

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 20, 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
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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

CHECK NUMBER	129960-130075
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	81,096.16
ROAD	347,701.07
SHIP	32,030.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	93.71
TRANSPORTATION	12,883.67
COURT FACILITIES	3,951.68
MISC GRANTS	2,009.41
EMS	52,441.43
FIRE	113,581.50
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	5,460.98
UTILITIES	949.87
DRUG TASK FORCE	2,009.93
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	48,435.00
RESTORE ACT	681.00
LANDFILL	1,637.37
TOTAL	\$ 704,962.78
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 265,258.38

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on January 9, 2018 and January 23, 2018 were presented for approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Board meetings held on January 9, 2018 and January 23, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bridgett Smith introduced herself, stating she is running for State Representative for District 22 here in Florida.

Toni Collins announced there is equipment being moved to the Wild Hog Canoe Race parking area to clear part of the property, making more parking available on site rather than along SR 19.

Renate Cannon asked the Board what the limit is on sales tax, which can be charged in Levy County. Comm. John Meeks answered there are exceptions for temporary sales tax increases above the 7-cent sales tax Levy County has at this time, which may be approved by State Legislature.

Terry Witt questioned what the current 1-cent additional sales tax is used for in Levy County. Comm. John Meeks answered the additional 1 cent is a discretionary tax. Danny Shipp, Clerk of Court also answered half of 1-cent of the 7-cent sales tax in Levy County is pledged for the Jail Bond. The remaining 6 1/2-cents goes into the General Fund.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of the Letter for Services between Levy County and Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson for updating the assessment program and the annual reimposition of the Fire Tax Assessments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

TRANSIT

- A. Mr. Dean requested on behalf of Connie Conley Board approval of Resolution 2018-015; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The budget amendment amount is \$3,048 and is for funds received from insurance for damages to the gate at the Transit Department caused by an unknown driver. The funds will be used for the replacement of the gate.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-015 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-013; authorizing the filing of a Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-013 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SOLID WASTE

- A. Rod Hastings, Administrative Director requested Board approval of the 2017-2018 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. Mr. Hastings stated the grant is in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Hastings requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-014; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. This will amend the budget for the Solid Waste Department by the grant amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-014 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Hastings requested Board approval to purchase two (2) PTR model 2300 HD Balers for \$9,170.00 each.
- D. Mr. Hastings requested Board approval to purchase four (4) tires for the 538G Caterpillar Loader at a cost of \$26,320.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) PTR model 2300 HD Balers and four (4) tires for the 538G Caterpillar Loader as stated. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

- A. Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Lynette Hinchliffe – PA #550 in the amount of \$13,430 for an existing unit in Williston, FL 32696.
- B. Mr. Gayle requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Lafaye Patterson – PA #553, in the amount of \$18,600 for an existing unit in Williston, FL 32696.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreements for PA #550 and PA #553 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director requested Board approval to donate Asset #4856 (1967 Military Cargo Truck) to the Disabled American Veterans Tri-County Chapter #63 for historical and educational purposes as it is no longer usable by Levy County.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve donation of Asset #4856 (1967 Military Cargo Truck) to the Disabled American Veterans Tri-County Chapter #63 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANTS

Tisha Whitehurst, Grants Coordinator requested the Board accept the resignation of Dr. Rayanne Giddis from the Higher Education Position on the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee; appoint Holland McGlashan to the Higher Education Position; Re-appoint RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members. The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members are listed below:

<u>Member</u>	<u>New Term Expires</u>	<u>Position on Committee</u>
Chris Cowart	2020	School Board of Levy County
John Meeks	2020	Board of County Commissioners Chair
Holland McGlashan	2020	Higher Education Institution
Leslie Sturmer	2020	Aquaculture Representative
David Peiklik	2019	Economic Development Representative
Dennis Voyles	2019	Tourism Industry Representative
Jolie Davis	2019	Citizen Representative
Jack Schofield	2019	Citizen Representative
Dr. Richard Streeter	2019	Citizen Representative

Comm. Rooks made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Rayanne Giddis from the Higher Education Position on the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee, appoint Holland McGlashan to the Higher Education Position, and appoint RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Whitehurst congratulated Comm. John Meeks for being nominated to the Gulf Coast Consortium Executive Committee and he will be serving in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer. He was voted to this position by his peers on February 8th.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Mitch Harrell, Director presented the Quarterly Report for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- B. Chief Harrell presented the fiscal year 2017-2018 first quarter write-off's in the amount of \$258,766.30 to the Board for approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 first quarter write-off's in the amount of \$258,766.30 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

- C. Chief Harrell requested Board approval to remove the old mobile home, previously used as the EMS station in Inglis, from assets as well as dismantle and remove the aged structure.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve removal of the mobile home previously used as the EMS station in Inglis from assets as well as dismantling the aged structure as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Chief Harrell requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-012 for a budget amendment, which will move funds in the amount of \$10,000 from Capital Outlay to Repair/Maintenance-Buildings to make electrical improvements to the Public Safety Vehicle Storage Facility for more suitable storage of EMS and Fire Apparatus.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-012 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Witt asked if the Board had considered advertising for bids for Health Insurance.

Mr. Dean answered they are looking into joining with the School Board to seek bids. They are also looking into what they need to do in order to get an RFP for insurance. Mr. Dean stated he has a meeting scheduled with PRM on March 1st and will know more after this date.

Mr. Witt referred to an executive order recently signed by President Trump allowing the purchase of insurance across state lines. He asked if this was something the county was considering.

Comm. John Meeks answered they would be considering any options which would allow them to provide affordable and effective insurance to the employees.

Barney Cannon commended the collections efforts for the Department of Public Safety.

Sheriff McCallum announced Judge Ashley Moody, candidate for Attorney General will be at the Gathering Table in Chiefland from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00. He invited everyone to stop by to meet her.

Sallie Ann Collins asked Sheriff McCallum how many School Resource Officers there were in Levy County. Sheriff McCallum answered there are currently 5 Resource Officers which serve 12 the school campuses in the county.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner spoke again of the parking area clearing being done at the site of the Wild Hog Canoe race coming up on April 28th.

Comm. Joyner stated Adam Putnam will be sponsoring a Trail Ride at Tidewater in Goethe to benefit the Wounded Warrior Program this Saturday. Registration is from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and lunch is included.

Comm. Brooks requested Board approval to appoint Jared Inman to Seat 5 on the Planning Commission replacing Ron Grant who is resigning after the next meeting.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to appoint Jared Inman to Seat 5 on the Planning Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Linda Cooper asked what the requirements were to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Comm. John Meeks stated the requirements and noted there are different requirements for different Boards. Terry Witt asked if these positions were advertised. Comm. John Meeks stated normally they are not.

Comm. Rock Meeks invited anyone interested in coaching CAAA youth baseball or softball to contact him. Comm. Rock Meeks stated there had been reports on Facebook of a whale sighting near Cedar Key and it has been requested of anyone who sees it to report it to FWC.

Comm. John Meeks announced DEP will be having an open house in Cedar Key at the new Nature Coast Biological Station on February 22nd from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks stated a letter was received from Greg Evans, District Secretary, addressing the Board's concerns of the intersections at SR 121 and CR 326, SR 41 and CR 326. The letter indicates there will be another safety study done at these two intersections.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Rural Action Caucus, which is the NACO Committee he serves on will be having a meeting in Palm Beach County which will be a Farm Bill Summit to be held April 5th through April 7th.

Comm. John Meeks stated there will be an Executive Session on Friday, February 23rd at 10:00 A.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:01 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks