

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 4, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

CHECK NUMBER	146665-146676, 146678-146784
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,918,309.06
ROAD	52,090.69
SHIP	6,550.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,520.82
TRANSPORTATION	666.63
911	17,396.00
COURT FACILITIES	8,068.01
MISC GRANTS	21,746.33
EMS	124,597.45
FIRE	17,280.26
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	6,377.59
UTILITIES	106.54
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	820.14
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST III	103,650.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	41,916.46
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	351,100.63
LANDFILL	114,433.18
TOTAL	\$ 2,787,629.79

LCNR EXPENDITURES

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the following LCNR expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting.

CHECK NUMBER	146677
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	873.56
ROAD	57.96
EMS	45.75
FIRE	45.74
LANDFILL	203.45
TOTAL	\$ 1,226.46

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS
COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Lease Agreement between Levy County and Hudson Properties. The total rent, which includes base rent, common area maintenance, utilities, cleaning, supplies, and maintenance and real estate taxes, is \$2,002.48 per month. The term of the agreement is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Hudson Properties as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Ninth 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, University Physician Support Services, University Non-Physician Support Services and facility use for Fiscal Year 2023. The cost of this agreement is \$114,032.76.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Ninth Amendment to the Three-Party Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Contract between Levy County and the State of Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Levy County Health Department for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The cost of this agreement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$165,500.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Contract with the State of Florida Department of Health as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The cost for this agreement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$88,660.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks voted NO.

- E. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The fixed cost for these services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$13,000.

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

- F. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The fixed cost for these services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$16,500.

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

Comm. John Meeks reported of the Economic Development trip he took to Thomasville, AL along with officials from Gilchrist and Dixie Counties. The Mayor of Thomasville shared with them Economic Development strategies implemented and successful in his City.

Comm. Brooks thanked staff for all their work before and after the emergency created by Hurricane Ian. Both the Peanut Festival in Williston and the Seafood Festival in Cedar Key have been rescheduled for Saturday, October 15th.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of 36 acres in Otter Creek where the County stores rock. He stated it could be available for purchase and inquired if the Commissioners were interested. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to direct Mr. Dean to explore this purchase for the county. Mr. Dean stated the property was in a central location within the county and could be used for an EMS/Fire station.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:01 A.M.

ATTEST:


Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL


Chairman, Rock Meeks

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman’s signature on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-60, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 to incorporate funds received in the amount of \$59,207 from the Emergency Management yearly (EMPG) Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-60 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and the Nature Coast Business Development Council (NCBDC) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The amount of \$66,400 is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Agreement with the Nature Coast Business Development Council (NCBDC) as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-61 ratifying the Emergency Declaration(s) issued by the Chairman and Administrative Order(s) issued by the County Coordinator in response to Hurricane Ian, as authorized by Chapter 30 of the Levy County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and the Governor’s Executive Orders.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-61 as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bronson resident, George Henry inquired of an item concerning the Department of Public Safety and the return on money paid in to the program. Comm. John Meek responded and stated he would contact him with specific information Mr. Henry was asking for.

Morrison resident, Sallie Ann Collins spoke of the public notification by Emergency Management in weather emergencies. She also spoke of the laws dealing with pet owners who leave their pets unattended during a weather emergency confined in homes.

Renate Cannon spoke of the Emergency Management notification, stating she also did not receive a call.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, Town of Bronson reminded everyone of the 3rd Beautify Bronson Day coming up on October 22nd and will begin at 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks thanked Wayne Williams and all of the Clerk’s Finance Department for their extra efforts to make sure payroll was processed for county employees ahead of schedule before the storm arrived and the offices were closed.

A chili cook-off is planned for next Saturday, October 15th at the Am-Vets in Bronson. The public is welcome to attend and participate.

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Meeks, John	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Levy County Board of County Commissioners
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 310	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Bronson, FL 32621	COUNTY Levy
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 10/4/22	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Levy County
	MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, John Meeks, hereby disclose that on October 4, 20 22 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

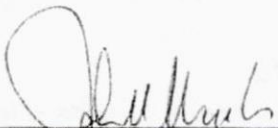
- inured to my special private gain or loss.
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____.
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____.
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Levy County purchases goods on a "Rotating Basis" from LCNR Enterprises, LLC a Florida Limited Liability Company, that I have an ownership interest in.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict

10/4/2022
Date Filed


Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.