

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 19, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 19, 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. Hodge.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	151507-151515, 151518-151663	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		159,752.55
ROAD		68,524.49
MOSQUITO CONTROL		400.00
TRANSPORTATION		11,714.00
COURT FACILITIES		3,128.10
MISC GRANTS		20,555.47
EMS		180,075.80
FIRE		22,469.43
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		350.00
UTILITIES		1,286.37
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		5,660.61
CAPITAL PROJECTS		7,470.75
LANDFILL		97,574.84
TOTAL	\$	578,962.41
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	302,622.39

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	151516
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	885.51
ROAD	542.44
TRANSPORTATION	73.98
EMS	216.08
FIRE	171.72
UTILITIES	62.54
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	66.96
LANDFILL	132.98
TOTAL	\$ 2,152.21

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	151517
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	107.40
EMS	465.08
FIRE	199.32
TOTAL	\$ 771.80

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Mills requested an item to be presented by David Meyer be added after Procurement and before the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing items.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition as stated by Comm. Mills. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Jacqueline Martin presented Milestone Service Awards for completion of five continuous years of service and at the end of every additional five years of service for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 to the following employees:

Karen Waters	5 years	Construction/Maintenance Department
Leatha Keene	25 years	Emergency Management
Raymond Castell	10 years	Landfill
Amy Jones	20 years	Department of Public Safety
Dana Stebbins	5 years	Road Department
Connie Conley	20 years	Transit

B. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the month of April, 2024 as “Water Conservation Month”.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying the month of April, 2024 as “Water Conservation Month” as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience members Jeffrey and Karen Ferguson spoke regarding the Board’s recent approval of the 3RT Sand Mine. Atty. Shalley advised the Commissioners any discussion or public comment regarding this item should be heard during the corresponding agenda item as it is a quasi-judicial hearing.

**BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
SHERIFF’S OFFICE-E911**

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman’s signature on the E911 Rural Grant Application to cover the cost of the E911 System Maintenance for FY 2024-2025. No matching funds are required.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the E911 Rural Grant Application with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting the Chairman’s signature on the E911 Rural Grant Application for Recorder Maintenance. No matching funds are required.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Chairman’s signature on the E911 Rural Grant Application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean presented and requested Board approval of the proposed budget calendar for the FY 25 budget process.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the FY 25 budget calendar as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNICATIONS

Clayton Drew, Communication System Manager

Requesting Board approval of the Third Amendment to License Agreement between Levy County and American Towers, LLC. The monthly license fee was increased by \$2,866.60 per month.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director, requested Board approval of the Contract Agreement Amendment with FDACS for Mosquito Control Services. The Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services has recently updated the forms used for reporting mosquito services rendered.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement Amendment with FDACS as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator requested Board approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Contract with Anderson Columbia to extend CR 347 project limits from 1.47 miles to 2.21 miles (from SR 27 to US 19). At this time, funding is to be supplemented by Impact Fee Funds (\$460,127.66).

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Changer Order No. 1 for the Contract with Anderson Columbia as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Mary-Ellen Harper presented and requested approval of the Draft Levy County Public Information Strategic Plan.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Draft Levy County Public Information Strategic Plan as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. (1) Presentation of the proposed new website. (2) Requesting Board approval of the GSA CivicPlus Statement of Work using GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0124U in the amount of \$24,484 for the proposed new website.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the GSA CivicPlus Statement of Work as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2024-3 between Levy County and Menadier Engineering, LLC for the Bird Creek Boat Ramp Improvements, Phase II in the amount of \$66,380. This project is to construct two (2) covered pavilions and 1,320 square feet of boardwalk. The grant amount received for funding of this project is \$464,080.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2024-3 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

David Meyer spoke to the Board and requested direction regarding a piece of property donated to the Children's Table to be used as a Community Garden. They are requesting permitting for electric to water the garden, however, per Code his office cannot issue a permit for electric unless a building is to be constructed. The property size is 4+ acres and is located in a deeded subdivision. If the property had Ag. Exemption, this would not be an issue, but it does not.

Property Appraiser, Jason Whistler and Atty. Shalley spoke regarding this item.

Audience member, Renate Cannon suggested contacting other counties in Florida of how they handle situations similar to this.

Following discussion, consensus was given to direct Atty. Shalley to work on changes to the County Ordinance amending the Code dealing with this type of agriculture use.

PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Quasi-Judicial Hearing for Petition No. SE 23-01 continued from February 6, 2024: Requesting Board review of the Final Order for Special Exception Petition SE 23-01 for Major Mining to ensure it is consistent with the approval of the petition on February 6, 2024.

Petition No. SE 23-01: Douglas VanDeursen, Engineer representing Ryan Thomas for 3RT Sand Mine requesting Special Exception for a major mining operation pursuant to Sec. 50-719, Mining and Excavation of Minerals, Resources, or Natural Resources, and Site Reclamation of the Levy County Land Development Code to allow a Sand Mine (no blasting or fracking) on approximately 1,100 acres (includes mine property and access to CR 337) of land located in Section 35, Township 12S, Range 17E; Levy County, Florida. These parcels are located in Agricultural/Rural Residential (A/RR) and Rural Residential (RR) Land Use and Zoning District.

Parcel Number(s): 0359701600, 0359700400, 0359700000, 0359700300, 0360400600, 0360400000, 036040040B, 036040040A, 0360400400, 0360400500, 0360600500, 0360600300, 0360600000, 0359400000, and 0359200000.

A statement was read into public record by Jeffrey and Karen Ferguson in opposition of the 3RT Sand Mine Special Exception. Audience member Robbie Blake also spoke against the 3RT Sand Mine Special Exception.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. SE 23-01 with changes/additions as stated. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member Stacy Peters requested the Board hear the remainder of the Ferguson’s statement, as it had gone over the 3 minute time limit. Mrs. Ferguson completed the reading of the statement she and her husband had prepared opposing the approval of the 3RT Sand Mine Special Exception.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks reminded everyone of the Suwannee River Livestock Show and Fair taking place this week.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone to vote today for their Presidential preference. There will be a Job Fair taking place at the First Baptist Church in Bronson on Thursday. The Chiefland Rotary Club Fishing Tournament as well as the Wild Hog Canoe/Kayak Race will take place on Saturday, April 20th.

Comm. Brooks commended the youth for their efforts and work with the animals in the fair. Comm. Brooks stated Bill Brown will be speaking at the Community Garden location on Thursday of the plans for this project, if any are interested to attend.

Comm. Mills reminded everyone of the Williston Woman’s Club Casino Night coming up on April 27th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:26 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills