

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 4, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 4, 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. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	138569-138707
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,765,184.76
ROAD	298,458.43
SHIP	55,626.18
MOSQUITO CONTROL	6,943.75
TRANSPORTATION	27.97
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	31,391.25
MISC GRANTS	6,815.32
EMS	23,308.88
FIRE	137,346.81
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,329.91
UTILITIES	2,944.62
ADD COURT COSTS	2,032.73
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,603.21
SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF	55,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	116,867.64
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	5,846.43
LANDFILL	31,726.11
TOTAL	\$ 2,558,954.92
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 314,166.00

MINUTES

The minutes for the Emergency Board Meeting held on May 26, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Emergency Board Meeting held on May 26, 2020 with correction. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to add an informational update from Alicia Tretheway regarding the status of the CARES Act small business relief funding. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to set the agenda with the one additional item as approved. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CARES ACT UPDATE

Alicia Tretheway provided an update to the Board of the CARES Act funding for small businesses. She stated as of August 4th, 122 applications had been received and 57 submitted to the Clerk's Office for payment. An approximate dollar value for the applications which have been received is \$918,000.

Comm. Brooks stated the deadline for applications to be received by the Board office is August 28th, at 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Leach, a Levy County resident living on 110th Avenue (Clay Landing Road) in Chiefland thanked the Board and the Road Department for the recent paving of this road.

Mr. Leach then spoke to the Board regarding the Florida DEP deadline of August 28th to turn in applications for environment enhancing funds. He inquired of the Board if they were planning to apply for some of these funds. The Board nor Mr. Dean were aware of this opportunity, but were willing to work with Mr. Leach to submit application for funds. Comm. Brooks advised Mr. Leach to contact Mr. Dean to work on this item.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MATT BROOKS

Comm. Brooks requested the Board approve a letter to the City of Cedar Key Commission from Levy County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of opening a dialog for the transfer of the big dock to Cedar Key.

Comm. John Meeks added he would also like to set a Workshop with the City of Cedar Key Commission to discuss other items needing attention.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve and send the letter to the City of Cedar Key Commission as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Cedar Key Councilman, Jim Wortham spoke to the Board stating he and the rest of the Commission would be in favor of the opportunity to meet with the Levy County Commissioners.

BUILDING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING

Ben Maxson, Development Director

Requesting Board approval of Special Exception Amendment SEA 02-20, Black Prong Equestrian Village.

Atty. Brown administered swearing in of any audience members wishing to speak regarding the item to be presented.

Comm. Brooks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding the item to be presented. Those who had ex-parte communication were: Comm. John Meeks, Comm. Joyner and Comm. Brooks.

Comm. Brooks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. Clayton Brasher of Black Prong Equestrian Village spoke offering a tour for any of the Commissioners who would like to tour the facility.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Special Exception Amendment, SEA 02-20, Black Prong Equestrian Village with the striking of paragraph 6. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2020-082; adopting transportation plan for the transport of individuals under Chapter 394, Part 1, Fla. Stat., Baker Act.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-082 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-086 amending budget FY 19-20; additional funding for the airport from the CARES Act in the amount of \$20,000.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-086 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval for the Creekside Christian School Transportation Agreement for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Transportation Agreement with Creekside Christian School for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 for Mark Steven Fowler, PA #580 for an existing unit in Williston, FL.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Mark Steven Fowler, PA #580 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

A. Request the Chairman's signature on the 2020-2021 Hazard Analysis Grant in the amount of \$1,433.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the 2020-2021 Hazard Analysis Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request Board ratification of County Emergency Declarations 2020-083 and 2020-087.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2020-083 and 2020-087 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner thanked the Road Department for their quick removal of a tree which had fallen across CR 316 recently.

Comm. Joyner reported of a letter received from the Town of Inglis advising everyone of gates being installed at the entrance to the South Levy Recreational Park. The gates will be closed at sundown each day and re-opened each morning.

Comm. Joyner wanted to make everyone aware of the farm equipment on the roadways which is used for the harvesting of local peanut crops.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone to fill out and report their census forms if they had not done so.

Comm. John Meeks stated any Policy ideas are due to be submitted to the State this week by the Commissioners.

Comm. John Meeks reported the FWC has closed oyster harvesting in Apalachicola Bay as of last week.

Comm. John Meeks reported of the Chiefland Quarterback Club Golf Tournament at the Chiefland Golf and Country Club on August 8th and the Bronson Quarterback Club Golf Tournament will be the following Saturday, August 15th. On August 29th, the Chiefland Rotary Club will be holding their fishing tournament.

Comm. Brooks stated the Williston Rotary Club is having a “Jail and Bail” fundraising event today.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:31 P.M.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Mr. Blanton stated the purpose of today’s meeting is to set Proposed Millage Rate/Present Tentative Budget.

The current budget is balanced at \$98,838,044 and the General Fund budget is \$40,283,374. The tentative General Fund operating deficit is \$685,000. Contingency and cash forward Operating Reserves for the General and Road Funds are sufficiently recovered to where they have small operating deficits and can also begin addressing capital planning for these funds and other general fund supported functions. The EMS Fund deficit is the most urgent concern and has a fund deficit of \$759,000. The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2020/2021 was recommended by Mr. Blanton at 9.0000 mills with a rolled back rate of 8.5247, the same as last year.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to keep the Proposed Millage Rate of 9.0000 with a rolled-back rate of 8.5247 as recommended. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The next Regular Board meeting on September 8th will be an evening meeting followed by a Tentative Hearing for Assessments and Tentative Millage/Budget. The Final Hearings will be held on September 22nd.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks