

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 22, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Comm. Desiree Mills
Vice-Chair, Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. Matt Brooks
Comm. Rock Meeks

Also present were: County Attorney – Atty. Walker Bullock (for Atty. Shalley)
County Manager – Mary-Ellen Harper

Chairman Mills 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. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

| CHECK NUMBER | 153462, 153465-153573 |
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| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 341,899.57 |
| ROAD | 57,947.82 |
| SHIP | 60,000.00 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 6,865.52 |
| COURT FACILITIES | 1,340.56 |
| MISC GRANTS | 732.65 |
| EMS | 46,447.39 |
| FIRE | 126,688.96 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | 10,111.47 |
| UTILITIES | 16,202.93 |
| COMMUNICATION | 15,350.00 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | 7,597.54 |
| SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE | 65,961.55 |
| ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE | 4,587.47 |
| LANDFILL | 10,343.29 |
| TOTAL | \$ 772,076.72 |
| EFT/ACH PAYMENT | \$ 765,491.95 |

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the following LCNR expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting due to perceived conflict.

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| CHECK NUMBER | 153463 |
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 1,415.13 |
| ROAD | 157.43 |
| LANDFILL | 158.72 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,731.28 |

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

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

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| CHECK NUMBER | 153464 |
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 507.55 |
| TOTAL | \$ 507.55 |

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an update of the Animal Services Department to be presented by Mary Ellen Harper. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
COUNTY MANAGER**

Mary-Ellen Harper

Requesting Board approval of the renewal with New River Technology for one (1) of the three (3) additional one (1) year terms. This renewal will extend the term of the Agreement through September 21, 2025.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to renew the Agreement with New River Technology as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mrs. Harper gave an update to the Board of the Animal Services Department, stating as of last Thursday, October 17th at 1:00 P.M., she and Jacqueline Martin had placed Rod Hastings on Paid Administrative Leave after receiving a series of complaints related to Animal Services. Matt Weldon is now the Interim Manager for this Department. The UF Shelter Medicine Program was invited to the shelter and will be on site Thursday and Friday

to conduct a full review of all operations and are currently doing a remote review of records. Mrs. Harper requested the Board consider waiving adoption fees until November 30th.

Comm. John Meeks stated he would be in favor of waiving the pet adoption fees until the end of the year. The Commissioners then agreed by consensus to approve waiver of adoption fees until the end of the year.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature on the Levy County Department of Public Safety (EMS) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Chair's signature on the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature on the Public Consulting Group (PCG) Emergency Services Agreement between PCG and Levy County.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Chair's signature on the Public Consulting Group (PCG) Emergency Services Agreement with Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Tara Howell, Director

Requesting the Board's review of Legislative Ordinance No. 2024-4 approval regarding Revisions to Lot Splits: AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 50 (LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF LAND; BY REVISING SEC. 50-600 TITLED "GENERAL REQUIREMENTS" FOR LOT SPLITS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the Ordinance presented.

Audience member Joseph Barbazon spoke of property he currently owns and would like to split in order to sell a portion of it.

Audience member Johnny Hiers also spoke of the proposed changes to the Ordinance.

Mrs. Howell read back changes to wording in the Ordinance per the Commissioners' request.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 A.M.

Upon returning from the recess, Mrs. Howell presented the revised Ordinance with changes made by Atty. Walker Bullock, and read aloud the changes into public record.

Comm. Mills asked if any in the audience wished to speak regarding the changes as stated to Ordinance 2024-4. There was none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-4 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson stated UF has a Mobile Outreach Clinic, which comes to the Levy County Health Department on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M – 2:00 P.M. This is a service provided for those without insurance in need of medical care. The next Bread of the Mighty Food Drive will take place Friday, October 25th at 9:30 A.M. at the park in Bronson; the Trunk or Treat event for Bronson is schedule for Saturday, November 26th at the park, beginning at 6:30 P.M.; the next Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative meeting is Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 P.M. in Bronson.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Hodge reminded everyone early voting is underway and encouraged everyone to vote.

Comm. John Meeks reported the Chili Cook-Off held at the Am-Vet’s Post 88 was a huge success. This Thursday, following the Bronson Homecoming Parade, the FFA will be selling mullet dinners for anyone interested.

Comm. Mills reported of the Hurricane clean-up efforts in the impacted Levy County communities.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills