

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 18, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 18, 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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
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. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	141906-142057
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	145,483.80
ROAD	103,432.31
MOSQUITO CONTROL	884.13
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,483.17
TRANSPORTATION	5,682.63
COURT FACILITIES	8,503.81
MISC GRANTS	39,610.45
EMS	53,205.80
FIRE	78,406.00
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,656.10
UTILITIES	2,016.43
ADD COURT COSTS	2,071.05
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,532.62
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE	3,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	55,398.54
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	67,862.62
LANDFILL	78,669.27
TOTAL	\$ 658,898.73
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 309,048.12

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks requested a procurement item be added as item #10.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Procurement item as requested by Comm. Brooks. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOWN OF INGLIS

Mayor, Michael White spoke to the Board of the possibility of getting a YMCA at the South Levy Recreation Park by using CARES Act funds. Mr. White introduced Joy Schwain who spoke on behalf of the YMCA of the Suncoast.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval of LSE Extension Emergency Declarations 2021-049 and 2021-053.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Emergency Declarations 2021-049 and 2021-053 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval for the purchase of a Ford Explorer XLT under the Florida Sheriff's Bid Contract from Asbury Ford Jax in the amount of \$29,150 for an administrative vehicle. This vehicle will replace LCDPS Unit 804 (2006 Ford Escape) for use as an administrative vehicle for regular office errands and training trips involving travel.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford Explorer XLT as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval for the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab 4 x 4 under the Florida Sheriff's Bid Contract from Duval Chevrolet in the amount of \$33,860 for use as a supervisor vehicle for a Battalion Captain.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab 4 x 4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. The MOA with FWC is for providing mutual beneficial support of public recreational boating opportunities. Levy County will provide maintenance of boat ramp structures and site facilities for public use.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Submerged Lands Lease renewal for Cedar Key Pier. The lease renewal effective date is 3/24/2021 to 3/24/2026 and authorizes Levy County to operate and maintain the Cedar Key Pier per conditions of the lease.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Submerged Lands Lease renewal for the Cedar Key Pier as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting the Board reject the proposal from Babione's previously approved on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 for the replacement of a 30-ton modular air handler with 2 (two) 15-ton heat pump condensers for the Levy County Annex Cafeteria.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to reject the previously approved proposal from Babione's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to accept the Brooks Building Solutions proposal to replace the 30-ton modular air handler with 2 (two) 15-ton heat pump condensers in the amount of \$65,264 for the Levy County Annex Cafeteria.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to accept the Brooks Building Solutions proposal to replace the 30-ton modular air handler as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment (TA) 2021-3 between Levy County and George F. Young, Inc., for the Levy County Gulf Hammock Lime Rock Mine Site Boundary Survey. The total cost shall not exceed \$38,700 for the services set out in the George F. Young, Inc. Proposal.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Task Assignment (TA) 2021-3 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-063, a Community Planning Technical Grant Application (CPTA) for a County GIS and providing support for such application; providing direction and authorization to the County Coordinator to complete application and submit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-063 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-052 amending the final budget in the amount of \$38,700 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-052 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-057 to advertise the Public Hearing for closing portions of Nichols Street and Taylor Street in Chicago-Florida Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Williams.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-057 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-056 to advertise the Public Hearing for closing portions of NE 51st Street and NE 162nd Court located in Deer Run Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Whitener.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-056 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the Ring Power quote, B027179 to rebuild the 938 Loader for the amount of \$35,187.05.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to deny the quote to rebuild the 938 Loader as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. LaLonde was directed to inquire of lease or purchase options from Ring Power.

TRANSIT

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Connie Conley, Board approval of Resolution 2021-050 authorizing the execution of the 2021-2022 Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Application Agreement. The project amount for the application is \$399,118 to be reimbursed at 90%. The 10% match is paid with fares collected throughout the year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-050 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Requesting Board approval of the form Individual Release of Claims document (“Release”) required to accompany claims for settlement payments from the class action settlement in re: Mercedes-Benz Emissions Litigation, Civil Action Number 16-cv-881, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and authorize the Chair to execute each Release to be submitted with the claim for each subject vehicle owned by the County.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Individual Release of Claims document and authorization for the Chair to execute each Release as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon spoke of a recent law signed by Governor DeSantis concerning protests and inquired if this would apply to the Crab Fest event. Sheriff McCallum responded it would apply if there was destruction of public or business property or blocking of roads.

Isaac Smith inquired of any information concerning the Crab Fest event. Comm. Brooks responded he is aware of plans being made to continue the event in a safer location.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Brooks spoke of Legislative appropriations approved for Levy County. Comm. Brooks thanked Sheriff McCallum and his staff for managing the Crab Fest this year.

Comm. Joyner recognized Sheriff McCallum for his presentation at Law Enforcement Day. Comm. Joyner asked everyone to be aware of the farm equipment and workers driving on the roadways in Levy County, as it is watermelon harvest season.

Comm. Rooks thanked the Building & Zoning Director and the County Planner for working together to get issues taken care of quickly. Comm. Rooks also thanked Road Department employees Jessie Durrance, Casey Duquette and Lincoln Cannon who attended a meeting with her and some citizens about some road work. They were able to address the concerns expressed by the citizens and the meeting went well. Comm. Rooks thanked Road Department employees for their quick work taking care of a sinkhole she was made aware of.

Comm. Rock Meeks inquired of a start date for work on “Turkeytown” road. Mrs. LaLonde responded the process is underway of getting everything done, however, a date has not been set to start construction. Comm. Rock Meeks stated the Chiefland Watermelon Festival is scheduled for June 5th.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the end of year school events and banquets taking place. Comm. John Meeks also gave numerous Legislative updates.

The meeting recessed at 10:27 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Presentation of Levy County – BOCC Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022 Budget – Staff Departmental Recommendations, Option Decisions, & Revenue discussion.

Medical Examiner

Bruce Goldberger and Dr. Hamilton made a presentation for the office of the Medical Examiner to the Board.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the increase for the Medical Examiner’s Office of \$2,000 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LARC

The Commissioners agreed to move the LARC item to a future meeting to obtain more information.

Meridian Behavioral

Meridian Behavioral requested a \$1,786 increase to their budget and a presentation was made by Alan Paulin.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budget request for Meridian Behavioral. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks voted NO.

Nature Coast Business Development Council

Nature Coast Business Development Council’s budget request of an additional \$1,615 was made by Bob Krepps, Treasurer.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to take no action on this budget request at this time. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Levy County Prevention Coalition

Levy County Prevention Coalition’s budget request of an additional \$5,000 was made by Jonathan Lewis.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the budget request for Levy County Prevention Coalition as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Attorney Office Manager

Request for 3% increase for Attorney Office Manager.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve a 3% increase for the Attorney Office Manager as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Chief Harrell made a budget request for staffing at the Morriston Fire Station. This would increase his budget request by \$241,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the request for staffing at the Morriston Fire Station as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. The votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Rooks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks	Comm. Brooks
Comm. Joyner	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:42 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks