

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 22, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Marsha Drew
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Assistant to the County Coordinator – Dick Tummond

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Osborn Barker gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	106488-106618
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	142,404.53
ROAD	102,495.57
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	23,515.26
TRANSPORTATION	5,234.68
COURT FACILITIES	28.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	748.37
EMS	30,406.55
FIRE	28,909.72
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,751.84
CDBG	210.00
UTILITIES	1,511.11
DRUG TASK FORCE	660.65
COMMUNICATION	309.93
ADD COURT COSTS	2,289.11
CAPITAL PROJECTS	54.20
LANDFILL	63,848.94
TOTAL	\$ 404,378.46

VETERANS DEPARTMENT

Kenneth A. Thie, Director Veterans Service Office
VFW Department of Florida, VA Regional Office, St. Petersburg
A. Presenting award to Levy County Veterans Service Office

Mr. Thie presented a County Veterans Service Office of the Year plaque recognizing the Veterans Department Director, Mr. Lowyens for his service to Veterans of Levy County and their families.

PUBLIC HEARING

Sheila Rees, Chief Deputy/Finance Director

A. Conduct Public Hearing on Resolution 2011-61 for amending the 2010-2011 budget.

Sheila Rees requested Board approval of Resolution 2011-61 amending the 2010-2011 budget. As advertised, the funds to be increased are:

General Revenue
Road & Bridge
Additional fund balances and Grants approved throughout the year
SHIP
Additional Grants in the Transportation and 911 Fund

The total increase is \$1,676,397, for a total amended budget amount of \$60,208,075.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone to speak for or against the budget amendment. There were none.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-61, amending the 2010-2011 budget as stated. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

David Pieklik, Executive Director

A. Request approval of the Annual Contract between the Board and NCBDC for fiscal year 2011-2012, as reflected in the approved budget.

Mr. Pieklik, the new Executive Director introduced himself to the Board and requested approval of the Annual Contract between the Board and NCBDC for fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$39,940, as reflected in the approved budget.

The Commissioners requested regular updates of the department and Mr. Pieklik agreed this would be done as often as the Board requested.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Annual Contract between the Board and NCBDC for fiscal year 2011-2012, as requested and requested bi-monthly reporting of the Department. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

DARYL DIAMOND

Economic Report from the November 2 "Enterprise Florida" meeting in Ft. Lauderdale; an examination of Sunshine Laws.

Mr. Diamond stated he had recently attended a meeting of the North Florida Economic Development Council Meeting on October 26th in Live Oak. Through this meeting he found out about a Grant to attend a meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. He took advantage of this and attended the Enterprise Florida board meeting. At this meeting, Sunshine Laws were discussed and how to change them. After speaking with the person who was Chair over the meeting, it was requested of any of the Commissioners from Levy County to contact her by e-mail with their opinions.

HAVEN HOSPICE

Patrick Allen, Haven Hospice of Chiefland

A. Request approval of Proclamation 2011-63, declaring November Hospice/Palliative Care Month in Levy County.

Mr. Allen requested Board approval of Proclamation 2011-63, declaring November Hospice/Palliative Care Month in Levy County and read the title into public record.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve Proclamation 2011-63 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

- A. Request Board approve appointment of Lenore Jones to the Board of Directors, representing the public sector for Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval to appoint Lenore Jones to the Board of Directors, representing the public sector for Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Comm. Drew made a motion to appoint Lenore Jones to the Board of Directors, representing the public sector for Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

ASSISTANT TO COUNTY COORDINATOR

Dick Tummond

- A. Presenting "Communication Equipment Service Agreement."

Mr. Tummond requested Board approval of the Communications Service Agreement with Williams Communication which expires on December 6th. The current contract amount is \$54,148.56 and the renewal contract amount is \$54,273.60.

A.J. Smith of Williams Communications was present in the audience and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners expressed an interest in having a workshop with Williams Communication to discuss future plans.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the renewal of the agreement with Williams Communications as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Tummond reported to the Board the pre-application period had been closed for CDBG Grants this past Friday and there were 53 applicants for housing rehabilitation. The process of ranking and sorting will begin soon and he will come back to the Board with additional information.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Desiree Painter, General Manager

- A. Request approval of the 2012 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Agreement.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval of the 2012 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Agreement in the amount of \$12,474.70.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the 2012 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

LIBRARY

Lisa Brasher, Director

A. Request approval for the "Annual Plan of Service."

Ms. Brasher requested Board approval of the Annual Plan of Service.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Annual Plan of Service as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Brasher informed the Board Library Legislation Day is coming up on February 1st in Tallahassee.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

A. Requesting authorization to sign agreements for service with Hughes Network Systems, Inc., Centrelearn and Physio-Control, Inc.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to sign agreements for services with Hughes Network Systems, Inc., Centrelearn and Physio-Control, Inc.

Comm. Drew made a motion to authorize Mr. Knowles to sign the agreements for service with Hughes Network Systems, Inc., Centrelearn and Physio-Control, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Presenting organizational update.

Mr. Knowles presented an organizational update for the Board stating there has been some reorganization of staff in order to provide better service.

Mr. Knowles informed the Board of training initiatives where they are working with Central Florida College bringing simulation equipment for training three times a year.

Mr. Knowles informed the Board the Annual EMS Family Day held on November was a success.

Mr. Knowles then presented an award for Employee of the Year which was voted on by peers, to Saffron Dodd.

Mr. Knowles stated the complete organizational structure for the new Department of Public Safety and conceptual layout will be ready to present to the Board at the last meeting in December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SallyAnn Collins of Morriston asked the Board what has happened to tax bills for this year as she has not received hers.

It was answered the bills had gone out in today's mail and they could have been delayed due to software changes.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm. Johnson reported of the North Florida Broadband meeting he had attended last week.

Comm. Johnson stated he is interested in having a workshop with the Commissioners on December 20th immediately following the Regular Meeting or in January to prioritize and determine where to put focus for the upcoming year.

State Representative Jimmie Smith spoke to the Board stating he represents Hernando, Citrus and Levy County. He stated he wants to bring his counties together and asked if the Commissioners had any concerns.

Comm. Drew requested unfunded state mandates be looked in to.

Comm. Johnson stated he is concerned about two proposed bills eliminating impact fees.

Comm. Drew thanked everyone who attended the Inglis/Yankeetown Seafood festival.

Comm. Drew stated on December 6th she will be meeting with a group of teenagers from area schools regarding tobacco issues and will be assisting them in drafting a resolution to bring before the Board.

Comm. Bell spoke of a Cedar Key and Chiefland Christmas event and inquired if any of the Commissioners would be interested in participating.

The Chiefland Christmas parade is on December 3rd.

The Fanning Springs and Inglis boat parades are both schedule on the same day.

There is a fish fry fundraiser lunch scheduled for the two families working in the courthouse on December 2nd.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:09 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens