

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 8, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board Levy County Commissioners was held on May 8, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Matt Brooks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

Comm. 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. Brooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	130686-130839
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,166,276.61
ROAD	154,067.93
SHIP	41,432.25
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.00
TRANSPORTATION	15,566.05
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	2,676.19
MISC GRANTS	3,698.21
EMS	18,078.32
FIRE	53,169.94
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	251.07
UTILITIES	167.51
DRUG TASK FORCE	1,399.50
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	1,552.78
LANDFILL	93,307.92
TOTAL	\$ 1,566,420.28
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 287,176.74

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renate Cannon thanked the Road Department for the re-striping of CR336.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Comm. John Meeks presented a plaque on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to Quinton Parker recognizing him for his years of service with the Levy County Road Department.

BUILDING & ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Hammond, Director

Preliminary Plat (PP 01-18) Shawn and Barbara Tyler petitioning the Board for a Preliminary Plat of "ALL4U," on a parcel of land located in Foxwood Farms, Lot 1, in Section 15, Township 13S, Range 18E, in Levy County. Said parcel contains 10 acres more or less and has a zoning designation of Rural Residential (RR).

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the item being presented.

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication with the petitioners. There was none.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. There was none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Preliminary Plat (PP 01-18) as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Board then discussed upcoming septic requirements for new construction with Mr. Hammond. He then providing a copy of a new GIS overlay map showing the area in Levy County which would be affected. Discussion followed by the Commissioners as to how and where this would affect residents of Levy County.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean requested the Commissioners set a time for the Tuesday, July 31, 2018 meeting. (Set proposed millage, receive tentative budgets)

Comm. Brooks made a motion to set the meeting time on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Levy County Housing Planner requested Board approval of a Loan Agreement for Delonda M. Strawn (PA #556) for an existing unit in Trenton, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Loan Agreement for Delonda M. Strawn as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde requested Board approval for the appropriation of Contingency Reserves to close the C343 SCOP Grant in the amount of \$82,494.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the appropriation of Contingency Reserves for the C343 SCOP Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Dana Sheffield, Terry Witt and Linda Cooper spoke regarding the SHIP Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Witt spoke regarding the County's budget and asked for clarification from Jared Blanton. Mr. Blanton responded and spoke of planned budget discussions with the departments and Commissioners.

Mayor Merritt reminded everyone of the South Levy Marketplace coming up on May 26th at their new location, the grassy area near the Food Ranch.

Sheriff McCallum thanked everyone for their support with regard to the recent incident in Gilchrist County. Sheriff McCallum also informed the Board he would be requesting a pay increase for his employees and funding for the additional 4 ½ School Resource Officers required by the State.

Sheriff McCallum reported there was some backlash for closing roads for the Crab Fest activities earlier than in the past. Sheriff McCallum reported there were 21 arrests from this weekend, three of which were local.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner reported there was a large crowd in attendance for the Wild Hog Canoe Race. Comm. Joyner reminded everyone of the Ranch Rodeo coming up on Memorial weekend.

Comm. Rooks stated she had met with an individual from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning recently about some inland flooding issues in the Rosewood/347 area. A date will be determined by the Road Department to meet again with this individual to discuss some projects to help this area as well as the Riverside Drive flooding issues in Yankeetown.

Comm. Brooks and Comm. Joyner complimented the Parks employees for the great condition of Henry Beck Park, which he recently visited.

Comm. Brooks stated there will be a Tourism meeting hosted by Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens in Williston coming up on May 17th. Levy County's Tourism Director, Tisha Whitehurst will be giving a presentation at this meeting.

Comm. Brooks reported he had recently attended an EOC meeting with the Florida Department of Agriculture meeting at the Levy County EOC with Comm. Rock Meeks and Comm. John Meeks. He stated one of the topics discussed was providing "pet friendly" shelters during a natural disaster.

Comm. Brooks stated he will be attending the Governor's Hurricane Conference next week.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the improvements done at Blue Springs Park. Alice LaLonde stated the parking lot improvements are nearly completed.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Williston Clay Shoot is coming up this Saturday and will begin at 8:00 A.M. The Bronson Blueberry Parade will be on May 18th at 6:30 P.M. and the Festival will take place on May 19th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Chiefland Watermelon Festival is coming up on June 2nd. The Chiefland Rotary Fishing Tournament will be on June 9th.

Comm. John Meeks reported he had attended a North Central Florida Regional Planning Council meeting where Chris Doolin was the guest speaker.

Comm. John Meeks announced there is a Job Fair on May 16th aimed at first-time job holders, High School Seniors and those under the age of 24. This event will take place at the Klein Center at the College of Central Florida Campus in Ocala.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:31 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks