

WORKSHOP
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Levy County Uses Workshop of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 21, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Matt Brooks
Vice-Chair, Comm. Desiree Mills
Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Brooks called the Meeting to order at 3:06 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Mills.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Land Development Code Revisions to address Zoning District Uses

Requesting the Board of County Commissioners review the staff draft Zoning District Use Table; discuss and provide input and direction on the principal uses, uses by special exception and related accessory uses to be allowed in each Zoning District; and receive updates, if any are ready, from Board members and Planning Commission members regarding the zoning uses they are working on. Items discussed are listed below:

- Agriculture

Planning Commissioner Chairman, Tom Harper spoke regarding the Agricultural producer land uses.

Audience members who spoke regarding the topic of Agriculture Zoning were:

Kristine Switt
Johnny Heirs
Robbie Blake

- Animals (not agriculture)

Audience members who spoke on the topic of Animals (not agriculture) regarding animal rescue operations were:

Cheri Jenkins, Williston Animal Group
Diane Garte
Animal Service Director, David Weatherford
Shawn Royce, Furever Friends Rescue, Chiefland
Jennifer Gibbs
Rick Emmons
Robin Tjiong, House of the Happy Cat
Albert Reese
Amy Buchanan, House of the Happy Cat
Molly Jubitz

Emails expressing support for animal rescues in Levy County were received from:

Cindy Carr
Laura Esteves
Suzette Schaus
Debbie Busser

- Lodging/All types of recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds

The Board agreed by consensus to give direction for staff to move forward with RV Parks regulations being inside the MSD's and commercial.

Planning Commissioner, Michael Ernest spoke of the RV Parks in Levy County and the need for accessibility for emergency services.

- Intensive Commercial and Industrial Uses

Diane Garte inquired if major mining was still inclusive of water mining.

Mrs. Hectus responded the item of water mining was removed.

Alan Fant spoke of existing water mining.

Comm. Brooks spoke of animal waste composting facilities.

Audience members who spoke regarding animal waste composting facilities were:

Kim Wheeler

Diane Garte

Kristine Switt

Johnny Heirs

- Recreation

The Commissioners discussed outdoor recreation and hunting/fishing camps at length.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Atsil, spoke on behalf of Oak Ridge Training Center and small housing units for horse trainers at their facility.

Amy Buchanan spoke on behalf of the cat rescue, House of the Happy Cat.

Mrs. Hectus stated the next step is to prepare a draft Ordinance based on discussion. A time will be scheduled to meet with each of the Commissioners to go through the draft. A draft Ordinance will then be advertised for the Planning Commissions agenda and Board adoption in April or May for the non-controversial items.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL


Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp


Chairman, Matt Brooks