

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 16, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 16, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Mike Joyner
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Matt Brooks – by phone

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	141301-141450
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	52,636.12
ROAD	94,513.22
MOSQUITO CONTROL	305.04
TRANSPORTATION	14,118.21
COURT FACILITIES	8,163.73
MISC GRANTS	3,143.78
EMS	144,842.18
FIRE	5,841.26
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	861.46
UTILITIES	4,966.53
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	456.98
RESTORE ACT	11,764.33
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE	3,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	393.86
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	32,261.86
LANDFILL	3,443.25
TOTAL	\$ 380,711.81
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 317,682.92

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MINUTES

The minutes for the following Board meetings were presented for approval: Regular Meeting – December 8, 2020, Regular Meeting – December 22, 2020 and Special Meeting – December 29, 2020.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the above listed Board meetings as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks requested item #2 (recognition and appreciation of Dr. Kenneth Schwiebert, DMD) be Tabled until the April 6th meeting.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to adopt the agenda with the change requested by Comm. Brooks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Comm. John Meeks presented Mayor Drinda Merritt with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing for her 12 plus years of service to the Town of Inglis. The Commissioners each offered words of thanks and appreciation to Mayor Merritt.

Recognition and appreciation of Dr. Kenneth Schwiebert, DMD. – TABLED -

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – JOHN MEEKS

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval of Resolution 2021-026 opposing Senate Bill 62 or similar legislation concerning the disbanding of the Regional Planning Councils.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-026 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of the E911 Rural County Grant Application with the Chairman's signature to cover the cost of the E911 System Maintenance for 2021-2022. Funds received from this grant will be used to cover the yearly cost for the maintenance and support on the PSAP equipment and software. No matching funds are required.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the E911 Rural County Grant Application with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones requested Board authorization to provide written notice to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. with the Chairman's signature, indicating the county intends to exercise the option to purchase Dominion Hardware in the amount of \$38,222.16.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve written notice to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Linda Cooper spoke expressed her concerns of the possible problems which could arise by using Dominion Voting Systems.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the terms for the District 2 and District 4 Board of Adjustment appointees for the term March, 2021 to March, 2024. The term approved was March, 2021 to March, 2023.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the corrected terms for the District 2 and District 4 Board of Adjustment appointees as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Seeking Board direction on the letter received from the Town of Bronson dated March 2, 2021 regarding the possible purchase of the old high school gym and leasing of the football field.

Jimmy Jones spoke regarding the use of the gym and football field.

Audience member Linda Cooper spoke in favor of selling the gym to the Town of Bronson.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to entertain the option of leasing the gym to the Town of Bronson, only. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the votes were as follows: Comm. Rock Meeks, Comm. John Meeks and Comm. Brooks – Yes, Comm. Rooks, Comm. Joyner – No. The MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Engagement Letter from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. for the annual assessment programs for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of John MacDonald Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declaration 2021-022 and Emergency Declaration 2021-027.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-022 and Emergency Declaration 2021-027 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean read an email update of COVID cases in Levy County provided by David Peaton.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-029 authorizing the submittal of the 2021-2022 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant application, for the purchase of a bus with 14 seats, 2 wheelchair positions at the price of approximately \$91,515.00 at 100%.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-029 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the Medical Examiner Transport Services Agreement between Levy County and Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Medical Examiner Transport Services Agreement with Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to waive the bid process and accept the proposal submitted by iWorQ Systems, Inc. for the Development Department upon review of the agreement by the County Attorney. The one-time set-up fee for this program is \$27,000 and the annual subscription fee will be \$16,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve waiving the bid process and accept the proposal submitted by iWorQ Systems, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-028 certifying the County's qualification to submit an application and receive funds related to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissions' Florida Boating Improvement Program; authorizing the Chair to execute a Grant Agreement and any Amendments, if awarded; authorizing Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator, to act as Project Manager, execute other documents and perform administrative actions.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-028 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the included Budget Amendment in the amount of \$183,000 to appropriate Contingency Reserves for the Paramedic and EMT incentives approved in December.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and Chairman's signature of the Certification Statement for the Use of Certified Public Funds as well as the Board's approval of Resolution 2021-031 accepting the funds and increase the budget. Levy County is receiving \$39,591 and \$18,494.39 is the State Share amount the AHCA is claiming to the Federal Government to draw down the \$35 million of Federal Share.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the Certification Statement for the Use of Certified Public Funds and approval of Resolution 2021-031 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Atty. Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval of the Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services provided by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. for legal services related to employment issues. The billing rate for partners, senior associates and associates will be \$285 per hour, an increase of \$25 per hour. The billing rate for paralegals will be \$110 per hour, an increase of \$10 per hour.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services provided by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

Audience member Linda Cooper urged the Board to consider requesting proposals for these services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield inquired if the Board had an opinion on the State's push to make School Board members non-paid positions.

Comm. John Meeks responded he did not agree with this idea personally.

Mr. Sheffield invited everyone to the Expo scheduled for April 24th at the Cross City Airport.

Mayor Merritt stated it had been a pleasure to work with the Commissioners and staff during her years as Mayor of Yankeetown.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner encouraged everyone to attend the Suwannee River Livestock Fair and Sale this week. He stated the sale day is tomorrow.

Comm. Rooks reported of her continuing efforts to prevent the toll road from coming through Levy County.

Comm. Brooks congratulated the Williston FFA Livestock Judging team for bringing home a State Championship.

Comm. Brooks brought dates to the Board for a Solar Workshop: April 12th or April 19th at 6:00 P.M. The Board agreed by consensus to schedule a Solar Workshop for April 12th at 6:00 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Grand Champion Swine was awarded last night to a student with the Bronson Middle FFA.

Comm. John Meeks reported the State Legislature is in session at this time.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 11:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks