

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 20, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 20, 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. Matt Brooks  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Lilly Rooks  
Comm. Mike Joyner

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>142521-142659</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	393,660.51
ROAD	65,174.55
SHIP	11,840.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,571.45
TRANSPORTATION	11,921.17
COURT FACILITIES	2,957.71
MISC GRANTS	4,161.69
EMS	51,936.80
FIRE	35,738.19
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,770.66
UTILITIES	4,150.96
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,595.94
CAPITAL PROJECTS	29,945.70
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	34,572.49
LANDFILL	83,708.15
MSBU'S	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 736,705.97</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 381,029.76</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Solar Workshop held on April 12, 2021 and the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Solar Workshop held April 12, 2021 and the Regular Meeting held April 20, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks requested an item for the Maintenance Department concerning a budget amendment be added to the agendas item #7.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to set the agenda with the addition of the Maintenance Department item as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Comm. John Meeks presented the request for Board approval of Proclamation 2021-093 recognizing Gibb Patterson, Jr., a centenarian of Levy County, Florida. He then read the Proclamation into public record.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Lowyns spoke to the Board regarding training classes offered by the Department of Homeland Security for mass public quarantined or unvaccinated rural Americans. He inquired if the Commissioners were aware of it.

Comm. John Meeks stated he had not heard of this until today, but would look into it.

## **LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

Swearing in of audience members was done by Minutes Clerk, Chanda Jordan.

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Blanton requested Board adoption of Ordinance 2021-010 in order to amend the County’s code Article IV, Chapter 2, and policies for the investment of surplus funds, provide for resolution of conflicts, a repealing clause, inclusion in the code and an effective date.

Atty. Heather Encinosa read the Ordinance Title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. Renate Cannon inquired of the current instruments for investments. Mr. Blanton responded the county primarily uses CD's, and explained the other allowable investment options for local governments.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-010 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2021-067; adopting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners Investment Policy as prepared and proposed by the Clerk as provided by Ordinance 2021-010, which was adopted on July 20, 2021, to amend the County's policies for the investment of surplus funds; providing for an effective date for the policy.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-067 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte concerning the item to be presented. Comm. John Meeks, Comm. Rooks stated they had ex-parte communication with the petitioner.

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-058 to vacate, abandon, and close portions of NW 147<sup>th</sup> Place located in Jeanne Heiber Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Ms. Ginger Nutter.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-058 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROPERTY APPRAISER**

Osborn Barker

Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the BOCC Budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$16,381 recorded via meeting minutes. Mr. Barker stated this action is necessary to appropriate funding to the Property Appraiser for FL DOR adjustments finalized late in the BOCC budget adoption process.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Property Appraiser as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CITIZEN – DAVID GRAHAM**

Mr. Graham made a presentation to the Board requesting reinforcement of existing Resolution 2019-099, Declaring Levy County a Second Amendment Sanctuary, by enacting an ordinance to prevent the use of Levy County government funds and resources for the purpose of enforcing any law, arising under federal statute, which limits or affects the rights of Levy County citizens to keep and bear arms.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt and Linda Cooper.

Comm. John Meeks stated this is something the Board will look into.

## **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Jimmy Jones, Director requested Board approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2021, moving funds from Reserves for Contingency to their Repair/Maintenance Other Buildings line.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of the Amendment to the BOCC budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$167,974. This action is necessary to appropriate Reserves for Contingencies to the Insurance Bonds/Premiums line in order to process the fourth quarter PRM invoice.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting the Board to rescind their 5/18/2021 approval to purchase a Ford Explorer XLT from Asbury Ford for \$29,150 for use as an Admin vehicle and approve the purchase of a Chevy Traverse under the Sheriff's Bid from Alan Jay Fleet Sales for \$24,616, instead. This vehicle will be used to replace LCDPS Unit 804 (2006 Ford Escape) for use as an administrative vehicle for regular office errands and training trips involving travel.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to rescind the 5/18/2021 approval to purchase a Ford Explorer XLT from Asbury Ford and approval to purchase a Chevy Traverse from Alan Jay Fleet Sales as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2021-2022 Levy County Visitor's Bureau Marketing Plan.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Levy County Visitor's Bureau Marketing Plan as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board appointment of Tourist Development Council (TDC) member Tim Haines as set forth in the background information.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Tourist Development Council (TDC) member Tim Haines as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board re-appointment of RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members: Denny Voyles-Tourism Industry Representative, Jolie Davis-Citizen Representative, Kim Wheeler-Citizen Representative, and Dr. Richard Streeter-Citizen Representative, in accordance with Resolution 2020-001. Term expiration is 3/5/2023.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to re-appoint the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting the Board Chairman's signature on the 2021-22 EMPA Grant Agreement A0224.

- B. Requesting the Board Chairman's signature on the 2021-22 EMPG Grant Agreement G0325.

- C. Requesting the Board Chairman's signature on the 2021-22 EMPG-ARPA Grant Agreement G0338.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve items A-C as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board ratification and the Board Chairman's signature on Emergency Declaration 2021-094.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-094 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Requesting Board ratification and the Board Chairman's signature on Emergency Declaration 2021-092.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-092 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 BOCC budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$20,000 transferring funds from Reserves for Contingencies to the Professional Services line. This budget amendment is necessary to pay for professional services provided to the county for IT.

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 of Resolution 2021-090 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$100,000. This budget amendment is necessary to appropriate funds for the continued renovation of The Levy County Government Center.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-090 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2021-5 with the Chairman's signature for Construction and Engineering Inspection for resurfacing of CR 337 North from SR 24 to the Alachua County line. This is a project funded by the Florida Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP), through the State of Florida, Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Comm. John Meeks stated he is not in agreement with the contractor using a sub-contractor.

Atty. Encinosa spoke regarding the reason why a contractor may need to sub a portion of a project and stated this may be something to address in the future.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2021-5 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff McCallum thanked the Department of Public Safety for their support in a recent incident.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. John Meeks thanked Comm. Joyner for his prayer and also encouraged everyone to pray for those who are sick in our community.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

## CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Presentation of Levy County – BOCC Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022 Budget – Consideration of updates and approval of Municipal Fire Appropriations. All budget increases will continue each year.

The Municipal Fire Budget Requests are as follows:

Bronson – Requesting \$145,000, a \$25,000 increase.

Cedar Key – Requesting \$114,286, a \$10,000 increase

Chiefland – Requesting \$297,635, a \$47,865 increase

Fanning Springs – Requesting \$114,192, a \$32,838 increase

Inglis – Requesting \$132,592, a \$12,000 increase

Williston – Requesting \$297,665, no increase or decrease

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve all Municipal Fire Budget requests as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks