

REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 17, 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 – by phone
 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 and 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	145395-145402, 145405-145530	AMOUNT
FUND		
GENERAL REVENUE		107,842.75
ROAD		102,794.77
SHIP		29,920.00
TRANSPORTATION		14,294.43
COURT FACILITIES		1,517.62
MISC GRANTS		59,287.16
EMS		41,389.82
FIRE		4,352.62
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		7,543.92
UTILITIES		4,816.64
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		991.57
CAPITAL PROJECTS		18,138.30
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		515,104.90
LANDFILL		84,884.19
TOTAL	\$	992,878.69
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	323,265.75

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.

CHECK NUMBER	145404
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,141.66
TOTAL	\$ 1,141.66

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Approval of the following LCNR expenditures will be done at the next meeting when all Commissioners will be present.

CHECK NUMBER	145403
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,201.59
ROAD	328.03
MISC GRANTS	59.94
LANDFILL	67.39
TOTAL	\$ 1,656.95

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 22, 2022 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 22, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Requested Board approval of a Proclamation identifying the week of May 15-22, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation identifying the week of May 15-22, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorna Radcliff, Project Manager with Suwannee River Water Management District stated the District staff had been having meetings recently with Emergency Management staff from Levy, Dixie, Jefferson and Taylor counties over the last month. The meetings were centered around the Resilient Florida Grant Program with regard to the DEP required Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan for each county. This plan is required to be in effect by December 1, 2022. She stated DEP is helping by providing funding and stated it would be a regional collaboration opportunity.

Comm. John Meeks requested Ms. Radcliff forward a draft of a letter of support to the Board office.

Ryan Asmus, FDOT provided updates of projects and stated they are continuing to gather data on the PD & E on US 19 improvements.

Audience members, Terry Witt and Dana Sheffield spoke regarding this item.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval of Resolution 2022-21, approving a budget amendment to increase the Sheriff's FY 22 budget in the amount of \$35,000 for the LE budget and \$60,000 for the Jail budget.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-21 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2022-23, requesting State and Federal legislative action and funding to improve the Lake Rousseau containment structures and restore the lower Withlacoochee River; providing directions to the County Coordinator or designee; and providing an effective date.

Dan Hilliard spoke regarding this item providing further explanation of improvements and restoration needed at Lake Rousseau and the Lower Withlacoochee River. He also thanked staff for their preparation of the Resolution.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-22, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$3,400. This budget amendment is necessary to complete the Cedar Key Tower Project.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-22 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-19, approving the application and submission of the 2022/2023 Trip & Equipment Grant.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-20, approving the application and submission of the 2022-2023 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant. The grant funds will be used to purchase maintenance equipment needed for setting up Transit Maintenance on the East side of the Transit building.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-20 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Williston resident, Veronica Gunn spoke to the Board of sidewalk repairs needed and trash in the area of CR318 in Williston inquiring if any progress had been made.

Comm. Brooks spoke, addressing Ms. Gunn's concerns, stating Code Enforcement had been contacted for the clean-up. He recommended Ms. Gunn contact the State to obtain funding for repair/replacement of the sidewalk as the county does not have funding for this project in the current budget.

Terry Witt inquired if all Commissioners had met with DOT representatives and, if so, could they provide a report of their meetings.

Billy Hinote, candidate for Levy County Commissioner, District 4, introduced himself to the Board and to the audience.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson, reported of the survey she had placed on the Town of Bronson's website regarding the Bronson Library stating the majority were not in favor of relocating the library turning the existing library building into a community center.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks reported of the Governor's Hurricane Conference he attended recently, along with other Commissioners. He reported the Rotary Fishing Tournament was a success.

A Memorial Day Service at Orange Hill Cemetery will be on May 29th and an Affordable Housing Workshop will be on May 19th.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Presentation of Levy County-BOCC Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023 Budget – Staff, Departmental Recommendations, Option Decisions, & Revenue Discussion.

Jared Blanton spoke of budgeting for the replacement of the old courthouse elevator, now utilized by the Clerk's Office relocated upstairs.

Maintenance Director, Jimmy Jones provided further explanation of the need for replacement of this elevator.


Comm. John Meeks made a motion to research the cost to replace the elevator on the Administrative side of the Courthouse. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Board agreed upon request by Mr. Blanton to set the dates for the Tentative and Final Budget Hearings as follows:


Tuesday, September 6, 2022	5:01 P.M.
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	5:01 P.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:01 P.M.

ATTEST:



 Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 LEVY COUNTY, FL


 Chairman, Rock Meeks

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Brooks, Matthew	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Levy County Board of County Commissioners
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 310	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Bronson, FL 32621	COUNTY Levy
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 5/17/2022	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Levy County
	MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

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 relative; or 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).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

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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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Matthew Brooks, hereby disclose that on May 17, 20 22 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

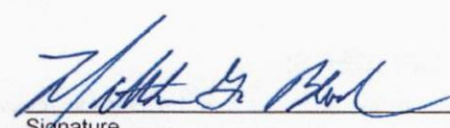
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Levy County Purchases goods on a "Rotating Basis" from AMB Supply, Inc., "DBA Levy Jones" a Florida Corporation, that I have an ownership interest in.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

5/18/22

Date Filed



Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.