

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 15, 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 – Nicolle 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. John Meeks.

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	153289-153303, 153305-153317, 153320-153461	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		2,752,767.76
ROAD		157,999.35
SHIP		8,487.50
MOSQUITO CONTROL		180.35
TRANSPORTATION		13,029.82
COURT FACILITIES		16,533.38
MISC GRANTS		16,251.96
EMS		46,932.28
FIRE		366,759.09
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		8,811.29
UTILITIES		1,749.39
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		343,047.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS		12,303.03
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		1,219.08
LANDFILL		101,997.02
TOTAL	\$	3,848,068.37
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	89,055.82

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	153304-153318
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,433.45
ROAD	263.96
TRANSPORTATION	5.99
COURT FACILITIES	12.99
EMS	225.17
FIRE	166.57
LANDFILL	201.57
TOTAL	\$ 2,309.70

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	153319
FUND	AMOUNT
ROAD	74.00
TOTAL	\$ 74.00

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for Board approval: Regular Meeting held June 18, 2024 with corrections, Special Budget Meeting held August 1, 2024 with correction, Planning/Zoning Director Interviews held August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting held August 6, 2024.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the Procurement Informational Item concerning AC Disaster Consulting and the Solid Waste item regarding the Scope of Work Agreement form from FDEP for the 24-25 Waste Tire Amnesty Day as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Comm. Hodge read into record a Proclamation identifying November 21, 2024 as Central Florida Community Action Agency Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

First Southern Bank Representative, Rhonda Roberts spoke to the Board of the recent opening of the banks newest location in Bronson. She invited everyone to stop by.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mary-Ellen Harper presented an update on Hurricane Helene relief efforts.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arica Leshar, 911 Coordinator

Requesting Board Chairman's signature on EXHIBIT A: GSA SCOPE OF WORK FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for GIS Maintenance.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the GSA Scope of Work for Professional Services for GIS for GIS Maintenance as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

A. Requesting Board approval of the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented. (see attached)

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of the 2025 Meeting dates as presented. (see attached)

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2025 Board Meeting dates as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Mary-Ellen Harper presented for Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

A. Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature for Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement between McLaughlin & Company, Inc., and Levy County in the amount of \$5,938 for the Development Department Office Renovations.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Change Order No. 4 to the Agreement with McLaughlin & Company, Inc. with the Chair's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-63 AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,938 FOR DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE RENOVATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-63 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Funding Agreement between Levy County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. in the amount of \$91,932, for the provision of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to Task Assignment 2024-10 between Levy County and North Florida Professional Services, Inc., to provide assistance to the County on an as-needed basis.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Amendment to Task Assignment 2024-10 with North Florida Professional Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Information Item: AC Disaster Consulting will be providing support utilizing our existing contract for the Dock Street Living Breakwater Shoreline and Infrastructure Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). HMGP Support from AC Disaster Consulting will be paid from the Grant Program if the grant is approved. – **ITEM REMOVED** –

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-66; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CR 346 (NW 140TH STREET) FROM SR 55 (US 19) TO US 129 IN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-66 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting permission from the Board to discuss a road closure for upcoming C347 SCRAP project. Mrs. LaLonde stated Anderson Columbia requested closure of CR3437 from SR 27 to US 19 during road construction. The road will be open for local traffic only and detour routes will be set up. Message Boards will be in place before the closing for informational purposes.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the closure of CR347 for the duration of road construction as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Mary-Ellen Harper presented for Travis Newsome, Assistant Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and North Florida Regional Planning Council for the annual monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators. The annual amount of these services is \$16,500 and there are no increases for this agreement.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with North Florida Regional Planning Council as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Scope of Work Agreement form from FDEP for the FY 24-25 Waste Tire Amnesty Day. – **ITEM REMOVED** -

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of the Levy County SHIP Annual reports for closeout period 2021-2022 submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Levy County SHIP Annual reports for closeout period 2021-2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-64; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIR; EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS – ALL ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HELENE; AUTHORIZING CONTINUED COUNTY RESPONSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE CLERK AND POSTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-64 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DESIREE MILLS

Requesting Board approval with the Chairman's signature on a letter supporting the Florida Agricultural Reimbursement for Meals (FARM) II Act.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Chair's signature on a letter of support as requested for the Florida Agricultural Reimbursement for Meals (FARM) II Act as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-62; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PETITION TO VACATE, ABANDON AND CLOSE BEECH AVENUE LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO BLOCKS 130 & 131, MULBERRY AVENUE, LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO BLOCKS 129 AND 130, AND CYPRESS AVENUE LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO BLOCKS 18 & 129, CEDAR KEY HEIGHTS, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND DIRECTING PUBLISHED NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-62 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Mills reminded everyone October is "Breast Cancer Awareness" month and encouraged the Commissioners to all wear pink in honor of this at the next meeting.

Comm. Brooks recognized all of the County Departments for their work to help with hurricane clean-up and restoration.

Comm. Hodge and Comm. Rock Meeks also thanked employees for their work after the two hurricanes, which have affected Levy County.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:51 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills