

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 2, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 2, 2010, at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairperson Nancy Bell
Vice Chairperson Danny Stevens
Comm. Marsha Drew
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Chad Johnson

Also present were:

Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Assistant to the County Coordinator – Dick Tummond

Chairperson Bell called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Comm. Bell gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	100473-100599
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,240,236.74
ROAD	94,989.09
SHIP	16,187.00
LIBRARY	1,145.58
PERMANENT MOSQUITO	518.93
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	626.02
TRANSPORTATION	16,609.68
911	16,583.33
COURT FACILITIES	891.81
PROGRESS ENERGY	150.43
EMS	16,883.05
FIRE	4,201.21
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	382.48
UTILITIES	1,068.72
DRUG TASK FORCE	9,805.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,273.66
LANDFILL	24,477.49
TOTAL	\$ 1,446,030.47
TRANSFER TO EMS	\$ 100,000.00

ZONING

Rob Corbitt, Director

A. Petition No. Ha.Va. 1-10, Hardship Variance

Atty. Brown swore in those in the audience who wished to speak for or against any of the Petitions being presented.

¹ Comm. Rooks and ²Comm. Stevens stated they had ex-parte communication with petitioners.

Mr. Corbitt presented petition No. Ha.Va. 1-10, Hardship Variance to the Board for J.D. and Ginger Griffeth to allow a second dwelling in order to care for her parents, Kenneth and Karen Braswell.

Mr. Burton spoke against the petition.

Mrs. Cannon spoke in favor of the petition.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Hardship Variance. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Petition No. PP-3 Preliminary Plat of "Hampton Corners."

Mr. Corbitt presented petition No. PP 3-10 Croft Land Surveying representing Shell Pond LLC, Larry King, for a Preliminary Plat of Hampton Corners.

No one spoke for or against.

Comm. Drew asked for the information regarding a well to be removed from the application, as it does not apply.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

911 ADDRESSING

Mike West, Coordinator

A. Ratification of Application for 911 Rural County Grant.

Mr. West requested ratification of Application for 911 Rural County Grant. Mr. West explained this is a non-matching grant for maintenance on their new 911 equipment in the amount of \$10,274.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the ratification of Application for 911 Rural County Grant. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF THE NATURE COAST

Amanda Desmartin

A. Request approval of Proclamation 2010-10 Recognizing and Observing March 22nd to March 26, 2010 as Children's Week in Levy County.

Ms. Desmartin requested approval of Proclamation 2010-10 recognizing and observing March 22nd to March 26, 2010 as Children's Week in Levy County.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Proclamation 2010-10. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES

Ms. Desmartin read into record the Proclamation and asked permission to place children's hand-prints from a local child care facility in the lobby of the courthouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon had a question about the FWC committee meeting on building codes and zoning requirements. She wanted to know when the second meeting was to take place.

Comm. Rooks responded with the location, date and time of the next meeting.

Mrs. Cannon stated she understood the County was to collect EMS impact fees countywide. She asked if Atty. Brown could clarify if "Countywide" means it includes the municipalities?

¹ Ex-Parte Communication Comm. Rooks

² Ex-Parte Communication Comm. Stevens

Atty. Brown responded it does include the municipalities.

Mrs. Cannon questioned why do the municipalities of Chiefland, Bronson, Williston and Cedar Key not allow EMS collections at this time?

Comm. Stevens responded the municipalities chose not to collect at this time while Comm. Rooks and Atty. Brown added this is on new applications.

Ms. Lee stated she is a new homeowner in University Oaks and a University Oaks water customer. She stated she has a problem with her water bill amounts. She is a volunteer missionary with the Volunteer Missionary Society and Family Preservation Fund and moves around often. Ms. Lee expressed her concerns about charges, late fees, cut-offs, and re-connect fees with the water system.

Mr. Tummond spoke regarding payments received late in the past from Ms. Lee. He explained how the billing cycle works and how much time lapses before a customer is disconnected.

The Board advised Ms. Lee to meet with Mr. Tummond to discuss arrangements for her bill and how she can remain current.

Merle Nichols wished to thank the Road Department for their work on paving the road in his area, near Goethe.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody, County Coordinator

A. Proclamation 2010-11 Recognizing April, 2010 as "Water Conservation Month."

Mr. Moody requested approval from the board for Proclamation 2010-11 and read the Proclamation into record. Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Proclamation 2010-11. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Moody stated he had a non-agenda item to present to the Board.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Bell votes NO.

Mr. Moody stated he had received a request from the Vision Christian Academy for a transportation vehicle the County has scheduled to sell at the upcoming auction. Mr. Moody stated there is a 1995 15-passenger van available if the Board would like to make this donation.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the donation of the van mentioned by Mr. Moody. Second was made by Comm. Rooks.

Comm. Johnson spoke concerning the County's liability involved in donating the van.

Atty. Brown stated a document could be included to add an "as is" condition of the donated van.

Comm. Stevens amended his motion to include an "as is" condition of the donated item. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

FOWLER'S BLUFF WATER SYSTEM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Joseph Mittauer

Mittauer & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers

A. Fowler's Bluff Water System Association, Inc.

Mr. Mittauer requested from the Board using the County's CDBG ability to pursue a CDBG Block Grant Application to help fund the difference to upgrade the water treatment plant, which would cost about \$750,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to allow the process to go forward with the process of CDBG Grant. Second was made by Comm. Stevens.

Comm. Bell abstains from voting.

Comm. Drew requested clarification on what the process would involve in going forward. Mr. Tummond explained the process of moving forward would involve the CATF (Citizens advisory task force) committee coming together. There would then be two public hearings, after which the advisory task force would come back to Board with a recommendation.

Comm. Bell calls for a vote and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Human Resource Director

- A. Present proposed Levy County Commission Safety and Health Program Manual for Board's consideration.

Mrs. Martin introduced Mr. Joe Markham from the Road Department and presented the proposed Levy County Commission Safety and Health Program Manual for the Board's consideration.

Comm. Drew made a motion to accept the Safety and Health Program Manual. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moody stated the adoption of the Manual is required in order for the County to be eligible for insurance premium safety credits. The County has received, because of their work, \$11,245.00 off our insurance premiums.

Mrs. Martin gave an update to the Board of applicants for the Library Services Director position vacancy. The applicants are in the process of submitting documentation verifying they meet the minimum qualifications set by the State.

Comm. Bell called for a recess at 10:08

The meeting reconvened at 10:16

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark Johnson, Director

- A. Request approval to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Agreement.

Mr. Johnson requested approval to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. He explained this is a no-match grant in the amount of \$20,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Emergency Management Storage Facility Bid Selection Recommendations.

Mr. Johnson presented the Emergency Management Storage Facility Bid Selection Recommendation. His recommendation is to use Gray Construction Services, which was the low bid at \$35,995.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the bid to Gray Construction Services as recommended by Mr. Johnson. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Bell votes NO.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Trish Seibold, Director

- A. Presentation of New Ambulance. – TABLED

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Shenley Neely, Director

- A. Request direction from the Board on two Planning Commission members whose terms are expiring in April, 2010.

Ms. Neely requested direction from the Board as two of the Planning Commissioners' terms will be expiring in April, 2010. The two members are Thadus Barber and Ron Grant.

Comm. Drew stated she would like to Table the request until the next meeting.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to re-appoint Ron Grant. Second was made by Comm. Rooks.

Comm. Bell called for a vote but Comm. Johnson asked if the vote was to be for just the one member before votes were spoken.

After discussion Comm. Drew stated she would make a recommendation to the Board after she completes interviews.

Comm. Bell calls for a vote and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Drew votes NO.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Superintendent

A. Request permission to vacate a 20’ strip of right-of-way in Foxwood Farms off of NE 20th Street.

Mr. Greenlee requested permission from the Board to apply to vacate a 20’ strip of right-of-way in Foxwood Farms off of NE 20th Street.

Atty. Brown added this is not the actual vacating of it, but asks the permission of the Board to be the applicant, as it has to go through the process.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to grant permission to vacate a 20’ strip of right-of-way as described by Mr. Greenlee. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request approval to purchase recycled asphalt from Anderson Columbia for \$5.00 a ton.

Mr. Greenlee requested approval to purchase recycled asphalt from Anderson Columbia. Anderson Columbia has agreed to sell the County recycled asphalt and aggregate materials currently stockpiled at the asphalt plant site at Lebanon Station for the price of \$5.00 per ton.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the purchase of recycled asphalt from Anderson Columbia. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request permission to accept right-of-way on NE 170th Avenue.

Mr. Greenlee requested permission to “pursue” right-of-way on NE 170th Ave.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to pursue right-of-way on NE 170th Ave. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Comm. Drew gave information about a new State website called transparencyflorida.gov where the operating and expenditure budget for the State can be viewed.

Comm. Bell

A. Presentation of FEMA Plaque.

Comm. Bell made a presentation from FEMA to Levy County as participants in the National Flood Insurance Program. As a result of this community’s outstanding performance in the CRS, flood insurance policyholders within this jurisdiction are afforded a reduced premium on their policies. A plaque was presented as acknowledgement of this achievement.

Property Appraiser, Oz Barker announced to everyone there will be a Relay-For-Life fundraiser on March 11th. Chicken and rice lunches will be available for a donation of \$5.00 each in the Board meeting room.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:49 AM.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairperson, Nancy Bell