

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 7, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 7, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Matt Brooks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks	Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner	

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>137446-137634</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,446,741.08
ROAD	71,164.14
SHIP	20,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	183.85
TRANSPORTATION	6,421.17
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	11,303.97
MISC GRANTS	63,417.44
EMS	15,656.35
FIRE	4,121.69
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	8,780.63
CDBG	715.90
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	344.26
ADD COURT COSTS	2,726.46
CAPITAL PROJECTS	103,052.94
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	6,803.75
LANDFILL	108,181.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,885,116.37</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 591,791.26</b>

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

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Renate Cannon spoke to the Board regarding an article in the Chiefland Citizen published March 26<sup>th</sup> indicating there is only one person in the Building & Zoning Department is responsible for processing applications for several counties, causing a delay of four to six weeks for them to be processed.

Comm. John Meeks responded to Mrs. Cannons question stating the information in the article is untrue. The Building & Zoning Department has been working with fewer employees than before, and it is taking longer than usual to complete inspections, but only for Levy County. Mr. Dean added there have been two new employees recently hired for this department.

Gary Tisdale spoke to the Board inquiring when roads will be established in the area of 7471 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Place in Bronson. He stated this area is also known as “the power lines”. Mr. Tisdale spoke of the standing water in the existing roadway and of the destruction of it by those who drive through the area late at night with trucks for fun.

Mr. Dean stated when these subdivisions were established years ago, the right-of-ways were not made public and the County has no authority to maintain the existing roadways.

Comm. Brooks read into record a letter received for public comment from James Zaloga concerning Captains Cove Outfitters in Inglis. In the letter, Mr. Zaloga expressed the need for the new boat ramp at the end of HWY 40 by the businesses in Yankeetown and Inglis. He requested the Board ask for an extension to change the boat ramp project dates to July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> as their three (3) busiest months of the year are April, May and June.

Matt Weldon addressed Mr. Zaloga’s concerns and stated there had already been many permitting delays and extensions had been granted by the State. He stated due to the extension they are already working within, the project timing may not be ideal for the local businesses, but in order to get it finished with the funding given, it will need to be completed as scheduled.

## **COMM. ROOKS/FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Comm. Rooks requested Board approval of Resolution 2020-022 requesting the Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation to direct the Department to adopt and implement a “No Build” option for the portions of the multi-use corridors. Comm. Rooks stressed the importance of protecting Levy County’s environmental assets, preservation areas, providing habitat for plants and wildlife, rural lands, agriculture industry, and the quality of life of our citizens.

FDOT Representative, Ryan Asmus spoke regarding Comm. Rooks’ concerns.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rock Meeks and Comm. Brooks voted NO.

## **LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN-DEETTA DUCKETT**

Ms. Duckett spoke to the Board requesting they grant an exception to the SHIP Program regulations regarding manufactured homes.

Marlon Gayle spoke regarding the rules and regulations of the SHIP Program preventing the funding for manufactured homes.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to Table this item until more information can be obtained to determine if there is a way funding can be made available through the SHIP Program for the purchase of mobile homes. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.**

Bill Menadier, PE, Sr. Project Manager

Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and D & L Contracting, LLC. Mr. Menadier stated they were successful in negotiating the cost of the project down, bringing the total to \$762,622.96. The items they were able to reduce will not affect the integrity of the design or the functionality of the ramp. The project could begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. John Meeks questioned where the difference between what had been given by the State for funding of this project and the total expense presented would come from. Matt Weldon stated the remainder will be covered by Park Impact Fees and there is also some funding in the Boating Improvement Fund which could be used, if needed.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement between Levy County and D & L Contracting, LLC as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**  
**COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement for North Central Florida Planning Council (NCFPRC) to provide planning services to the County for the period of April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$6,500.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement for North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Emergency Order 2020-030 amending Emergency Order 2020-026, adopted March 31, 2020 by the Board responding to the local State of Emergency enacted from the COVID-19 emergency.

Atty. Brown pointed out a typo correction and requested this be included in the Motion. She then explained the items which had been added since the first order was adopted.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Order 2020-030 with correction as stated by Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director requested ratification by the Board of Emergency Declarations 2020-020, 2020-021 and 2020-025, all pertaining to COVID-19.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Declarations 2020-020, 2020-021, and 2020-025 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting the re-appointment of Tourist Development Council (TDC) members:

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| Matt Brooks    | Levy County Commissioner    |
| Jerry Robinson | City of Williston Mayor     |
| Wendy Brennan  | Accommodation Owner/Manager |
| Amy Henderson  | At-Large Member             |

Mrs. Whitehurst stated the term expiration date is April 14, 2024.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the re-appointment of the Tourist Development Council members as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-024 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$65,000. The budget amendment is necessary for the Communications project of the Williston Tower.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-024 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the SRWMD Contract #19/20-143 Cost Share Memorandum of Agreement. Mrs. Tretheway explained this is Cost Share Assistance for the University Oaks, Phase IIIa Project.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the SRWMD Contract #19/20-143 Cost Share Memorandum of Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting the Board to reject all proposals received for RFP\_2020\_001 for Disaster Related Recovery Services and approval to re-advertise in order to get a larger pool.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to reject all proposals received for RFP\_2020\_001 and approval to re-advertise as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow staff to review the proposals which come in and made a recommendation to the Board for approval.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2020-023. Chief Harrell explained approval of this resolution will allow for the acquisition of the four (4) ambulances as described in the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-023 with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature of the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc. and other documents included in the Agreement package. Approval of the Agreement and documents will allow for the acquisition of ambulances as described in the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc. Chief Harrell added there is a change in the documents of the delivery date which will be delayed until January, 2021.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. and the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval for the County Coordinator or his designee to complete the transaction contemplated by the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc. and to submit any required documents throughout the term or any renewal term of the Lease-Purchase Agreement. Approval of this will allow for a smooth transaction between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the County Coordinator or his designee to complete the transaction contemplated by the Lease-Purchase Agreement and to submit any required documents throughout the term or any renewal term of the Lease-Purchase Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval for the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the 2019/2020 5311 Operating Grant in the amount of \$774,558.00 to be paid out at 50%.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the revised Federal Assistance SF-424 for the 2019/2020 5311 grant application which was approved in December, 2018.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the revised Federal Assistance SF-424 for the 2019/2020 5300 grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-028 amending the final budget for FY 2019/2020 adding additional grant funding.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-028 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Witt spoke of the procedures implemented at the Emergency Meeting held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and inquired if anything would be changed for the Fire/EMS employees.

Comm. Brooks addressed Mr. Witt's question stating if changes could be made, they would do so at the guidance of the Labor Attorney, Chief Harrell and Mr. Dean with consideration to the public's safety.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. John Meeks** commended the article written and posted by Spotlight on Levy County stating it was well-written.

**Comm. Rooks** there have been five (5) cases of COVID-19 reported for Levy County.

**Comm. Brooks** thanked everyone for their efforts and encouraged continuing social distancing and limiting gatherings to less than 10 people.

**Comm. Joyner** encouraged everyone to call those family and friends who are elderly to check on them.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to change the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May back to the previously schedule date of May 19<sup>th</sup> due to cancellation of the Hurricane Conference.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:13 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