

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 3, 2015 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
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner 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.

CHECK NUMBER	121532-121660
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	471,251.77
ROAD	164,557.52
SHIP	10,200.00
PAL LIBRARY	2,009.20
TRANSPORTATION	8,637.23
COURT FACILITIES	31.00
EMS	26,272.37
FIRE	2,367.26
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	5,677.14
UTILITIES	54.66
LANDFILL	3,094.62
TOTAL	\$ 694,152.77
EFT PAYMENT	\$ 40,101.81
ONLINE TRANSFER - MOSQUITO CONTROL	\$ 15,000.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

Drinda Merritt of Inglis and Debra Weiss, Mayor of Yankeetown requested the Board leave Inglis and Yankeetown with SWFMD when the request is made to the State Legislature to completely remove Levy County from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and go with Suwannee River Water Management District only.

Ms. Merritt and Ms. Weiss informed the Board Inglis and Yankeetown had recently received funding from the Florida Department of Transportation to plant crepe myrtles along a portion of HWY 40. They will also be planting perennial peanuts between the crepe myrtles, which will reduce the amount of mowing needed, as this is a county maintained roadway.

Mr. Moody suggested this item be brought back to the Board at the next meeting in order for action to be taken.

Kay Gaither announced the "Critter Crusaders" will have a dog wash at Tractor Supply in Chiefland on Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik, Director

Request Board to proceed to adopt Ordinance 2015-10 for economic development by establishing the Economic Development Fund.

Mr. Pieklik requested the Board to adopt Ordinance 2015-10 establishing the Economic Development Fund.

Atty. Brown read the title of the Ordinance into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the Ordinance. Terry Witt spoke.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-10 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik, Director

Request approval to adopt Resolution 2015-56, recognizing the creation of a related incentives guide and application, as well as identify qualified targeted industries.

Mr. Pieklik requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-56, requesting the creation of a related incentives guide and application, as well as identify qualified target industries.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this Resolution were: Renate Cannon, Terry Witt, Ron Grant, Dana Sheffield, and Toni Collins.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-56 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Request approval to accept original invoice amount of \$910.00 for a special Event at Bronson Speedway promoted by Robert J. Nichols, Jr.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval to accept the original invoice amount of \$910.00 for the special Event at Bronson Speedway promoted by Robert J. Nichols, Jr.

Comm. Stevens pointed out the amount of \$2,730, the amount agreed upon after determining the amount of EMS coverage needed for the event, was paid by a check which Mr. Nichols later stopped payment on. This was done after the event, which did not go as well as expected due to low public turnout as there were numerous events taking place on this particular weekend in the county.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this issue were Renate Cannon, Kay Gaither, Mr. Lipman, Lou Elliott, Ron Grant, Dana Sheffield and Toni Collins.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to accept the amount of \$910.00 for the special event at Bronson Speedway as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the votes were as follows:

YES

Comm. Joyner
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. John Meeks

NO

Comm. Rooks
Comm. Stevens

The MOTION CARRIES.

ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Request approval of Proclamation 2015-55 recognizing November 13, 2015 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day”.

Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Proclamation 2015-55 recognizing November 13, 2015 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day.”

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2015-55 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

- A. Request approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Jennifer Fugate, PA #529 for an existing unit in Williston, FL.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Jennifer Fugate, PA #529 for an existing unit in Williston, FL.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting approval and the Chairman’s signature on attached letter: Notice of Intent to Amend Levy County’s Comprehensive Plan and direct staff to send the letter to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity before the State’s deadline date December 1, 2015.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval with the Chairman’s signature on the “Notice of Intent to Amend Levy County’s Comprehensive Plan” letter and to direct staff to send the letter to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity before the State’s deadline of December 1, 2015.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the letter, “Notice of Intent to Amend Levy County’s Comprehensive Plan” with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request approval and signature of the Chairman to proceed with the vendor agreement with Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA) to undertake lead paint test for SHIP Program.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval and the Chairman’s signature to proceed with the vendor agreement with Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA) to undertake lead paint testing for the SHIP Program.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve with the Chairman’s signature the vendor agreement with Central Florida Community Action Agency as presented. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Host Agency Agreement.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Host Agency Agreement. This is a federally funded volunteer work program and the only cost to the county is for the drug testing of the applicants which must be 55 years of age or older.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Senior Community Service Employment Program Host Agency Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT - TABLED

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Requesting approval of Resolution 2015-54 authorizing the execution of a Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing and Reconstruction of C40A / SE 193rd Place from C40 to US 19/98 in Levy County, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Gaither announced there will be a Veteran's event at Haven Hospice at 10:00 A.M. in Chiefland this Friday and Representative Dennis Baxley will be making a presentation.

Terry Witt asked about an item tabled from a previous agenda regarding a purchase for the Road Department.

Mayor Weiss announced there would be a Nature Coast Paddling event in Inglis/Yankeetown this weekend.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated the events from the past weekend were successful. He announced there will be a Veteran's Day Parade in Chiefland on November 12th at 4:00 P.M.

Comm. Stevens invited everyone to Williston on November 10th for a Veteran's Day event at Heritage Park beginning at 6:30 P.M. Dennis Baxley will be the guest speaker.

Comm. John Meeks gave an update from the request made on October 20th by Pastor Carl Carnegie regarding sidewalk access to Vision Christian Academy. He stated there are two alternative ways to secure State funding they are looking into.

Pastor Carnegie also spoke regarding this item stating the sidewalk would be used by more than just the students travelling to and from school.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Greenlee re-submit the request for funding to the Florida Department of Transportation, removing the crossing at SR 40.

Comm. John Meeks reported he had recently attended the North Florida Regional Planning Council meeting on October 22nd.

Comm. John Meeks stated there will be a Transportation Summit on January 26, 2016 at the DOT office in Lake City at 8:00 A.M.

Comm. John Meeks reported the Trunk of Treats event held in Bronson was a huge success with over 1,000 children participating.

Other upcoming events are: The Inglis/Yankeetown Seafood, Art Festival and Quilt Show will be on November 21st and 22nd. There will be an event at Two Hawk Hammock Aquatic Dream in Williston on November 21st from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Kirby Farm events will begin on the weekend of November 27th – 29th for the Christmas Express. Cedar Key will have their annual tree lighting on November 27th.

IMPACT FEES WORKSHOP - TABLED

Heather J. Encinosa, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson
Jim Duncan, Duncan Associates

Amending Chapter 47 of Levy County Code Ordinances. – Rescheduled for December 8th.

Mr. Moody made an announcement informing every one of the new business hours for the Clerk of Court. They are 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday beginning November 9th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:37 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks