerk and an effective date.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented.

Audience members who spoke were: Dana Sheffield, Sallie Ann Collins, Renate Cannon and Terry Witt.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-9 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – CU 20-03-A1: Duke Energy Hardeetown Solar Plant Project (previously CU 03-20 Levy Solar 1), Duke Energy Florida, LLC petitioning the Board for a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to add and remove parcels of property and to amend the conditions of approval for the Solar Power Generating Facility on 13 parcels of land located in Sections 20, 29, 30 & 32, Township 11S, Range 15E, in Levy County. Said parcels contain 771.4 acres and are located in the Agricultural/Rural Residential zoning district.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented.

Audience member, Toni Collins spoke against this this project. Sallie Ann Collins expressed her concern of the recycling of the solar panels. Others who spoke were: Terry Witt and Renate Cannon.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve CU 20-03-A1: Duke Energy Hardeetown Solar Plant Project Conditional Use Permit Amendment as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Presenting Petition No. ZTA 22-01: to the Board for text changes to Chapter 50 of the Levy County Land Development Code to repeal and rewrite SEC 50-74 and 50-852. Staff has drafted the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provisions to replace the Guest House and Hardship Variance provisions to the Levy County Land Development Code.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Dana Sheffield and Linda Cooper

The Commissioners agreed upon the date of May 17<sup>th</sup> to schedule a Public Hearing for further discussion of the item presented at 6:00 P.M. and a Farmland Preservation Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval of the Engagement Letter from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. for the Annual Assessment Programs for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The total cost is \$36,500 is divided between the Department of Public Safety, Road Department and Solid Waste. Mr. Dean stated the rate is the same as last year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting the reappointment of Tourist Development Council (TDC) members Lance Hayes, City Commissioner, Helen Ciallella, Accommodation Owner/Manager, Heidi Schwiebert, Accomodation Owner/Manager, Daryl Kirby, At Large Member, and Vicki Todd, At Large Member. Term expiration is 4/15/2026.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to re-appoint the above stated TDC members as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **ANIMAL SERVICES**

David Weatherford, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-13, a resolution amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$38,894; providing for an effective date. Mr. Weatherford stated the request is to install a security counter and replacement of three office desks.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board review of the updated Levy County Road Paving Schedule. She stated the total number of roads on the list is currently at 33.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-17 amending the final budget in the amount of \$172,155 for fiscal year 2021-2022. The budget increase for the purpose of purchasing a crusher for the Gulf Hammock Rock Mine.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to waive the bid process and accept the quote from MGL Engineering in the amount of \$965,000 for the purchase of a crusher and belt for the Gulf Hammock Rock Mine. Mrs. LaLonde stated if approved, the crusher could be delivered in October or November.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve waiving the bid process and accept the quote from MGL Engineering as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval to donate three (3) available busses which have met the useful life to three (3) different organizations, which have requested one (1) bus each. First United Methodist Church-Williston, Rosewood Baptist Church and Levy County Historical Society.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the donation of three (3) busses to organizations as stated above. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks abstained from voting.

- B. Requesting Board approval of a time extension on the 2020, 5311 Operating Grant. This is a 50/50 operating grant awarded in April, 2020. Due to the Cares Act funding being awarded, this grant has been amended for extensions until Cares Act funding was expended. This grant will begin covering expenditures possibly as early as July, but may be August, 2022.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the time extension on the 2020, 5311 Operating Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of the appointment of Kurt Richardson and Stephanie Seawright to the Levy County Affordable Advisory Committee (AHAC). These appointments are for a two-year term ending November 2, 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the appointment of Kurt Richardson and Stephanie Seawright to the Levy County Affordable Advisory Committee (AHAC) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gayle informed the Board of an AHAC Workshop scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

## PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-16 approving an application for a Community Planning Technical Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to establish a County Geographic Information System; providing direction and authorization to the County Coordinator or Designee; and providing an effective date.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-18, a resolution supporting affordable and reliable high-speed internet throughout Florida.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-18 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield invited everyone to the Water Ski Show and Easter Egg hunt in Fanning Springs coming up this Saturday.

Sallie Ann Collins inquired of any new information from FDOT on the proposed North Florida Toll Road. Comm. Rock Meeks reported he has learned FDOT has decided to take a step back to hear more public comment before moving forward with this project.

Veronica Harvey Dunn spoke of businesses on the East side of Williston and of the trash on the roadway. She inquired if anything had been done since she had brought this to the Board's attention. Code Enforcement Officer, David Banton responded to Ms. Harvey-Dunn's inquiry stating he is working with the business owners to keep the area cleaner and will continue to keep checking on the progress.

Linda Cooper thanked Mr. Banton for his response to complaints from Williston Highlands.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson spoke of the next Beautify Bronson Day scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at Town Hall at 10:00 A.M.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Rooks** reported of the FDOT meeting regarding the SR 19 study held in Chiefland recently and she shared her concerns of the proposed changes to the intersection at 140<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of the upcoming retirement of Duke Energy Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Dorothy Pernu. He stated she had been the contact person for Levy County was helpful on many occasions.

**Comm. John Meeks** received notification this week of funding for Levy County in the amount of \$464,000 for Boating Improvements from the State, pending the approval by the Governor. Bill Menadier of Dewberry Engineering provided further information of how this funding will be used for the construction of observation piers at the Withlacoochee River boat ramp location.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Rock Meeks