

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 8, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 8, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Marsha Drew
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Sheriff Johnny Smith gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	107887-108063
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,598,330.29
ROAD	183,081.30
SHIP	24,157.83
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	17,745.40
TRANSPORTATION	44,506.13
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	28.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,190.72
EMS	29,109.85
FIRE	127,338.55
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,278.12
CDBG	14,310.00
UTILITIES	2,235.11
DRUG TASK FORCE	1,543.12
ADD COURT COSTS	1,694.50
LANDFILL	90,104.92
TOTAL	\$2,152,653.84

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held April 3, 2012 and April 17, 2012 were presented for approval.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting held April 3, 2012, with corrections. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting held April 17, 2012, with corrections. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Stevens introduced Marilyn Ladner, the provost of Levy County's operation for the College of Central Florida and a Board member of the Nature Coast Business Development Council. Ms. Ladner spoke to the Board inquiring if they would be interested in joining in a Workshop with the Nature Coast Board and the EZDA Board. The purpose of this Workshop would be to discuss goals and objectives in order to come up with a strategic plan and vision for the future, if possible, taking into consideration the limited resources for all three Boards. Ms. Ladner offered to host and facilitate the Workshop at the College of Central Florida.

The Commissioners agreed to meet on June 5th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

VFW

Ivan Chubb

A. Presenting Post Commander's Appreciation Certificate.

Mr. Chubb informed the Board of the dates of several VFW Memorial Day events coming up:

Saturday, May 26th at Marion Woods in Ocala

Sunday, May 27th at the Cedar Key Cemetery, 1:00 P.M. with the Marine Corps League

Sunday, May 27th at Orange Hill Cemetery in Williston at 1:00 P.M. with the American Legion

Monday, May 28th at Rosemary Hill

Mr. Chubb also presented the Post Commander's Appreciation Certificate to Major Evan Sullivan with the Levy County Sheriff's Office.

C.A.A.A. (CHIEFLAND AREA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION)

Wayne Weatherford

Presenting information on upcoming T-Ball/Little League events for June and July, 2012.

Mr. Weatherford informed the Board of upcoming events concerning the CAAA. Chiefland will be hosting the State T-Ball Tournament for the Northern Division June 12-16 as well as the World Series T-Ball Tournament for the Southeast Region July 6-9. District Tournaments will be May 31st. These events will be at Strickland Park in Chiefland.

PUBLIC HEARING

Shenley Neely

A. Adopt Ordinance 2012-01 amending the schedule of Capital Improvements for Levy County as required annually by Florida Statute.

Shenley Neely requested Board approval of Ordinance 2012-01. The Ordinance was then read into public record.

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

After discussion among the Commissioners, Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-01 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Rob Corbitt

B. First Public Hearing to consider Adoption of Ordinance 2012-03 relating to Special Event Permits.

Mr. Corbitt requested Board approval of Ordinance 2012-03 relating to Special Event Permits and read revisions to the Ordinance into public record. Mr. Corbitt stated a Public Hearing would need to be scheduled by the Board after 5:00 P.M. as required by Florida Statute.

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

The following individuals from the audience spoke:

Renate Cannon
Jeff Hardison
Patty Galyean
Carol McQueen

After discussion among the Commissioners a date was set for an evening Public Hearing on June 5th at 5:00 P.M.

ALLEN RODRIGUEZ

Past President of CAV, Inc. – Chiefland Astronomy Village
Presentation regarding the implementation of light restrictions during the “Dark of the Moon” Dark Sky observing sessions.

Mr. Rodriguez spoke to the Board and requested they make the Chiefland observatory a “Dark Sky” site and to block off NW 52nd Court during observing sessions to eliminate dust from the limerock road.

Mr. Rodriguez explained the reason for the request is also to prevent those not invited from intruding and disrupting their observation of the night sky.

After discussion among the Commissioners, it was advised for Mr. Rodriguez to consult with Sheriff Smith to deter anyone from intruding upon their monthly observing sessions.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Jordan Green, Florida DOT, Lake City
Discuss FDOT’s Tentative Five Year Work Program and answer any questions from the Board.

Mr. Green spoke to the Board and explained the tentative schedule of the Florida Department of Transportation’s five year transportation plan.

The meeting recessed at 10:39 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 10:56 A.M.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sheriff Johnny Smith, Patty Galyean
Certificate of Participation for the Drug Task Force, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Sheriff Smith requested Board approval and signature on the Certificate of Participation for the Drug Task Force, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$48,644. These funds help supplement salaries or purchase equipment for the Drug Task Force.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve signing the Certificate of Participation for the Drug Task Force, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff Smith let everyone know of the Law Day luncheon coming up this Friday at the Beauchamp place on the Suwannee River.

NOEL K. DESMOND

Consideration of pertinent information on endangered species and habitat.

Mr. Desmond presented information to the Board regarding Florida Panthers in Levy County and requested they consider the panthers when making decisions which would have an impact on their habitat.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Noel Desmond asked if an amendment could be added to the zoning laws to protect the Florida Panthers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ANIMAL SERVICES

David Weatherford, Director

Request approval of Resolution 2012-24 adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Animal Services Department.

Mr. Weatherford requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-24 adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Animal Services Department. Mr. Weatherford stated the fees had not been changed since 2003.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-24 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Request direction regarding solid waste licensing, flow control and franchising and, if applicable, approval of proposal of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson for legal services for completion of licensing ordinance, flow control regulations, and notice procedure for privatization of solid waste collections and disposal.

Atty. Brown spoke to the Board regarding the impass hearing coming up with the Union. Notice had been sent of the decision not to go to the Special Magistrate which starts the insulation period. Atty. Brown reminded the Board they are not to discuss this issue with anyone.

Atty. Brown stated a consensus from the Board is needed on the dates for the Hearing. She suggested July 17th or August 21st and stated the hearing will take about three hours.

The Board agreed to set the Hearing for July 17th at 1:00 P.M., after the Board meeting.

Atty. Brown requested Board direction on the solid waste licensing, flow control, and franchising issue from the Goals Workshop.

After discussion, the Board agreed to table this item indefinitely.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

Request the appointment of Levy County Planner Shenley Neely to the Goethe State Forest 10 Year Management Plan Committee.

Mr. Moody stated he had been contacted by Mr. Cahill requesting the appointment of Shenley Neely to the Goethe State Forest 10 Year Management Plan Committee. Mr. Moody then requested Board approval of Ms. Neely to this Committee.

It was agreed upon by consensus to appoint Ms. Neeley to the Committee as requested.

COUNTY AGENT

Albert Fuller, Director

Request permission to purchase a riding lawn mower.

Mr. Moody requested on behalf of Mr. Fuller Board approval to purchase a riding lawn mower for mowing the Ag. Center property. The quotes received are as follows:

Lanes Hardware	Pro Turn 260, 60" cut	\$8,057.21
Suwannee River Kubota	Pro Turn 460, 60" cut	\$9,008.23
Dixie Chopper	Model Classic 2760, 60" cut	\$7,750.00
Greensouth Equip., Inc.	John Deere Z930A, 60" cut	\$9,565.00
	Hustler X-One, 60" cut	\$7,525.00

The Commissioners agreed the mowers quoted were more than they were willing to buy and suggested creating a mowing/cleanup crew from existing personnel.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark S. Johnson, Director

Request permission to purchase two (2) portable light towers for Emergency Operations.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to purchase two portable light towers for Emergency Operations and provided quotes:

Turnkey Electric, LLC	\$14,800.00, includes shipping
Allmand Brothers, Inc.	\$20,850.70, includes shipping
Discount Equipment	\$15,094.00, does not include shipping

Mr. Johnson stated the funding source for this purchase is their Annual Federal Emergency Planning Performance Grant Program. The lighting is to be used for emergency staging areas and points of distribution during times of declared emergencies and for use during nighttime exercises and drills. It is the recommendation of Mr. Johnson to purchase the light towers from Turnkey Electric, LLC.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase for two portable light towers as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

A. Presenting 2nd Quarter Report.

Mr. Knowles presented the 2nd Quarter Report of the Department of Public Safety to the Board.

B. Request approval of Resolution 2012-27, regarding the write-off policy for uncollected receivables.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-27, regarding the write-off policy for uncollected receivables.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-27 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Ms. Neely requested Board approval for the reappointment of the following Alternate Planning Commissioners:

Robert Lowyns, Catherine Stevens (Lawhun), and Bill Hammond

Comm. Bell made a motion to re-appoint the above listed Alternate Planning Commissioners. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Neely gave information to the Board regarding a House Bill on septic tanks and how Levy County will be affected by this as we have two first magnitude springs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Karen Blackburn

- A. Presenting Proclamation 2012-25 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Jamaica’s Independence.
- B. Presenting Proclamation 2012-26 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mrs. Blackburn requested Board approval of Proclamations 2012-25 and 2012-26 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Jamaica’s Independence and the 50th Anniversary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago upon the request of Representative Rogers.

The Board decides to take no action on the above listed Proclamations.

- C. Presenting Proclamation 2012-28 proclaiming May as “Civility Month”.

Mrs. Blackburn requested Board approval of Proclamation 2012-28 proclaiming May as “Civility Month.”

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Proclamation 2012-28 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Johnson reported of broadband and FLOW to the Board.

Comm. Bell invited everyone to the Chiefland Rotary Fishing Tournament coming up May 18th at Cedar Key and the Chiefland Watermelon Festival will be on June 2nd.

Comm. Bell reported there was a good turnout at the Cedar Key Art Festival last weekend.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens