

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 7, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 7, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were:

Danny J. Shipp – Clerk of Court
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	120228-120383
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,846,983.73
ROAD	17,359.00
PAL LIBRARY	7,624.34
TRANSPORTATION	21,842.55
911	11,845.25
COURT FACILITIES	38.99
EMS	56,438.52
FIRE	23,372.40
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,533.46
UTILITIES	366.64
DRUG TASK FORCE	6,175.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	11,985.63
LANDFILL	3,614.63
MSBU'S	215,055.25
TOTAL	\$ 2,224,235.39

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 2, 2015 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 2, 2015 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARING

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bill Hammond, Director

Request motion to hear Special Exception 15-02 application for a Special Exception use permit for an existing establishment known as “Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.” and adoption of an order to approve or deny. – TABLED -

PLANNING

Request to adopt Ordinance 2015-08 amending the schedule of capital improvements for Levy County as required annually by Florida statute. –TABLED-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Carnegie questioned if there had been any progress regarding his request to have a sidewalk constructed near Vision Christian Academy in Raleigh. The area is near the intersection of SR 41 and CR 335.

Mr. Greenlee stated he will re-submit a State funding request by changing the scope of work.

Comm. Rooks requested Mr. Greenlee set up a meeting with State officials to discuss funding for this project.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

- A. Requesting permission to advertise for bid on the yearly operating supplies for the Levy County Road Department.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to advertise for bids on the following yearly operating supplies for the Levy County Road Department:

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| Asphalt S I, Asphalt S III and Type “C” Colmix | Safety Items |
| Galvanized Culvert Pipe | Sign Materials |
| Emulsion Prime (Tar) | Sod |
| Motor Oil | Striping |
| Porta Potty | |

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the advertising for bids on the items as requested by Mr. Greenlee. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting permission to pave NE 127 CT (LCR 1073).

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to add the remainder of NE 127 Ct. (LCR 1073) to the paving list.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to add the remainder of NE 127 Ct. (LCR 1073) to the paving list as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request to adopt Resolution 2015-24 to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. for the closure of a portion of SE 73rd Lane, located in Fox Grove Farms as requested by the petition.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-24 to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. for the closure of a portion of SE 73rd Lane, located in Fox Grove Farms as requested by petitioners Earl E. and Jessie F. Sims.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-24 to schedule a Public Hearing as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Greenlee announced the Town of Bronson had hired Eric Wise as the new Public Works Director replacing Jimmy Dunsford and introduced him to the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

- A. Request a motion to set health insurance premiums paid by the Board for employee's coverage for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval to set health insurance premiums paid by the Board for employee's coverage for fiscal year 2015-2016 and a decision if Board will pay the increase in dependent coverage as had been done in prior years. There is a 2.3% increase this year totaling \$18,448.32 for dependent coverage.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the health insurance premiums paid by the Board for employee's coverage and for the Board to pay the increase in dependent coverage for fiscal year 2015-2016 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval of letter terminating Purchasing Card Service with Bank of America.

Mr. Moody requested a letter from the Board terminating purchasing card services with Bank of America as the new purchasing card service is now with Regions Bank.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the letter terminating purchasing card services with Bank of America as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting direction on adopting a Resolution opposing the move of the Southwest Water Management Districts headquarters from Brooksville to Tampa.

Mr. Moody stated a letter had been received from the Public Information Officer for Hernando County, Virginia Singer asking for support of a resolution opposing the Southwest Florida Water Management District relocation of their office from Brooksville to Tampa.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to direct staff to prepare a resolution opposing the relocation of the headquarters office for the Southwest Florida Water Management District as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Request approval of Standstill Agreement between Levy County and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of a Standstill Agreement between Levy County and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The agreement is to give additional time to prepare the lease for the next ten (10) years as it is quite extensive. Currently, the USDA leases 1,006 square feet at the Ag. Center at a rate of \$16.36 per square foot which totals \$16,458 in revenue.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Standstill Agreement between Levy County and the USDA as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Request approval of Resolution 2015-31 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-31 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-31 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

Mr. Moody stated there is a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:00 P.M. for the final adoption of the Preliminary Rate Resolutions.

F. Request approval of Resolution 2015-30 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Solid Waste.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-30 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Solid Waste.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-30 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Solid Waste as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

G. Request approval of Resolution 2015-29 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-29 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-29 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

H. Request approval of Resolution 2015-28 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for EMS Tax.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-28 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for EMS Tax.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-28 for Preliminary Rate Resolution for EMS Tax as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

A. Requesting Board approval to purchase a bus under the Section 5339 Capital Joint Participation Agreement.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval to purchase a bus under the Section 5339 Capital Joint Participation Agreement. The agreement provides a total of \$116,000 for the purchase of a 23' bus to be reimbursed at 100%.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of a 23' bus as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2015-32 authorizing the execution of Transportation Disadvantaged Grant and approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-32 authorizing the execution of a Transportation Disadvantaged Grant and approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-32 and approval of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Matt Weldon, Director

Requesting approval of Mosquito Control Contractual Service Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Mr. Weldon requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Mosquito Control Contractual Service Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Mosquito Control Contractual Service Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Requesting approval of Resolution 2015-27, enacting corrections and providing technical clarification to the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for fiscal years 2013/2014, 2015/2016 approved July 16, 2013, with corrections retroactive to FY 2013/2014.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-27, enacting corrections and providing clarification to the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for fiscal years 2013-2014, 2015/2016 approved July 16, 2013, with corrections retroactive to FY 2013/2014. Ms. Neely explain explained a technical revision to an existing table within the County LHAP is necessary to make clearer the intent of the Purchase Assistance with Rehabilitation Strategy as a result of the County Annual Audit.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-27 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Request approval to donate one (1) surplus chassis to the Town of Bronson.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval to donate one (1) surplus chassis to the Town of Bronson. The surplus chassis, Unit 101, is a 2003 Ford F350 with 373,413 miles.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to donate one (1) surplus chassis to the Town of Bronson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

A. Request approval to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant (EMPA).

Mr. MacDonald requested the Board accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant (EMPA). The agreement period is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$105,806 and it is a dollar for dollar match grant.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request approval to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Mr. MacDonald requested the Board accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The agreement period is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$58,981 and it is a dollar for dollar match grant.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Stevens reported Scott Lipman is recovering from surgery and doing well.

Comm. Stevens stated the parade held on July 3rd in Williston went well.

Comm. John Meeks reported the fireworks in Bronson went well and the retirement party for Dennis Voyles was well attended. Comm. John Meeks reported Levy County has been tentatively accepted to the North Florida Regional Planning Council effective October 1st.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Levy County Republican Club will be meeting at the Gathering Table on July 20th at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting recessed at 10:01 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:04 A.M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET WORKSHOP

Comm. John Meeks stated the Fire Departments may make their budget requests today, however they will be approved at a later meeting.

The following Municipal Fire Departments made budget presentations to the Board:

Bronson Fire Department

Chief Dennis Russell stated the budget request for the Bronson Fire Department is the same as last year, including the 10% increase to the standard contract plus assistance with the purchase of brush gear in the amount of \$9,696 and additional radios in the amount of \$5,000.

Cedar Key Fire Department

Chief Robert Robertson stated the budget request for the Cedar Key Fire Department is the same as last year with the same additional amount of \$5,000 to be permanently made a part of their budget.

Chiefland Fire Department

Chief James Harris stated the budget request for the Chiefland Fire Department is \$22,300. He stated they will need to replace a 1 ton truck and some turnout gear along with the purchase of new radios in the coming year. Chief Harris stated they have submitted for FEMA assistance with the purchase of the new gear.

Fanning Springs Fire Department

Comm. John Meeks stated the budget request had been received and there was no change from last year.

Inglis Fire Department

Chief John MacDonald stated the budget request for the Inglis Fire Department is the same as last year and requested the district money which had been previously given to the South Levy Fire Department be added to their budget as they are covering this area now. The requested amount is \$20,000.

Williston Fire Department

Chief Lamar Stegall stated the budget request for the Williston Fire Department is increased by \$28,000 from last year. Chief Stegall stated they will be replacing a rescue vehicle in the upcoming year as well.

Comm. John Meeks stated the next budget workshop will be on July 21st following the Regular Board meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks