

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 7, 2021 in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building. Chairman John Meeks called the meeting to order at 5:39 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks asked everyone to join him for a moment of silence for the family of the former Levy County Road Superintendent, Kelly Jerrels and others in Levy County who have passed due to COVID or other illnesses recently. Comm. John Meeks also read into public record a statement honoring Property Appraiser, Oz Barker, who recently passed away.

EXPENDITURES

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

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| CHECK NUMBER | 142957-143143 |
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 1,584,034.95 |
| ROAD | 86,316.33 |
| SHIP | 35,086.47 |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | 18,902.64 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 9,176.02 |
| 911 | 23,554.66 |
| COURT FACILITIES | 12,308.44 |
| MISC GRANTS | 6,520.57 |
| EMS | 36,276.18 |
| FIRE | 94,228.50 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | 156.66 |
| UTILITIES | 1,296.76 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | 340.11 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | 12,711.12 |
| ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE | 16,746.90 |
| LANDFILL | 112,298.23 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,049,954.54 |
| EFT/ACH PAYMENT | \$ 272,799.71 |

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular meeting held on June 8, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held June 8, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda adding the County Attorney item, which had been tabled earlier, to the end of the agenda. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. **Public Hearing** – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-095 for the Annual EMS Tax Assessment Rate Resolution. Mr. Dean read the Resolution title into public record and stated there was no change to the rates.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-095 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. **Public Hearing** – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-096 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services. Mr. Dean read the Resolution title into public record and stated there was no change to the rates.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-096 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. **Public Hearing** – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-097 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Disposal. Mr. Dean read the Resolution title into public record and stated there was no change to the rates.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-097 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. **Public Hearing** – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-098 for the Annual Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Services Assessment. Mr. Dean read the Resolution title into public record and stated there was no change to the rates.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-098 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

The meeting recessed at 5:53 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Public Hearing – Requesting Board review of Petition No. LSTA 21-01 as it relates to the county initiated application to amend Policy 1.2. Commercial of the Future Land Use element to establish Residential Use in Commercial Future Land Use and be transmitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for expedited state review and comment.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to review Petition No. LSTA 21-01 and transmission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – JOE HARDING

Rep. Joe Harding spoke to the Board providing them with a Legislative update.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 911

Sheriff McCallum requested on behalf of Mike West, signatures of the Commissioners on the CenturyLink quote for Viper Refresh.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Commissioners signatures on the CenturyLink quote for Viper Refresh as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

County Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Renewal and Amendment of the lease between Levy County and Hudson Properties, Inc. for the fiscal year 2022. Mr. Dean stated this is office space leased to house the Guardian ad Litem office in Chiefland and the amount will remain the same as the prior year at \$1,782.48 per month.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Renewal and Amendment of the lease with Hudson Properties, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the eighth Amendment to the Three Party Agreement between Levy County and the University of Florida Board of Trustees and William F. Hamilton, M.D. for District Medical Examiner Services. Mr. Dean stated this Agreement increased by \$2,000 for a total of \$61,080.36 for FY 2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the eighth Amendment to the eighth Amendment to the Three Party Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees and William F. Hamilton, M.D. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Funding Agreement for the Provision of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services between Levy County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. for fiscal year 2022. The total for FY 2022 is \$86,836, which reflects an increase of \$1,786.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement for the Provision of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the recommendation letter for Niurka Klemencic to be sent to the PAL Governing Board Chair and authorize Chairman John Meeks to sign. Mr. Dean reminded the Commissioners Mrs. Klemencic's last day as Library Director is September 15th, however, she expressed an interest in serving on the PAL Governing Board.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve a recommendation letter for Niurka Klemencic to serve as the Levy County Representative be sent to the PAL Governing Board Chair with Chairman John Meeks's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Requesting Board approval of the \$10K deductible for Property, Workers' Comp and Liability.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the \$10K deductible for Property, Workers' Comp and Liability as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Stacey Hectus on behalf of Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Nancy Figueroa, PA #582, for a new unit in Bronson, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Nancy Figueroa, as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Ms. Hectus provided an update on the Levy County SHIP Annual Report.

AG CENTER

Jessica Emerson, 4-H Agent

Recognition of the Levy County 4-H Poultry Judging Team. Ms. Emerson stated the four-person Senior 4-H Poultry Judging Team consisting of Aubrey Hudson, Shanie Keene, Reagan Varnes and Aiden Roberson along with their Coach, Kelly Varnes had recently won the 2021 State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. The Team now has the opportunity to compete at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

ESCHEATED LANDS

Jacqueline Martin provided the Board with results of the Escheated Property sale held on Monday, August 16, 2021. She stated there were a total of 45 properties available and all were sold. The total amount collected was \$51,600.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-113, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021. This will amend the Emergency Management budget by \$997 as a result of receipt of a 2021-22 Hazard Analysis Grant.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-113 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declaration 2021-111, Emergency Declaration 2021-112, and Emergency Declaration 2021-114.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Declarations 2021-111, 2021-112 and 2021-114 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of SA #2, Contract No. GOU30 and authorize the Chairman to sign the supplemental agreement. Mrs. LaLonde stated the FDOT is giving an additional \$500,000 for the C40 SCOP Agreement.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 and to authorize the Chairman to sign as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting the Board to rescind their 5/18/2021 approval to purchase a Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Duval Chevrolet for \$33,860 for use as a supervisor vehicle and approve the purchase of a Ford F250 XL under the Sheriff's Bid from Bozard Ford for \$30,323 instead. Chief Harrell explained Duval Chevrolet made a requirement of an add-on package for an additional cost which was not included in the original amount agreed upon.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to rescind Board approval for the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Duval Chevrolet and approve the purchase of a Ford F250 XL from Bozard Ford under the Sheriff's Bid as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Public Emergency Transportation (PEMT) Letter of Agreement between Levy County and the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Also requesting Board approval to remit Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Funds to AHCA, not to exceed \$226,314.27 when invoiced by AHCA. This Agreement and IGT is required to participate in the PEMT Managed Care Option (MCO) Program to draw down the State share and recoup lost Medicaid revenue.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Public Emergency Transportation (PEMT) Letter of Agreement with the Chairman's signature and approval to remit Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Funds to AHCA as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting the Board cancel ITB_2021_013 "Automated Weather Station" for the George T. Lewis Airport and adopt the memo and the finding contained within.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to cancel ITB_2021_013 "Automated Weather Station" for the George T. Lewis Airport and adopt the memo and finding contained within as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. This Agreement will be to install an automated weather reporting system at the George T. Lewis Airport, using grant funds. The cost is \$161,400 and the County will fund the \$5,770 difference between Trinity's quoted amount and the available funding.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement with Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Bank of America and Levy County. The current Pcard Program (Regions) has been charging the County late fees every month, due to how payments are processed.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement with Bank of America as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – Previously Tabled

Comm. John Meeks re-opened discussion for the Commissioners to consider which of the two applicants interviewed at the earlier meeting at 4:00 P.M. would be chosen for the position of County Attorney.

Audience member, Linda Cooper spoke in favor of the Board hiring Nicolle Shalley.

Comm. Brooks stated he wished to change his vote from Walker Bullock to Nicolle Shalley.

Comm. Brooks then made a motion to begin negotiations with Nicolle Shalley for the position of County Attorney. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted No.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson reminded everyone of the Candidate Forum for the Municipal Elections is scheduled to take place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting room on Thursday at 6:00 P.M. The Municipal Elections are next Tuesday. Beautify Bronson Day will be on Saturday, October 23rd beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Town Hall. The Veteran's Day Parade will be in Bronson on November 11th beginning at 4:00 P.M.

Bonaventure Colonnese, Morriston resident spoke to the Board of his concerns of migrant workers being driven into Florida and dropped off and left at random locations.

Terry Witt inquired of the status of an Animal Services Ordinance. Comm. John Meeks addressed his question stating Atty. Brown had been working on this and the new County Attorney would pick up where she left off.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks provided information of the service planned for Kelly Jerrels.

Comm. Brooks expressed an interest in having a letter drafted and signed by the Chairman requesting a monoclonal antibody site for the Tri-County area.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks