

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 21, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 21, 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:

Danny J. Shipp – Clerk of Court  
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.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>119389-119554</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	185,773.56
ROAD	78,500.19
PAL LIBRARY	13,110.53
TRANSPORTATION	9,799.93
COURT FACILITIES	37.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,252.03
EMS	28,332.32
FIRE	66,785.97
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	7,413.01
UTILITIES	2,837.26
DRUG TASK FORCE	2,066.63
ADD COURT COSTS	2,924.59
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,615.00
LANDFILL	228,364.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 628,812.55</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on March 3, 2015 were presented for approval.

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

## **WILLISTON CITY COUNCIL**

President Jason Cason requested the Board approve Resolution 2015-13 renaming a portion of CR 316 as Robert Philpot Avenue; directing a street sign to be created and installed reflecting the revised street name upon payment of costs; providing an effective date.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-31 renaming a portion of CR 316 as Robert Philpot Way rather than Avenue and to waive the cost. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **W.A.R., INC. d/b/a WITHLACOOCHEE AQUATIC RESTORATION**

d/b/a Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration

President Dan Hilliard

To address the Commission regarding ongoing activities of the organization concerning the Withlacoochee River.

Mr. Hilliard provided updated information to the Board regarding the Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration's ongoing activities concerning the Withlacoochee River.

Questions were asked by Toni Collins and answered by Mr. Hilliard.

### **CAREER SOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION**

Rusty Skinner, Chief Executive Officer

Request approval to adopt Resolution 2015-12; designation of workforce area by Governor to "grandfather" the area and approving the Inter-local Agreement with Citrus and Marion Counties.

Mr. Skinner requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-12; designation of workforce area by the Governor to "grandfather" the area and approval of the Inter-local Agreement with Citrus and Marion Counties.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-12 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

Request to move the Regular Board Meeting from June 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday, June 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Moody requested to move the Regular Board Meeting from June 16<sup>th</sup> to either the Monday prior to this date, Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> or to Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. The Florida Association of Counties 2015 Annual Conference & Education Exposition begins on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to move the Regular Board Meeting from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

David Weatherford, Director requested Board approval for reduced rates at the next pet adoption event being held Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Bronson Ace Hardware in Bronson.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the reduction of rates for the pet adoption event scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mark S. Johnson, Director

Request approval to purchase two (2) solar powered message signs.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to purchase two (2) solar powered message signs using Emergency Management Performance Grant monies. The quotes received are as follows:

Ver-Mac	\$24,400.00
K & K Systems	\$29,180.46
QPR ShopWorkx	\$39,300.00

Comm. Joyner made a motion to purchase the two (2) solar powered message signs from Ver-Mac in the amount of \$24,400.00, the lowest bidder. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

David Knowles, Director

Request approval to alter the items requested on the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for the EMS Stations.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval to alter the items requested on the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant previously approved on January 7, 2014. This 50/50 grant was approved by the Division of Forestry for mobile and portable radios on April 7, 2015. Chief Knowles stated there is a higher priority need for interoperability communications equipment at the LCSO Dispatch Center.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the altering of items requested on the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

- A. Request Board permission to submit CIGP Grant for CR 341.
- B. Request Board permission to submit CIGP Grant for CR 345/347.
- C. Request Board permission to submit SCRAP Grant for CR 32B.
- D. Request Board permission to submit SCOP Grant for CR 330.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to submit for the above listed roads for Grant funding. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Request Board permission to submit subdivision information to GSG for Ocala Highlands West.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to submit subdivision information to GSG for Ocala Highlands West.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve submitting subdivision information to GSG for Ocala Highlands West as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- F. Request Board approval to enter into an agreement with Mauldin International Trucks of Ocala.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to enter into an agreement with Mauldin International Trucks of Ocala for diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). The agreement would be from March 3, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Mauldin International Trucks of Ocala as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Greenlee provided information to the Board of the inmate work squad. He stated they had removed nearly 13 tons of trash from the roadside since January and the sign crew had picked up 5 tons of trash.

Comm. Rooks asked Mr. Greenlee to provide a report on the paving of Shell Mound at an upcoming meeting.

## **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

David Pieklik, Executive Director

Presentation on Economic Development Funds for new or expanding businesses.

Mr. Pieklik gave a presentation to the Board on Economic Development funds for new or expanding businesses.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Pieklik come back on the day of the next regular Board Meeting, May 19, 2015 to conduct a Water Management Workshop at 6:00 P.M. This Workshop will be for a proposed Ordinance providing for local implementation of year-round water conservation measurement.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Susan Haines, Legal Assistant

Request motion to authorize escheated land sale on May 18, 2015 with advertising to run April 23 and May 7, 2015 in the Levy County Journal and authorize Fred Moody, County Coordinator to place 3 improved properties with an online auction.

Mrs. Haines requested Board approval to authorize the escheated land sale on May 18, 2015 for 9 properties with advertising to run April 23 and May 7, 2015 in the Levy County Journal and to authorize Fred Moody, County Coordinator to place 3 improved properties with an online auction.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve advertising of the escheated land sale on May 18, 2015 with advertising as requested and approval for Mr. Moody to place 3 improved properties with an online auction. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lucille Reese spoke on behalf of Donna Rowe regarding fencing at Animal Services for the animals stating the goal is \$2,000. Ms. Rowe is independently trying to raise the money to have this fence put in place for the animals. Ms. Reese stated the website for anyone interested in making a donation.

Terry Witt asked of the status of Sexual Predator Restrictions. Atty. Brown stated an Ordinance is being drafted.

Comm. John Meeks also stated the Planning Department is also working on this.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Joyner reported the Levy County Fair went well. He also reported of a recently attended meeting of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council.

Comm. Rooks stated the Wild Hog Canoe Race Saturday was a success. Comm. Rooks also stated the Chiefland FFA Rodeo will be in Chiefland this Friday and Saturday. Comm. Rooks stated she will be in Chiefland at City Hall from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Comm. Stevens reminded everyone of the Williston FFA shoot coming up Saturday at 9:00 A.M. at the Whitehurst Lodge.

Comm. Rock Meeks invited everyone to come to Chiefland for youth baseball games to be taking place this weekend at Strickland Park. Comm. Rock Meeks stated on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. the FWC is conducting a meeting for public input on River Flow at the Suwannee River Fair Building.

Comm. John Meeks stated a letter of appreciation was received from the Suwannee River Fair expressing thanks for permission to dispose of trash from the Fair at the Landfill for no charge.

Comm. John Meeks stated there will be a FEMA meeting for Floodplain re-mapping April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Trenton Community Center.

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval to adopt Resolution 2015-14 supporting solar photovoltaic energy and the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan: A Menu of Options.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-14 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Renate Cannon asked if there was any news regarding the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and was answered by Comm. John Meeks. Comm. John Meeks stated it appears the Planning Council may be dissolved.

**NON AGENDA ITEM**

Comm. Stevens made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks stated he had letters of appreciation prepared for Dr. Amit Rawal and Dr. Jason Jones for their attendance at the City/County ALS Workshop in Chiefland on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve sending letters of appreciation to Dr. Amit Rawal and Dr. Jason Jones signed by Comm. John Meeks as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks