

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 16, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 16, 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. Brooks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Hodge.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	151801-151811, 151814-151936	AMOUNT
FUND		
GENERAL REVENUE		512,119.58
ROAD		81,745.74
SHIP		30,000.00
TRANSPORTATION		11,689.27
COURT FACILITIES		3,669.25
MISC GRANTS		13,478.62
EMS		25,932.49
FIRE		161,670.57
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		6,537.51
UTILITIES		1,388.73
ADD COURT COSTS		1,050.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		18,201.79
CAPITAL PROJECTS		9,062.70
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		14,940.66
LANDFILL		414,329.14
TOTAL	\$	1,305,816.05
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	418,800.00

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	151812
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,487.38
ROAD	39.07
EMS	129.68
FIRE	49.70
CAPITAL PROJECTS	82.11
LANDFILL	148.47
TOTAL	\$ 2,936.41

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	151813
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	560.35
TOTAL	\$ 560.35

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Tire Amnesty report after Public Comments. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Marchand inquired of the Veterinarian position at Animal Services, asking if there had been any applicants. She also inquired of the Ordinance concerning animal cruelty cases on behalf of Mary Lorenzie. Newly elected Mayor of Inglis, Betsy Webb introduced herself to the Commissioners and the audience. Williston resident, Maggie Smith spoke of property she recently purchased and the restrictions she is facing splitting her 20 acres into two parcels. Abbie Farmer, friend/neighbor of Ms. Smith spoke in favor of the property split.

TIRE AMNESTY REPORT

A report of the recent Tire Amnesty Day was given by Comm. John Meeks.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nicole Gore requested Board approval of Resolution 2024-14 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024; providing an effective date. The budget amendment in the amount of \$104,710 is revenue from inmate medical insurance reimbursements; auto claim reimbursements and worker's comp salary reimbursements.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Sue Beaudette, Manger, Town of Bronson requested assistance from the Board in extracting 33 loads of clay from the Partin family property and moving it to the following locations:

6 loads	Bronson Middle/High School Baseball and Softball fields
3 loads	Williston Baseball and Softball fields
4 loads	Cedar Key Baseball and Softball fields
20 loads	Bronson Baseball and Softball fields at James H. Cobb Park

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Road Department moving the 33 loads of clay from the Partin family property to the locations requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to reappoint David Carter to the Board of Adjustments for District 2, term will be 2024-20274.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to reappoint David Carter to the Board of Adjustments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to reappoint Charlene Hovey to the Board of Adjustments for District 4, term will be 2024-2027.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to reappoint Charlene Hovey to the Board of Adjustments as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval to reappoint Thomas Harper to the Planning Commission for District 2, term will be 2024-2028.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to reappoint Thomas Harper to the Planning Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Rod Hastings requested Board approval of a new ACO (Animal Control Officer) position. Mr. Hastings stated the new position would work Tuesday – Saturday.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve a new Animal Control Officer position as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hastings also mentioned he would like to open the office for animal adoptions on Saturdays until 1:00 P.M.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2024-15 approving an application for a Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant from Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; providing direction and authorization to the County Coordinator or Designee; and providing an effective date. This is a non-matching grant in the amount of \$152,835.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature to remove the C40 LAP Sidewalk Construction project from the FDOT Work Program and to re-apply at a later date.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve removing the C40 LAP Sidewalk Construction project with the Chair's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Work Order 23-10; Grants Administration, Project Coordination and Management of Archeological, Cultural, Historic and Environment Resources Study at the Georg T. Lewis Airport in Cedar Key, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Work Order 23-10 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Work Order 24-11; Hurricane Idalia Damage Assessment, Repair Recommendations, Engineering Design, Bidding Documents Preparation, Bidding Services and Construction Administration & Observation at the George T. Lewis Airport in Cedar Key, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Work Order 24-11 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval to appoint Rustie Pendergrass to the Levy County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). This seat was formerly held by Billy Williams and the term ends on November 2, 2025.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to appoint Rustie Pendergrass to the AHAC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Tamar M. Jones and Merlonda D. Jones, PA #613 for a new unit in Williston, Florida. This DPL replaces the one previously approved on March 5, 2024 as the first mortgage lender has changed.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator, requested Board approval to appropriate Reserves for Contingencies in the amount of \$105,700 for the newly created Temporary Budget Officer Position.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve appropriating Reserves for Contingencies as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley requested Board approval and read into record Resolution 2024-17. A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, Related to the Transition of County Budget Officer Duties; Making Findings of Fact and Finding of Need for Immediate Action; Authorizing the Filing of Litigation to Compel the Levy County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller to Transition County Budget Officer Duties and Provide Access to County Budget Officer Records; and Providing an Effective Date.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comm. Mills invited any Candidates running for office to introduce themselves. Those who spoke were:

- Charlie Kennedy Candidate for District 1, County Commissioner
- Chris Cowart Superintendent of Schools - seeking re-election
- Mandy Waters Candidate for Clerk of Court
- Johnny Hiers Candidate for District 5, County Commissioner
- Bobby McCallum Sheriff – seeking re-election

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson, spoke of the search for a new Fire Chief for the Town of Bronson. The next Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17th in Otter Creek. The next Community Movie Night will take place this Thursday in the old gym. Scholarship applications are due on 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.

Sheriff McCallum invited everyone to the Law Enforcement Memorial Service on Thursday, April 18th in Courtroom A at 10:30 A.M. A ceremony is scheduled in Tallahassee on May 18th where the late Comm. Joyner will be inducted into the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

Tax Collector, Michele Langford announced the Tax Collectors Office is now processing passports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks stated there is a cemetery clean-up scheduled today at 5:00 P.M. at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery. The LARC Wild Hog Canoe Race as well as the Chiefland Rotary Fishing Tournament will take place this Saturday. Comm. John Meeks also spoke of the efforts to hire a Veterinarian and the offered salary amount. Mr. Dean provided an update.

Comm. Mills introduced Senator Keith Perry and Speaker pro tempore Chuck Clemmons who each spoke giving Legislative updates to the Board. Jennifer from Liberty Partners also spoke providing information on items coming up in Legislation.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills