

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 6, 2022 at 5:15 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Rock Meeks called the Meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. Comm. Brooks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	146358-146638, 146370-146377, 14380-146527	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE		1,822,198.78
ROAD		100,080.09
SHIP		42,605.65
MOSQUITO CONTROL		148.21
TRANSPORTATION		1,269.21
911		16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES		11,055.15
MISC GRANTS		104,740.10
EMS		40,374.61
FIRE		11,219.31
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		1,932.33
ADD COURT COSTS		3,121.49
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		3,428.54
DEBT SERVICE		2,500.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS		19,041.52
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		12,127.73
LANDFILL		123,980.17
TOTAL	\$	2,316,143.14
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	303,302.63

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LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Rooks 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.

CHECK NUMBER	146378
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	783.55
ROAD	407.12
EMS	114.13
FIRE	308.12
LANDFILL	198.02
TOTAL	\$ 1,810.94

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting.

CHECK NUMBER	146369, 146379
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	7,315.02
ROAD	744.10
EMS	131.78
FIRE	131.77
LANDFILL	960.75
TOTAL	\$ 9,283.42

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and Budget Meeting held on July 19, 2022 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and Budget Meeting held on July 19, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joann Borensteing spoke to the Board requesting they adopt Ordinances to prevent the neglect of animals. Diane Marchand and Ruth Wittmann requested the Board consider funding for a trained Agriculture Investigator. Ms. Wittmann requested the Board review and adopt Ordinances to prevent the neglect of animals.

Renate Cannon requested the Commissioners speak directly into the microphones as it is difficult to hear what they say.

Linda Cooper inquired of the process for placing an item on the agenda. Atty. Shalley provided explanation for the process stating items placed on the agenda are to be done by staff, members of the public are to be heard separately under the Public Comment section. She also spoke of the audio system, stating it is not of good quality and should be replaced.

Dana Sheffield inquired of the process to have an item placed on the agenda. Mr. Sheffield also inquired of the status of the Fanning Springs EMS Station. Wilbur Dean responded and confirmed this station has been closed and the unit has been relocated to the Chiefland EMS Station.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. **Public Hearing:** Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-50 for the Annual EMS Tax Assessment Rate Resolution.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-50 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. **Public Hearing:** Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-51 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-51 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. **Public Hearing:** Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-52 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Disposal.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-52 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. **Public Hearing:** Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-53 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Services Assessments.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-53 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – MATT BROOKS

Comm. Brooks requested and made a Motion for the Board of County Commissioners write two (2) letters to the Governor to immediately appoint our Property Appraiser, Jason Whistler and Levy County Commissioner – District 3, Desiree Mills. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves (Contingency) in the amount of \$197,000 for an inmate medical bill.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appropriate Contingency Reserves as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones

Requesting the Board appoint a substitute member to serve on the Canvassing Board for the 2022 General Election.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to appoint Comm. Brooks to serve as the Canvassing Board substitute member for the 2022 General Election. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CLERK OF COURT

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Requesting Board approval to amend the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 for various fund reserves to fund pay increases.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the amendment to the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Casey Duquette for Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. **Public Hearing** - Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-44, approving a petition to vacate, abandon, and close a portion of right-of-way lying West, Tract 8, Starting Point, located in Levy County, Florida; adopting findings; providing for publication and providing directions to the Clerk. Mr. Duquette read the title of the Resolution into public record.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if anyone in the audiences wished to speak regarding the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-44 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-57, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-57 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

A. Continuation – Ordinance No. 2022-15: Continue to a date certain of September 20, 2022.

B. Continuation – Ordinance No. 2022-16: Continue to a date certain of September 20, 2022.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to continue the presentation of Ordinance 2022-15 and Ordinance 2022-16 and Board approval until September 20, 2022.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item from Planning & Zoning. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Hectus requested a date for a Workshop to discuss and hear public input on an Ordinance she has been working on concerning barn waste/composting. The date of October 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. was agreed upon.

CHW

Gerry Dedenbach, AICP, Executive Vice-President

Discussion of the William's desired short and long-term plans for portions of their land in Levy County. The landowners wish to create a recreational vehicle, eco-tourism site.

Stacey Hectus and County Engineer, Andrew Carswell provided input regarding this item.

The meeting recessed at 7:17 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:22 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

A. Requesting Board approval of the recommended ranking of Auctioneers for the determination of final award, and approve the Form of Agreement with the successful proposer. The Auctioneer proposers were ranked in the following order:

1. Week's Auction Company, Inc.
2. Royal Auction Group, Inc.
3. Liquidity Services Operation , LLC.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the ranking of Auctioneers as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature to decline the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and sub-award the funds to the Chiefland Police Department in the amount of \$37,400.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature to decline the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and sub-award the funds to the Chiefland Police Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting Board approval of a letter of support and the Chairman's signature to approve the distribution of \$37,400 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2021, Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program funds to the Chiefland Police Department.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature to approve the distribution of \$37,400 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2021, Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program funds to the Chiefland Police Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Requesting Board approval of the Lease Amendment between Levy County and Hudson Properties, Inc. The amendment is to increase the monthly rate by \$200.

No action was taken at this time. The Commissioners requested justification for the increase.

LIBRARY

Darlene Slattery

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-58, amending the Final Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. This is an increase of \$200 from the Florida Arts License Plate Program.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-58 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

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PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement between Levy County and New River Technology, LLC. The current rate is \$11,630.00 per month, the new rate will be \$12,211.50, an increase of \$581.50.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with New River Technology, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the lowest, most responsive, responsible yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department for fiscal 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the lowest, most responsive, responsible yearly bids for supplies for the Road Department for fiscal year 2023 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to waive the bid procedure per Section 2-195 (b)(17) and approve the estimate provided by HVAC Concepts in the amount of \$203,877.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve waiving the bid procedure per Section 2-195 (b)(17) and approve the estimate provided by HVAC Concepts in the amount of \$203,877 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-59, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$203,877.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-59 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jason Whistler, Property Appraiser thanked Mr. Rutter for his work as interim Property Appraiser as well as staff for their hard work.

Newly elected Comm. Tim Hodge and Desiree Mills both stated they were looking forward to working with the other Commissioners and staff.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks reminded everyone of a meeting at the Rosewood Baptist Church on November 8th at 6:00 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the water project extending lines from Bronson to Cedar Key.

Comm. Brooks reported to the Board of a meeting he attended recently with some concerned citizens regarding a recently passed subdivision and road requirements when land is split.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Rock Meeks