

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 3, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 3, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Stevens.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	118895-119036
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,462,018.98
ROAD	38,384.28
SHIP	5,000.00
PAL LIBRARY	24,886.96
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,352.76
TRANSPORTATION	6,086.96
911	11,845.25
COURT FACILITIES	1.50
PROGRESS ENERGY	244.09
EMS	36,216.11
FIRE	11,081.53
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,696.95
UTILITIES	304.79
DRUG TASK FORCE	184.62
ADD COURT COSTS	3,020.98
LANDFILL	72,122.41
TOTAL	\$ 1,686,448.17

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 3, 2015 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 3, 2015 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

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Comm. Mike Joyner

Discuss and direction for a proposed noise ordinance.

Comm. Joyner spoke to the Board requesting an Ordinance be adopted limiting the noise level of music played in vehicles.

Chief Douglas of Chiefland Police Department and Chief Strow of Williston Police Department both spoke giving information regarding the Noise Ordinances they currently have in place.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this issue were: Juanita Terrell, Dana Sheffield and Ron Grant.

Sheriff McCallum and Chief Sandlin of Cedar Key Police Department also spoke regarding this issue.

After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to have Atty. Brown prepare an Ordinance to be voted on at a later meeting date.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Addressing

Request approval and Chair's signature on the CenturyLink hardware/software upgrade contract and Scope of Work.

Mr. West requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the CenturyLink hardware/software upgrade contract and Scope of Work. This upgrade will refresh hardware installed in 2009 and replace Windows XP, which has passed its end of support.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the CenturyLink hardware/software upgrade contract and Scope of Work as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

Request approval to donate eight (8) pews to the Resurrection Fellowship Church.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval to donate eight (8) pews which had been removed from the courtrooms to the Resurrection Fellowship Church.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve donation of eight (8) pews to the Resurrection Fellowship Church with the condition they be given to another church if they no longer need them. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moody stated information to the Board from DOT regarding the Cedar Key bridge replacements. A new meeting date for public input has been scheduled for Monday, March 30th at the Cedar Key Community Center. Open House will be from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and the public comment period will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Moody stated information had been received from the Suwannee River Water Management District regarding the project titled "University Oaks Water System Improvements" for funding consideration from the fiscal year 2015 River Cost Share Program. The evaluation team has reviewed this application and intends to recommend this project to the District Governing Board at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, March 10th at 9:00 A.M. at the District Office. Mr. Moody stated he plans to attend this meeting. If the funding is granted, a Water Shortage Regulation Ordinance would need to be adopted.

LIBRARY

Lisa Brasher, Director

Request approval and authorization of the Library Director to sign for a “no match” Nefflin grant in support of teen literacy.

Ms. Brasher requested Board approval and authorization of the Library Director to sign a “no match” Nefflin grant in the amount of \$10,000 in support of teen literacy.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the application for the “no match” Nefflin grant with the Chairman’s signature. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Brasher also recognized Scott Lipman, Williston City Manager for the installation of bicycle racks at the Williston Library.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

Request approval and Chair’s signature for the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Grant Agreement for the Waccasassa Bay Channel Markers.

Mr. Weldon requested Board approval and the Chairman’s signature on the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Grant Agreement for the Waccasassa Bay Channel Markers in the amount of \$41,250 to replace 25 channel markers.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) Grant Agreement with the Chairman’s signature for the Waccasassa Bay Channel Markers as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Request approval to transfer surplus Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) compatible radios to Levy County Sheriff’s Office.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval to transfer surplus Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) compatible radios to Levy County Sheriff’s Office. These mobile and portable radios are not compatible with the new radio communications system as a result of narrowbanding requirements.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the transfer of surplus Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) compatible radios to Levy County Sheriff’s Office as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Request approval to adopt Resolution 2015-08 to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. for the closure of a portion of NE 123rd Terrace, located in Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision as requested by the Petitioner, Ellen Corbitt.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-08 scheduling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. for the closure of a portion of NE 123rd Terrace, located in Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision as requested by the Petitioner, Ellen Corbitt.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-08 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Benny Jerrels, Director

- A. Request approval and Chair's signature for the 2014-2015 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature for the 2014-2015 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to purchase two (2) Mack Trucks through the Florida Sheriff's Association of Counties.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval to purchase two (2) Mack trucks through the Florida Sheriff's Association of Counties from Nextan Truck Center in Lake City by trading in two (2) Mack trucks and using the previously approved Small County Consolidated Grant for State Assistance. The summary of the purchase is listed below:

Total purchase price for (2) Mack Trucks	\$242,266.00
Less: Trade in for two (2) existing Mack Trucks	\$ -89,000.00
Less: Small County Consolidated Grant	<u>\$ -90,909.00</u>
Total amount to be expended from budget	\$ 62,357.00

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Mack trucks as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Susan Haines, Legal Assistant

Request approval to adopt revised Escheated Lands Policy.

Mrs. Haines requested Board approval to adopt the revised Escheated Lands Policy.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to adopt the revised Escheated Lands Policy as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Grant questioned Mr. Moody about the new podium.

Mr. Moody stated he will contact the Maintenance Department about getting the podium lip repaired.

Dana Sheffield announced the Cross City Airport show will be on May 16th for those interested. There will be a car show going on at the same time and the public is invited.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner announced Herman Allen had passed away this past week and services are being planned. Comm. Joyner stated the Annual Greg Weldon Trail Ride Saturday on Freddie Bell's property on the Prairie.

Comm. Rooks stated the meetings with the public at the Town Halls have been successful and gave the next scheduled meeting dates. Comm. Rooks reminded everyone of the Pet Adoption event scheduled for March 7th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Tractor Supply in Chiefland.

Comm. Rock Meeks announced CAAA youth baseball will begin this Saturday at Strickland Park.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Suwannee River Fair will begin this Saturday and will end on the 18th with the sale. Comm. John Meeks stated the FFA Food Fest held this past weekend was successful.

The meeting recessed at 10:56 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

TAX ORDINANCE WORKSHOP

Comm. John Meeks spoke

David Pieklik, Executive Director of the Nature Coast Business Development Council presented background information regarding the Tax Ordinance.

Members from the audience who spoke were:

- Scott Lipman, City of Williston
- Randy Rutter, Levy County Property Appraiser’s Office
- Doug King
- Sally Collins
- Carol McQueen
- Renate Cannon

Atty. Brown presented a draft Ordinance for the Board’s review. She stated they would need to define what the county would require in the Ordinance and what they do not want. This Ordinance can be made effective for up to ten (10) years from the referendum which would be November, 2024.

It was agreed by the Board to schedule a Tax Ordinance Workshop following the regular Board Meeting on March 17th to further discuss this topic.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:17 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks