

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 16, 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 Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
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.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>132290-132411</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,545,550.48
ROAD	126,790.35
SHIP	5,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	6,682.48
TRANSPORTATION	12,354.68
COURT FACILITIES	9,678.87
MISC GRANTS	4,905.45
EMS	41,931.44
FIRE	98,888.73
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	568.13
UTILITIES	359.31
LANDFILL	62,524.52
MSBU'S	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,234.44</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 281,707.91</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on August 21, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on August 21, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik, Executive Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Annual Contract with the Nature Coast Business Development Council.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Annual Contract with the Nature Coast Business Development Council as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Pieklik presented to the Board the Nature Coast Business Development Council regular progress report for the period of August to October, 2018.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Florida. – TABLED –

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declaration 2018-66 to declare a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Michael.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2018-66 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board ratification of the rescinding of Emergency Declaration 2018-068 for Hurricane Michael enacted by Declaration 2018-66.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify the rescinding of Emergency Declaration 2018-068 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director requested Board approval of the Levy County Department of Public Safety (EMS) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Department of Public Safety Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Director requested Board approval of the 2018-2019 Agreement between Tarsus Connect, LLC DBA Connect and Levy County BOCC for the \$20,000 annual fee for the Connect Travel Complete campaign.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Agreement between Tarsus Connect, LLC DBA Connect and Levy County BOCC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrator Manager requested Board approval for RFP 2018-001 for Engineering Services for CR40 widening and resurfacing. Mrs. LaLonde stated the distance to be resurfaced is 6.6 miles and the road will be widened from 20' to 22'. The total amount of the grant is \$2,650,000.

Atty. Brown explained why this RFP was brought to the Board for approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve RFP 2018-001 for Engineering Services for CR40 widening and resurfacing as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Sheffield spoke of the reduction in frequency of requests by individuals for the Board to accept a reduced amounts from what was due to Levy County. Mr. Sheffield announced a car show will be taking place at the Chiefland Flea Market on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Later, on the same day in Fanning Springs, there will be a Trunk of Treats event at the City Park followed by an outdoor movie, Hotel Transylvania.

Mayor Merritt invited everyone to Inglis on Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> to the South Levy Marketplace beginning at 9:00 P.M. and stated the Annual Trail/Trunk of Treats in Inglis will take place later at the Community Center beginning at 5:00 P.M.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Rock Meeks** reported he had gone to the Panhandle area over the weekend to help with clean-up efforts. He reported of local residents traveling to the area to cook or taking supplies and stated they will be willing to take items to the people affected for those wishing to donate.

Comm. Rock Meeks brought a request to the Board from an area resident requesting the transport and use of a low-boy to transport privately owned equipment to the Marianna area. He stated a county employee has volunteered to transport the equipment and return the low-boy. The low-boy will be parked in an area where the power company vehicles are staged.

Mr. Dean expressed concerns of liability. Atty. Brown suggested the individuals go through the system in place for the local area affected to access State-wide mutual aide to cover the concern of liability. It was suggested a waiver be signed for the equipment being transported.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the use of the county owned low-boy to be used by the county employee volunteering and signing a waiver to use it for transport of equipment to the Panhandle area.

**Comm. Brooks** requested a list of items needed by those affected by Hurricane Michael could be made available on the County's website.

**Comm. Rooks** thanked the Maintenance Department for their assistance in making the Cedar Key Library storm ready and for placing everything back after the storm passed.

Comm. Rooks stated she would like to re-visit the county Ordinance regarding permitting of Special Events. After discussion, Atty. Brown stated she will speak with Mr. Hammond at Building and Zoning regarding this.

## NON-AGENDA ITEM/DOT LETTER

Comm. Brooks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the Motion Carries.

Mr. Dean asked for Board approval to send a letter to DOT thanking them for their inspection of the bridges in Cedar Key immediately after the storm making sure they were passable as they were on their way to the Panhandle.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on a letter of thanks to DOT as requested by Mr. Dean. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**Comm. John Meeks** commended the EOC for their relaying of information regarding preparedness for the storm. He announced several upcoming events: this upcoming weekend will be the last weekend for the Museums on Mainstreet in Cedar Key, Lighthouse tours will be available at Seahorse Key on October 20<sup>th</sup> during the Cedar Key Seafood Festival; the Lost Railroad at Kirby Farms in Williston will run each Friday and Saturday through October; the Tommy Usher Golf Championship will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chiefland Golf and Country Club; the Gardens and Ghouls Halloween event will be at Cedar Lakes and Woods on October 27<sup>th</sup>; the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce will also have a Trunk or Treats event on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:14 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