

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 2, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Rock Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M and gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	146061-146071, 146074-146211
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,031,601.35
ROAD	70,201.55
SHIP	33,700.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	339.60
TRANSPORTATION	973.56
911	16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES	10,541.26
MISC GRANTS	916.00
EMS	232,507.16
FIRE	71,142.41
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,804.91
UTILITIES	12,752.37
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,949.29
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	7,287.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS	33,509.91
LANDFILL	71,949.76
TOTAL	\$ 2,600,496.88

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the following LCNR expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting.

CHECK NUMBER	146072
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,370.58
ROAD	242.90
EMS	25.74
FIRE	25.73
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	39.96
LANDFILL	537.99
TOTAL	\$ 2,242.90

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting.

CHECK NUMBER		146073
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		3,535.46
EMS		272.00
FIRE		272.00
TOTAL	\$	4,079.46

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held June 21, 2022 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held June 21, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Thompson with CHW Consultants, representing Tommy Williams, requested an item be placed on the next agenda regarding plans along HWY 19.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-43 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. This budget amendment is necessary to allow for funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of a grant. This grant is in the amount of \$8,391 to cover the cost of the annual Logging Recorder Maintenance.
- B. Requesting Board approval of the Chairman’s signature on the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 22-06-25. Chairman’s signature is required on the Additional Terms and Conditions in order to receive cost reimbursement for this grant.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-43 and approval of the Chairman’s signature on the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural Grant 22-06-25 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Swearing in was done by Atty. Shalley.

Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. FP22-01 McMillen Surveying, representing Terrell Howell, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat (Howell Family Farms) to divide a 36 ac. parcel, MOL, into three 10+ ac parcels, MOL. Said parcel is located in Section 18, Township 13S, Range 19E in Levy County and has a land use and zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 ac minimum). PID: 0516900100.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding the item being presented. Comm. Brooks stated he had ex-parte communication with the petitioner.

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

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Petition No. FP22-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature of the MOU between Levy County and the University of Florida, Board of Trustees, and Exhibit "A".

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the MOU with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to appoint Michael Ernest to Seat 5 on the Planning Commission. Mr. Ernest will be replacing Thomas Inman and his term will expire 4/2026.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Michael Ernest to Seat 5 on the Planning Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Anna Elkins, representing Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2022-2023 Nature Coast Middle School Transportation Agreement, beginning August 10, 2022 through May 26, 2023.
- B. Requesting Board approval of the 2022-2023 Creekside Christian School Transportation Agreement beginning August 10, 2022 through May 26, 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Nature Coast Middle School and the 2022-2023 Creekside Christian School Transportation Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Levy County Transit updated Drug & Alcohol Policy.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Levy County Transit updated Drug & Alcohol Policy as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval of Modification #1 to Subgrant Agreement G0325 between the Division of Emergency Management and Levy County.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Modification #1 to Subgrant Agreement G0325 with the Division of Emergency Management as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-41 directing the scheduling and notice of a Public Hearing for the closure and abandonment of a portion of right-of-way lying West of Tract 8, Starting Point, located in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-41 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-42 amending the final budget for FY 2021-2022. The Grants Fund (363) is increased by \$1,500,000 due to receipt of a FDOT Grant for the widening and resurfacing of CR 345 (NW 30th Ave.) as set forth in the budget amendment form(s) attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-42 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. An update on the permitting challenges and lack of progress on the CR 347 SCRAP project from SR 27 to US 19 was provided by Mrs. LaLonde and Mr. Dean. Mr. Dean stated he had been in contact with Hugh Thomas from the Suwannee River Water Management District and requested consent by the Board to work with SRWMD to find ways to complete this project without incurring unnecessary costs and fees.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to direct Mr. Dean to schedule a meeting and to work with SRWMD as requested.

Jimmy Pittman, an engineer from North Florida Professional Services spoke regarding this project and indicated the challenges were more from DEP, rather than SRWMD.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsible bid (Dubois Resources, LLC) for the Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area Hunter Check Station Operations (ITB_2022_016) and the Form of Contract. The Procurement Department received two bids on 7/22/2022; one from Dubois Resources, LLC in the amount of \$26,650 and one from D & S Steel, Inc. in the amount of \$68,470.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to accept the bid from Dubois Resources, LLC and the Form of Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson spoke to the Board reporting of items from the Town Council meeting held last night. A "No Build" Resolution was approved and will be forwarded to Governor DeSantis' office. She reported bids were coming in for the roof repair and other repairs of the Bronson Library. An update will be provided at the next Regular Board meeting to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks spoke of inquiries by citizens concerning land use codes and requested input from Atty. Shalley. Atty. Shalley responded she would work with staff to draft an Ordinance for adoption by the Board concerning the language of these codes. Comm. John Meeks also spoke of revisiting and updating the Zoning map.

The dedication ceremony of the Annex Building is scheduled for August 5th at 9:00 A.M.

Comm. Brooks read aloud an inquiry made by email regarding a landowner wishing to build on property owned in Levy County, but is facing zoning and code obstacles preventing this from happening. Discussion followed among the Commissioners and Stacey Hectus regarding this issue. Audience member, Johnny Hiers spoke regarding this item.

The meeting recessed at 11:01 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER- BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jared Blanton, Finance Director

- A. Mr. Blanton presented the FY23 Tentative Budget at \$130,147,901.
- B. Mr. Blanton presented the recommended Tentative Millage rate of 9.0000, which represents an 8.85% increase over the rolled-back rate of 8.2679 mills.

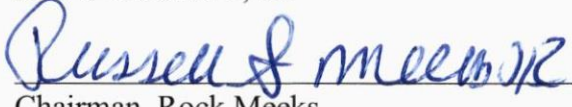
Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Tentative Millage rate of 9.0000, with the rolled back rate of 8.2679 mills as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:24 P.M.

ATTEST:



Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL


Chairman, Rock Meeks

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
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DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Matthew Brooks, hereby disclose that on August 2, 2022

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

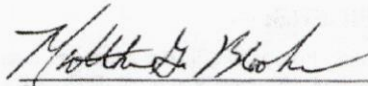
- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____ by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____ which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Levy County Purchases goods on a "Rotating Basis" from AMB Supply, Inc., "DBA Levy Jones" a Florida Corporation, that I have an ownership interest in.

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8/2/22
Date Filed


Signature

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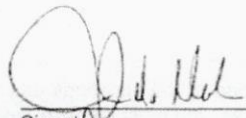
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