

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 9, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Matt Brooks  
Vice-Chair, Comm. Desiree Mills  
Comm. Tim Hodge  
Comm. John Meeks  
Comm. Rock Meeks

Also present were: County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>148582-148594, 148597-148716</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
GENERAL REVENUE		1,705,519.21
ROAD		62,354.92
MOSQUITO CONTROL		180.35
TRANSPORTATION		11,439.98
911		17,396.00
COURT FACILITIES		4,295.00
MISC GRANTS		36,120.86
EMS		30,255.34
FIRE		40,725.08
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		5,372.74
UTILITIES		204.60
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		2,313.10
IMPACT FEES - EMS		53.08
IMPACT FEES - PARKS		150.21
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST III		1,410.00
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE		1,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS		21,713.13
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		20,500.75
LANDFILL		66,820.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,027,825.26</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>291,448.39</b>

**LCNR EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>148595</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	770.55
ROAD	761.78
TRANSPORTATION	413.26
EMS	9.90
FIRE	8.00
LANDFILL	143.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,106.93</b>

**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.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>148596</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	89.70
LANDFILL	251.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 341.20</b>

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify the AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures from April 25, 2023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting due to perceived conflict.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>148463</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	2,636.20
ROAD	144.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,780.70</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held April 25, 2023 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 25, 2023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an action item concerning termination of the Dewberry Agreement. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Requesting Board approval of a Proclamation declaring May 7-13, 2023 as “National Travel and Tourism Week” in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the “National Travel and Tourism Week” Proclamation as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

**BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****SHERIFF'S OFFICE-911**

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-20 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$39,219. This budget amendment is necessary to allow for additional funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of a Rural County Grant.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Casey Duquette, Administrative Field Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2023-19 authorizing a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and authorizing the execution of the Agreement, and all related documents, for Traffic Safety Improvements at the intersection of SR 121 and CR 336 located in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience members, Diane Garte and Sallie Ann Collins inquired of DOT's plans to improve this intersection and Mr. Duquette gave clarification.

**PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder (Kenco Signs & Awning, LLC) ITB\_2023\_011 for an Outdoor Digital LED Sign Board in the amount of \$32,500. This will replace the existing sign at the Annex property.

Comm. Mills made a motion to award the bid to Kenco Signs & Awning, LLC for an Outdoor Digital LED Sign Board as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Discussion on putting out a bid for the Road Department's roof to be repaired, and for the Maintenance Department to repair the restroom at the Road Department. The County received \$192,035 in sales at the most recent auction, and staff would like to use some of those funds for the above noted necessary repairs.

Comm. Mills made a motion to advertise for bids for the repair of the Road Department roof as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Project 25 Public Safety Radio Network Purchase and Installation Agreement between Communication International, Inc., and Levy County. The Total Agreement Price is \$8,898,238.21. Mrs. Tretheway stated the Board authorized negotiations with the company in October and the item before them is the result.

Clayton Drew from DPS spoke regarding the Radio Network explaining how this system will integrate all radio systems allowing all county departments to communicate with one another.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the Project 25 Public Safety Radio Network Purchase and Installation Agreement with Communication International, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## NON-AGENDA ITEM

Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator requested Board approval to send notice terminating the contract with Dewberry for engineering and related services and to authorize the County Coordinator to sign the Notice of Termination.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the Notice of Termination with Dewberry and to authorize the County Coordinator to sign as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper spoke to the Board inquiring of how long Dewberry had been doing business with Levy County. Mr. Dean explained they had been working with Levy County since 2014. Poor performance was a factor in making the decision to terminate the contract.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff McCallum spoke of "Law Day", thanking the Commissioners for attending. He also stated the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service will take place in Williston at Heritage Park tomorrow at 10:00 A.M.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson spoke of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Bronson Fire Station held recently. She also stated there is a meeting taking place today of the Suwannee River Water Management District and they are recommending the Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Pipeline Cooperative Project move forward to DEP. This pipeline project will provide water from Bronson to Otter Creek and Cedar Key.

Ms. Beaudette reminded everyone of the next Beautify Bronson Day scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hernandez, from Senator Perry's office stated \$350,000 had been approved in the State's budget for the Florida Heritage Equestrian Trail, which includes many stops in Levy County.

Steve Schwing, Inglis Mayor spoke of a new program implemented to send alerts citizens of Inglis and upcoming events by a phone app.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Mills** spoke of Rural County Days held in Tallahassee, which she and the other Commissioners attended. Other events Comm. Mills spoke of: National Day of Prayer; which took place last Thursday; Yankeetown's 100 Year Celebration being planned for October; congratulations to Chiefland FFA member, Hunter Sharp, selected to run for a State FFA office; SHIP funding for the upcoming year from the State.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** also spoke of Rural County Days and of a consultant he will meet with Thursday concerning land development.

**Comm. Hodge** stated he enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people at Rural County Days and reported of his attendance of Law Day.

**Comm. John Meeks** stated there is a Hurricane Kick-Off meeting scheduled for Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. He will be attending a Legislative Wrap-up on Wednesday with the Florida Association of Counties.

Comm. John Meeks then spoke of the item Comm. Brooks had placed on the agenda to discuss calendar conflicts with the upcoming Uses Workshops and Budget Workshops. He stated he would be in favor of postponing the remaining Uses Workshops until a later date.

Comm. John Meeks congratulated the Williston Baseball and Softball Teams for their District Championships.

**Comm. Brooks** also spoke of attending Rural County Days, stating Levy County was well represented.

The Commissioners agreed to postpone the remaining Uses Workshops until a later date to be determined.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 9:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks