

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 4, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 4, 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. 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. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	134497-134623
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,324,541.29
ROAD	129,035.76
SHIP	18,700.00
TRANSPORTATION	12,683.88
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	872.00
MISC GRANTS	16,044.46
EMS	25,028.21
FIRE	12,266.69
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,004.00
UTILITIES	461.76
ADD COURT COSTS	27,945.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,669.95
LANDFILL	96,694.35
TOTAL	\$ 1,686,003.77
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 318,522.52

MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular meeting held on April 16, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on April 16, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Hugh Thomas, Executive Director presented to the Board the 2018 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) check in the amount of \$30,401.84. Mr. Thomas also provided a brief overview of the District.

Audience members who spoke were: Toni Collins, Renate Cannon, Terry Witt, Dana Sheffield and Mr. Beck.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones

- A. Requesting Board approval to renovate and add on to Precinct 5, Willow Sink precinct in Chiefland for 2019-2020 budget year. The estimated cost for renovations will be \$15,000. There will be a total of 384 sq. ft. added and the restroom will be made ADA accessible as well as adding an additional doorway.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the requested improvements to Precinct 5, Willow Sink precinct in Chiefland. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval, per F.S. 101.001, to move Precinct 7 from the Williston Woman's Club back to the Williston City Hall Community Room. This precinct was moved temporarily to the Williston Woman's Club in 2018 due to reconstruction of the new Williston City Hall.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve relocating Precinct 7 from the Williston Woman's Club back to the Williston City Hall Community Room as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Introduction of Mark Warren, Extension Agent III, Agriculture (Crops/Master Gardener Program/4-H Youth Development) in Levy County. – TABLED -
- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of the dates for the FY 2019-2020 Budget Hearings:

Tentative Budget - September 3, 2019 at 5:01 P.M.

Final Budget - September 17, 2019 at 5:01 P.M

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the dates for the FY 2019-2020 Budget Hearings as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Mr. Dean requested Board approval on behalf of Mrs. Conley to donate a 2010 passenger bus to the Levy County Sheriff's Office to be used for the Explorer Program; this vehicle's title has been released.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve donation of a 2010 passenger bus to the Levy County Sheriff's Office, Explorer Program as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval on behalf of Mrs. Conley to donate two passenger busses to Unity Temple International Fellowship, Inc. Titles on both vehicles have been released. One of the vehicles is non-running and will be used for parts.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve donation of two passenger busses to Unity Temple International Fellowship, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Joyce spoke to the Board explaining how these busses will be used by the organization for their summer programs transporting children.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$18,700 for Darrell A. Richardson and Sabrina V. Young, PA #569 for an existing unit in Archer, FL 32618.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Darrell A. Richardson and Sabrina V. Young, PA #569 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-043 approving the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for the Fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-043 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval on the Antenna Site License Agreement between NexTower Development Group, LLC and Levy County for the Williston site.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Antenna Site License Agreement between NexTower Development Group, LLC and Levy County for the Williston site as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval on the Antenna Site License Agreement between NexTower Development Group, LLC and Levy County for the Cedar Key site.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Antenna Site License Agreement between NexTower Development Group, LLC and Levy County for the Cedar Key site as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

- A. Mr. Hastings reported of progress made on the "Eight Mile" site. Mr. Hastings then requested direction from the Board regarding 2019-2020 Satellite Site locations.

Following discussion by the Commissioners, Comm. Joyner made a motion to select the Camp Azalea location as the next Satellite Site location. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks.

Comm. Joyner amended his motion to include the next site after the Camp Azalea site to be at the South East part of the County. Second was amended by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to purchase one (1) used "AS IS" Sterling LT9500 Brush & Limb truck from Nextran Truck Centers for \$50,000.00 by utilizing the State Contract.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a used Sterling LT9500 Brush & Limb truck from Nextran Truck Centers in the amount of \$50,000 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Hyde spoke of road conditions in the area of NE 111th Street, in Levy County. Comm. John Meeks explained since is a private road, the County was not responsible for its maintenance. There is a process to do this, but it would involve all property owners giving up an easement or right-of-way to the County for it to be county-maintained.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Merritt announced the first public sewer meeting will take place in Yankeetown tomorrow evening at 6:00 P.M. The South Levy Marketplace will be on the 22nd and the summer hours are 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

City of Fanning Springs Mayor Lancaster spoke to the Board.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner reported the Williston Ranch Rodeo was a success. Comm. Joyner called Tisha Whitehurst to the podium to provide information regarding the Horseman's Park. Mrs. Whitehurst spoke of the City of Williston and the County partnering to make the Pavillion at the park usable for other venues. The facility could be rented by organizations to hold events. She would be willing to pursue grant funding sources to make this an accommodating facility for various events by the community and outside groups.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to direct Mrs. Whitehurst to pursue this project.

Comm. Joyner requested the assistance of the media to make the public aware of the watermelon harvest season going on at this time and to be aware of the trucks and farm equipment sharing the roadways during this time.

Comm. Brooks announced the Williston Baseball team had recently won the title of State Champions by defeating another Levy County team, Chiefland in Ft. Myers. Comm. Brooks announced on behalf of Mrs. Winnegar, a celebration will take place in Williston this Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at City Hall for the 90th Anniversary for the City of Williston and there will be an Open House to view the new City Hall facility. The Williston Pioneer will also be celebrating 140 years of existence.

Toni Collins questioned the years of existence of the Williston Pioneer. Comm. Brooks stated he provided the information as given to him and Mrs. Tenbrook or Mrs. Winnegar could be contacted for accuracy.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported the Chiefland Watermelon Festival was a success in spite of the extreme heat.

Comm. John Meeks discussed the Dock Street Agreement between Levy County and Cedar Key and requested consensus by the Board to allow Atty. Brown to work with the City of Cedar Key Attorney, Norm Fugate who is preparing a document which will be presented to the Board for approval.

The Board agreed by consensus to direct Atty. Brown to work with Atty. Fugate regarding the Dock Street Agreement between Levy County and the City of Cedar Key.

Susan Haines spoke regarding the Escheated Land Sale coming up June 17th at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission meeting room in which there will be 43 properties to be auctioned.

Comm. John Meeks stated he recently spoke to Dorothy Perdue with Duke Energy and reported information regarding the decommissioning their nuclear plant and two of their coal plants. He stated a company has been hired which will have the nuclear plant decommissioned by 2027, rather than 2074, the previously projected date.

Comm. John Meeks reported of a meeting with Bob Boulette and officials from Chiefland, Bronson, Cedar Key, Inglis and Yankeetown discussing their issues with building inspections and permitting. The company they are currently contracting with has notified they will no longer continue to do business with them. Mr. Boulette explained services the County could and could not provide for them.

Comm. John Meeks reported the pet adoption event went well last weekend.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 11:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks