

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 3, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

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. Stevens.

EXPENDITURES

CHECK NUMBER	118580-118735
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,405,509.10
ROAD	91,375.82
SHIP	3,665.00
PAL LIBRARY	4,900.30
TRANSPORTATION	21,618.56
911	11,845.25
COURT FACILITIES	4,774.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	239.22
EMS	41,896.92
FIRE	147,450.75
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,060.32
UTILITIES	4,354.26
DRUG TASK FORCE	3,267.77
ADD COURT COSTS	1,742.64
IMPACT FEES - EMS	13,623.11
CAPITAL PROJECTS	13,137.48
LANDFILL	67,815.48
TOTAL	\$ 1,840,275.98

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 16, 2014 and January 20, 2015 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on December 16, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on January 20, 2015 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Grant requested information from the Board concerning the remodeling of the County Commission meeting room. Mr. Grant asked if this remodel was:

- voted on by the Board and who made the motion
- who the contractor was and were they chosen by the bid process
- total cost of the renovations

Comm. John Meeks answered the remodel of the Commission room was done as part of the office remodel done upstairs in the Clerk's Office. The contractor was Staley Construction. Comm. Meeks stated he did not have a total cost but could get that information for Mr. Grant. Comm. Meeks stated he would research when the improvements were approved.

LEVY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Robert Lowyns, Director

Presenting Proclamation 2015-05 declaring Levy County as a Purple Heart County.

Mr. Lowyns requested Board approval of Proclamation 2015-05 declaring Levy County as a Purple Heart County.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2015-05 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Presentation of a Purple Heart flag was made to the Commissioners by Mr. Lowyns and State Commander Richard Hunt of the Military Order of Purple Hearts for the State of Florida.

LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Presenting Appreciation Awards for Dixie Auto Salvage, LKQ, and Levy County Shop Manager, Charlie Bedford.

Chief Knowles presented appreciation awards to Marty Wright of LKQ and Levy County Road Department Shop Manager, Charlie Bedford. Mr. Bedford also accepted the award on behalf of Dixie Auto Salvage.

TOWN OF INGLIS

Mayor Glenda Kirkland

Request approval for Levy County to give millings that have been removed from SR 40.

Ms. Kirkland requested the Board give the Town of Inglis the milling removed from SR 40.

Lance Trafford, Public Works Director for the Town of Inglis also spoke giving information on how many loads of milling it would take to do a single road.

Comm. Joyner suggested Ms. Kirkland speak with Bruce Greenlee and Fred Moody to determine how much milling could be given as there are other roads in the County in need of repair.

Ms. Kirkland also asked if the portion of SR 40 extending to the gulf would be paved.

Mr. Greenlee stated this part of the road had been approved to use Small County Outreach Program Grant money.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

A. Discussion and direction regarding the C Street Bridge replacement in Cedar Key.

Mr. Moody stated he had been contacted by Jordan Green with DOT who is requesting some direction from the Board regarding the C Street Bridge replacement as they anticipate some complications with construction. They are requesting this project be moved out until fiscal year 2019 (7/1/18-6/30/19) to allow time to analyze all aspects of this project.

Comm. Rooks stated some of the concerns from the local business owners with regard to staging and how this will affect businesses. Comm. Rooks stated she is happy with the decision to postpone the C Street Bridge replacement until fiscal year 2019.

B. Request approval of a grant application for the University Oaks water utilities.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of a grant application for the University Oaks water utilities.

Debby Preble of Preble-Rish, Inc. spoke to the Board stating the distribution system needs to be replaced and they are seeking grant funds to assist with this expense.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the grant application for the University Oaks water utilities as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request approval of an amendment with the Waccasassa Channel Marker agreement.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of an amendment with the Waccasassa Channel Marker agreement with Preble-Rish, Inc. The fee for the amendment is \$5,500 and would include the bid package and construction phase services.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the amendment with the Waccasassa Channel Marker agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Request approval of Interlocal Agreement between Levy County and City of Chiefland.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Levy County and the City of Chiefland. This will be for a Community Development Block Grant Project for roadway improvements along CR320 between US 19/98 and CR 321.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Levy County and the City of Chiefland as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

- A. Request approval to reject all bids for Legal and Official Advertising for Levy County.

Atty. Brown requested Board approval to reject all bids for Legal and Official Advertising for Levy County as the bidders had not complied with the requirements.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to reject all bids for Legal and Official Advertising for Levy County. Second was made by Comm. Joyner.

Steve Scott, representing the Levy County Journal spoke to the Board concerning the bidding process.

Atty. Brown addressed concerns spoke of by Mr. Scott.

Andy Andrews spoke to the Board concerning the bid process.

After discussion by the Commissioners, Comm. John Meeks called for the vote and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval of the revised bid documents and direct County staff to proceed with bid process set out in revised bid documents.

As a result of issues with the original bid documents staff amended the bid documents to change the line ad price to a per line price based on a minimum 1.5" column width, to clarify the 85% limitation for the rates for the second and subsequent publications was a bid requirement being imposed by the County regardless of any other statutory provisions, and to reflect figures should not be rounded up in calculations of the 85% rate limitation. Atty. Brown requested Board approval of the revised bid documents setting a new bid due date of February 12, 2015 and direct County staff to proceed with the bid process set out in the revised bid documents.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the revised bid documents and direct County staff to proceed with the bid process set out in the revised bid documents. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request approval and authorize the County Coordinator to execute engagement letter with Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson, P.A. for lease document review and bond counsel services for funding for acquisition of Road Department equipment and to authorize the County Coordinator, County Attorney, and Road Department staff to proceed with incurrence of the debt to purchase the equipment.-TABLED-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Maruna spoke to the Board concerning the need for re-striping of Buie Park Road in Chiefland.

Comm. John Meeks stated he will ask Mr. Greenlee to determine what can be done.

Michael Gaither asked the Board if a stray, injured animal found in Levy County will be cared for by the County Veterinarian. Also, Mr. Gaither asked if animals adopted at the Animal Adoption events will be spayed or neutered in-house.

Mr. Moody answered each animal brought to Animal Services will be evaluated on a case by case basis as it is seen by the Veterinarian.

Comm. John Meeks answered at this it may not be possible by March, but the facilities are being made ready by the following Pet Adoption event.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks stated she will be going to each of the Towns within the County to meet with people. A schedule will be made available.

Comm. Stevens reported of a letter received from Mayor Heathcoat of the City of Williston thanking Levy County Transit and the driver for the Suwannee River League of Cities quarter gathering at Williston Crossings.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Superintendents Gala is coming up February 14th and recommended contacting one of the School Board members for ticket information.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the RESTORE Act and the progress being made with regard to the local oyster farmers in the big bend area.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks