

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 8, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 8, 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

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

Chairman Brooks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Hodge gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	149405-149414, 149417-149556	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		1,762,042.38
ROAD		101,048.43
MOSQUITO CONTROL		11,494.02
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV		8,725.80
TRANSPORTATION		2,160.27
911		17,396.00
COURT FACILITIES		11,998.61
MISC GRANTS		1,107.38
EMS		69,125.40
FIRE		5,426.26
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		7,262.22
CDBG		4,268.34
ADD COURT COSTS		2,398.77
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		2,675.65
CAPITAL PROJECTS		152,555.98
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		27,059.32
LANDFILL		28,965.69
TOTAL	\$	2,215,710.52
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	282,076.03

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	149415
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,206.99
ROAD	208.84
EMS	78.00
LANDFILL	312.39
TOTAL	\$ 1,806.22

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. Mills 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	149416
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,400.90
ROAD	558.85
EMS	23.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,982.75

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a non-agenda item for the Procurement Department. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Morrison resident, Diane Garte requested the Board adopt a moratorium on mining in Levy County.

Inglis resident, Roger Wimer requested a pedestrian walkway be added to the Bird Creek Bridge and the "No Fishing" sign be changed to "Fishing at Your Own Risk."

Bronson resident, Charlie Kennedy spoke of the bidding policy used by Levy County, DemandStar, stating local vendors were being excluded from bidding opportunities, as the specs for an item were not clear enough to submit a bid. Mr. Kennedy reminded the Commissioners worked for the Taxpayers of Levy County and the Board office works for the Commissioners. Comm. Mills, Comm. John Meeks and Comm. Mills responded to Mr. Kennedy's concerns.

Sallie Ann Collins spoke of the poor sound system in the meeting room and the need for improvement.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature to decline the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and sub-award the funds to the Cedar Key Police Department. The amount of funding has not been provided by FDLE as of yet. 51% Letters are due to FDLE by October 2, 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature to decline the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and sub-award the funds to the Cedar Key Police Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board appointment of Billy Williams to the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to fill the seat formerly held by Stephanie Seawright. This seat is for "a citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing". The term ends on November 2, 2023, but will be renewed for an additional two years until November 2, 2025.

Comm. Mills made a motion to appoint Billy Williams to the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2023-39 to amend the final budget for FY 2022-2023 by \$100,000 for receipt of the DOH EMS County Award Grant for ventilators. As well, seeking approval to purchase 7 ventilators from Hamilton Medical (sole source) in the amount of \$129,200.31 for the 7 frontline ALS transport units.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-39 with the Chairman's signature and to approve the purchase of 7 ventilators from Hamilton Medical as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

LIBRARY

Darlene Slattery, Director requested the Board appoint Comm. John Meeks to the PAL Board as a voting member.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to appoint Comm. John Meeks to the PAL Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Lease Agreement between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Levy County. The Lease will begin on October 1, 2023 and end September 30, 2016. The monthly rent is \$150 (\$1,800 per year).

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to award the Lowest Responsive Responsible Bidder (CMM Roofing, Inc.) for ITB_2023_013 Roof Replacement for the Road Department in the amount of \$107,950. The Procurement Department received 6 responses and 1 response with no bid documents.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to award the bid for Roof Replacement for the Road Department ITB_2023_013 to the Lowest Responsive Responsible Bidder, CMM Roofing, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks requested the names and location of the bids received. The bids received were:

Acme Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc.	Dothan, AL	\$159,720
CMM Roofing, Inc.	Port Charlotte, FL	\$107,950
LaPorta Contracting	Largo, FL	\$125,114
Lewis Walker Roofing, Inc.	Lake City, FL	\$186,526
MRB Contractors	Irving, TX	\$170,939
Professional Roof Systems	Dunnellon, FL	\$124,000

NON-AGENDA ITEM/PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-38, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$107,950 to appropriate Sale of Surplus funds for the replacement of the Road Department roof.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-38 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wilbur Dean provided an update to the Board of the negotiations with the 630 stating an agreement had been reached and he is expecting to receive the signed Agreement by the labor representative soon as well as the Paramedics Union.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson reminded everyone of the Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative meeting coming up next Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 P.M. at the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District office in Cedar Key. The Bread of the Mighty mobile food bank is scheduled for Friday, August 25th at 9:30 A.M.

Inglis Mayor, Steve Schwing spoke to the Board of the inspection services provided by the Levy County Building & Zoning Department and the Town’s wish to retain these services for another year.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Hodge stated he was asked about keeping the Satellite Station garbage collection sites open 6 days a week.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the schools in Levy County starting back on Thursday. Comm. John Meeks also gave clarification to an item he read regarding the voting done at the Final Budget Workshop on August 1st.

Comm. Brooks stated the need for more efforts with communication, due to an email he and the other Commissioners received regarding the Building & Zoning Department needing A/C repair for over a year. Comm. Brooks stated he wanted to see communication get better as the Coordinator should have addressed this without getting the Commissioners involved.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:02 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks