

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 21, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 21, 2019 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

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

CHECK NUMBER	134375-134496
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	138,596.13
ROAD	79,884.36
SHIP	8,570.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	279.19
TRANSPORTATION	1,069.26
COURT FACILITIES	41,240.93
MISC GRANTS	14,155.17
EMS	36,400.50
FIRE	4,531.74
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,141.39
UTILITIES	4,337.94
CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,288.85
LANDFILL	139,026.58
TOTAL	\$ 474,522.04

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on April 2, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on April 2, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Dr. Darlene Esler, Supervisor announced there will be an Animal Services adoption event on June 1, 2019 at Tractor Supply in Chiefland from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Linda Cooper asked for information on the cost of spay/neutering vs. euthanasia, stating she had previously requested this and had not yet received the information. She also questioned why Dr. Esler was giving the presentations for Animal Services and not the Director.

Dr. Esler stated she would be providing the information as soon as she is able, however, a single report does not exist for the specific information she had requested. Comm. Rooks addressed Ms. Cooper's concerns of why Dr. Esler was giving presentations in the Board meetings and not Mr. Weatherford.

- A. Dr. Esler provided the Board an update on the barking dog's case from the prior Board meeting on May 7, 2019 with Ann Marie Bortz and Cindy Lundry stating the case involving Mrs. Bortz was dismissed and Ms. Lundry had dropped the charges on her case. It had been determined the dog owner was doing a better job of keeping their animals quiet.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of Proclamation 2019-040 to identify the week of May 19, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2019-040 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Shenley Neely, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-034 demonstrating Levy County's commitment to increasing awareness and residents' response to the US Census 2020.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-034 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager gave an update on a Grant application the Road Department was recently awarded for CR341.

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-042 granting a temporary easement to Florida Department of Transportation for construction and improvement to State Road 339, in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-042 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-044 amending the Final Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. This will appropriate funds for the Public Transportation Agreement for the George T. Lewis Airport in the amount of \$458,000.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-044 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-045 amending the Final Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. This will increase the Road Department Fund by \$7,156,847.00.

Jared Blanton spoke to the Board giving further explanation for the budget amendment.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-045 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-041 and adoption of the Statewide Mutual Aid-Agreement. This is a Resolution of The Board of County Commission authorizing the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-041 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. MacDonald gave an update of the Governor's Hurricane Conference he recently attended. He commended John MacDonald and the staff at Levy County EOC for their hard work.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated the Ranch Rodeo will be taking place in Williston this Friday and Saturday evening, beginning at 8:00 P.M. The Clay Shoot held recently at the Whitehurst Lodge was a great success with record attendance.

Comm. Rooks discussed concerns relating to County Departments; Animal Control and Transit.

Comm. Brooks reported of the Governor's Hurricane Conference, which he recently attended. Comm. Brooks announced the Williston and Chiefland High School Baseball teams are headed to Ft. Myers today for a chance to play for the State Championship.

Comm. Rock Meeks announced the Chiefland Watermelon Festival is on June 1st.

Comm. John Meeks stated there is a recommendation by the Forestry Department for residents to avoid any burning.

The taping of the Shellfish Trail Map has been completed and will air on the local ABC station July 20th.

The City of Cedar Key elections went well and the Rotary Fishing Tournament held in Cedar Key was well attended. Comm. John Meeks highlighted items from the recent Legislative Session.

The meeting recessed at 11:04 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Informational Session of the FY 2019-2020 Budget Process, with some directives requested. Consideration of material regarding the budget calendar, economic overview data, revenue and expense trends. Discussion of staff recommendations. Decisions (by motion/vote or consensus) requested with regard to "option" items, and any other direction the Board may choose to give at this time so staff can prepare changes before the next workshop.

Workshops are necessary to facilitate the development of the budget in compliance with legal deadlines later in the summer. Other scheduled Hearing dates are listed below:

July 30, 2019 Final Workshop – Required to receive Tentative Budget and set Proposed Millage.

September 3, 2019 – Tentative Hearings. This will be an evening Hearing.

September 17, 2019 – Final Hearings.

Options for the Board’s consideration were presented:

Department of Public Safety – 1st Net/Verizon redundant network cost for county communications. Mr. Blanton and Chief Harrell spoke regarding this item stating the cost would be \$18,400.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the \$18,400 for redundant network cost for county communications as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Landfill – One Part-Time Spotter/Laborer plus operating expenses per location. The cost per location would be \$20,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve one Part Time Spotter/Laborer plus operating expenses for one additional location for the Landfill Department for the stated cost of \$20,000. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Meridian Behavioral Health - requested increase in the amount of \$3,750.

Comm. John Meeks passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Brooks and made a motion to approve the requested increase for Meridian Behavioral Health in the amount of \$3,750.00. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Levy County Prevention Coalition – Requested increase (one-time component). The amount of the requested increase is \$50,650. Jonathan Lewis spoke to the Board explaining they operate from grants which reimburse them for expenditures. They are requesting the total amount of \$60,000, which would help meet their cash-flow needs.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve \$12,000 total for Levy County Prevention Coalition for the next three years totaling \$36,000 and to provide a copy of the minutes to Mr. Lewis. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks