

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>129822-129959</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,232,493.10
ROAD	92,434.70
SHIP	19,375.00
TRANSPORTATION	2,876.50
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	2,975.44
MISC GRANTS	3,219.92
EMS	21,719.09
FIRE	6,159.39
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,245.71
UTILITIES	1,602.41
COMMUNICATION	19,649.42
ADD COURT COSTS	1,259.74
LANDFILL	5,779.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,428,386.15</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Atty. Brown administered swearing in procedure for any members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the items to be presented.

Shenley Neely requested Board approval of Ordinance 2018-001 amending the future land use map of the County's Comprehensive Plan on approximately 10 acres of land from Agricultural/Rural Residential (A/RR) to Rural Residential (R/R). Petition LSA 17-01 was heard by the Levy County Planning Commission on December 4, 2017 and was recommended for approval by the Board. Ms. Neely read the Ordinance into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. There was none.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – BUILDING & ZONING**

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication for any of the three (3) items to be presented. There were none.

A. Bill Hammond requested Board approval of Ordinance 2018-003 for Shawn and Barbara Tyler (CZ 02-17). Mr. Hammond read the Ordinance into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. There was none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-003 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of Petition No. PP 03-17, Michael Harbert of CHW representing Tammy Watson, Gary Watson, Cheryl Moore, Rebecca Watson and Coburn Watson, petitioning the Board for a Preliminary Plat of "Watson Subdivision".

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the petition as presented. There was none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 03-17 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Petition No. PP 02-17, McMillen Surveying representing Aranda Brother, Inc. petitioning the Board for a Preliminary Plat of "Replat of Tract 27, Starting Point".

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the petition as presented. There was none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 02-17 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE**

Comm. John Meeks present the Board with a check provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$45,749.61. This payment reflects the distribution of Goethe State Forest receipts for fiscal year 2016-2017.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 911 ADDRESSING**

Mike West requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-008; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 due to funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of a grant. The non-matching grant in the amount of \$177,030 will be used to cover the cost of a GIS refresh and upgrade.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-008 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **UNITED FAMILY COMMUNITY, INC.**

Willie Battles spoke to the Board informing the Commissioners of Unity Family Community Center, Inc. and the services available to the Levy County area. He explained the UFCC's mission is to improve the quality of life of families and individuals by providing services and opportunities designed to create change. Other employees of UFCC who spoke were: Kevin Mattir, Shari Gillum, Nosheika Rucker, Blaine Vitallo and Ernest Folsom. Mr. Battles also mentioned a UFCC fundraiser coming up on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> called The Amazing Give.

Dana Sheffield thanked the United Family Community Center, Inc. for what they are doing for the community.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-005; amending the Final Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The General Operations Repair/Maintenance-Building Fund will be increased by \$18,400 for the replace of the roof and walkway cover for the Transportation/Maintenance building.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-005 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-009; granting temporary easement to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction purposes for Bridge #340014 on C Street in Cedar Key.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-009 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-010; amending Resolution 2018-003 correcting the expression of support for continuance of a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) to expression of support for continuance of Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-010 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of the Letter of Services between Levy County and Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson for updating the assessment program and annual reimposition of the EMS Tax Assessments for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Letter of Services between Levy County and Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator requested Board approval to appoint Tisha Whitehurst to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force.

- F. Mr. Dean requested Board approval to appoint Tisha Whitehurst to the Film Commission.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Tisha Whitehurst to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force and to the Film Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Members of the audience speaking regarding this item were: Renate Cannon and Toni Collins.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Matt Weldon Board approval of Resolution 2018-007; adopting the Final Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Mr. Dean explained the Board had previously approved the use of Impact Fee dollars for the Blue Springs/Lil Blue Springs dredging and restorations projects on April 19, 2016 and a Budget Resolution is necessary to complete the process. The total amount the Parks Fund will be increased is \$190,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-007 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Questions were asked by Terry Witt.

## **SHIP**

Shenley Neely

Requesting Board approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Amanda Frye – PA #552, in the amount of \$19,375 for an existing unit in Williston, FL 32696.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- A. Alice LaLonde requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-006; amending the original agreement for project for reconstruction of CR 241 from CR 335/NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street to the Alachua County Line by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-006 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-011; endorsing delivery of a project for bridge number 340049, at CR 339 at the Little Waccasassa River by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-011 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

- A. Chief Harrell requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on a letter appointing James "Mitch" Harrell as the Levy County representative for the general membership of the North Central Florida Trauma Agency (NCFTA).

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on a letter appointing James "Mitch" Harrell as the Levy County representative for the general membership of the NCFTA as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Chief Harrell requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Physio Control Service Plan and Amendment to the General Terms for heart monitors and AED's.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Physio Control Service Plan and Amendment to the General Terms for heart monitors and AED's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Chief Harrell requested Board approval to donate one Patio Cover (Aluminum Carport) to Inglis Fire Rescue. Chief informed the Board he will come back at the next meeting for formal Board approval to demolish the existing structure from which the patio cover is being removed. The LCDPS Transport Unit based in Inglis has moved to the Inglis Fire Station and the existing structure is beyond repair.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the donation of the Patio Cover to Inglis Fire Rescue as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **ANIMAL SERVICES**

Dr. Esler presented an update to the Board on the Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program, volunteer services used in the TNR program, and an announcement of the upcoming adoption event to be held at Tractor Supply in Chiefland on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Cooper, Terry Witt, Toni Collins and Mrs. Smith.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval to conduct Public Hearings for an ordinance regarding medical marijuana at time of day other than after 5:00 P.M.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to schedule the next two required Public Hearings before 5:00 P.M. The meetings will be scheduled for one after the next regular meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. and the next at 9:00 A.M. or shortly thereafter during the March 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Toni Collins announced 16 Ringling Brothers railroad cars will be moved to Kirby Farms in Williston on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The moving of the cars will be done by CSX and is open to the public.

Mrs. Collins also announced there will be a guest speaker at the Cedar Key RV Resort this Saturday at 2:00 P.M. discussing the Second Seminole Indian War, which includes Levy County.

Dana Sheffield reminded everyone of the upcoming Car/Air Show at the Cross City Airport on March 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be helicopters, which will take people for a ride for a fee.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEM**

Comm. Rooks made a motion for the Board to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rooks stated she was recently made aware of utility customers in two subdivisions in Chiefland, Hideaway and Springside, receiving a notice regarding a significant increase to begin showing on their monthly water bill. Comm. Rooks expressed an interest in sending a letter to the Public Service Commission regarding this rate increase and wished to request the Public Service Commission hold their vote for this action here in Levy County.

Comm. Rooks then made a motion for a letter be prepared and sent from the Board to the Public Service Commission regarding the rate increase for utilities at Hideaway and Springside in Chiefland. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner spoke of the parking issue with the Wild Hog Canoe Race. He stated there has been a great deal of work done to create more parking space on the property at the end of the course where the festivities occur, which will help to eliminate roadside parking for this year's event.

Comm. Brooks gave an update on Proposal 95, which takes away local Government control, giving it to the State.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated CAAA youth baseball/softball sign-up's will be taking place the next two weekends at Strickland Park in Chiefland.

Comm. John Meeks reported of Proposal 26, which deals with who handles security in county owned buildings. It is currently handled by the Sheriff's Department and the State is considering the development of a separate department to handle this.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the Levy County Superintendent's Gala taking place next Saturday evening.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 11:36 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, John Meeks