

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on January 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Brooks called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	136705-136864
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	266,634.79
ROAD	58,295.73
SHIP	7,550.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.35
TRANSPORTATION	13,161.82
COURT FACILITIES	4,557.96
MISC GRANTS	21,016.69
EMS	32,677.56
FIRE	91,707.80
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,687.10
UTILITIES	2,303.86
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,317.77
CAPITAL PROJECTS	27,252.99
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	13,943.13
LANDFILL	72,454.06
TOTAL	\$ 616,741.61
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 314,166.00

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks stated he wished to add a presentation to the end of the agenda regarding an update of MCORES.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the addition of an FDOT MCORES presentation at the end of the agenda as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on November 5, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Regular Board meeting held on November 5, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Wise, a Steeplechase resident expressed concerns with the possibility of a toll road coming through the Goethe Forest area in Levy County and the frustration of DOT and the State of Florida not releasing any information as to the planned path the road will take.

Comm. Rock Meeks shared information of a Northern Taskforce public meeting coming up on February 12th at the College of Central Florida from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

AMVETS POST 422

Mary Lee Layne, Past Commander of AmVets Suwannee River Post 422 in Fanning Springs and Chairperson for the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partners Program requested Board approval of Proclamation 2020-003 designating every March 29th as Vietnam War Veterans Day in Levy County. Ms. Layne stated a ceremony will be held at the Dixie County Historical Society in Old Town on March 29th at 3:00 P.M. and invited all Commissioners to attend.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2020-003 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

Requesting Board approval of Interlocal Agreement stating the Sheriff of Levy County provides dispatch services for all Fire/EMS providers in Levy County as the primary 911 Public Safety Answering Point.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum then spoke to the Board of the inmate housing fee at the jail stating they are increasing the fee to \$20 per day and \$1 to \$2 per day during the time incarcerated.

DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.

Bill Menadier, PE, Sr. Project Manager presented to the Board an update on the Bird Creek Boat Ramp project.

ERNEST A. HAILE MEMORIAL WALL COMMITTEE

Alice Monyei, Member

Presenting to the Board information on the Ernest A. Haile Memorial Wall project and construction at Buie Park located in Chiefland, Florida. The Ernest A. Haile Memorial Wall will celebrate the legacy of a great man who lived in the City of Chiefland for over 50 years. He is best remembered as Principal of Chiefland Junior High School and as Vice-Principal of Chiefland High School. Ms. Monyei also offered an opportunity for anyone to support the construction of the Memorial Wall by purchasing memorial bricks for the wall through the "Buy a Brick" program.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Cindy Dunkle, James Ellzey, Doug Dycus

Ms. Dunkle presented recommendations to the Board for Access Management (Driveway) request. The FDOT is recommending a shared use driveway for access for a new Fire Station North of Bronson to be located on property on the North side of the Agricultural Building.

Ed Jennings, Ag. Extension Director spoke in favor of the shared use driveway access stating it will not interfere with the Ag. Center or the summer program traffic.

Comm. John Meeks requested flashing signs when an emergency vehicle is entering the highway paid for by FDOT.

Chief Dennis Russell also spoke regarding the new Fire Station location.

Comm. John Meeks requested the FDOT conduct a study at the intersection of CR 326 and SR 121, stating there is a need for a flashing caution/stop light.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed by consensus to draft a letter from the Board of County Commissioners to DOT addressing the CR 326/SR 121 issue including Levy County's ranking as stated earlier by Ms. Dunkle.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of a Letter of Support on behalf of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership's submittal of a Rural Regional Development Grant Application for 2020. This is an annual request on behalf of the NFEDP to which the county pays annual dues. The letter is in support of a yearly grant the Partnership relies on for operations.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a Letter of Support as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval on an after-the-fact emergency procurement to repair a Road Department Skid Steer. The cost for the repairs was \$21,859.79.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the after-the-fact emergency repair to Ring Power as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval to submit Levy County Road Department Annual State Grant applications and for Alice LaLonde to have the authorization to sign the electronic applications. Roads for applications are CR 345 (12.6 miles), CR 346 (4.0 miles) and CR 337 (6.3 miles).

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve submittal Levy County Road Department Annual State Grant applications and authorization for Alice LaLonde to sign the electronic applications as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of the Agreement with the State of Florida FDOT and FS Solutions, to participate in the Florida Statewide Drug & Alcohol Testing Services contract. Agreement # BE897, December 17, 2019 as extended through re-award of RFP with an effective date of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with the State of Florida FDOT and FS Solutions to participate in the Florida Statewide Drug & Alcohol Testing Services contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Conley spoke of the intersection at SR 19 and CR 345, which she thought could also use some extra signage.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board acceptance of the lowest, responsible bidder, Jenkins Painting, LLC, to provide paint striping services to the Road Department.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to accept the lowest, responsible bidder, Jenkins Painting, LLC to provide paint striping services to the Road Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board acceptance of the lowest, responsible, bidder, IES Sales for the purchase of two (2) garbage compactors totaling \$21,940 and two (2) containers totaling \$12,000 for the Landfill Department.

	<u>Waste Quip</u>	<u>IES Sales</u>	<u>Waste Pro</u>
(2) 2-CY Garbage Compactors	\$33,837.02	\$21,940.00	\$43,120.00
(2) 40-CY Compaction Containers	<u>\$13,450.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,792.00</u>
 Total Cost	 \$47,287.02	 \$33,940.00	 \$65,912.00

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the lowest, responsible bidder, IES Sales for the purchase of two (2) garbage compactors and two (2) containers for the Landfill Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITION – FDOT

Brian Brooker, FDOT gave update regarding toll roads, MCORES and of upcoming meetings for the public.

Following Commissioner and public input/questions, Comm. Brooks stated a presentation by an FDOT representative would be added to the agenda once each month.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks

Presenting the Annual Report received from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Comm. John Meeks stated there will be controlled burning taking place in Goethe this week, so there may be some temporary road closures.

Comm. John Meeks reported of another sewage spill in Valdosta. Even though it has not yet made its way to the Levy County area, he is still very concerned of the water quality and of what civil infractions may be made against the contractor responsible for this.

Comm. John Meeks stated he will be in Tallahassee tomorrow representing Levy County for Tourism Day.

Comm. Brooks reported he had submitted letters to Senator Bradley and Rep. Stone's offices which reiterated the Board's desire for the Medicaid cost share to stay at 50%. If it changed to 100%, it would greatly impact our budget over the next five (5) years to the tune of \$300,000. A letter had also been submitted to Senator Bradley and Rep. Stone's offices concerning the water district boundary lines for Levy County. Comm. Brooks stated he had attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Quick Cared Med urgent care facility in Chiefland earlier today.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks