

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 22, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 22, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman John Meeks 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. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	142252-142381
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	71,839.63
ROAD	66,081.61
MOSQUITO CONTROL	143.99
TRANSPORTATION	9,102.41
COURT FACILITIES	578.82
MISC GRANTS	1,709.19
EMS	41,085.72
FIRE	8,325.10
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	507.50
UTILITIES	1,952.34
COMMUNICATION	20,610.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	4,022.26
CAPITAL PROJECTS	7,552.99
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	137,365.98
LANDFILL	103,943.44
TOTAL	\$ 474,820.98
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 22,223.99

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held April 6, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held April 6, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks requested the addition of an FWC Agreement to be presented by Matt Weldon for the Parks and Recreation Department as item 22. Comm. Brooks also requested the addition of a request from the Town of Inglis Mayor, Drew White for a fireworks event. This item can be added immediately following Public Comments.

Comm. Rock Meeks requested the addition of an item to be presented by Rusty Skinner of Career Source regarding the advertisement of the North Central Florida Business Development Council position formerly held by David Pieklik. This item will be presented as 2a.

Comm. John Meeks stated items 16 and 17 under the Road Department should be changed to Public Hearings.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions and modifications as stated. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOWN OF INGLIS

Mayor Drew White announced there will be a 4th of July Celebration with fireworks at the South Levy Recreational Park in Inglis on July 3rd from 3:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Anne Bast-Brown was recognized by the Commissioners for her 17 years of dedicated service as the Levy County Attorney. Proclamation 2021-086 was then read into public record by Comm. John Meeks.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2021-086 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks announced there will be a retirement celebration at the Annex Cafeteria this Friday for Atty. Brown at noon.

Comm. Brooks and the other Commissioners thanked Jimmy Jones and the Maintenance staff for their work in placement of the new flag poles at the Annex facility as well as the grounds beautification.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – ROCK MEEKS

- A. Comm. Rock Meeks requested Board approval to send a letter with the Chairman’s signature to the Suwannee River Water Management District requesting they transfer ownership and management of their portion of Devil’s Hammock Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to Levy County. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Rusty Skinner with Career Source spoke to the Board regarding replacing the position David Pieklik held on the Nature Coast Business Development Council. He inquired of assistance from the Board to provide a benefits package to the replacement.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to assist Career Source in providing the replacement person for the Nature Coast Business Development Council a benefits package as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – LILLY ROOKS

Requesting Board approval to appoint Parks Wilson of District 4 to the Planning Board.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Parks Wilson of District 4 to the Planning Board. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – 911

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval on the Florida Federal NG911 Grant Agreement, approval of the SOW and quote for the CPE Refresh Grant, and approval of the Addendum.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve with the Chairman’s signature, the Federal NG 911 Grant Agreement, approval of the SOW and quote, approval with the Chairman’s signature on the Addendum as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval on the Florida Federal NG911 Grant Agreement, approval of quote for the SIP Migration Grant, and approval of the Addendum.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Florida Federal NG911 Grant Agreement, approval of quote for the SIP Migration Grant and approval of the Addendum as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval for Resolution 2021-076. This budget amendment is necessary to allow for funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of two grants. These two grants total \$230,428.11 to cover the cost of the SIP Migration and Viper Refresh.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-076 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Requesting Board approval on the Akimeka Statement of Work and the Addendum.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Akimeka Statement of Work and the Addendum as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones requested Board approval of Dominion Managed Services Agreement Amendment 1 and Chairman John Meeks' signature.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Dominion Managed Services Agreement Amendment 1 with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member, Linda Cooper inquired of the Dominion Software and how did Levy County come to use this vendor.

Mrs. Jones responded to the inquiry and explained how Dominion came to be the software used by Levy County.

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Kenyard Feathers, Sr. gave a presentation to the Board on Understanding Community Hospice Care and Advanced Illness Care.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

A. Requesting Board approval of Emergency Declaration 2021-075 and Emergency 2021-077, which rescinds the previous enacted Emergency Declaration and Emergency Order for the voluntary burn ban.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration 2021-075 and Emergency 2021-077 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean provided information of the hiring of the person for the Grants/Legislative Liaison position.

B. Seeking direction from the Board on hiring a County Attorney. Mr. Dean stated he was unable to negotiate with the selected applicant for the County Attorney position and advised the Board to use for the interim, Nabors, Giblin, Nickerson and re-advertise.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declarations 2021-070 and 2021-074.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2021-070 and 2021-074 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the Agreement between Levy County and Federal Engineering, Inc. This amendment is necessary for Federal Engineering to provide the County with assistance putting an RFP together for the County's Radio System.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Federal Engineering, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-068 amending the final budget in the amount of \$67,440 for fiscal year 2021. This budget amendment is necessary in order to utilize Federal Engineering, Inc. to support a variety of Procurement activities.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-068 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-054 to advertise the public hearing for closing of portions of NW 147th Place located in Jeanne Heiber Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Ms. Ginger Nutter.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-054 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-060 to approve a petition to vacate, abandon, and close portions of NE 51st Street and NE 162nd Court located in Deer Run Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Whitener.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-060 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing - Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-061 to vacate, abandon, and close portions of Nichols Street and Taylor Street in Chicago-Florida Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Mr. & Mr. Williams.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-061 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Anna Elkins requested on behalf of Connie Conley, Board approval of the 2021-2022 Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement. The total project amount is \$399,118.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of the new Three-Party Agreement Form to be used in affordable housing projects such as SHIP and CDBG; and authorizing the County Coordinator to sign completed agreements on behalf of the Board.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the new Three-Party Agreement Form as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-081, Technical Revision to the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) 2019-2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-081 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Atty. Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval of the Agreement for Interim County Attorney Services with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. to provide county attorney and specialized legal services.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement for Interim County Attorney Services with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

Mr. Weldon requested Board approval of a Site Dedication developed with financial assistance provided by Sport Fish Restoration Funds through the FWC. This dedicates the county's boat ramps (Fowlers Bluff, Shell Mound RV Camp, Waccasassa, Dewey Allen and Rest Haven Shores) to the State for public use as boating access facilities for the next 20 years.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Site Dedication as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield thanked Atty. Brown for her service to the County.

Matt Weldon announced the Levy County Historical Society will have an Open-House event on July 3rd and July 4th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at their new building.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner expressed thanks all who were involved in orchestrating the Flag Day event.

Comm. Brooks stated there will be a laser show on July 3rd at the Williston Horsemen's Park after dark.

Comm. John Meeks reported of his recent attendance of the National Hurricane Conference. Comm. John Meeks stated he will be attending a remote meeting of the North Central Florida Planning Council this Thursday. In-person meetings should resume in July.

The meeting recessed at 11:14 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Presentation of the Levy County – BOCC Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022 Budget for Constitutional Officers & outside agencies discussion. Mr. Blanton reminded the Board of upcoming dates for Workshops and Hearings:

July 6, 2021 Workshop – Municipal Fire requests, prior meeting loose ends, Capital planning discussion.

July 13, or July 20, 2021 Workshop – Reserved, if necessary for Fire, Revenue updates, cleanup on undecided options, Capital discussion, etc.

August 3, 2021 Final Workshop – Required to receive Tentative Budget and set Proposed Millage.

September 7, 2021 – Tentative Hearings

September 21, Final Hearings.

Budget requests for the Board to consider:

LARC

Lisa Daniels, LARC Director requested an increase of \$20,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the requested increase for LARC. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

UF/IFAS Extension Personnel Contract Costs, \$24,033 increase requested.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the increase request for UF/IFAS Extension as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Constitutional Officer Requests were presented by Mr. Blanton.

Property Appraiser, \$11,412 increase

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget increase for the Property Appraiser's Office as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Clerk & Comptroller, \$42,779 increase

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budget increase for the Clerk & Comptroller as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Blanton expressed to the Board the need for the courthouse generators to work properly. Currently, the time before everything shuts down completely is about 20 minutes at the most, and sometimes, not at all. The majority of any repairs can be paid from Court Facilities, but a major expense may require additional funding.

Supervisor of Elections

A \$58,035 increase had been approved previously by the Board. Mrs. Jones asked for direction on making repairs to a precinct. It was agreed by the Commissioners, due to materials prices, to wait until prices come back down to make repairs.

The meeting recessed at 2:17 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

Sheriff's Office (Operating), \$446,391 increase

Sheriff's Office (Capital Plan), \$1,605,552 increase

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the requests for budget increases for the Sheriff's Office as stated. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Establish an Office of County Engineer, \$190,500

Comm. Rooks made a motion to proceed with budgeting for an in-house County Engineer. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 3:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks