

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 20, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Marsha Drew
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. Mr. Greenlee 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. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	106726-106860
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	763,415.12
ROAD	850,788.03
SHIP	14,854.00
TRANSPORTATION	41,837.60
911	25,756.50
COURT FACILITIES	18.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	705.37
EMS	31,583.54
FIRE	6,429.44
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,559.81
CDBG	4,796.72
UTILITIES	1,546.97
COMMUNICATION	27,136.80
ADD COURT COSTS	461.90
LANDFILL	73,306.47
TOTAL	\$ 1,846,196.27

MINUTES

The minutes from the regular Board Meeting held October 18, 2011 were presented for approval.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 18, 2011 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

LYNN E. SLAUGHTER

- A. Information sought on process of Inmate Work details.
- B. Request for Police Review Board made up of citizens.
- C. Problem involving Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Slaughter stated she was formerly a Sheriff's Department employee and requested a Review Board be set up to review police actions. She stated this puts the Sheriff's Office on notice there is another way of dealing with citizens complaints.

Ms. Slaughter stated she will provide all of the Commissioners with packets of information regarding her request and past problems with the Sheriff's Department as a former employee and come back to the Board at a later date with her request.

Ms. Slaughter informed the Board Sheriff Smith had taken care of things with the exception of \$5,000, which she states is due to her.

911 ADDRESSING

Mike West, 911 Addressing Coordinator

- A. Request Board Chair's signature on agreement with A K Associates.

Mr. West requested Board approval of the Chairman's signature on the agreement with A.K. Associates. This is for the upgrading of the 911 system.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Chairman signing the agreement with A.K. Associates as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Rusty Skinner

- A. Presenting information of Workforce Connection Services.

Comm. Bell gave information regarding what Workforce Connection does and how it works before Mr. Skinner spoke.

Mr. Skinner then presented information of Workforce Connection Services.

Jack Schofield asked if people can go to the closest Workforce Connection office, even if it is in neighboring county? Mr. Skinner answered yes.

It was also asked if Workforce Connection could come to the Inglis/Yankeetown area so residents don't have to go out of county.

The meeting recessed at 9:35 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:44 A.M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Kurt Spitzer

- A. Presentation of proposed District Maps.

Mr. Spitzer gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding proposed changes to District maps.

It was asked why the Town of Bronson was included in a single district, but Fanning Springs was split into two districts.

Mr. Spitzer stated he will make a call about the change and report back later in the meeting.

Mr. Spitzer reported back to the Board at 11:06 A.M. the change could be made to keep all of Fanning Springs in one district and gave information on the number of people this would change from one district to the other.

B. Adopt Resolutions 2011-66, to change the County Commissioner’s District Boundaries.

Comm. Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-66 with Exhibit A, Plan B2 and the boundary change to Fanning Springs. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield spoke thanking everyone for their efforts to make this a better community.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Desiree Painter, General Manager

A. Request approval to purchase three (3) new vehicles to replace current inventory that is being donated to EMS.

James Shields requested in place of Ms. Painter Board approval to purchase three (3) new vehicles to replace current inventory that is being donated to EMS.

Florida Sheriff’s Assoc., Bartow Ford – Western Zone	\$23,733.00
Florida Sheriff’s Assoc., Bartow Ford – Northern Zone	\$23,733.00
Florida Sheriff’s Assoc., Bartow Ford – Central Zone	\$23,619.00
Florida Sheriff’s Assoc., Bartow Ford – Southern Zone	\$23,723.00
White Ford, Chiefland Florida	\$26,826.88

Comm. Joyner made a motion to purchase three (3) Ford Explorers from White Ford in Chiefland based on it being the “best bid”. Second was made by Comm. Bell. Discussion followed.

Comm. Johnson questions the need for 4x4 for all of the vehicles.

Comm. Joyner amends his motion to approve the purchase from White Ford to purchase one (1) all-wheel drive/4x4 Explorer in the amount of \$26,826.88, per the quote provided and two (2) 2x4 Explorers, as he feels this would be the “best” bid, not the “lowest” bid. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request approval of the Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval of the Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

A. Authorize County expenditures for fees associated with the submittal of land use change and rezoning application to the Town of Bronson for property owned by Levy County. The fee to apply is \$600.00.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval to authorize expenditures associated with the submittal of land use change and rezoning application to the Town of Bronson for property owned by Levy County.

After discussion, Comm. Drew made a motion to authorize expenditures associated with the submittal of land use change and rezoning applications, authorize appropriate person to sign enclosed application and approve enclosed County Staff Report and application packet for submittal with application for land use change and rezoning to the Town of Bronson as requested in items A, B, and C. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Authorize appropriate person to sign enclosed application for land use change and rezoning.
- C. Approve enclosed County Staff Report and application packet for submittal with application for land use change and rezoning to Town of Bronson, Florida.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request for approval of the Short Terms Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the Short Terms Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.

George Shenya spoke regarding using a separate company to collect EMS fees and suggests Levy County aggressively pursue collecting payment.

Jack Schofield also spoke regarding collections.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Short Terms Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Submitting a conceptual layout for the Levy County Department of Public Safety Complex and request approval to move forward with the planning process.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the conceptual layout for the Levy County Department of Public Safety Complex and requested approval to move forward with the planning process.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the conceptual layout for the Levy County Department of Public Safety Complex and approval to move forward with the planning process as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request the approval and adoption of Resolution 2011-67, establishing Department of Public Safety and providing for the dissolution of the Fire Advisory Board.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of Resolution 2011-67, establishing Department of Public Safety and providing for the dissolution of the Fire Advisory Board.

Atty. Brown read the Resolution title into public record.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-67, establishing Department of Public Safety and providing for the dissolution of the Fire Advisory Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:21 A.M.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm. Johnson brought to the other Commissioner's attention the list of goals and objectives from each Commissioner to be discussed at the January 3rd meeting.

Comm. Johnson read into record a letter received from Pat O'Neal regarding North Florida Broadband and requested Atty. Brown look into information regarding adding a "fiberlink" from the Courthouse to the Jail as this item will be on the January 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda.

Comm. Johnson reminded everyone of the Levy County Education Foundation Gala coming up on January 28th at Chiefland Elementary School. The price is \$50 per ticket.

Comm. Drew gave an update of the Fire Departments consolidating issue and had recently attended meetings in South Levy.

Comm. Bell stated he had attended the Friends of the Library event last week and stated there was a very good turnout.

Comm. Bell stated he had attended the Supervisor of Elections Canvassing Board Workshop.

Comm. Bell stated he had been contacted by Amy Magnan regarding the Atomic Safety Licensing Board Hearing in Crystal River on January 12th and has requested Board representation.

Comm. Joyner thanked the other Board members for welcoming him as a new Commissioner.

All Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 11:35 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens