

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 17, 2019 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 – by phone
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. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	136438-136593
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,060,045.21
ROAD	86,668.78
SHIP	15,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	732.32
TRANSPORTATION	1,440.67
911	44,312.00
COURT FACILITIES	9,693.52
MISC GRANTS	37,699.39
EMS	39,812.47
FIRE	4,952.02
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,909.65
UTILITIES	1,777.12
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	758.18
CAPITAL PROJECTS	68,810.72
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	41,689.42
LANDFILL	216,818.20
TOTAL	\$ 2,632,119.67
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 286,259.13

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on October 8, 2019 and October 22, 2019 were presented for approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on October 8, 2019 and October 22, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Channannah Thompson, a resident of Inglis, spoke regarding the sale of drugs in her neighborhood. She stated she has been in contact with the Sheriff's office and they are helping, but the issue still exists. Ms. Thompson requested the Board adopt a nuisance Ordinance to assist law enforcement with their efforts.

Comm. John Meeks stated the County Attorney will be giving an update on a Nuisance Abatement Board at the end of the meeting today.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN MEEKS

Comm. John Meeks stated the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the County Commission Board would need to be done today. He stated he no longer wished to keep the position of Chairman as he had mentioned in the previous meeting and asked for a nomination of one of the other Commissioners.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to appoint Comm. Brooks as Chairman. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks continued to officiate the meeting in Comm. Brooks' absence. Comm. Brooks attended the early portion of the meeting by phone accepting the nomination as Chairman as he was at an MCORES meeting and unable to attend the Board meeting.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Comm. Joyner as Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Board appointments would be decided at the next meeting.

Wilbur Dean made a presentation to John Meeks for his service and leadership as Chairman.

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

Mark Larson presented a check to the Board from the Florida Forest Service for revenue generated from Goethe State Forest from fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$5,076.63.

TOWN OF INGLIS

Drinda Merritt, Mayor

Requesting the Board to close HWY 40 from the Inglis Fire Dept. to Riverside Drive in Yankeetown for the Christmas Parade planned on December 21, 2019, from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve closure of HWY 40 from the Inglis Fire Department to Riverside Drive in Yankeetown for the Christmas parade planned on December 21, 2019 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik presented to the Board a routine progress report for October through December, 2019 detailing projects status and key accomplishments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator requested Board approval to accept the lowest bid (Preferred Materials, Inc.) for FDOT Project No. 434586-1-54-01 for the resurfacing of Levy County Road 335A from SR 121 North to CR 343, and the form of contract. Mrs. Tretheway stated this project will be grant reimbursed. The bids received are listed below:

Anderson Columbia	\$485,742.78
Ranger Construction	\$567,390.50
Preferred Materials	\$458,861.57
V.E. Whitehurst	\$520,677.55
Art Walker	\$684,043.51

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the lowest bid submitted by Preferred Materials, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANTS COORDINATOR

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting the re-appointment of RESTORE Act Advisory Committee members: David Pieklik, Economic Development Representative, Denny Voyles, Tourism Industry Representative, Jolie Davis, Citizen Representative, and Dr. Richard Streeter, Citizen Representative, in accordance Resolution 2013-50. In addition, seeking recommendation for the vacant Citizen Representative. The Term expiration for these RESTORE Act Advisory Committee Members will be 3/5/2021.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the re-appointment of RESTORE Act Advisory Committee members as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

- A. Requesting Board approval to apply for the Waste Tire Amnesty Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the amount of \$25,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve application for the Waste Tire Amnesty Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience members who spoke were: Toni Collins, Linda Cooper, Renate Cannon and Sallie Ann Collins.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the 2019-2020 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-100 amending the Final Budget for FY 2020 for the funds received from the Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-100 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hastings reported of the progress of the Butler Road and Camp Azalea Satellite Stations.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Presentation of report on the Nuisance Abatement Board as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

Members of the audience who spoke were: Channannah Thompson, Terry Witt, Renate Cannon and Linda Cooper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield thanked the Board for hearing the public when they wanted to speak and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ron Grant questioned using outside counsel and why the County Attorney could not handle all legal matters for the county.

Atty. Brown answered there are times when outside council is necessary as she does not have all the resources available to handle all items which come to her.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Merritt stated the Inglis/Yankeetown Christmas Parade is this Saturday. She reported she was invited to the White House last week for the Women’s Municipal Leaders Conference, which she attended along with 75 others representing 29 states.

Brett Beauchamp, Undersheriff congratulated Comm. Meeks for his service as Chairman. Mr. Beauchamp also spoke briefly of the Nuisance Abatement Board item discussed in the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rooks

Discussion and action of the Board of Adjustment on Variance Application VA 03-19 requested by applicants George E. and Shauna Deskins.

Comm. Rooks stated this should have never come to the Board of Adjustments and would like to file action to overturn this.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Toni Collins, Renate Cannon, Ron Grant.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to begin the process of overturning the decision made by the Board of Adjustments and to challenge the decision by litigation. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Rooks	Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Joyner	Comm. John Meeks

The motion fails and no action was taken.

Comm. Joyner wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported of the Christmas Parade held recently in Chiefland. Comm. Rock Meeks stated he will be attending a MCORES meeting tomorrow in Ocala.

Comm. John Meeks read aloud an anonymous email he had recently received thanking Comm. Joyner for his previous service in law enforcement.

A letter of resignation from Shenley Neely was also read aloud by Comm. John Meeks.

Comm. John Meeks announced the 2020 Florida Association of Counties calendars had been completed and a photo submitted by Levy County was used for the month of September.

The Wreaths Across America was able to place 184 wreaths at local cemeteries on the graves of veterans.

Comm. John Meeks reported he recently attended the North Central Florida Planning Council meeting had stated they had been re-appropriated as the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating organization for Levy County.

Comm. John Meeks stated he attended the Department of Public Safety's Annual Christmas Party on Saturday and reported Chief Hughes was elected by his peers as Employee of the Year.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

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

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Comm. Brooks appointment of Chason Peck to the Board of Adjustments to replace Jones.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Chason Peck to the Board of Adjustments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks