

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 20, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 20, 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-not present

Also present were: County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>152927-153042</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	104,043.43
ROAD	90,106.45
TRANSPORTATION	12,994.66
COURT FACILITIES	19,009.86
MISC GRANTS	1,187.86
EMS	38,418.52
FIRE	50,353.14
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	5,057.50
UTILITIES	2,585.82
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	249,015.77
CRIME PREVENTION	3,841.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS	950.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	3,000.00
LANDFILL	119,437.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 700,002.41</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 1,989.57</b>

**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.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>153043</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	736.14
ROAD	204.90
TRANSPORTATION	33.97
COURT FACILITIES	44.99
EMS	124.33
FIRE	160.30
LANDFILL	168.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,473.56</b>

**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.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>153044</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	105.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 105.95</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for Regular Meetings held July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meetings held July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Audience member Renate Cannon expressed thanks to the Mosquito Control Department for their work to reduce the amount of mosquitos in Levy County.

**BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**  
**LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DESIREE MILLS**

Discussion/nomination to fill a vacancy on the Florida Associations of Counties (FAC) Board of Directors, term will end June, 2025.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to nominate Comm. Mills to serve on the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Board of Directors. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Jacqueline Martin, Director gave a presentation to the Board regarding the hiring process for the County Manager position and stated 11 applicants were selected for interviews.

The Board agreed to conduct a skills test and one-on-one interviews on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and Board interviews on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Audience member Linda Cooper and Renate Cannon provided their opinions of the interview process.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNICATIONS**

Clayton Drew, Communication System Manager

Requesting Board approval to donate one conex box to the City of Williston.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the donation of one conex box from the Department of Public Safety to the City of Williston as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Request permission to engage in discussion for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Yankeetown for FEMA Public Assistance Support. Mr. MacDonald requested the Board Table this item.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to TABLE this item as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**

Mary-Ellen Harper

Requesting the Board receive a presentation regarding an annual State of the County, discuss and determine if the Board is interested in delivering an annual State of the County.

The Commissioners expressed an interest in an annual State of the County and it was determined this could be presented in the spring.

**PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-45 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$15,403. The budget amendment is related to Change Order No. 2 for the Development Department office renovations.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-45 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chair’s signature for Change Order No. 3 to the Agreement between McLaughlin & Company, Inc., and Levy County in the amount of \$1,440 for an additional 16 data drops in various locations in the Development Department building.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 with the Chair’s signature on the Agreement with McLaughlin & Company, Inc. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution No. 2024-38: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF BEECH AVENUE LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO BLOCKS 130 AND 131, MULBERRY AVENUE LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO BLOCKS 129 AND 130, AND 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 SAID PUBLIC HEARING.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

**SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-26 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$92,605; providing an effective date. The Levy County SHIP Program received additional funds via SHIP mortgage payoffs and interest.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Nicolle M. Shalley

- A. Receive information and consider alternatives regarding the location of accessory structures in yards and provide direction to the County Attorney for the drafting of an Ordinance.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to direct Atty. Shalley to use the current guidelines for the drafting of an Ordinance.

B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution No. 2024-48: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE EXTENSIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY PROCLAMATAION OF THE CHAIR IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DEBBY; 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 2024-48 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Audience member, Linda Cooper thanked the Board for providing the list of expenditures paid at each meeting. Audience member, Jeff Hardison commented on the change made from County Administrator to County Manager, stating historically, individuals hired for this position do not stay for an extended period of time.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. Brooks** reminded everyone to stay safe travelling to the voting precincts today.

**Comm. John Meeks** spoke of an email he received from Central Florida Electric Coop. inquired if the county had any Rural Infrastructure Grants in the works. If the County is not pursuing this, the Coop. expressed an interest in applying for this grant and could do so jointly with the County. Comm. John Meeks inquired if the Board wished to have a letter of support prepared and brought back at a later meeting for approval. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to have a letter of support prepared for approval at a later meeting. Comm. John Meeks also encouraged everyone to go vote today.

**Comm. Hodge** expressed thanks to the Road Department employees for their extra work related to storm debris clean-up recently.

**Comm. Mills** reported of the work done by the Canvassing Board and commended the Supervisor of Elections and employees for what they do. She then encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:20 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Desiree Mills