

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 21, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 21, 2018 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

Also present were:

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

CHECK NUMBER	131738-131886
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	173,052.89
ROAD	78,374.60
SHIP	2,891.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,685.28
TRANSPORTATION	14,603.87
COURT FACILITIES	5,095.69
MISC GRANTS	2,890.42
EMS	33,769.41
FIRE	30,834.83
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	6,888.20
UTILITIES	9,030.39
LANDFILL	86,022.28
TOTAL	\$ 445,138.86

MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on July 2, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on July 2, 2018 with amendments as stated. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mario Rivera, Bronson resident spoke regarding the proposed Solid Waste Assessment amount of \$116. The Commissioners responded to his concerns stating the proposed assessment will only apply to improved properties.

Elijah Williams, Bronson resident spoke to the Board making them aware of numerous vehicle break-ins recently.

Rep. Charlie Stone spoke to the Board informing them there is extra RESTORE money available and encouraged them to look into this. Rep. Stone also asked if the Commissioners had any concerns they would like to share with him. Rep. Stone encouraged everyone to research the Amendments to be placed on the ballot in November before voting.

Several items were mentioned by the Commissioners such as School Resource Officer funding, the SCOP and SCRAP bidding process and if small projects could be done in-house, the reason for Levy County being split between SWFWMD and SRWMD.

Renate Cannon asked Rep. Stone to reduce the number of “unfunded mandates” passed on to the county.

Tim West, from the City of Chiefland, spoke to the Board of Revenue sources for the Solid Waste Department. He offered an idea of the county taking in waste from other areas for a fee.

CHAIRMAN JOHN MEEKS

Comm. John Meeks presented Proclamation 2018-052; recognizing Patrolman Royston Earl Walker, Jr. Patrolman Walker’s “End of Watch” was Monday, August 31, 1936. Comm. John Meeks read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2018-052 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Toni Collins stated in 2003, Patrolman Walker was added to the National Historic Wall in Washington D.C. by former Levy County Sheriff, Johnnie Smith.

CHIEFLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Anderson requested Board approval to allow the City of Chiefland to apply for the Byrne Grant.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to allow the application for the Byrne Grant by the City of Chiefland. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to amend the Agreement between Levy County and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the amended Agreement between Levy County and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks votes NO.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-041; authorizing the execution of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design and rehab for runway 5-23 at the George T. Lewis Airport in Cedar Key.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-041 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean informed the Board he was contacted by an individual concerning a .43 acre lot located behind the Health Department he wished to sell to the County. Mr. Dean stated he was looking for direction from the Board to pursue the purchase of this property or not.

The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Dean to pursue purchase of the property as stated.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval for the Agreement to provide transportation to and from Creekside Christian School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement to provide transportation to and from Creekside Christian School for the 2018-2019 school year. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrator Manager requested Board approval on the yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department. Mrs. LaLonde stated they will re-bid for motor oil.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the bids as requested and to make a decision motor oil bids when received. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-049; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, Boating Improvement Fund. Mr. Weldon stated the Board had recently approved the State of Florida/FWC contract for \$650,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-049 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval on Resolution 2018-050; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, Emergency Medical Services.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-050 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting guidance from the Board on exploring options for communication tower locations and/or resources for the communications equipment to improve the communication system in the Inglis, Cedar Key and Williston areas.

Clayton Drew spoke regarding the Williston tower.

The Board agreed to allow Chief Harrell to explore options for communication tower locations and/or resources for the communications equipment as requested.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-038; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, Landfill Fund. Mr. Hastings stated the amendment to the budget is for the reimbursement funds from DEP for the EMU and Amnesty Day in the amount of \$20,605.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-038 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-032; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, State 2018-2019 Emergency Management Grants.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-032 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Susan Haines requested on behalf of Atty. Anne Bast Brown authorization by the Board of the Chairman's electronic signature on a Class Action Op-In Notice Form, and authorize electronic submission of the Form, in order to participate in federal class action related to underpayment of PILT payments for year 2015 through 2017.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to authorize the Chairman's electronic signature on the Class Action Op-In Notice Form, and authorize electronic submission of the Form as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff McCallum added to the above listed agenda item regarding Patrolman Royston Earl Walker, Jr. stating there is a memorial service planned for August 31st at 10:00 A.M. at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson.

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will take place this weekend in Inglis from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Toni Collins announced on September 28th, 29th and 30th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Cedar Key Community Center the Levy County Historical Society will be presenting "Railroads and Riverboats" partnered with the Ocala Model Railroaders Preservation Society.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks spoke of the new building for Animal Services, stating a donation has been made for the construction of a building to house animals.

David Weatherford spoke of the size and accommodations of the building for the animals.

Jimmy Jones from Maintenance stated the Maintenance Department would be able to do some of the construction work.

Comm. Joyner asked for information be distributed through the media informing the public of the slow moving peanut harvesting equipment on the roadways during this time of year.

Comm. Joyner spoke of county owned property located across from Henry Beck Park on CR326 and requested the Board consider having the pines cut as the adjacent property has an infestation of pine beetles.

Comm. Brooks spoke of the Jail and Bail fundraiser going on tomorrow in Williston. This fundraiser benefits local youth programs.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the CAAA kicked off their youth football season began this past weekend.

Comm. John Meeks stated Levy County will now have two additional voices at the State level as Comm. Brooks has been appointed to the Florida Association of County's Finance, Tax and Administration Committee and Comm. Rooks has been appointed by Carson Turner to serve as a policy leader on the on the Growth, Agriculture, Transportation and Environment Policy Committee.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of various items of concern to Levy County he will be addressing with the Florida Association of Counties in Tallahassee later today.

Comm. John Meeks stated some upcoming events taking place in Levy County: Six Gun Territory at Kirby Farms in Williston September 7th and 8th, the Museum on Main Street will begin in Cedar Key on September 8th and will run until October 20th.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:44 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks