

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 6, 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. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	132412-132652
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,546,137.25
ROAD	110,695.57
SHIP	37,998.03
MOSQUITO CONTROL	143.99
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	22,297.28
TRANSPORTATION	6,507.67
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	646.00
MISC GRANTS	49,022.53
EMS	34,858.24
FIRE	89,099.92
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	12,227.32
CDBG	6,094.07
ADD COURT COSTS	3,102.72
LANDFILL	44,459.43
TOTAL	1,978,346.44
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 589,520.93

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on September 4, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting on September 4, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Merritt requested Board support of the Yankeetown Bike Path extension, which will continue it from 63rd Street to the boat ramp, a distance of about 4 miles. Mayor Merritt stated there is a new grant being submitted for 100% funding of this project.

Larry Kohan with the Florida Bike Path Committee spoke regarding the Yankeetown Bike Path Extension application stating the grant application must be received by FDOT by mid-January.

The Commissioners agreed to bring this back as an agenda item at the next regular meeting upon review of all materials relating to the project.

Margaret Halada, a Levy County resident spoke to the Board regarding the Landfill Assessment fee of \$116, stating she pays Waste Pro for garbage pick-up and does not use the Levy County Landfill.

Comm. John Meeks explained what the Landfill Assessment fee funds and why it was needed.

BUILDING & ZONING

Bill Hammond, Director

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak regarding the Public Hearing Items.

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 02-18) Maria E. & William T. Brown.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the Hardship Variance as presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners for either item. Comm. Rooks stated she has spoken with the applicant for the Hardship Variance.

Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of a Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 02-18) requested by Maria E. & William T. Brown.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 02-18 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. PUBLIC HEARING – Presentation of an application for SE 03-18, Misty Meadows Assisted Living Facility requesting the Board to approve or deny the special exception.

Bill Hammond requested Board action to approve or deny Special Exception SE 03-18, Misty Meadows Assisted Living Facility.

Clay Sweger, Engineer and Planner for the Petitioner spoke to the Board providing information regarding the Assisted Living Facility. Applicants Latonya Greenlee and Kristen Smith also spoke.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the Special Exception application as presented.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Terry Witt, Dana Sheffield, and Linda Cooper.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Order to Approve the Special Exception as requested. Second was made by Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY ANIMAL FRIENDS, INC.

Bob Levesque, President of Levy Animal Friends, Inc. spoke to the Board regarding abused and neglected animal response by Levy County Animal Services & Levy County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Levesque requested a workshop to review and recommend improvements.

Comm. John Meeks requested Mr. Levesque include the State Attorney's Office in any workshop plans. Sheriff McCallum and Atty. Brown also spoke.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this item were: David Weatherford, Dr. Esler, Terry Witt and Linda Cooper.

It was agreed by the Commissioners to direct Mr. Weatherford to coordinate a workshop. Information from the workshop would come back to the Board for their review.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR - AMENDED

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval on the proposed 2019 Levy County Board of County Commissioners' regular scheduled meeting dates.

Discussion followed regarding changing the time of the meetings on the meeting dates which follow a Monday Holiday to 6: P.M.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 Commissioner's regular scheduled meeting dates and to direct Mr. Dean to provide the Commissioners with a list which includes the dates of night meetings at the next regular Board meeting. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Rooks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean stated the County Commissioner website is currently down for looking up meeting agenda information until further notice in order to make the website ADA compliant. Ali Tretheway stated she will forward the agendas to anyone who wishes to receive them by email upon request.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Matt Weldon, Director Board ratification of the vehicle bid placed with Volusia County for purchase of 2 2012 GMC Canyon EXT Cab 4x4 pickup's in the amount of \$16,802.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the vehicle bids placed with Volusia County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Director

Requesting Board approval on the Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement in the amount of \$16,500 between Levy County BOCC and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the new fiscal year, 2019 for Annual monitoring of hazardous waste generators.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Director

Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between the Crawford Group, Inc. (DBA Crawford Entertainment) and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners. The budgeted amount of \$5,000 is the portion requested for Levy County.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Crawford Group, Inc. (DBA Crawford Entertainment) and the Levy County Commissioners as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrator Manager

Requesting Board approval of the request from landowner, Arthur Nussell, to finance the resurfacing of SE 174 Ct. (LCR548) for an estimated 14 loads of asphalt and additional materials for an estimated cost of \$19,866.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the request to resurface SE 174th Ct/LCR548 for the estimated cost of \$19,866 to be provided by the landowner, Arthur Nussell. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member, Linda Cooper spoke regarding this item.

Mrs. LaLonde also gave a bid update for CR 40A, stating bids have been received and are under review by Andrew Carswell of Mills Engineering. She will bring the bid recommendation at an upcoming meeting for Board approval.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval on the Stryker Services Agreement for the auto-load systems, stretchers and chairs. The amount for the Agreement is \$60,877.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Stryker Services Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting the Fourth Quarter, Quarterly Report for FY 2017-2018 for the Department of Public Safety.
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- C. Presenting the Fourth Quarter Write-Off's for FY 2017-2018 for the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$264,057.78.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Fourth Quarter Write-Off's for FY 2017-2018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper requested an email distribution list for the meeting agendas. Mr. Dean stated he will make sure this is done.

Mayor Merritt stated the Yankeetown Seafood Festival will be on the 17th and 18th; the South Levy Marketplace will be on the 24th; and the Inglis/Yankeetown Christmas Parade will be on December 15th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner introduced Rick Wagner with Meridian Mental Healthcare who spoke to the Board concerning a grant which he has been hired to implement from the Department of Children and Families. The purpose of is to divert those with mental illnesses away from the jail.

Comm. Rooks reported of a recent meeting at the Animal Services facility with the donor of the new building and reported progress is being made. Comm. Rooks reported of a meeting on the 27th at Fowlers Bluff regarding the Fire Department and at a meeting on the 30th in Inglis with Duke Energy.

On December 2nd, she met in Cedar Key with the Fire Chief and Police Chief to take a look at the sidewalks at the new bridges concerning access. Mr. Dean also spoke regarding the sidewalk access at the bridges.

Comm. Brooks stated there will be an Art Gallery Open House at Custom Sage in Williston on 1st Street on November 9th from 5 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks stated there will be a Bootleg and Bar-B-Q Bash on November 10th in Williston at Tomorrow's Equestrian Center to raise funds to help handicapped children to ride; Outdoor Adaptive Recreation Demo Day will take place at Manatee Springs State Park on the same day. This is an event to help those with a handicap to get out and enjoy a day on the water; the Kirby Farm Christmas Train will run every weekend beginning November 23rd and continue until Christmas; Legislative Delegation will be on December 3rd.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of a developing issue with the Land Development Code concerning home construction on parcels and Unity of Title in Levy County. He has requested Mr. Hammond speak with Atty. Brown to come to address this problem.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:47 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks