

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 3, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

Interim County Attorney – Evan Rosenthal
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean
Clerk of Court – Danny Shipp

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	142660-142805
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,619,916.08
ROAD	56,942.70
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	11,789.99
TRANSPORTATION	2,297.19
911	15,721.33
COURT FACILITIES	17,646.39
MISC GRANTS	7,105.61
EMS	17,013.82
FIRE	101,829.11
UTILITIES	1,224.83
ADD COURT COSTS	4,564.84
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	484.62
CAPITAL PROJECTS	19,915.19
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	118,960.85
LANDFILL	162,846.35
MSBU'S	
TOTAL	\$ 2,158,258.90

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular Board meeting held on May 4, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on May 4, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks made a motion for three (3) changes to the agenda: reversal of items #4 and #5 concerning Public Hearings from the Planning Department, addition of an item under the Department of Public Safety concerning a contract termination, and the addition of a Task Assignment under the County Coordinators items. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Comm. John Meeks recognized Renate Cannon for 12 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County, serving as a member of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- B. Recognizing Phil Parker for 10 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Levy County, serving as a member of the Planning Commission.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Swearing in of audience members was done by Chanda Jordan, Minutes Clerk.

Comm. John Meeks asked if the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding any of the items to be presented. Rock Meeks stated he had ex-parte concerning the Infinger item.

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-080 to vacate, abandon, and close portions of NE 27th Street located in Green Hills Subdivision, Levy County, Florida as requested by Ken and Charlene Sheffield.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-080 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. **Public Hearing** – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-011, adopting a Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan, due to applicants David and Kayla Infinger requesting a land use change from Commercial (C) to Urban Low Density Residential (ULDR) on 2.55 acres. Parcel number 075290030A.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-011 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. **Public Hearing** - Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-012, approving a rezoning for applicants David and Kayla Infinger on 2.55 acres of land. Parcel number 075290030A.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-12 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-101, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021. This budget amendment is due to miscellaneous revenue in the amount of \$29,859 received from fleet insurance claims for damaged agency vehicles during the FY 20-21 fiscal year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-101 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

FUTURE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Wayne Burrell, Vice-President of Sales made a presentation to the Board of a zero capital expenditure lighting upgrade program for the Sheriff's Department.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to initiate the process for Future Energy Solutions to provide an energy audit and quote for lighting upgrades for the Sheriff's Department at no cost. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval to appoint James Holmes, III to Seat 1 of the Planning Commission, replacing Karen Smith who resigned on July 13, 2021. Term will expire in 04/2023.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint James Holmes, III to Seat 1 of the Planning Commission as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean introduced Anthony Parker, the new Grants/Legislative Liaison.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment 1 to Task Assignment 2021-5 Agreement with Wright-Pierce, Inc., the amount not to exceed \$115,626 for construction and engineering inspection services for the resurfacing of CR337 North from SR 24 to Alachua County Line.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to Task Assignment 2021-5 Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Director

Present proposed amendment to the Levy County BOCC Policy and Procedures #305 PAY PROCEDURES to clarify certain pay increase practices. The addition of proposed language policy is as follows:

The Board's established procedure is to give Department Head's, other salaries employees and positions not listed under LIUNA contract in PERC documents the same wage increase negotiated for LIUNA covered employees. (Exception would be IAFF covered employees).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the amendment to the Levy County BOCC Policy and Procedure #305 PAY PROCEDURES as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member, Linda Cooper spoke regarding this item. Comm. John Meeks and Wilbur Dean responded and addressed her concerns.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alicia Renaudo representing Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Amendment to the BOCC Budget for fiscal year 2021 recorded via meeting minutes in the amount of \$27,000 for Towers (leases and utilities).

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the letter terminating the holdover contract with American Tower for the Williston Hay Farm Tower. All equipment has been removed from the tower and there is no longer a need to maintain the lease for this location.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the letter terminating the holdover contract with American Tower as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-100, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$179,114.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-100 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the 2021-2022 Hazard Analysis Grant.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Hazard Analysis Grant with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declarations 2021-088, 2021-099 and 2021-102.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2021-088, 2021-099 and 2021-102 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2021-2022 Creekside School Transportation Agreement.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the 2021-2022 Nature Coast Middle School Transportation Agreement.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Creekside School Transportation Agreement and the 2021-2022 Nature Coast School Transportation Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon stated she was happy to live in a place where prayers are lifted up for individuals in need during a Board meeting. Terry Witt spoke inquired of the search for a new County Attorney. Comm. John Meeks stated a second advertisement had been placed and they are currently awaiting responses.

Clerk of Court, Danny Shipp spoke to the Board, giving an update regarding the Supreme Court and 8th Judicial Circuit's decision to move back into phase 2 for COVID restrictions. This will only affect the Judicial wing of the Courthouse. He stated the Clerk's side of the Courthouse is still open for business as usual with no mask mandates or distancing restrictions.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson spoke to the Board thanking Mr. Dean and Ali for their assistance in planning the Candidate Forum to be held in the Commissioner's meeting room for the municipal candidates on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 P.M. The municipal election will be on Tuesday, September 14th. There will be a "Beautify Bronson Day" on Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 10:00 at the Town Hall. She stated volunteers are welcome. The Levy County Veteran's Day Parade will be held Thursday, November 11th in Bronson this year and will begin at 4:00 P.M. A ceremony will take place at 6:00 P.M. at the park followed by fireworks at 8:00 P.M. Ms. Beaudette then inquired of the status of the old gym and if there had been any conversation regarding the Town's request for its use.

Mr. Dean responded this is being discussed and the building is being brought up to code for use.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Brooks spoke of flooding concerns in the Gulf Hammock area.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone to be aware of Levy County schools starting next Tuesday.

The meeting recessed at 10:58 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Mr. Blanton presented the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2022 balanced at \$113,147,676 to the Board.
- B. Mr. Blanton requested the Board approve the Proposed Millage Rate of 9.0000 for fiscal year 2022 with the rolled back rate of 8.5825.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to set the Proposed Millage Rate of 9.0000 with the rolled back rate of 8.5825 for fiscal year 2022 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks