

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 20, 2016 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:

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

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. 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. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>124930-125120</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	529,025.01
ROAD	81,726.20
SHIP	32,740.00
PAL LIBRARY	2,442.79
MOSQUITO CONTROL	139.40
TRANSPORTATION	2,563.88
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	20,629.08
FIRE	24,411.41
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,175.00
COMMUNICATION	669.50
LANDFILL	80,451.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 776,988.28</b>
 <b>EFT PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 19,572.14</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on July 19, 2016 and August 2, 2016 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on July 19, 2016 and August 2, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Stevens asked Atty. Brown if she had received any information from the Clerk IT Department regarding internet access and she responded no information had been received at her office.

Comm. Rooks stated she would like to have the internet access item placed on the next agenda and for the Clerk’s IT representative to be present at the meeting.

## **NON AGENDA ITEM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. MacDonald Board approval to extend the Local State of Emergency in order to continue the process.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the extension of the Local State of Emergency Declaration 2016-064 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Mr. MacDonald request the Board ratify Hurricane Hermine Local State of Emergency Declaration 2016-060.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve ratification of Emergency Declaration 2016-060 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ALLEN, NORTON & BLUE**

Wayne Helsby, Labor Attorney

- A. Request to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians IAFF Local #4069.

Mr. Helsby requested the Board ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County BOCC and the Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians IAFF Local #4069. Mr. Helsby explained several items which needed provisions for clarification and other changes.

Questions were asked by the following members of the audience: Renate Cannon, Robert Jordan.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Northeast Florida Public Employee's Local 30 Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL, CIO.

Mr. Helsby requested the Board ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between Levy County BOCC and Northeast Florida Public Employee's Local 30 Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL, CIO.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. John Meeks presented a plaque to Cathy Wilson in appreciation of her years of service with the Department of Public Safety as she is retiring.

## **LEVY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Barbara Locke, Administrator

Request approval of the 2016-2017 County contract between the County and the Health Department.

Wesley Asbell, Environmental Health Director requested Board approval on behalf of Barbara Lock for the 2016-2017 Contract between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Levy County Health Department. Mr. Asbell informed the Board the Health Department has a new Pediatric Dentist, Dr. Hill, who is currently available two (2) days a week in Bronson.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 County Contract with the Levy County Health Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mike West, 911 Addressing

Mr. West requested Board approval and Chairman's signature on the Centurylink Agreements for Centurion and Evergreen. These agreements provide coverage for one year on the PSAP equipment and software. Funding for this coverage will come from money received from the E911 Board through a Rural County Grant.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Centurylink Agreements for Centurion and Evergreen as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS**

Liz Sparks, Paddling Trail Coordinator

Present Resolution 2016-069 and letter of support to BOCC for signature supporting application for the Suwannee River National Water Trail designation. – TABLED -

## **RENEW FINANCIAL: FLORIDA GREEN FINANCE AUTHORITY RENEW PACE**

Devesh Nirmul, Senior Director

Request Levy County to voluntary opt-in to the Florida Green Finance Authority Interlocal Authority to enable qualifying residential and commercial property owners to access the PACE financing mechanism to fund qualifying energy efficiency, renewable energy and wind mitigation improvements.

Mr. Nirmul spoke to the Board explaining what PACE is and requested the Board consider voluntarily opt-in to the Florida Green Finance Authority Interlocal Authority. This would enable qualifying residential and commercial property owners to access the PACE financing mechanism to fund qualifying energy efficiency, renewable energy and wind mitigation improvements.

Cindy Babione of Babione's Air Conditioning and Heating spoke to the Board stating having this option available for the homeowners in our community would be a great benefit. The homeowner would be able to afford high quality workmanship and the work would be done in accordance with building code standards. Doing this would support our local licensed contractors and will help minimize unlicensed activity in our area.

The following members of the audience spoke regarding this item: Robert Jordan, Renate Cannon, Mayor Weiss, Sallie Ann Collins, Dana Sheffield.

Lisa Miller with the Florida PACE Funding Agency spoke to the Board providing additional information on the benefits of PACE financing.

After discussion, the Board agreed they would like to have more information before making a decision.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to Table this item until additional information can be received. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody requested Board approval of Renewal and Amendment of Lease made as of October 1, 2016 between Hudson Properties, Inc. and Levy County, for Guardian Ad Litem office space. Mr. Moody stated the lease amount is the same as last year at \$1712.48 per month.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the renewal and Amendment of Lease between Hudson Properties, Inc. and Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **LANDFILL**

Rod Hastings requested Board approval on behalf of Benny Jerrels, Director Board of Levy County's Service Agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the new fiscal year, 2017 in the amount of \$16,500. This Agreement is for the annual verification of hazardous waste management practices.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval of a Non-Exclusive Software License Agreement with CTS Software, Inc. to replace the current RouteMatch Software. There will be a savings of \$18,000 per year to make this transition.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Non-Exclusive Software License Agreement with CTS Software, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP**

Shenley Neely, Director

- A. Request a motion to approve a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanya Murillo, PA #534 for an existing unit in Bronson, FL 32621.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanya Murillo, PA #534 for an existing unit in Bronson, Florida in the amount of \$14,790.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanya Murillo as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request a motion to approve a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Wesley Joyner, PA #537 for an existing unit in Chiefland, FL 32626.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Wesley Joyner, PA #537 for an existing unit in Chiefland, Florida in the amount of \$13,260.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Wesley Joyner as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debbie Goad spoke to the Board and provided a sample drawing of options for how to make navigating at the Landfill more consumer friendly.

Barney Cannon suggested the meeting agendas be printed double sided to save paper.

Mayor Weiss reported the number of homes damaged in Inglis/Yankeetown as a result of Tropical Storm Hermine.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner John Meeks

- A. Discussion of letter requesting Federal assistance for damages caused by Hurricane Hermine.

Comm. John Meeks discussed sending a letter requesting Federal assistance for damages caused by Hurricane Hermine which had been prepared.

B. Discussion of Beast Feast.

Comm. John Meeks stated clams would be donated for the Commissioners to serve at the Levy County Beast Feast on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He invited all Commissioners to attend and help serve.

Comm. John Meeks stated the LARC Ride to Provide event will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioners have been asked to provide water, ice and to cook hot dogs.

Comm. John Meeks reported the Pirate Invasion in Cedar Key went very well, considering the recent storm. Other local events announced by Comm. Meeks were: Elephant Appreciation Days at Two Tails Ranch, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; Lost Railroads, October 6-29; Peanut Festival in Williston, October 1<sup>st</sup>; Cedar Key Seafood Festival, October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>; Harmony House Gala, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. John Meeks read into public record a letter from Greg Evans, Florida DOT regarding investigation into areas of concern as requested by the Commissioners.

Comm. John Meeks also stated he had been appointed to a National Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties. The Committee is the Community, Economic and Workforce Development

Comm. Rooks stated the Pet Adoption Event went well in Chiefland recently.

Atty. Brown reported the County was awarded a judgement regarding the Nichols case.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 11:33 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks