

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 19, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 19, 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. John Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Brooks.

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.

CHECK NUMBER	145101-145109, 145112-145245	
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		469,580.39
ROAD		117,066.94
SHIP		50,890.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		178.03
TRANSPORTATION		14,331.77
COURT FACILITIES		1,662.43
MISC GRANTS		7,034.30
EMS		58,390.92
FIRE		131,705.48
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		7,087.13
UTILITIES		2,426.19
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		177.78
RESTORE ACT		20,250.00
ARPA 2021		3,772.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS		27,040.84
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		4,664.94
LANDFILL		120,082.32
TOTAL	\$	1,036,342.45
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	38,855.66

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.

CHECK NUMBER	145110
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	625.71
ROAD	116.60
FIRE	7.16
TOTAL	\$ 749.47

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	145111
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	123.85
MISC GRANTS	261.00
EMS	170.03
FIRE	170.02
TOTAL	\$ 724.90

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held January 18, 2022 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held January 18, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks 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

Tisha Whitehurst requested Board approval of the Proclamation to declare May 1-7, 2022 as Travel and Tourism Week in Levy County and read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2022 as Travel and Tourism Week in Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Morrison resident Maria Wise spoke regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension and inquired if the Board had any updates.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the information he has received indicated the project is on hold at this point in order to receive more public input.

Comm. Rooks stated she had requested updates be given to the County Commissioners of any new information regarding this project from FDOT.

Charlene Calvillo spoke to the Board extending an invitation for everyone to the Cedar Key Historical Society Annual Membership Dinner coming up this Thursday.

Gussie Boatwright informed the Board of the Affordable Housing Workshop coming up on May 19th. She requested the Board assist in informing the public of this opportunity. Mrs. Boatwright also inquired of ideas for summer recreations programs for youth in Levy County.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-12 approving a petition to vacate, abandon, and close unimproved NE 35th Street in Angelina Farms; adopting findings, providing for publication and providing directions to the Clerk.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting Board appointment of Zach Bullock to the Tourist Development Council (TDC) as set forth in the background information. On April 5, 2022, the City of Williston recommended Zach Bullock, City Council Member, to serve as the elected representative for the TDC position previously held by Jerry Robinson. This term will expire 4/15/2024.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Zach Bullock to the Tourist Development Council (TDC) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LIBRARY

Darlene Slattery, Coordinator spoke to the Board providing updates on current issues at the libraries. She reported of her attendance of the Bronson Town Council meeting last night as the Bronson Library building which is owned by the Town is in need of repairs. She spoke of issues at some of the other libraries, but stated she would work with them one at a time, dealing with each building's needs.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Michael S. Boatwright, PA #596 for a new unit in Williston, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Loan Agreement for Michael S. Boatwright, PA #596 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Brooks spoke of the alternative pilot paving project, stating the tentative start date will be in May.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the Wild Hog Canoe/Kayak race coming up this Saturday and of all the activities and fundraiser opportunities taking place at the finish.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:02 P.M.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Presentation of consideration of macroeconomic, legal, and wage market impacts. Mr. Blanton stated this was the first budget presentation and it was for informational purposes. He stated feedback and recommendations from the Board were welcome at this time. Mr. Blanton spoke the possibility of a significant raise for all Board employees and explained options.

Sheriff McCallum provided information to the Board of funding earmarked by the State for Levy County Deputy/Law Enforcement salaries in the amount of \$825,000, if approved.

The meeting recessed at 2:21 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:31 P.M.

Audience member Linda Cooper spoke regarding the employee salaries suggesting the Board re-evaluate the job classifications and create a new structure. Ms. Cooper also requested the Board re-consider the Landfill Assessment amount, stating she is in favor of individuals paying for what they bring to the Landfill, not a set amount.

Audience member Terry Witt inquired if the RFP for the radio communications system would be coming from the upcoming year's budget. Comm. John Meeks responded it would, if the decision was made to move forward.

The Board agreed by consensus to direct Mr. Dean to proceed with the information provided to negotiate with the unions regarding the pay increase for employees.

Randy Rutter provided information to the Board regarding the Property Appraiser's budget and their recent acquisition of two new vehicles purchased with budgeted funds.

Mr. Blanton stated the next budget workshop is scheduled for May 17th at 1:30 P.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 3:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Rock Meeks