

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 2, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 2, 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 (by phone)

Also present were:

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

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks 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. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>134778-134903</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,513,060.31
ROAD	90,148.46
MOSQUITO CONTROL	37.00
TRANSPORTATION	2,460.82
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	4,642.24
MISC GRANTS	8,696.16
EMS	12,787.40
FIRE	9,027.88
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,763.82
UTILITIES	1,351.99
DRUG TASK FORCE	5,941.49
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	19,930.00
LANDFILL	14,919.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,699,823.29</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 592,398.82</b>

## **GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

Angela Armstrong, Circuit Director requested Board approval to relocate the Levy and Gilchrist County Guardian Ad Litem office from Chiefland to Trenton.

Following discussion, the Commissioners recommended the Guardian Ad Litem office remain at the Chiefland location until next year as there would be space available at the old BHS property at no charge.

Comm. Brooks made a motion keep the Guardian Ad Litem office at the current location and to explore options for the lease with Hudson Foods until next year when space could be made available at the old BHS school property. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BUILDING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING**

Robert Boulette, Development Director

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the item to be presented. Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex parte communication with the petitioners. There was none.

Mr. Boulette requested Board approval of Final Plat (FP 02-19) “Trackside West”.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against Final Plat (FP 02-19) “Trackside West”. Audience members who spoke were: Terry Witt.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Final Plat FP 02-19 for “Trackside West” as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Providing the Board with direction regarding the option to mitigating a portion of reduced tax revenue. Mr. Blanton stated he was made aware the day following the last Board meeting by the Property Appraiser of the latest estimates which indicated a reduced tax revenue of \$227,000. Due to this, he recommended the Board reconsider their decision to budget the funds for the “optional” security at the courthouse annex as this is not required by law. Other recent changes have made the deficit less impactful, however, Mr. Blanton reinforced his recommendation to remove the optional annex security funding.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to accept the recommendation by Mr. Blanton to remove the optional annex security funding previously approved. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean introduced Mark Warren, Extension Agent III, Agriculture (Crops/Master Gardner Program/4-H Youth Development) in Levy County who then spoke briefly to the Board.

### **SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-051 approving the Technical Revisions amending the Levy County Local Housing Assistance Plan 2019-2022 (LHAP 2019-2022) submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-051 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Tax Deed Statement of Claim form.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Tax Deed Statement of Claim form with the Chairman's signature as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Budget Amendment for Repair/SHIP Rehab for the total amount of \$66,174 via motion recorded in the BOCC minutes.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as requested by Mr. Gayle. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **TRANSIT**

Mrs. Conley, Director requested Board approval of the Trip & Equipment Grant for 2019-2020. Total Project amount is \$459,803.00 with reimbursement amount at 90%, \$413,822.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Trip & Equipment Grant for 2019-2020 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-052 amending the final budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 appropriating funds in the amount of \$75,000 from Capital Outlay Reserves to Repair/Maintenance-Building/Grounds for the continues renovation of the Courthouse Annex.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-052 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting acceptance by the Board of the lowest bid (V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.) for FDOT Project No. 437627-1-58-01. Safety Improvements on CR241 from NE 75<sup>th</sup> St. (CR335) to Alachua C/L, ITB\_2019\_006. This project will be grant reimbursed.

The bids received are listed below:

Deferred Materials, Inc.	\$287,374.35
V.E. Whitehurst & Sons	\$241,228.55
Anderson Columbia Co.	\$267,912.12

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the lowest bid (V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.) FDOT Project for Safety Improvements on CR 241 from NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street (CR335) to Alachua County line with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval and signature on the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Agreement in the amount of \$105,806.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Susan Haines provided the Board with final information on the escheated land sale held on June 17, 2019. Of the 43 properties available, 32 properties were sold for a total amount of \$131,235. Properties which did not sell will be placed on the next auction date to be scheduled late January or February, 2020.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dale McClellan introduced himself to the Commissioners as the new owner of the Gulf Hammock Fishing Club, formerly known as the Waccasassa Fishing Club.

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace is closed for the next 2 months due to the summer heat. A date has been set for the Bike Fest which will be 2 weeks before the Bike Fest in Leesburg in April.

Mr. Dean introduced Ariel Alexander who is interning in the Board office for the next six weeks.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Brooks reminded everyone of the Independence Day Parade in Williston tomorrow and of the Cedar Key Parade taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. John Meeks stated today from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. the Cedar Key Historical Society Museum will be open and for the next several days for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Comm. John Meeks listed the other many activities taking place in Cedar Key and throughout the county over the next several days.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 10:15 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, John Meeks