# REGULAR MEETING LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARCH 8, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 8, 2022 at 9:00 A.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 9:00 A.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. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	144700-144	708, 144711-144829
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		1,453,194.36
ROAD		45,897.15
SHIP		17,755.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		400.00
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV		14,996.37
TRANSPORTATION		2,419.29
911		16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES		10,154.39
MISC GRANTS		87,919.74
EMS		126,797.16
FIRE		3,999.45
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		3,657.42
UTILITIES		455.09
ADD COURT COSTS		1,948.47
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		874.01
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE		500.00
LOCAL LAW		1,590.00
SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF		336.34
CAPITAL PROJECTS		13,502.15
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		20,000.00
LANDFILL		3,031.50
TOTAL	\$	1,825,748.14
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	258,384.64

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

CHECK NUMBER	144709
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,259.00
ROAD	287.28
TRANSPORTATION	11.99
EMS	22.56
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	6.59
CAPITAL PROJECTS	49.23
TOTAL	\$ 1,636.65

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

CHECK NUMBER		144710
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		2,591.55
ROAD		243.70
TOTAL	\$	2,835.25

### AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with an item added under the County Coordinator's items concerning a contract for the purchase of the Gulf Hammock Mine Pit property. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

#### MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 21, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held December 21, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Coffey spoke of the Code Enforcement issues in Rainbow Lakes Estates as she had previously and gave an update to the Board of the situation. She stated she had been in contact with Mr. Banton from Code Enforcement and there has been some improvement, but the problem still exists.

Mr. Banton spoke to the Board of his findings from going to the Rainbow Lakes Estates area and actions taken concerning code violations.

Keith Deering also spoke of the issue of squatters and ATV/Side-by-Side's ruining the roads.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS – ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-8 to vacate, abandon, and close portions of Pine Avenue in Cedar Key Heights, located in Levy County, Florida.

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

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-9 to vacate, abandon, and close a portion of a right of way lying West of Tract 7, Starting Point, located in Levy County, Florida.

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

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### David Meyer, Development Director

Requesting adoption by the Board of Ordinance 2022-7, an Ordinance of Levy County, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida relating to fees, rates and charges; by creating a new Appendix B titled "schedule of fees, rates and charges" to the Code; by revising and adding Development Department, Planning and Zoning Department and Road Department fees to the new Appendix B; by making corresponding and necessary revisions to the text of the Code, including deleting obsolete construction licensing provisions in Article II of Chapter 22, and deleting related references to adopting fees by resolution; adopting findings of fact; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; providing for inclusion in the code and providing directions to the clerk and an effective date.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-7 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### COUNTY COORDINATOR

#### Wilbur Dean

A. Discussion on the Waste Water Maintenance for the Levy County Jail. Mr. Dean stated Mr. Wilkerson had notified the Board and the Sheriff's Department of his resignation of providing these services. Mr. Dean informed the Board Maintenance/Water Director Jimmy Jones suggested using Two-Fold Water Engineering. Jimmy Jones also spoke to the Board of the services this company currently provides for the University Oaks and Manatee water systems.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Two Fold Water Engineering for wastewater treatment and testing at the Levy County Jail as recommended by staff. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting the Board ratify the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County and the IAFF Local 4069 International Association of Fire Fighters, Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Technicians with the Chairman's signature.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF Local 4069 International Association of Fire Fighters, Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Technicians with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting Board approval of the Contract for purchase of the Gulf Hammock Mine Pit property from Boston Timber Opportunities, LLC in the amount of \$495,000.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Contract for the purchase of the Gulf Hammock Mine Pit property as requested with the Chairman's signature on any necessary documents. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Director presented the proposed amendment to the Levy County Commission Personnel Policy and Procedures #802 Personal Appearance of Employees. The proposal will amend language pertaining to tattoos and body piercings and was provided by Allen, Norton & Blue.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the amendment to the Levy Courty Commission Personnel Policy and Procedures #802, Personal Appearance of Employees as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Members of the audience who spoke were: Renate Cannon and Keith Deering.

#### SOLID WASTE

Travis Newsome, Assistant Operations Director

A. Requesting Board approval to purchase two (2) Ford F250 pickup trucks by utilizing funds from the Small County Consolidated Grant at a cost of \$93,238 for both vehicles via the Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford F250 pickup trucks as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Mr. Newsome provided information to the Board on the Amnesty Waste Tire Event to be held on April 9, 2022 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sue Beaudette reminded everyone of the next "Beautify Bronson" day scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 10:00 A.M. She also stated the Town of Bronson is having a Maintenance employee trained as a certified Animal Control officer. This person will provide Animal Control services during normal business hours. The Town of Bronson will still contact the County Animal Control for evening and weekend calls. Ms. Beaudette then spoke of Wilson Street improvements planned by the Town of Bronson. She stated half of the street is owned by the Town and half by the County and inquired if the County would be interested in reconstructing the half owned by the County, which is about 6,000 feet.

Comm. John Meeks spoke regarding this item and stated Mr. Durrance would be looking into it and will provide a cost estimate to the Board.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Rooks stated she had been asked if she planned to run for County Commissioner again and wanted everyone to know she is not and will be retiring after this term.

Comm. Brooks announced the Levy County Historical Society is planning a memorial dedication for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of former 1975 Kentucky Derby winner born in Williston, Foolish Pleasure on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 P.M. in Williston at Heritage Park.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the events taking place at the Suwannee River Livestock Show & Fair and of the Rotary Fishing Tournament coming up May 14th. Comm. John Meeks then gave Legislative updates.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shij

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman, Rock Meeks

# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME Meeks, John		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Levy County Board of County Commissioners		
MAILING ADDRESS		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON		
P.O. Box 310		WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:		
CITY	COUNTY	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:		
Bronson, FL 32621	Levy	Levy County		
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 3/8/22				

# WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

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A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

# ELECTED OFFICERS:

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WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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I, John Meeks	, hereby disclose that on March 8	20 22
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