

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 4, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on January 4, 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

CHECK NUMBER	144151-144162/ 144165-144234
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,744,090.20
ROAD	14,441.27
SHIP	13,660.00
TRANSPORTATION	214.68
911	16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES	11,685.09
MISC GRANTS	6,099.18
EMS	12,364.94
FIRE	4,859.39
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,773.31
UTILITIES	18.33
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	951.10
CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,062.88
LANDFILL	1,135.94
TOTAL	\$ 1,830,676.56

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

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

CHECK NUMBER	144164
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,886.05
EMS	107.70
FIRE	107.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,101.45

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

LCNR EXPENDITURES

CHECK NUMBER	144163
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	332.38
ROAD	49.98
MISC GRANTS	31.98
LANDFILL	53.22
TOTAL	\$ 467.56

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held October 19, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comm. Rock Meeks read emails into public record received from Ernest Sequi, and Martyjo Caputo.

Keith Deering spoke to the Board regarding squatters in Rainbow Lakes Estates. Other audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Johnston, Deborah Coffee, Renate Cannon, Lee Smith, Bruce Coffee, Linda Cooper and Martha Adlesberger.

Comm. Rock Meeks, Comm. Brooks and Comm. John Meeks responded to the concerns expressed by the residents living in Rainbow Lakes Estates who spoke. Atty. Shalley spoke regarding how complaints such as this are handled by the Code Enforcement Department.

LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN

Jack Payne spoke to the Board of a proposed kayak ramp in Cedar Key at the West end of Hodges Road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean presented the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program Annual Report to the Board including the summary of the activities the Levy County Forester has participated in on behalf of Levy County in the 2020-2021 State fiscal year. It is presented as part of the cooperative agreement between Levy County and the Florida Forest Service, a part of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Ordinance 2022-1 and Ordinance 2022-2 will be moved to the January 18, 2022 Board meeting at 6:00 P.M. due to an oversight at the local newspaper. Legal ads were never ran. This was noticed to the surrounding owners via signs and letters to be presented at the January 4, 2022 Board meeting, but because the ads were not run, they have to be postponed to January 18, 2022.

Ms. Hectus spoke to the Board explaining the situation in which the ads were not run as expected. She expressed her frustration with the local newspaper and stated she would like to look into using a different newspaper, one which runs daily. Ms. Hectus stated she would have an action item to present to the Board on January 18th stating she is in need of replacement members for the Board of Adjustments.

Comm. John Meeks stated he was in favor of Ms. Hectus using the Gainesville Sun for legal advertisements. Linda Cooper also spoke regarding this item.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-1, amending the final budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$160,000 due to receipt of a FDOT Grant (PRGA Contract No. G2428) for an Airport Master Plan Update for the George T. Lewis Airport.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-1 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield spoke regarding a Code Enforcement statute spoken of earlier.

Terry Witt questioned if the chairs in the auditorium would be replaced. The Commissioners responded there were no plans to replace the auditorium chairs at this time.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks asked the other Commissioners if they had anyone they would like to recommend for the Local Technology Planning Team to contact Ali in the Board office.

Comm. John Meeks also spoke of Legislative Days coming up in Tallahassee on January 19th and 20th.

Comm. Brooks spoke of Rural County Day coming up in Tallahassee on January 26th.

Comm. Rooks spoke of a meeting she will attend with FDOT on Wednesday and announced there will be a book sale in Bronson at the Historical Society building on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated he will also be meeting tomorrow with FDOT at a different time from Comm. Rooks.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:51 A.M.

ATTEST:

Danny J. Shipp
Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Russell J. Meeks
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:	
CITY Bronson, FL 32621	COUNTY Levy	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 1/4/2022		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).

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.

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 January 4, 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:

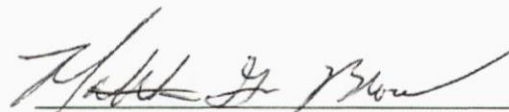
Levy County Purchases goods on a "Rotating Basis" from AMB Supply, Inc., "DBA Levy Jones" a Florida Corporation, that I have an ownership interest in.

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.

Date Filed

1/4/22

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.

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DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, John Meeks, hereby disclose that on January 4, 20 22 :

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