

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.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 9:00 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>136865-137016</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,419,391.42
ROAD	80,472.33
SHIP	35,005.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,347.48
TRANSPORTATION	623.05
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	2,748.12
MISC GRANTS	20,801.77
EMS	60,613.88
FIRE	45,605.83
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	436.31
UTILITIES	169.42
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	260.19
CAPITAL PROJECTS	45,997.32
LANDFILL	93,563.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,822,536.92</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 286,239.48</b>

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Chairman Brooks asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda to be considered.

Tisha Whitehurst requested to present a Special Recognition Plaque from the Tourist Development Council to Comm. John Meeks.

Mr. Dean stated the Road Department would like to add to their agenda item discussion and direction from the Board regarding some upcoming equipment repairs.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the changes/additions to the Agenda as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on November 17, 2019 and December 3, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2019 and December 3, 2019 Regular Board meetings with corrections as mentioned. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Toni Collins expressed objection to the Local Democratic party holding monthly meetings at the Library in Bronson. She would like for the Board to make a ruling of what type of meetings are allowable at the Levy County Public Libraries.

Joe Harding introduced himself as a resident of Williston who is running for State Representative for District 22. He stated he is Pro-Life, in favor of the Second Amendment and is in favor of Vocational Programs in Schools.

Renate Cannon inquired of Mr. Harding's political party affiliation. Mr. Harding answered he is Republican.

Tisha Whitehurst, representing the Levy County Tourist Development Council presented Comm. John Meeks with a Special Recognition Plaque from the Tourist Development Council for his work with this group.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC HEARING**

Casey Duquette, Administrative Field Manager

Comm. Brooks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding this item. Commissioners which had ex-parte communication were: Comm. John Meeks, Comm. Rooks, and Comm. Rock Meeks.

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the item to be presented.

Casey Duquette requested Board approval of the application for Initial Request for Tourist-Oriented Directional Sign (TODS) application for Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens, Inc. The cost for the signs would be paid for by Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens, Inc.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against this item. Audience members who spoke were: Renate Cannon and Toni Collins.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the application for Initial Request for Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs for Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BUILDING & ZONING**

Robert Boulette, Development Director

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** - FP 01-19 Andrew Carbaugh of C & A Survey, Inc., representing Edward and Mila Vaillencourt, petitioning the Board for a Final Plat of "Vaillien Court Subdivision," on a parcel of land located in Section 27, Township 12S, Range 18E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 12.39 acres, more or less, and has a zoning designation of "ARR" Agriculture/Rural Residential.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve FP 01-19, Final Plat of "Vaillien Court Subdivision" as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. LSA 19-02: A request for a large scale land-use amendment to the Future Land Use Map from "Forestry/Rural Residential" (1 dwelling unit per 20 acres) to "Agricultural/Rural Residential" parcel located in Section 18, Township 16, Range 17. Parcel I.D.'s are 0386800100 (20 acres) and 038680010B (20 acres), and front directly on U.S. Highway 19/98 approximately 1.8 miles North of the Town of Inglis/Yankeetown Municipal Service District.

Comm. Brooks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. Audience members who spoke were: Jeff Hardison and Linda Cooper.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve LSA 19-02, a large scale land-use amendment to the Future Land Use Map from "Forestry/Rural Residential" to "Agriculture/Rural Residential" as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

David Pieklik

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-009 recommending Project Charleston as a QTI (Qualified Target Industry) local waiver project. The project has received approval from the State for a QTI incentive. There is the ability to match on the local level, but the waiver will allow for back-end incentives to be applied locally if the Board is agreeable.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-009 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting to the Board a regular progress report of accomplishments and activities.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Mr. Dean requested on behalf of Matt Weldon, Board approval to amend the State Mosquito Control Contract #26477 for FY 2019-2020.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion approving amendment to the State Mosquito Control Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-011 amending the Final Budget for FY 2019-2020 for the Permanent Mosquito Control in the amount of \$16.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-011 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Interlocal Agreement amending the Citrus, Levy, Marion Workforce Consortium.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement amending the Citrus, Levy, Marion Workforce Consortium as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP**

Mr. Dean requested on behalf of Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Cynthia P. Cornish, PA #574 in the amount of \$20,383 for an existing unit in Chiefland, FL 32626.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Cynthia P. Cornish as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Department of Health EMS Matching/Rural Grant application. If awarded, these funds could help obtain mechanical CPR devices for the remainder of the fire stations in the County as well as provide one backup unit. The maximum county share if awarded full amount requested is \$21,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve submittal of the Department of Health EMS Matching/Rural Grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval on the Program Letter of Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and Levy County. This Agreement allows resident Doctors from the University's Department of Emergency Medicine to participate in medical education, research, and/or patient care with LCDPS at no expense to the County.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Program Letter of Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Seeking Board direction on the study by GSG as quoted for Fanning Springs Fire Department to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services. Approval to move forward with the study would provide necessary information to determine the steps required for Fanning Springs Fire to provide ALS services regarding Assessment issues. Fanning Springs has agreed to cover 50% of the cost up to \$5,500.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve moving forward with the study by GSG for Fanning Springs Fire Department to provide Advanced Life Support services as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-007 amending the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Design and Rehab for Runway 5-23 at the George T. Lewis Airport in Levy County, Florida. The estimated cost of the project will be increased by \$20,000 bringing the revised total cost of the project to \$1,020,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-007 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-008 amending the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for installation of an Automated Weather Report System (AWOS) at the George T. Lewis Airport in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-008 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-010 authorizing acceptance and direction for the recordation of Right of Way Deed transferring Right of Way located in Levy County, Florida, and generally described as SE 35<sup>th</sup> Court, Levy County, Florida.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-010 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Discussion and direction from the Board regarding some upcoming equipment repairs. Mrs. LaLonde presented bids for repairs from Beard Equipment. It was recommended by Charlie Bedford, Road Department Mechanic to approve the repairs for Grader #199 in the amount of \$12,999.59. A warranty is included in the quote. Jessie Durrance was present and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the bid from Beard Equipment for Grader #199 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

A bid for repairs of Grader #32 in the amount of \$19,102.18 was presented by Mrs. LaLonde and also includes a warranty.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the bid from Beard Equipment for Grader #32 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board direction for the Library of Engineers for the County to get a larger pool of companies providing professional services to the County. The County currently has seven (7) companies in the engineer library.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve to put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to obtain ore engineering companies as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to accept the lowest bid (V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.) for FIN Project No.: 436763-1-19 Runway 5-23 and apron rehabilitation. This project will be grant reimbursed.

The two (2) bids received for this project were:

V.E. Whitehurst	\$ 837,306.45
Anderson Columbia	\$1,097,988.87

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the lowest bid, V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. for FIN Project No.: 436763-1-19 Runway 5-23 and apron rehabilitation as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval for the County Coordinator to execute the Work Order 18-07 (Runway 5-23 and Apron Rehabilitation George T. Lewis Airport) on behalf of the Board.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the County Coordinator, Wilbur Dean to execute the Work Order 18-07 on behalf of the Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. for FIN No.: 436763-1-94-19 for runway 5-23 and apron rehabilitation.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement between Levy County and V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. for FIN No.: 436763-1-94-19 for Runway 5-23 and apron rehabilitation as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Manager presented to the Board proposed amendments to current Employee Recognition and Service Award Policy #504 for consideration. The Service Award Policy would routinely recognize full-time and permanent part-time employees reaching their 5-year milestones.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the proposed Employee Recognition and Service Award Policy #504 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Renate Cannon stated the bulletin board located outside of the Commissioner's Office should be lowered.

Darryl James, Williston resident spoke of the deteriorated condition of a road in his neighborhood and requested a one-time fix for SE 208<sup>th</sup> Terrace.

Ron Grant thanked the Board for allowing John MacDonald, Emergency Management Director to open the Ham Operator Repeater for Levy County.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Joyner** announced Creekside Christian School in Otter Creek Homecoming Parade will take place this Friday at 11:00 A.M.

**Comm. John Meeks** reminded everyone of the Levy County School Foundation Superintendent's Gala taking place in Bronson this Saturday evening at the Bronson High School Cafeteria.

Comm. John Meeks stated he and Comm. Brooks attended the Legislative Conference in Tallahassee last week and attended a Small County Coalition reception Tuesday evening. Information he was given at the Gulf Consortium meeting during the conference indicated Levy County is in line to receive funding for the Oyster Reef Restoration Project.

**Comm. Rooks** spoke of the Library Policies and requested Board permission to look into the issue discussed earlier of what groups could use the libraries for meetings.

Comm. Rooks also spoke of MCORES and stated while she does not agree with a toll road taking its path through Levy County, she appreciated the staff at DOT for answering her questions.

Comm. Rooks gave an update on the construction of the new kennel at Animal Services.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** reported of the recent joint MCORES meeting stating it was well attended. The next Northern Turnpike Task Force meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Fanning Springs at the Suwannee River Fair facilities from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of a brief meeting he had recently with Rusty Skinner regarding vocational programs available through Career Source of Central Florida.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of the next Suncoast Taskforce Corridor meeting coming up on February 11<sup>th</sup> in Madison at the Church of God from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Comm. Brooks spoke of attending his first Emergency Management Day while at the conference in Tallahassee with John MacDonald and David Peaton.

Comm. Brooks spoke of the 2020 Census and encouraged everyone to fill out the Census paperwork when it arrives as this affects the amount of money is allocated for each State. He stated there will be a representative from the Census Bureau with a presentation at the next meeting.

Comm. Brooks reminded everyone the next regular Board Meeting scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> is an evening meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Dean spoke of the information provided to each Commissioner regarding Senate Bill 13.02, the Communication Services Tax Bill which deals with sovereign immunity.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:53 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks