

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 21, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 21, 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. John Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

| CHECK NUMBER | 152094-152102, 152105-152194, 152197-152229 | AMOUNT |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| FUND | | |
| GENERAL REVENUE | | 104,615.87 |
| ROAD | | 84,829.18 |
| SHIP | | 20,000.00 |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | | 9,250.50 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | 11,787.53 |
| COURT FACILITIES | | 2,954.97 |
| MISC GRANTS | | 294.47 |
| EMS | | 86,122.97 |
| FIRE | | 10,019.30 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | | 10,085.36 |
| UTILITIES | | 19,495.85 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | | 4,020.58 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | | 49,368.00 |
| ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE | | 9,889.76 |
| LANDFILL | | 119,097.61 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 541,831.95 |
| EFT/ACH PAYMENT | \$ | 2,424.49 |

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Rock Meeks 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 | 152103, 152195 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 752.04 |
| ROAD | 312.79 |
| MISC GRANTS | 5.99 |
| EMS | 190.06 |
| FIRE | 242.05 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | 9.98 |
| LANDFILL | 370.81 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,883.72 |

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. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting due to perceived conflict.

| CHECK NUMBER | 152104, 152196 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 2,102.10 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,102.10 |

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held: February 20, 2024, March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Regular Board minutes as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks 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.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Chief Harrell requested Board approval of a Proclamation, proclaiming May 19-25, 2024 as Emergency Services Week.

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

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Nicole Gore requested Board approval to apply for the Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program for the 24-25 fiscal year provided the renewal of the program is approved with the Governor's signature on the FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Act.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the request to apply for the Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Sheriff McCallum introduced Arica Leshar, the new 911 Coordinator to the Board. Ms. Leshar then requested Board approval of (1) Non-Competitive Procurement with Relay Systems for the Logging Recorder Maintenance for 2024-2025, (2) Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 24-04-23 in order to receive cost re-imbursement, and (3) Resolution 2024-20 for a budget amendment in the amount of \$8,811 received from the State E911 Board.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Non-Competitive Procurement, signature on the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 24-04-23 and Resolution 2024-20 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Arica Leshar, 911 Coordinator requested Board approval of (1) Non-Competitive Procurement with Lumen, (2) Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 24-04-22, and (3) Resolution 2024-21 for a budget amendment in the amount of \$36,920.66 received from the State E911 Board.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Non-Competitive Procurement, signature on the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 24-04-22 and Resolution 2024-21 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum spoke the Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program presented by Nicole Gore stating the amount to be received is \$260,000 more than the previous year.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Susan Haines, representing Amvets Auxiliary #422, presented the Board with a donation check in the amount of \$300 for the Department of Public Safety.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-23 amending the Final Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 and providing an effective date in the amount of \$860,000 for the Building Department Office Renovations.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Upon request by Comm. Mills, Mr. Dean provided an update to the Board of the Veterinary hiring process. Following discussion, the Commissioners requested Mr. Hastings provide a report of the Veterinary needs for the Animal Services Department at the May 23rd Budget Meeting to better determine how to move forward with the applicant search.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director, John MacDonald provided the Board with an update of the Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting the Board (1) approve the Non-Competitive Procurement, as after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate (Sec. 2-204 (a)(3); and (2) approve the Austin Powder Company quote to drill and blast at the pit for a total cost of \$87,748.54.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Non-Competitive Procurement and quote from Austin Powder Company as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of (1) a State-Funded Grant Supplement Agreement for CR 330 and (2) Resolution 2024-24 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the State-Funded Grant Supplement Agreement and Resolution 2024-24 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Administrative Director Travis Newsome, presented a report to the Board of the usage of the Landfill and Satellite Sites:

| | <u>Average per day</u> |
|-----------------------|---|
| Landfill | 575 vehicles 261 tons of garbage received 1,250 bags of household garbage |
| 8 Mile Satellite Site | 53 visitors |
| Butler Road Site | 266 visitors |
| Camp Azalea Site | 270 visitors |

Mr. Dean provided information per request of Comm. Hodge of the cost to place full-time employees at each Satellite Site.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-22, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$338,640. Receipt of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the 2023-2024 5339 Grant will be used for purchase of one vehicle and Transit Shop equipment.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement, for additional funds under Section 5311, Operational Funding. This grant application was previously approved under Resolution 2023-14, on March 21, 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$20,000 for Mary E. Petrou, PA #609, for an existing unit in Chiefland, Florida.

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

- B. Requesting a Workshop with the Board of County Commissioners to formulate the future of County Housing endeavors, including Affordable Housing, AHAC and the SHIP Program.

R.D. Bohanan, Director of Rebuilding Together spoke to the Board stating he would like to be a part of this Workshop.

The date of Thursday, June 20th at 6:00 P.M. was agreed upon for a Workshop.

PUBLIC HEARINGS PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Requesting the Board (1) approve Ordinance 2024-02 on the first reading; and (2) schedule second reading for June 4th at 6:00 P.M., or such other evening the BOCC determines.

LEGISLATIVE ORDINANCE 2024-02: AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO COMMUNITY GARDENS; BY AMENDING DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE; BY AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT USE TABLE; BY CREATING CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks.

Audience member, Linda Cooper expressed concerns of approving this Ordinance and encouraged the Board to deny it. Jack Schofield also spoke regarding this item.

Atty. Shalley provided information on this item to further explain the process and why the Ordinance would need to be amended in order for the Community Garden in question to be permitted on the existing property.

Following lengthy discussion, Comm. John Meeks withdrew his motion and Comm. Brooks withdrew his second. No action was taken at this time.

B. Requesting Board approval of an extension for:

PETITION PP 22-07: requesting a one-year extension for the Preliminary Plat as they work with the State agencies and County for the construction requirements for the roadways.

PETITION PP 22-07: Gary L. Milam, Surveyor, representing L & S Holdings (Justin Lamb and Jesse Strickland), petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to divide a 412 acre parcel MOL into 37 – 10 acre parcels, MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 35, Township 14, Range 19 in Levy County, Florida and has a Land Use and Zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). Generally located on SE 80th Street and the Levy/Marion County Line. Parcel Numbers: 0463500000, 0464400100, 0464400200, and 0463700000.

Chuck Pigeon, Principal Engineer with Pigeon-Ardurra, LLC spoke to the Board requesting the one-year extension for the Preliminary Plat.

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 the one-year extension as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Schofield inquired of what the amount for the full-time employees for the Solid Waste Department discussed earlier would include. Mr. Dean stated the amounts presented earlier included benefits.

Linda Cooper encouraged the Board to explore to option of hiring more part-time rather than full-time employees.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson stated there will be a “Meet and Greet” for Commissioner Candidate, Charlie Kennedy in Bronson at the Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M. She stated this is open to any other Candidates running for office. The Bread of the Mighty Mobile Food Drive will be this Friday at 9:30 A.M. at the Park. The next Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative Board Meeting will take place on June 18th at 1:00 P.M. in Cedar Key. There is a Democratic Executive Committee Meeting on Saturday, June 29th at 4:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks reported he and Comm. Brooks attended the event held in Tallahassee inducting former Commissioner Mike Joyner into the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. The Memorial Day Ceremony taking place at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery will begin at 9:00 A.M. with the placing of flags, followed by the Ceremony at 11:00 A.M.

Comm. Brooks inquired if a Commemorative Plaque could be done for placement in the government complex honoring Comm. Joyner. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to have one ordered. On May 29th at 1:00 P.M. the Nature Coast Biological Station will do a wrap-up of the Cedar Key Resiliency Study. A Flag Day Ceremony is scheduled at the Government Complex on Flag Day, June 14th at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Brooks presented a sign created by the Road Department in honor of Quinyon Mitchell, recently selected in the 1st round of the NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles to be placed in Williston, his hometown.

Comm. Mills thanked the Road Department for their assistance in resurfacing the tennis courts at the South Levy Complex to make them available for people to play pickle ball. Comm. Mills then requested a consensus by the other Commissioners to move forward with a contract with the Department of Corrections for an Inmate Work Crew Contract to work with the Maintenance Department. Consensus was given by the other Commissioners to move forward with a contract.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills