

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Rock Meeks called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Comm. Brooks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>144560-144571, 144574-144699</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
GENERAL REVENUE		76,655.19
ROAD		90,289.35
SHIP		17,282.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL		419.67
TRANSPORTATION		9,690.64
COURT FACILITIES		5,621.02
MISC GRANTS		42,243.67
EMS		35,184.27
FIRE		83,911.26
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		5,606.66
UTILITIES		836.73
ADD COURT COSTS		8,638.84
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		142.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS		2,008.69
LANDFILL		108,117.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>486,647.58</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$</b>	 <b>29,222.74</b>

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>144573</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
GENERAL REVENUE		737.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>737.91</b>

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the following LCNR expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>		<b>144572</b>
<b>FUND</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE		505.67
ROAD		84.54
TRANSPORTATION		7.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS		53.96
LANDFILL		291.47
MSBU'S		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>943.63</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 7, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held December 7, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving the item concerning the Black Prong Equestrian Village Final Detailed Site Plan (Phase Two) to the first item for Planning & Zoning, rather than the last. This will place it before the Public Hearing items. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maria Wise spoke to the Board and encouraged them to each send letters to DOT listing negative impacts to Levy County of the Northern Turnpike Northern Corridor Alternative A or B. Comm. Rooks stated she would like to include in the wording of these letters a “No Build” option.

**ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION**

Kerry Irons spoke to the Board by phone of a proposed U.S. Bicycle Route System in Levy County. Casey Duquette from the Road Department spoke regarding the roads in Levy County which could be utilized for a bike path. Comm. Brooks made a motion to submit a letter of support sent to the State in support of the proposed U.S. Bicycle Route System in Levy County and have the organization bring back a Resolution for approval. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Supervisor of Elections, Tammy Jones requested Board approval for appropriation of additional revenues in the amount of \$33,689 to the Supervisor of Elections Office General Fund from Levy County BOCC Contingency Reserves for an additional Full-Time Employee. Mrs. Jones stated this amount will fund the employee’s salary for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested by Mrs. Jones. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Continuation – PUD 21-01; continuing to a date certain, agenda item for 6851, LLC Black Prong Equestrian Village Final Detailed Site Plan (Phase Two) to Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the change of date for PUD 21-01 to Tuesday, March 22, 2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Atty. Shalley swore in members of the audience wishing to speak regarding any of the Public Hearing items to be presented.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-03; McMillen Surveying, representing Don Zolio, LLC and Kathy Jolie Fried-Krupp, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to correct the division of parcel number 0476100000 and 0476700100. Said parcels are located in Section 30, Township 12S, Range 19E in Levy County and have a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. Minimum). Each parcel contains 10 ac. MOL.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-03 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-04; McMillen Surveying, representing Jerome and Terrie Lynn Vickers, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to divide a 20 ac. parcel MOL into two 10 ac parcels MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 4, Township 14S, Range 19E in Levy County and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). PID: 0527300100.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-04 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Public Hearing - Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-05; McMillen Surveying, representing Terrell and Dixie Howell, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to divide a 36 ac. parcel MOL into three (3) 10+ ac. parcels MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 18, Township 13 S, Range 19E in Levy County and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. minimum).

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-05 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-06; McMillen Surveying, representing Shell Pond, LLC, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to divide a 42 ac. MOL parcel into four (4) 10 ac. MOL lots. Said parcel is located in Section 2, Township 13 S, Range 18 E in Levy County and has a land use of ULDR/Urban Low Density Residential and zoning of RR-2/Rural Residential (1 unit/1 acre).

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-06 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- F. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-07; McMillen Surveying, representing Abdellatif Rizq, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to Create a buildable 10 ac. MOL parcel. Said parcel is located in Section 24, Township 11S, Range 15E in Levy County and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac. minimum). PID: 0162400300.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. Maria Wise inquired if the property was actually a full 10 ac. parcel. Mrs. Hectus explained it does meet requirements as a buildable 10 ac. MOL parcel.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve PP 21-07 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

G. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. PP 21-09; McMillen Surveying, representing James and Jill Westbrook, petitioning the Commission for a Preliminary Plat to correct the division of parcel numbers 0515000400 and 051500040A. Said parcels are located in Section 9, Township 13S, Range 19E in Levy County and have a land use of ULDR/Urban Low Density Residential and zoning of RR-2/Rural Residential (1 unit/1 acre). Each parcel contains 10 ac MOL.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 21-09 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **MAINTENANCE**

Jimmy Jones, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-10 amending the budget for fiscal year 2022, appropriating \$47,121 from Reserve for Capital Outlay to Equipment in order to purchase a new truck.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-007 amending the final budget for FY 2021-2022. This will increase the budget by \$7,708 for receipt of the DOH EMS County Award Grant.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-007 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Casey Duquette requested on behalf of Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator direction from the Board on how to proceed with safety concerns on the intersection of CR 32 and CR 337. He stated one item which could be considered is the placement of solar-powered flashing red beacon lights.

The Board agreed by consensus to give direction to the Road Department to place the solar-powered flashing red beacon lights on the 4 stop signs at the intersection as described.

### **PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval to cancel the award of ITB\_2022\_015 to Atlantic Gulf Maritime, LLC, due to FWC stating the bids were too high and it would deplete the remaining funding from the States Derelict Vessel Grant Program.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to cancel the award of ITB\_2022\_015 to Atlantic & Gulf Maritime LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Nicolle M. Shalley requested the Board review and consider approval of Resolution 2022-004 regarding barn waste/manure.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-004 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Maria Wise spoke regarding this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Veronica Harmon-Gunn spoke to the Board regarding repairs of the sidewalk on CR 318 in Williston. Comm. Brooks stated he will meet with Mrs. Harmon-Gunn about this issue.

Maria Wise inquired of the Board if they have been informing the DOT of the citizens' concerns. The Commissioners responded they had been sending correspondence to DOT of concerns regarding the proposed route for the Northern Turnpike Corridor and would continue to do so.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. Rooks** spoke of an upcoming FDOT meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. at the FDOT Chiefland Maintenance office. The Whispering Winds Charter School will be having a cake auction on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.


**Comm. Rock Meeks** introduced Levy County Commissioner candidates in attendance: District 3 Candidate, Desiree Jerrels-Mills; District 4 Candidates, Tim Hodge and Charlene Watson Calvillo.


**Comm. Brooks** announced long-time Williston resident Danny Floyd Sr. will be recognized tomorrow at the old Williston Middle School at 10:00 A.M. and invited anyone who has been impacted by his work in the community to attend.

**Comm. John Meeks** spoke of having a Workshop to discuss farmland preservation in Levy County. The Commissioners agreed to meet for a Workshop on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Comm. John Meeks then announced the Bronson FFA Food Fest is this Friday night beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Bronson. He reported the Turkey Shoot held this past weekend at the AmVets was a huge success and reminded everyone the Suwannee River Livestock Fair and Show coming up in March. Comm. John Meeks gave a report of Legislative updates to everyone.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL  
  
Chairman, Rock Meeks



### APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
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- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
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### DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Matthew Brooks, hereby disclose that on February 22, 20 22 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

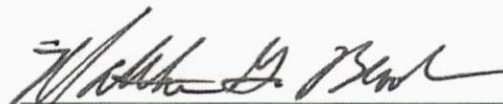
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Levy County Purchases goods on a "Rotating Basis" from AMB Supply, Inc., "DBA Levy Jones" a Florida Corporation, that I have an ownership interest in.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

2/22/22

Date Filed

  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Meeks, John	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Levy County Board of County Commissioners
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 310	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Bronson, FL 32621	COUNTY Levy
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 2/22/22	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Levy County  MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN** by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

**WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS** by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

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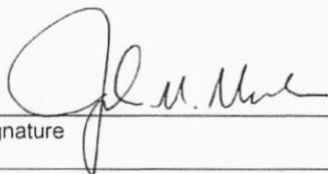
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