

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 2, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 2, 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 Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

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.

| CHECK NUMBER | 151664-151677, 151680-151800 | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| FUND | AMOUNT | |
| GENERAL REVENUE | | 1,984,806.14 |
| ROAD | | 54,087.26 |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | | 300.30 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | 666.07 |
| 911 | | 18,529.08 |
| COURT FACILITIES | | 9,083.29 |
| MISC GRANTS | | 625.58 |
| EMS | | 34,949.40 |
| FIRE | | 13,029.58 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | | 2,644.97 |
| UTILITIES | | 434.99 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | | 2,115.70 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | | 340,966.06 |
| LANDFILL | | 34,408.18 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 2,496,646.60 |
| EFT/ACH PAYMENT | \$ | 59,868.74 |

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Brooks 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 | 151678 |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 1,737.27 |
| ROAD | 80.91 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 42.34 |
| EMS | 215.74 |
| FIRE | 33.23 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | 24.56 |
| LANDFILL | 25.99 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,160.04 |

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

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

| CHECK NUMBER | 151679 |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 4,437.01 |
| MISC GRANTS | 258.00 |
| EMS | 220.89 |
| FIRE | 94.66 |
| LANDFILL | 775.65 |
| TOTAL | \$ 5,786.21 |

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. Comm. Mills requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the month of April, 2024 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Proclamation as requested by Comm. Mills. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Comm. Brooks requested Board approval of a Proclamation recognizing the Williston Red Devils Boys Basketball Team on their second Class 1A State Championship.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented by Comm. Brooks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Cox, Assistant Director, UF Child Advocacy Center spoke regarding Childhood Prevention Month and provided information about the upcoming “Chippin’ Away at Child Abuse” Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at the Chiefland Golf & Country Club.

Donna Lee, Program Manager for the Alzheimer Association provided information about services available for Alzheimer and Dementia caregivers.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean introduced Denny George, General Manager of CFEC, who presented an American Flag wall display made of used fire hoses to the Board of County Commissioners.
- B. Requesting Board appointment of Christopher Mills to the Planning Commission, term will end April/2026.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Christopher Mills to the Planning Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Nicole Gore requested on behalf of Sheriff McCallum, Board approval to waive the bid process per Section 2-195 (b)(8) of the Procurement Code to purchase a vehicle in the amount of \$69,961.55 with funds from the Federal Forfeiture Fund maintained by the BOCC.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to waive the bid process for purchase of a vehicle as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Clayton Drew Requested Board approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$24,631 appropriating Contingency Reserves for the AVTEC Agreement previously approved on 2/6/24.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested for the AVTEC Agreement. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval to accept the highest bid for the sale of surplus property in the amount of \$175,000 from First Southern Bank and authorize the Chair to execute the Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to accept the bid from First Southern Bank and authorize the Chair to execute the Purchase and Sales Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of (1) approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Medical Examiner Services among Alachua County, Baker County, Bradford County, Levy County, Gilchrist County, Union County, and Dixie County, and (2) request acceptance of the Notice of Termination of the prior Agreement from the University of Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and accept the Notice of Termination of the prior Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2024-4 for Resilience Evaluation and Risk Remediation Recommendations at no cost to the county.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2024-4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

- A. As directed by the Board at its March 5th Regular Meeting, requesting the Board: (1) receive the Memorandum from County Staff regarding the options for County FY 24-25 Budget Preparation, and (2) select one of the four options presented, or develop alternative options, to meet its obligations to prepare and adopt a balanced FY 24-256 County Budget in accordance with the statutory timeframes.

If the Board selects Option 1 (Clerk hire a Budget Officer) or Option 2 (Existing Clerk Finance Staff to prepare Budget, supplemented by outside assistance), provide direction to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Staff.

If the Board selects Option 4b (Board hire a temporary employee to serve as County Budget Officer), then (a) adopt Resolution 2024-13, (b) approve the Temporary Employment Agreement, and (c) direct County Staff to work with the Clerk on necessary areas of cooperation (such as files needed and ADG access) to ensure timely preparation of the FY 24-25 County Budget.

Stan Griffis, Attorney for the Clerk of Court spoke to the Board stating after conducting interviews, an applicant had been selected and the Clerk is ready to hire for the Budget Officer position in the Clerks Office.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to proceed with Option 4(b) and to hire Jared Blanton on a temporary basis to serve as the County Budget Officer. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13 as presented by Atty. Shalley. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARINGS PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Quasi-judicial Petition No. FP 24-01: Ronald Parrish, Surveyor, representing Loy Ann Mann, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat (Indian Acres) to divide 102.42 acres, MOL, into three (3) lots. Said parcel is located in Section, 11, Township 12S, Range 14E in Levy County, Florida and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). Parcel Number: 0096700300.

Ms. Hectus asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication concerning the item presented. There was none.

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

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve FP 24-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Quasi-judicial Petition No. PP 24-01: Theodore Burt, Attorney, representing Berta Jenkins, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Colin Dewayne Jenkins, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat (Jenkins Farms) to divide 80.97 acres MOL into four (4) lots. Said parcel is located in Section 34, Township 10, Range 15 in Levy County, Florida and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). Parcel Number(s): 0143400000 and 0143400200.

Ms. Hectus asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication concerning the item presented. There was none.

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

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve PP 24-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board review and approval of Legislative Ordinance No. 2024-1: An Ordinance of Levy County, Florida, Amending Chapter 50 (Land Development Code) and Appendix B (Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges) of the County Code of Ordinances Related to the Division and Unification of Land; by Revising Sec. 50-1 Definitions; by Deleting Sec. 50-496 Lineal Heir Homestead Density Exemption and Sec. 50-497 Variances, Recordation and Error; by Creating a new Sec. 50-538 Correction of Plat Errors or Omissions; by Retitling Article XI Subdivisions and Creating a new Division 4 therein Titled Lot Splits; by Deleting Sec. 50-680 Reconfiguring a Parent Parcel or Parcel of Record not Located within a Recorded Subdivision; by Revising Sec. 50-776 Unity of Title; and Revising Appendix B, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges; Providing for Inclusion in the Code; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Repealing Clause; and Providing Directions to the Clerk and an Effective Date.

Audience members Melissa Conrad and Jamie Javierez-Conrad spoke regarding the portion of the Ordinance relating to the length of time property must be homesteaded before it can be divided among family members in order for them to build a home. Also speaking regarding this item was Jordan Gray and Johnny Hiers.

Following discussion by the Commissioners, direction was given to Atty. Shalley for revisions to the Ordinance.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Legislative Ordinance No. 2024-1 with revisions as discussed. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson, spoke of the next scheduled Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative Board meeting coming up on Wednesday, April 17th in Otter Creek. The next Community Movie Night will be on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 P.M. in the old gym. The deadline for High School Seniors to apply for scholarships from the Town of Bronson is Friday, April 19th. The next Bread of the Mighty Food Drive is Friday, April 26th at 9:30 A.M. at the park. The next Beautify Bronson Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th beginning at 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke further of Ordinance 2024-01.

Comm. John Meeks stated there is a clean-up of the Rosemary Hill Cemetery planned for April 11th at 5:00 P.M. The next Tire Amnesty Day will be on April 13th. The Chiefland Rotary Club's Fishing Tournament and the LARC Wild Hog Canoe Race will take place on April 20th. Comm. John Meeks also reported of an email received this morning from the State of Florida confirming receipt of a grant totaling \$400,000 for design and architecture of a new EOC/E911 facility. Further information was provided by John MacDonald.

Comm. Brooks stated there will be a celebration held to honor the Williston Boys Basketball Team in Williston on the last Saturday of April with a parade. Comm. Brooks reported the groundbreaking ceremony at the community garden location in Williston recently was well attended and seemed to have a great deal of support.

Comm. Mills stated there will be a report of the Legislative wrap-up given at the next Board meeting on the 16th. She also reminded everyone of the Williston Women's Club Casino Night fundraiser coming up on April 20th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills