

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 6, 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. John Meeks
Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. Desire Mills
Comm. Matt Brooks

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

CHECK NUMBER	147265-147275, 147278-147390	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE	2,585,305.73	
ROAD	85,976.93	
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.35	
TRANSPORTATION	2,251.58	
911	17,396.00	
COURT FACILITIES	8,330.94	
MISC GRANTS	3,321.35	
EMS	26,894.86	
FIRE	8,454.21	
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,308.26	
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,908.06	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	18,367.30	
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	44,507.57	
LANDFILL	5,913.06	
TOTAL	\$	2,813,116.20
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$	288,016.19

LCNR EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	147276	
FUND	AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUE	842.21	
ROAD	306.66	
MISC GRANTS	28.55	
EMS	29.69	
FIRE	29.66	
UTILITIES	237.90	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	145.67	
LANDFILL	67.66	
TOTAL	\$	1,688.00

AMB SUPPLY, INC. (DBA LEVY JONES) EXPENDITURES

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following AMB Supply, Inc. (DBA Levy Jones) expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting due to conflict.

CHECK NUMBER		147277
FUND		AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE		273.90
TOTAL	\$	273.90

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks wished to add preparation of a letter of support for Central Florida Electric Coop. Comm. John Meeks wished to add a representative from the LARC to Public Comment and to allow more than the allotted time for presenters of 3 minutes.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the 2 additions as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Florida Department of Transportation representative, Ryann Asmus spoke to the Board regarding the intersection of US 19, SR 121 & CR 326. A date will be set in January for the public to attend

Kate Wallace with Charter Communications spoke to the Board and requested a Letter of Support for the State Broadband Program.

Comm. John Meeks stated requests of this nature should be first presented to the Local Technology Team before coming to the Board.

No action was taken by the Board.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley provided an update to the Board from meeting with staff regarding discussion of the Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Project and Cooperative as requested by the Commissioners at the November 22nd meeting. Atty. Shalley prepared a letter of support of becoming a partner of the Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative in the future. This letter is addressed to Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer at the Suwannee River Water Management District in Live Oak.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Cooper, Diane Garte, Sue Beaudette

Comm. Mills made a motion to send approve signing of the letter of support to seek funding sources. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS
PROCUREMENT**

Ali Tretheway, Coordinator

Seeking Board direction on taking over the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from The Town of Inglis for Withlacoochee Aquatic Restoration (WAR). The Town of Inglis was awarded the cost reimbursement grant in the amount of \$75,000 to develop a Community Action Plan to restore flow of the Lower Withlacoochee River. They have requested the grant be taken over by Levy County for Grant Management.

Jack Schofield spoke regarding this item and encouraged the County to consider taking the Grant over.

Mrs. Tretheway stated an Engineering Firm within the County’s Library of Engineers could be used to administer this grant. A completed Agreement would need to be received from DEO before money could be budgeted.

Comm. Mills made a motion for Levy County to take over the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Town of Inglis as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Matt Weldon, Director

Requesting Board approval of FY 2022-2023 Annual Mosquito Control contract with Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Compensation in the amount of \$38,892.42 is payable in quarterly installments for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the FY 22-23 Annual Mosquito Control Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weldon provided an update on the boat ramp at Fowlers Bluff repair. He stated work had begun this morning and the boat ramp will be closed until Friday.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman’s signature on Resolution 2022-073 and the EMS County Award Grant Application for submission to the State.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-073 for the EMS County Award Grant Application with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting the FY 2022 third and fourth quarter write-off’s, as listed below, to the Board for approval.

<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
\$289,707.15	\$426,205.00

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the FY 2022, 3rd and 4th quarter write-off’s as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-74 to submit the 2024-5339 grant application to purchase a replacement bus. This grant application is for a replacement bus with 14 seats and 2 wheelchair positions and will be paid at 100%.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-74 to submit the 2024-5339 grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

Requesting board approval for revocation of the West Florida Off-Road Park Exception SE 5-03, as amended by SEA 1-04, SEA 1-06 and SEA 21-01, West Florida Off-Road, Parcel ID 0284300000. The Board approved this Special Exception on November 2, 2021. Condition #11 gave them 1 year to complete their permitted fencing and this has not been completed.

Darren Hosfield, representing West Florida Off-Road Park, spoke to the Board stating he misunderstood the requirements of the compliance, but was willing to make the property completely fenced. He then stated there is an event planned before the next Board meeting date and asked if this could continue.

Dave Blanton, Code Enforcement Officer spoke regarding this item.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to continue the decision to revoke the Special Exception SE 5-03 until the next meeting, pending inspection for compliance with Condition #11. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Board agreed by consensus to allow the planned event to take place before the next Board meeting, pending inspection by Mr. Blanton.

NON-AGENDA ITEM – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ali Tretheway presented and requested Board approval of a Letter of Support for Central Florida Electric Cooperative's (CFEC's) Application for Broadband Opportunity Grant with Vice-Chairman John Meeks' signature. Comm. John Meeks stated Central Florida Electric Cooperative came before the Local Technology Board with a request for this letter at the last meeting.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Letter of Support with Vice-Chairman John Meeks' signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM – LARC

Lisa Daniels, LARC Executive Director gave an update to the Board of their transition from the old building in Otter Creek, into a temporary facility, the Fellowship Hall of St Albans Episcopal Church in Chiefland. She also introduced Sharon Wolfe, Assistant Director at LARC. Ms. Daniels stated Creekside Christian School has indicated they are interested in buying the property. She inquired of the donation of property from the Board which they had mentioned previously.

Comm. John Meeks stated the current plan is to find a suitable location on part of the County owned property for the new LARC facility near the Sheriff's Department once the sale is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Cooper inquired the Board to explore the option to provide audio/video recording of the Board meetings.

Natalie Thomas asked the Board if they would consider allowing approval outside of the meeting dates for SHIP items concerning applicants purchasing homes, such as an appointed staff member.

Atty. Shalley was asked to look into this to determine if it could be done for Levy County.

Renate Cannon inquired of what the Florida Resiliency Board of Directors was. Comm. John Meeks responded with an explanation of what this Board consists of and the purpose.

Terry Witt asked if there was a Legislative Delegation meeting held this year. Comm. John Meeks stated there had been dates set, but had to be rescheduled. Ali Tretheway stated she is working with Mr. Clemmons' aide to determine a suitable date. Once a date is determined, the meeting will take place in the Board meeting room.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Hodge reported attending the New Commissioner Orientation last week.

Comm. John Meeks reported of attending the Legislative meeting last week. There is a Rural Summit this week, which he will be attending on behalf of the County Commission. The Sons of AmVets, Post 88 will be hosting the Wreaths Across America ceremony December 17th at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson.

Comm. Rock Meeks

Providing for the Board, for informational purposes only, the current 2022 Board Appointments, Committees and Departments. The 2023 Board Appointments, Committees and Departments will be decided at the next meeting.

The Chiefland Christmas Parade will take place on the 10th at 6:00 P.M. The day of festival activities will begin with the Rudolph 5K Run at 8:00 A.M. The Christmas Festival takes place during the day until the parade.

Comm. Brooks reported of the Christmas Festival and Parade, which took place the previous weekend in Williston. Comm. Brooks reported Senator Keith Perry is making plans to locate an office into Levy County.

Comm. Mills reported the Inglis/Yankeetown Christmas Parade will be on the 17th. It will start in Yankeetown at 5:00 P.M. and will end in Inglis.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

ATTEST:

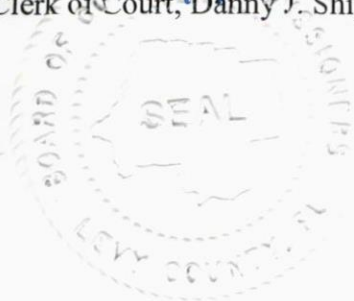
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LEVY COUNTY, FL



Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp



Chairman, Rock Meeks



APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, John Meeks, hereby disclose that on December 6, 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.

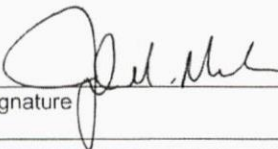
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

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.

12/6/2022

Date Filed


Signature

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