

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 7, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 7, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
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. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	148047-148056, 148058-148158
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,723,269.31
ROAD	67,150.39
SHIP	18,150.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.35
TRANSPORTATION	10,928.36
911	17,396.00
COURT FACILITIES	10,305.69
MISC GRANTS	2,493.64
EMS	16,796.59
FIRE	2,702.99
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	8,472.51
UTILITIES	2,342.97
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,740.70
CAPITAL PROJECTS	40,950.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	38,746.46
LANDFILL	9,101.92
TOTAL	\$ 1,971,727.88
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 288,615.58

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Mills 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.

CHECK NUMBER		148057
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		651.03
ROAD		160.20
EMS		4.88
FIRE		74.86
LANDFILL		181.86
TOTAL	\$	1,072.83

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

CHECK NUMBER		AMOUNT
FUND		
TOTAL	\$	-

No Activity for 3/7/23 Meeting

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognition of Robert Lowyns done by Wilbur Dean for 14 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Veterans and spouses of Levy County, and for many years of serving/continuing to serve on the Planning Commission, until his well-earned retirement.

Thanks given by Comm. John Meeks, Comm. Brooks.

Renate Cannon also thanked Mr. Lowyns for his work in Levy County.

- B. Comm. Brooks recognized Don Quincey for his recent induction into the 2023 Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame. A statement of his accomplishments was read into public record.

Mr. Quincey then spoke to the Board stating he was honored to be inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame and thanked the Board for their recognition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gigi Hernandez, District Secretary from Senator Keith Perry's office spoke to the Board and provided business cards for the Gainesville office, stating if they had any questions or concerns to please call.

Diane Garte spoke to the Board of HB 1197 and SB 1240 stating they take control away from the county concerning water quality and management.

GOETHE STATE FOREST

Mark Larson and Logan Deuel, Forest Supervisor and Senior Forester

Mr. Larson presented the Board with a revenue check in the amount of \$47,289.75 from Goethe State Forest. The payment reflects the distribution of Goethe State Forest receipts for fiscal year 2021-2022 in accordance with Section 589, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval to re-appoint McSween Huber to the Board of Adjustments, District 1.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to re-appoint McSween Huber to the Board of Adjustments, District 1 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the purchase of a used Caterpillar Pan for C & D Site at a cost of \$65,000 with trade-in credit of \$35,000 for used large equipment.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a used Caterpillar Pan for C & D Site as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to Amend the Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant Agreement, #SC220. This Grant Amendment request is to extend the Agreement for an additional 2-month period from March 31, 2023 until May 31, 2023. The extension will allow for the purchase of 2 trucks delayed in manufacturing, preventing the loss of available funds of \$93,750.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the request to Amend the Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant Agreement, #SC220 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval to purchase equipment approved for the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant (RCAP) from the Sourcewell Contract in the amount of \$41,172.96. The equipment requested to purchase under the contract is:

Brake Lathe	\$16,453.70
Tire Changer	\$11,031.52
Tire Balancer	\$13,687.74

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the First Amendment to the Nature Coast Business Development Council Agreement. Section 5 of the Funding Agreement has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Section Financial Reporting and Auditing.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Nature Coast Business Development Council Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board permission to proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Food Concession Services at the Levy County Government Center Cafeteria. A general Scope of Services was provided for the Board’s review and will be reviewed by the County Attorney.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to give permission to proceed with issuing RFP for Food Concession Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2023-02 between Levy County and Wright-Pierce for Floodplain Management Services for the Levy County Development Department. The cost for these services may not exceed \$35,000 annually.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2023-02 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Release of Unity of Title for Lots 3 and 4, Block F, Oak Grove Estates and authorize the Chairman to execute the Release document. This requested was made by the property owner.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Release of Unity of Title as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. As requested by the Board at its Regular Meeting on February 21st, Atty. Shalley provided an update of the meeting she attended along with staff members and Comm. Mills with Marion County Staff on Monday, February 27th regarding the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District. After the update and discussion, Atty. Shalley stated Levy County Staff is seeking direction from the Board on whether to proceed with (1) Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-21 to allow mobile homes/manufactured homes in the RR-3C Zoning District for Rainbow Lakes Estates; or (2) drafting a new ordinance to enact zoning and other requirements in Levy County that match those in Marion County for Rainbow Lakes Estates, so there is consistency throughout the Municipal Service District.

Following discussion, Comm. Mills made a motion to proceed with Option 2 as explained by Atty. Shalley. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Barbara Cox stated she would be requesting a variance in order to place a mobile home on the property she owns in Rainbow Lakes Estates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Cooper expressed her concerns of land uses in Levy County, specifically for manure and shavings composting. Ms. Cooper also expressed concerns of the appointment of Michael Ernest to the Planning Commission, and the conflict of interest of placing him on this Board.

Dana Sheffield inquired of mobile homes in Rainbow Lakes Estates and asked if they were currently allowed in the subdivision. Mrs. Hectus and Atty. Shalley responded they are currently not allowed and the new Ordinance will reflect this to match the requirements and restrictions of the Marion County Ordinance. Atty. Shalley stated “modular homes” would be allowed, but not “mobile homes”.

Mr. Sheffield announced the upcoming Fly-In/Cruise-In at the Cross City Airport. It is a free event and is scheduled for April 15, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Mills reported of attending the Beast Feast and of the Regional Planning Council meeting. She will be sharing information from this meeting at the Affordable Housing meeting tomorrow taking place at the SHIP office at 10:00 A.M. She will be attending the NCBDC meeting Thursday at 3:00 P.M. in Fanning Springs.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the Legislative Session beginning today. Legislative Day for the Florida Association of Counties is next Wednesday.

Comm. John Meeks stated the property where LARC was formerly located has sold and they have been renting space at a church in Chiefland. Comm. John Meeks stated he would like to have an item placed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting to donate a piece of County owned property near the Sheriff's Department to the LARC. A suitable parcel of land is located on CR337 located near Weeks Bail Bonds with access to CR32. The Commissioners agreed to have Comm. John Meeks work with Atty. Shalley and staff on this and bring information back to a meeting for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks stated he would like to direct Wilbur Dean to bring a prepared letter to the next meeting for Board approval of a letter expressing the Board's opposition of increased Sovereign Immunity to be sent to Legislators in Tallahassee, as this is a topic to be discussed during the current Session.

Comm. Brooks announced the Williston Middle/High School Boys' Basketball team won the 1A State Championship for the First time after making it to the Final Four last Friday. He stated he would like to invite the Team and Coaches to an upcoming Board meeting for official recognition.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:26 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks