

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 7, 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. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were: County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

CHECK NUMBER	143144-143279
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	86,360.70
ROAD	99,656.55
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,023.81
TRANSPORTATION	11,729.26
COURT FACILITIES	393.74
MISC GRANTS	6,263.76
EMS	35,828.47
FIRE	10,466.45
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	432.03
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	30,698.05
RESTORE ACT	12,523.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS	267,868.06
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	295,545.41
LANDFILL	23,430.15
TOTAL	\$ 883,219.93
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 35,566.48

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 22, 2021 were presented for approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 22, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to consider use of the gym by the Historical Society. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pamela Harlan spoke on behalf of Loynell Batten to the Board regarding a Hardship Variance which was approved on April 14th for Carol Anderson to allow a second dwelling for Ms. Batten. She stated this has become a case of elder abuse as there is no dwelling for Ms. Batten and she is now homeless. Ms. Harlan requested a closer Hardship Variance review process to prevent this situation from happening again.

Diane Garte inquired of the Board's interpretation of the phrase "all public and private property affected by this work shall be restored to a condition equal to, or greater than it existed before commencing construction work unless specifically exempted by the plans." She stated this language is in Section 2, Item 2 of the Building Permit issued for the Black Prong Equestrian Village mini-storage at the intersection of CR337 and CR326 in Morriston. She stated the removal of the trees on this property has de-valued her property, which is nearby in Steeplechase Farms. She requested the Board ensure Black Prong restores a visual barrier bringing her property back to its pre-construction value.

LEVY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Toni Collins requested approval by the Board to use the old High School Gym on November 12th, 13th, and 14th to stage an exhibit of "Railroads and Riverboats" for the public, designating Friday as the day for school groups to visit. Also, on December 4th, she requested use of the gym for a Levy County Authors Book Fair.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve use of the gym by the Levy County Historical Society for the dates requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Natalie McKellips, Administrator

Ms. McKellips requested Board approval of the Annual Contract in the amount of \$165,500 for FY 2021/2022 between Levy County and the FL DOH, Levy County Health Department.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Annual Contract with the FL DOH, Levy County Health Department for FY 2021/2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

George Buckner, III requested Board approval of the Annual Agreement in the amount of \$66,400 between the Nature Coast Business Development Council and Levy County for FY 2021/2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Annual Agreement with the Nature Coast Business Development Council as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

FUTURE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Wayne Burrell, Vice President of Sales made a presentation to the Board of their audit lighting at the Levy County Detention Facility.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Jacqueline Martin presented on behalf of Wilbur Dean

A. Requesting Board approval of the proposed 2022 Holidays to be observed as listed below:

2022 New Year’s Day (observed)	Friday, December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17, 2022
President’s Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2022
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
Veteran’s Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022
Friday After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2022
Christmas Eve (observed)	Friday, December 23, 2022
Christmas Day (observed)	Monday, December 26, 2022

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2022 Holidays to be observed as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of the proposed 2022 Levy County Board of County Commission regular scheduled meeting dates as listed below:

January 4 th	A.M.	July 5 th	P.M.
January 18 th	P.M.	July 19 th	A.M.
February 8 th	A.M.	August 2 nd	A.M.
February 22 nd	P.M.	August 16 th	A.M.
March 8 th	A.M.	September 6 th	P.M.
March 22 nd	A.M.	September 20 th	A.M.
April 5 th	A.M.	October 4 th	A.M.
April 19 th	A.M.	October 18 th	A.M.
May 3 rd	A.M.	November 8 th	A.M.
May 17 th	A.M.	November 22 nd	A.M.
June 7 th	A.M.	December 6 th	A.M.
June 21 st	A.M.	December 20 th	A.M.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 Levy County Board of County Commission regular scheduled meeting dates as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting Board approval to re-appoint Marlon Gayle to represent Levy County of the Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA) Board of Directors for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 20, 2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to re-appoint Marlon Gayle to the CFCAA Board of Directors as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement for planning services to be provided by North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement for planning services to be provided by NCFRPC for FY 2021-2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

E. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement for providing the Hazardous Waste Generator Monitoring Services to be provided by North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement for providing the Hazardous Waste Generator Monitoring Services for FY 2021-2022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Levy County and Leasing 2, Inc. and other documents included in the Agreement package for the two ambulances which have been previously approved for purchase and are ordered.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature on the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. and other documents included in the Agreement package as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-118, approving a Lease Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc., for financing the purchase of two (2) ambulances and authorizing the Chairman's signature. Chief Harrell stated this Resolution goes along with item A. The total purchase amount for the two (2) ambulances is \$436,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-118 and authorization of the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the FY 2021 2nd and 3rd quarter write-off's for the Department of Public Safety. Chief Harrell stated the total for the 2nd quarter is \$288,489.61 and the total for the 3rd quarter is \$270,925.02.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the FY 2021 2nd and 3rd quarter write-off's as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declaration 2021-115 and Emergency Declaration 2021-116.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2021-115 and 2021-116 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-120; adoption of the 2021 Local Mitigation Plan (LMS).

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-120 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANTS COORDINATOR

Tony Parker, Coordinator requested Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Agreement Number LPA0182, in the amount of \$250,000 and authorization for the Chairman to sign.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with the State of Florida DEP with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Brittany M. Cushion, PA #595 in the amount of \$30,000, for assistance in the purchase of an existing unit in Williston, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Brittany M. Cushion, PA #595 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Zuria L. Thompson, PA #592 in the amount of \$30,000, for assistance in the purchase of an existing unit in Bronson, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Zuria L. Thompson, PA #592 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Providing and update to the Board on the potential to provide additional assistance to a SHIP recipient (Linda Sheffield) prior to the expiration of 10 years since she received assistance.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to waive the normal procedure for SHIP assistance for home repairs and approve additional SHIP assistance for Linda Sheffield due to insufficiencies in the previous SHIP construction repairs. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ali Tretheway presented on behalf of Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the State Funded Grant Agreement, Financial Project Number 443407-1-54-01 for the design, construction, and CEI for the widening and resurfacing existing lanes on CR 345 (NW 30th Ave) from SR 500 to US 129 and Resolution 2021-117.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the State Funded Grant Agreement and Resolution 2021-117 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Florida Department of Corrections' Interagency/Public Works Agreement WSA1530.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Florida Department of Corrections' Interagency/Public Works Agreement WSA1530 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2021-8 between Levy County and Dewberry Engineers, Inc., for the Construction and Engineering Inspection for Widening and Resurfacing of existing lanes on CR 347 (NW 30th Ave) from US 19 to SR 500.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2021-8 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to review the recommendation of the top three proposers as recommended by the Professional Services Committee for the determination of final award, and approve the Form of Agreement with the successful proposer. The top three proposals received were from:

Dewberry Engineering, Inc.
DRMP, Inc.
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

The proposer recommended was Dewberry Engineering, Inc.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Form of Agreement with Dewberry Engineering, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the lowest, most responsive yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department for fiscal year 2022. Mrs. Tretheway also requested approval to re-bid for asphalt and oil-lubricants.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the lowest, most responsive yearly bids for supplies for the Road Department for fiscal year 2022 as well as approval to re-bid for asphalt and oil-lubricants as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting the Board reject the proposal from Accelerated Data Works, Inc., in response to RFP_2021_006 as non-responsive for failure to submit all required forms and award RFP_2021_006 to New River Technologies, LLC, approve the Form of Agreement, the Business Associate Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to reject the proposal from Accelerated Data Works, Inc and award the Proposal received for RFP_2021_006 to New River Technologies, LLC, approve the Form of Agreement, the Business Associate Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Interim County Attorney, Evan Rosenthal, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-119 supporting a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-119 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Hectus spoke to the Board regarding setting a date for a Workshop for creation of a new Zoning map. The Commissioners agreed for a Workshop date of December 7th, set the date of January 18th for the first Hearing (this is a P.M. meeting), and the Second Hearing on February 8th.

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson announced there would be a Cancer Rally and Walk on Saturday, October 9th beginning at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 23rd is the day scheduled for "Beautify Bronson", and the Levy County Veteran's Day Parade will be on Thursday, November 11th at 4:00 P.M. beginning at the Post Office. A ceremony will be held at the Park at 6:00 P.M., followed by fireworks at 8:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks thanked the Representatives at SWFMD for being available to assist and answer questions recently through the flooding event in the Southern part of Levy County.

The meeting recessed at 11:18 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:04 P.M.

**BUDGET MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks

Comm. Matt Brooks
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were: County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-107, adopting FY 2021/2022 Final Millage. Mr. Blanton presented the FY 2021/2022 millage rate of 9.0000 which represents a 4.86% increase over the rolled back rate of 8.5825 for Board approval with approval of Resolution 2021-107.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-107 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-108, adopting the FY 2021/2022 Final Budget in the amount of \$113,147,676.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-108 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks