

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 18, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Clerk of Court – Danny Shipp

Comm. Stevens called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Comm. Johnson gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	110098-110248
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	502,390.17
ROAD	31,597.82
SHIP	45,190.00
NSP	15,007.00
TRANSPORTATION	29,028.57
911	29,866.87
COURT FACILITIES	39.95
PROGRESS ENERGY	1,091.46
EMS	41,161.12
FIRE	6,059.79
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,507.33
UTILITIES	907.10
COMMUNICATION	21,362.58
ADD COURT COSTS	1,850.80
CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,000.00
LANDFILL	77,744.71
TOTAL	\$ 813,805.27

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on November 20, 2012 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2012 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Presenting information about health in Levy County and some ways that the HCAB may serve the Board of County Commissioners.

Swain Strickland spoke to the Board on behalf of the Health Care Advisory Board presenting information about the County's National Health Care ranking.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Connie Asbell

Request permission to donate broken computers to LARC.

Mrs. Asbell advised the Board she had several computers, printers and keyboards which were no longer usable and requested approval to donate them to LARC.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve donation of computers, printers and keyboards no longer usable from the Supervisor of Elections office to LARC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

ALFRED KOCH

Requesting permission to speak before the Commissioners concerning the Ambulance Service Non-ad Valorem Assessments.

Mr. Koch spoke to the Board with regard to his EMS Tax Assessment and questioned why he has received an additional \$200 bill with his yearly tax bill.

Comm. Stevens responded to Mr. Koch's questions and explained how the Ambulance Service Non-ad Valorem Assessments were calculated.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Superintendent

A. Request to place NE 80th St. on paving list.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to place NE 80th Street on the paving list.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to add NE 80th Street to the paving list. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request adoption of a Resolution 2012-71 to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. for closure of a dedicated right-of-way of NW 50th Avenue as requested by Petitioners, Edmund T. and Donna D. Parada.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-71 to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. for closure of a dedicated right-of-way of NW 50th Avenue as requested by Petitioners, Edmund T. and Donna D. Parada.

Comm. Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-71 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Bruce Greenlee requested the Board hear a non-agenda item.

Comm. Bell made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson votes NO.

Andrew Carswell of Mills Engineering presented bid information to the Board for the paving of LCR 464 as follows:

Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.	\$ 925,395.50
APAC-Southeast, Inc.	\$1,117,188.20
John C. Hipp Construction Equipment Co.	\$ 984,614.86
V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.	\$ 834,560.00

Mr. Burlison presented the Certificate of Qualification for V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. to Mr. Carswell and the Board.

Mr. Carswell stated the recommendation of Mills Engineering is to accept the bid from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as they were the lowest bidder.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the bid from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as presented and authorize the chair to sign. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Cannon spoke to the Board objecting to their decision to approve V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. as the bid was not complete.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

Request approval USDA Service Office Lease Amendment #4.

Mr. Moody informed the Board since the FSA had been relocated from the Ag. building in Bronson to Gilchrist county, the proposed Lease Amendment #4 would be at a reduced amount. There will now be 1,006 of usable square feet of space in the amount of \$16,458.16 at the rate of \$1,371.51 per month effective December 1, 2012 through June 1, 2013.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the USDA Service Office Lease Agreement #4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request approval of Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval of the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract. The Grant has been approved for \$64,776 for a new bus and has a 10% match amount of \$6,477.60.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUN RAY TAVERN – WILLARD’S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Tom Trammell, Sonny Innsbrook

Request to change closing hours from 12:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

Mr. Trammell requested the Board allow his business to stay open two hours longer than the currently permitted closing time of 12:00 A.M. He stated he is losing customers to other businesses in the neighboring county which stay open longer.

Comm. Stevens stated there is an Ordinance in place which does not allow a business selling alcohol to stay open past 12:00 A.M. Changing this would require Public Hearings and he is not in favor of doing this.

Mr. Trammell requested the Board consider changing the Ordinance.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have Atty. Brown research this topic and bring information back to the Board.

COUNTY AGENT

Albert Fuller, Director

Presenting three quotes for the purchase of a new truck for Agriculture Agent Anthony Drew.

Mr. Fuller presented the Board with three quotes for the purchase of a truck for Ag. Agent, Anthony Drew.

State Contract	\$17,241	2013 Ford F150 4 x 4
Scoggins Chevrolet	\$21,083.11	2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 x 4
White Ford	\$28,555	2013 Ford F140 4 x 4
Chiefland Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep	\$23,922.50	2012 Dodge Ram 1500

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the purchase for the State Contract amount of \$17,241 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Barbara Edmonds, UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardeners

Presenting the Board of County Commissioners with a check representing the value of volunteer hours donated by Nature Coast Master Gardeners to educate citizens in homeowner horticulture.

Ms. Edmonds presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$38,520, which represents the value of the volunteer hours donated by Nature Coast Master Gardeners to educate citizens in homeowner horticulture.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request Board approval to lease the Levy County DOC Correctional Facility located on CR 343 at a cost of \$300.00 per year.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to lease the Levy County DOC Correctional Facility located on CR 343 in the amount of \$300 per year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the lease with State of Florida DOC for the Correctional Facility located on CR 343 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to put the succession plan in place.

Mr. Knowles stated the Department of Safety has created a succession plan in order for the Department to operate in an efficient and orderly fashion in the case of the Director's unexpected absence.

- C. Request approval to give the Assistant to the Director, Alesha Arnold, signature authority in the event of the Director's absence.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to give Assistant to the Director, Alesha Arnold, signature authority in the event of the Director's absence. This item goes with item B.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the succession plan and to give signature authority to Alesha Arnold in the event of the Director's absence as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to present a non-agenda item.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson votes NO.

Mr. Knowles presented information to the Board concerning repairs to the radio communications building at the Sheriff's Office. An Agreement with the construction company has been prepared by Atty. Brown and Mr. Knowles. At this point there is a signed Agreement in the amount of \$14,032.74. Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the Agreement.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented in the amount of \$14,032.74. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Shenley Neely, Director

Request a motion to approve recommendation of no changes to Levy County's current Affordable Housing Incentives.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of the recommendation of no changes to Levy County's current Affordable Housing Incentives.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the recommendation of no changes as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Request approval of Resolution 2012-69 electing to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-ad Valorem Special Assessments for Fire Protection Services and facilities levied within the unincorporated area of the county and the municipal limits of the Town of Yankeetown.

Atty. Brown requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-69 which will include the Town of Yankeetown in the Fire Assessment Program. Approval of a Resolution is statutorily required as is a Public Hearing.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak for against the item stated above. There were none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-69 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield spoke to the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson offered congratulation to representatives to the State Science Fair from area schools. He also reported of Levy County FFA contest recipients. Comm. Johnson also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Comm. Bell informed everyone Seahorse Key will hold an Open House from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on the 22nd. He also presented skills gap information for the Commissioners review.

- A. Provide information and status report on the RESTORE Act (Resources & Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies) of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 and Gulf Consortium.

Comm. Bell provided information and a status report on the RESTORE Act of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 and Gulf Consortium.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to waive the bid process and have Mr. Williams come in to give an educational presentation to the Board. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Discuss NW 80th Street position on the road paving list.

Comm. Bell spoke to the Board regarding re-prioritizing NW 80th Street which is in his district. It is not in need of paving at this time, but is on the list. He asked if the Commissioners would like to move this road down on the list or remove it completely.

After discussion, Comm. Joyner made a motion to rotate NW 80th Street to bottom of list. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Cannon spoke to the Board stating the rules of placing a road on the paving list and feels it should be removed completely.

Comm. Bell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comm. Meeks reported the Wreaths Across America was a success. Bronson will be hosting Christmas in the Park on Friday, December 21st, beginning at 5:00 P.M. at the Youth League Field. Comm. Meeks reported he and Comm. Joyner attended the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council year end meeting.

Mr. Moody reported of the recent North Florida Broadband meeting he had attended and stated it is moving forward.

Comm. Stevens asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year.

Comm. Meeks made a nomination for Comm. Bell to serve as Chairman for 2013. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell made a nomination for Comm. Johnson to continue as Vice-Chairman for 2013. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

These appointments will take effect at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens