

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 22, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room of the Levy County Courthouse with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Ryan Bell  
Comm. John Meeks  
Comm. Mike Joyner  
Comm. Danny Stevens  
Comm. Chad Johnson

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Comm. Bell called the Meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Meeks 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>115230-115438</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	164,132.66
ROAD	186,786.90
SHIP	26,200.00
PAL LIBRARY	13,226.23
TRANSPORTATION	1,835.08
COURT FACILITIES	3,340.15
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,793.85
EMS	47,785.64
FIRE	79,885.77
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,631.24
CDBG	6,644.28
UTILITIES	1,252.33
DRUG TASK FORCE	7,414.80
ADD COURT COSTS	2,731.66
CAPITAL PROJECTS	66,421.61
LANDFILL	74,881.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 687,963.88</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held April 8, 2014 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held April 8, 2014 with corrections. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### A. Development Department

Bill Hammond, Development Director

1. Request approval of Ordinance No. 2014-02: Accessory Uses to be allowed before a primary structure is permitted on the property.

Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of Ordinance No. 2014-02 which amends chapter 50 of the Levy County Code providing clarity and consistency to uses allowed before a primary structure is permitted on the property.

Comm. Bell asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Renate Cannon encouraged the Board to approve the Ordinance.

Atty. Brown read the title of Ordinance 2014-02 into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-02 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

2. Request approval of Ordinance No. 2014-03: Electrical Service for camps.

Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of Ordinance No. 2014-03 which also amends chapter 50 of the Levy County Code providing revisions to requirements for permits for electrical service on a piece of property without a primary structure. This Ordinance also provides revisions to regulations related to camps and hunt clubs. Mr. Hammond then read the title of the Ordinance into public record.

Comm. Bell asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance. There were none.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-03 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

### B. Road Department

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Request approval of Ordinance 2014-04 establishing speed limits on NE 60<sup>th</sup> Street a/k/a CR 102, NE 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and NE 128<sup>th</sup> Terrace, a/k/a LCR 1069, providing for no codification, providing for penalty, and providing an effective date.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Ordinance 2014-04 which will establish speed limits on NE 60<sup>th</sup> Street a/k/a CR 102, NE 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and NE 128<sup>th</sup> Terrace, a/k/a LCR 1069. The speed will be changed from 25 mph to 45 in the portion of the road as stated above.

Comm. Bell asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance. There were none.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-04 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## LEVY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lisa Brasher, Director

Recognition of Judy "Michelle" Traylor and Mary Read for over 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County with the Levy County Public Library System.

Ms. Brasher recognized Judy "Michelle" Traylor and Mary Read for over 25 years of service to the citizens of Levy County by volunteering at the Williston Public Library.

A plaque was presented to each by Comm. Stevens.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

- A. Request approval to ratify the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant application for two (2) grants totaling \$300,000 to fund an integrated computer-aided dispatch system.

Sheriff McCallum requested the Board ratify the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant application for two (2) grants totaling \$300,000 which will be used to fund an integrated computer-aided dispatch system as the current system is not integrated and does not interface with other systems.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to ratify the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant application for the two grants as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to expend \$4,577.94 from the State Forfeiture Fund for access control to the Drug Task Force building.

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval to expend \$4,577.94 from the State Forfeiture Fund for access control to the Drug Task Force building.

- C. Request approval to expend \$2,032.38 from the State Forfeiture Fund for multiple drug test kits for the Drug Task Force.

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval to expend \$2,032.38 from the State Forfeiture Fund for multiple drug identification test kits for the Drug Task Force.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve \$4,577.94 and \$2,032.38 to be expended from the State Forfeiture Fund as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEM – LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff McCallum requested the Board hear a non-agenda item.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item from the Sheriff's Department. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum requested the Board approve the Sheriff's Department keeping the transportation recovery costs for the transportation of Federal inmates in an effort to increase their income for the housing of the Federal inmates. To date, the Sheriff's Department has received \$5,101.90 for the transportation of Federal inmates which would normally be turned in to the Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion authorizing the Sheriff's Department to keep the money received to date as reimbursement for transportation of Federal inmates in the amount of \$5,101.90. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **JORDAN AND ASSOCIATES**

Ronald Vanzant, President

Request approval of Modification #4 Package to extend the County's CDBG Agreement by two (2) months to afford the additional time necessary to complete the remaining Housing Rehabilitation Projects.

Mr. Vanzant requested Board approval of Modification #4 Package to extend the County's CDBG Agreement by two (2) months in order to complete the Soil Remediation and Drain-Field System Upgrade to the Tarafa project. The current CDBG Agreement expires on May 30, 2013. Bids for the Soil Remediation and Drain-Field System Upgrades are due April 22, 2014. With the next Commission meeting date scheduled for May 6, 2014 to approve a bidder, this would only allow a contractor three (3) weeks to complete the overall project.

After discussion, Comm. Bell passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman and made a motion to approve Modification #4 Package to extend the County's CDBG Agreement by six (6) months to give the opportunity for fulfillment of the contractual arrangement; amend the pre-bid requirement to reflect a site visit will not be mandatory. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Johnson returned the gavel back to Comm. Bell.

## **AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Reed Stephan, Director of Community Supports

Ashley Anderson, Senior Management Analyst

Discuss upcoming Disability Expo at Fanning Springs State Park on May 10, 2014.

Mr. Stephan spoke to the Board about the upcoming Disability Expo which will be held at Fanning Springs State Park on May 10, 2014. He stated there are several local agencies participating in the event to help make it possible to provide a fun filled day for individuals with disabilities and their family members. The public is invited and any assistance with food, volunteers and other contributions are welcome.

Betty Walker spoke on behalf of LARC and encouraged the Commissioners to participate. She then spoke of the Wild Hog Canoe Race coming up on April 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated this fundraiser helps keep the doors open at LARC and invited everyone to attend.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

- A. Appeal and Amended Monument Placement Application by Williston Atheists and American Atheists, Inc.

Mr. Moody presented for Board approval an Appeal and Amended Monument Placement Application by Williston Atheists and American Atheists, Inc. which was received in the Board office on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated Amended Monument Placement Application does not comply with the Monument Placement Guidelines.

Comm. Bell asked if there was anyone wishing to speak regarding the Monument Placement Application.

John Porgal, North Florida Regional of the American Atheists spoke to the Board and requested the Application item be postponed until the next Board meeting as they would like more time to review and respond to the report. He also provided the Board a copy of the Status Report of the American Atheists.

Also speaking in favor of the Application were: Frances Porgal and Ray Sparrow.

Sylvia McCullar spoke against the Monument Placement Application.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to deny the application based on the staff report. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval of County Deed for property in Gilchrist County, with delivery of deed subject to condition that all requirements of closing are met.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of a County Deed for property in Gilchrist County which was obtained through the Levy County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force, with delivery of deed subject to the condition of all closing requirements are met. The Property was auctioned through Atkinson Realty and Auction.

- C. Request authorization for County Coordinator to execute purchase and sale agreement for property in Gilchrist County, and to execute all documents and perform all actions necessary for closing.

Mr. Moody requested Board authorization to execute the purchase and sale agreement for property in Gilchrist County, and to execute all documents and perform all actions necessary for closing. The property was auctioned through Atkinson Realty and Auction in the amount of \$6,551.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the County Deed for property in Gilchrist County and authorize the County Coordinator to execute the purchase and sale agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Satori Days

- A. On behalf of the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors, request approval to appoint Robert Douglas as the Levy County Representative for a three year term ending May 1, 2017.

Ms. Days requested on behalf of the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors, approval to appoint Robert Douglas as the Levy County Representative for a three (3) year term ending May 1, 2017.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Robert Douglas as the Levy County Representative to the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Board of Directors as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. On behalf of the City, County, and Local Government Law Section request to adopt Proclamation 2014-14 proclaiming the month of May, 2014 as "Civility Month".

Ms. Days requested on behalf of the City, County, and Local Government Law Section the Board adopt Proclamation 2014-14 proclaiming the month of May, 2014 as "Civility Month".

Comm. Meeks made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2014-14 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. On behalf of Albert Fuller, Director of County Extension, request approval to be appointed to the Eighth Circuit Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.

Ms. Days requested on behalf of Albert Fuller, Director of County Extension appointment to the Eighth Circuit Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the appointment of Albert Fuller to the Eighth Circuit Juvenile Justice Advisory Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request approval of the updated Hazard Safety and Security Plan for Levy County Transit.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval of the updated Hazard Safety and Security Plan for Levy County Transit. This document may be reviewed by the Commissioners at the Transit office, however it is a confidential document and a copy could not be provided for the general public.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the updated Hazard Safety and Security Plan for Levy County Transit as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Conley provided information for the Board on the status of Medicaid Managed Care. It was the consensus of the Board to continue working toward a better solution for this issue and to take action later, if necessary.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request approval to purchase ten (10) pairs of auto-cribbing. Auto-cribbing allows personnel to stabilize vehicles for safer extrication of patients.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to make a budgeted purchase of ten (10) pairs of auto-cribbing which will allow personnel to stabilize vehicles for safer extrication of patients. The three (3) quotes provided are as follows:

Municipal Equipment Company, LLC	\$10,350.00
All Hands Fire	\$11,489.90
Fire Safety USA	\$10,950.00

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of ten (10) pairs of auto-cribbing from Municipal Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$10,350 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request approval to purchase one (1) 10 ft. x 7.5 ft. x 8.5 ft. communication shelter.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to make a budgeted purchase of one (1) 10 ft. x 7.5 ft x 8.5 ft. communication shelter from Technical Equipment Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$14,495 to house equipment for the narrowbanding ICOM communications project. This shelter will be placed at the Comcast tower site in Williston. The bids received are listed below:

Technical Equipment Distributors, Inc.	
(VersaFlex Shelter)	\$14,495
(CelXion Shelter)	\$36,200
Fibrebond Corporation	\$33,455

C. Request approval and Chairman’s signature on the Plum Creek Foundation Grant Application for the purchase of an all terrain response (ATR) unit.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval with the Chairman’s signature on the Plum Creek Foundation Grant Application for the purchase of an all terrain response (ATR) unit. This is a 100% non-matching grant. The purchase of the off-road all terrain vehicle will be purchased by utilizing the Florida Sheriff’s Association contract bid pricing.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve submittal of the Plum Creek Foundation Grant Application with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

Comm. Johnson thanked everyone for their prayers concerning the passing of his grandfather. The Cycle for Education event which started in Chiefland on the Nature Trail was a great success. The Chiefland FFA Alumni Rodeo will be this Friday and Saturday night in Chiefland and the Wild Hog Canoe Race will also be this Saturday. He invited everyone to attend.

Comm. Meeks invited everyone on behalf of to Bill Brown of the Children’s Table to a birthday celebration for Mr. Brown this Sunday at the distribution building located outside of Bronson on SR 24.

Comm. Meeks stated he and Comm. Joyner attended the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council meeting recently and commended Comm. Joyner for his efforts concerning the pipeline scheduled to come through Levy County.

Comm. Meeks also reminded everyone the Legislative Session in Tallahassee ends in two weeks if there are issues anyone would like to have addressed.

Comm. Bell wished the EMS and Sheriff’s Department safe travels this upcoming weekend with the events spoken of as well as the Crab Fest in Williston which will also be this weekend.

Comm. Bell stated there is the opportunity for Levy County to attract new businesses by offering incentive packages and asked if the other Board members would be willing to consider putting together such a package.

Mr. Gay of the City of Chiefland recommended if the Board decides to offer a tax-break incentive, to require a contract with the business to prevent losses by the county.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to have Atty. Brown move forward with compiling information to be placed on a ballot during a regular election.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 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, Ryan Bell