

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.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 6:00 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

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	151112-151253, 151255-151264, 151267-151376	AMOUNT
FUND		
GENERAL REVENUE		487,891.76
ROAD		70,224.25
TRANSPORTATION		10,906.56
COURT FACILITIES		3,696.46
MISC GRANTS		19,706.54
EMS		23,006.46
FIRE		114,574.38
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		3,028.50
UTILITIES		4,164.76
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		53,452.54
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE		3,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS		988.40
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		7,706.45
MSBU'S		196,484.04
TOTAL	\$	998,831.10
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	71,732.00

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	151254, 151265
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,446.12
ROAD	874.00
TRANSPORTATION	35.75
EMS	188.75
FIRE	397.37
CAPITAL PROJECTS	36.98
LANDFILL	309.31
TOTAL	\$ 4,288.28

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. Hodge 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	151111, 151266
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	3,289.80
EMS	247.65
FIRE	247.65
TOTAL	\$ 3,785.10

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held January 2, 2024 and January 16, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Board Meetings held January 2nd and January 16th, 2024 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 the change of moving item #1 to #3, recognition of Ms. Freda Freeman. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognize Charles “Chuck” Cook for over 36 years of service to the citizens of Levy County until his well-earned retirement from the Levy County Construction and Maintenance Department.

- B. Superintendent of Schools, Christ Cowart requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the month of February, 2024 as “Career and Technical Education” Month. Mr. Cowart then read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying February, 2024 as “Career and Technical Education” Month as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Comm. John Meeks gave recognition to the family of the late Freda Freeman for her contribution to the community for more than 25 years of service volunteering at the Children’s Table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sallie Ann Collins spoke of the intersection of CR 337 and CR 326 regarding the growing number of vehicle accidents and deaths, which have happened at this location.

Audience member Mark Estell spoke of the rule of “no golf carts” in Peaceful Acres in Inglis, Florida and expressed an interest in doing away with this rule.

Audience member, Bill Boyer spoke of the use of golf carts in the Town of Inglis.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN MEEKS

R.D. Bonnaghan, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together, North Central Florida, gave a presentation to the Board and spoke of how this non-profit organization could work with the SHIP program to provide needed repairs to homes in Levy County.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-9, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Adjustments and Realignments. This Resolution is created to true-up carryforward estimations, re-align capital allocations for accounting purposes, remain consistent with prior capital planning approaches, and to make administrative corrections.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-9 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Blanton provided an investment update and presentation for Fiscal Year 2023 and First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024. This is the yearly update given to the Commission about the status of the investments for the Board of County Commissioners as required by law and policy as part of a compliant investment program.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves (Contingency) in the amount of \$119,550 via motion recorded in BOCC Minutes for the Public Information Officer Position.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appropriate Reserves (Contingency) for the Public Information Officer Position as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to schedule a Workshop for Assessment Updates on May 21, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

The Commissioners agreed to schedule a Workshop for Assessment Updates as requested.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting ratification by the Board of the Department of Health Matching Grant Application. The maximum match amount the County would be responsible for if awarded the full amount is \$12,500. This grant will allow Levy County to have standardized mechanical CPR devices at all Fire and EMS agencies across the County.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify the Department of Health Matching Grant Application as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNICATIONS

Clayton Drew, Communication System Manager

Requesting Board approval of the Tower Site Lease Agreement and Antenna Site License Agreement between NexTower Development Group II, LLC and Levy County.

Comm. Brooks made a Motion to approve the Tower Site Lease Agreement and Antenna Site License Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-6 amending the final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; providing for an effective date. The Misc. Grants Fund (Fund No. 115) is increased by \$450,000 due to receipt of additional revenue from a FDOT Public Transportation Grant and those additional revenues are appropriated for new restrooms and a lighted kiosk at the George T. Lewis Airport.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-7 amending the final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; providing for an effective date. The Misc. Grants Fund (Fund No. 115) is increased by \$102,000 due to receipt of additional revenue from a FDOT Public Transportation Grant and those additional revenues are appropriated for a Cultural Resource and Resiliency Study at the George T. Lewis Airport.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-8 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, and providing for execution of annual exhibits and documents necessary for payment and reimbursement.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-8 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval for NE 120th Avenue from NE 80th Street to NE 85th Street in University Estates and NE 112th Terrace from CR 335 to NE 76th Street in University Estates to be accepted into the County Maintenance System.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to accept NE 120th Avenue from NE 80th Street to NE 85th Street in University Estates and NE 112th Terrace from CR 335 to NE 76th Street in University Estates into the County Maintenance System as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Travis Newsome, Administrative Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Quote No. 1780404624-2 to purchase a Grapple Truck off a cooperative contract in the amount of \$304,770.59. The Grapple Truck will be utilized at the Levy County Landfill facility and at the Satellite Sites within the County.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a Grapple Truck as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion of how to prevent dumping of garbage from non-Levy County residents.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-10 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024; providing an effective date. Levy County has received an additional \$1,267,000 in funds as part of the State of Florida Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP). These funds are administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, for SHIP Housing activities related to Hurricane Idalia Recovery.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARINGS PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Quasi-Judicial Petition No. FP 23-06: McMillen Surveying, representing Joshua Ryan Morrison & Lindsay Morrison, Robert Norwood Terrell, Jr. & Michelle Marie Terrell, and Robert C. Morrison & Georgia Morrison, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat with road construction to subdivide 40 acres, MOL, into three (3) parcels containing 10 acres, MOL. Parcel is located in Section 13, Township 11S, Range 17E in Levy County, Florida, near the Alachua County Line. Said parcel has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. minimum). Parcel Number: 0314702800.

Ms. Hectus stated this item would be continued to a date and time certain of March 5, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. due to information not received by her office in time.

- B. Legislative Ordinance 2023-10: An Ordinance of Levy County, Florida amending the Levy County Comprehensive Plan based on an evaluation and appraisal as required by Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, providing for exclusion for codification, providing a severability clause, providing a repealing clause, providing direction to the Clerk and County staff; and providing effective dates.

Requesting the Board to:

- 1.) Receive the Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report dated 12/18/2023 from Florida Commerce.
- 2.) Approve the Planning and Zoning Response to the ORC Report.
- 3.) Approve Ordinance No. 2023-10 with revisions made on 2nd reading.
- 4.) Direct Planning and Zoning staff to transmit the adopted Ordinance and Staff Response to Florida Commerce within 10 working days after adoption.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Legislative Ordinance 2023-10 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the Animal Control Ordinance and asked the other Commissioner to review the changes Atty. Shalley has made. The Bronson FFA Food Fest Scholarship Fundraising event will take place this evening and Comm. John Meeks invited everyone to attend. He also mentioned the Chiefland FFA will be hosting the annual Corn Hole Tournament this weekend.

Comm. Mills recognized Mary Ellen Harper, Public Information Officer who spoke to the Board of surveys she will be sending out to the public for their input in order to develop a strategic plan for the County. Comm. Mills also spoke of placing a uniform county emblem on all county vehicles.

Comm. Hodge expressed an interest in installing cameras in the county's larger trucks for the protection of the county and its employees in the event of an accident.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills