

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 20, 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. John Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>147391-147398, 147401-147511</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
GENERAL REVENUE		63,698.52
ROAD		89,714.11
SHIP		30,000.00
TRANSPORTATION		10,725.57
COURT FACILITIES		584.53
MISC GRANTS		31,538.07
EMS		40,198.98
FIRE		10,728.55
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT		12,305.11
UTILITIES		2,350.03
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY		1,595.96
CAPITAL PROJECTS		14,136.01
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE		51,577.50
LANDFILL		98,822.10
MSBU'S		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>457,975.04</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,661.27</b>

**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.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>147399</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
GENERAL REVENUE		1,742.30
ROAD		602.55
TRANSPORTATION		15.98
EMS		45.58
FIRE		45.56
LANDFILL		228.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,680.76</b>

**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.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>147400</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	4,805.95
EMS	321.75
FIRE	244.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,372.15</b>

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were presented for Board approval:

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| Regular Meeting – September 20, 2022 | Land Development Code Workshop – October 18, 2022 |
| Budget Meeting – September 20, 2022  | Regular Meeting – November 8, 2022                |
| Regular Meeting – October 4, 2022    | Regular Meeting – November 22, 2022               |
| Regular Meeting – October 18, 2022   |   |

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the minutes listed above as presented. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of switching the order of items #1 and item #2, Planning & Zoning. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Garte spoke of motorized vehicles and hunters on the horse trails in the Goethe forest during hunting season.

Laura Catlow spoke to the Board of continued efforts to prevent a toll road from coming through Levy County.

Jeff Shields spoke to the Board requesting a refund on a building permit he purchased.

Martha Adelsperger inquired of the rumored “monkey farm” property, which was purchased by a company from China. She also expressed her opposition to mobile homes allowed in Rainbow Lakes Estates, where she resides.

The following audience members spoke in opposition of the agenda item regarding the amendment of text of the Land Development Code to allow mobile homes in Rainbow Lakes Estates:

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| Dallas Seveland   | Patricia Holloway |
| Debra Coffey      | Alda Cooper       |
| Michael Beverly   | Roger Body        |
| Gary Levitt       | Craig Holloway    |
| Keith Deering     | Keith Cain        |
| Linda Johnston    | Dan Wilshusen     |
| Corrina Livernois |                   |

Marlene Ecklyn spoke regarding the problem of squatters living in tents, travel trailers and storage containers with no electricity or running water in Rainbow Lakes in addition to her opposition of allowing mobile homes in this area.

The following audience members spoke in favor of allowing mobile homes in Rainbow Lakes Estates:

Lynn Burgeron  
Barbara Cox  
Shawn & Shannon Auger

Renate Cannon inquired of the water district Rainbow Lakes Estates Resides. Comm. Rock Meeks responded it lies in the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Continuation – Requesting Board approval for revocation of the West Florida Off-Road Park Special Exception SE 5-03, as amended by SEA 1-04, SEA 1-06 and SEA 21-01, West Florida Off-Road, Parcel ID 0284300000. Code Enforcement officer, Dave Banton stated the requirements were met.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion not to revoke Special Exception SE 5-03. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance No. 2022-21, to amend the text of the Land Development Code to allow mobile homes as a permitted use in the RR-3C Zoning District.

Dallas Seveland spoke of the Advisory Board, which he is a part of for Rainbow Lake Estates and stated their next meeting is on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. John Meeks inquired if the night reading of this Ordinance could be done at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, which is scheduled for 6:00 P.M.

Comm. Rock Meeks invited anyone in the audience who had not already spoken regarding this item to speak.

Renate Cannon stated she would like to see a Levy County Representative on the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Board. Sallie Ann Collins spoke of the squatters situation in the Rainbow Lakes Estates neighborhood. Brent Cooper spoke against changing the permitted use in the RR-3C Zoning District. Barbara Cox encouraged the Board to approve the change to the Land Development Code.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to postpone the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading until February 21<sup>st</sup> during the evening meeting and made a decision at this time. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 10:56 A.M.  
The meeting reconvened at 11:07 A.M.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean provided an update to the Commissioners regarding SHIP process stating he consulted with other counties and discovered no other county allows a staff member to sign off on SHIP documents to allow for payment on a date other than a regular Board Meeting date.

### **SHIP**

Wilbur Dean, on behalf of Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Deidre Nicole Fleming, PA #598, for an existing unit in Bronson, Florida.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve PA #598 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Comm. John Meeks presented the Board with the Levy County AHAC Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies Report.

Comm. John Meeks stated he is ok with the recommendations in the report and made a motion to approve. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-78, amending the final budget for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$82,152. This will appropriate funds from the Capital Outlay Reserves for Road Improvement and Restoration (Fund #363) for the purpose of drilling and blasting at the Gulf Hammock Rock Pit to be done by Austin Powder Company.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-78 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Rod Hastings, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the increased purchase price for the purchase of two (2) Ford F250 pickup trucks from Alan Jay Fleet Sales. The total increase for 2 trucks is \$27,248, bringing the total purchase price to \$120,486. Mr. Hastings explained the DEP Grant in the amount of \$93,750 will still be used for this purchase as planned and the remainder will come from their budget.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve the additional amount to purchase the (2) F250 trucks as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the revised Title VI Plan for Levy County Transit.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the revised Title VI Plan as presented. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-75 for the submission of Section 5339 Grant Application for the purchase of equipment for the Transit Maintenance Shop.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-75 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-76 for the submission of Section 5311 Grant Application for paving parking lot areas at the Transit Office. Mrs. Conley stated she is interested in utilizing county staff for the paving work.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-76 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2022-77 for the submission of Section 5311 Grant Application for building a Maintenance Bay at the Transit property.

Comm. Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-77 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. FCC Broadband Maps and the Challenge Process. The FCC has released the new broadband coverage maps to be used for the Broadband Access, Equity and Deployment (BEAD) grant funding. Challenges to the Map need to be submitted by January 13, 2023 in order for challenges to be processed into the next version.
- B. Requesting Board approval of the University Oaks, Phase IV Proposal for Professional Services between Levy County and Dewberry Engineers, Inc. The engineering services will cost \$65,554 and is for the waterline extension within University Oaks. Grant funding will be used to pay for the proposed services. The total amount of grant funding is \$311,670 and the match funds are \$5,000. Construction costs are estimated at \$246,116.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the University Oaks, Phase IV Proposal with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to waive the bid process and approve the lowest quote received for Grant Software from AmpliFund in the amount of \$27,000. The Procurement Department, Clerk's Finance Office and other essential staff demoed three (3) different Grant Programs as listed below:

GrantVantage:	Year 1 Implementation	\$ 10,000.00
	User Access	\$ 24,000.00 (recurring)
ECivis:	Year 1	\$ 38,650.00
	Total 5 Year Contract	\$160,268.92
AmpliFund:	Year 1 Cost	\$ 27,000.00
	Annual Subscription Fee	\$ 15,000.00

Jared Blanton spoke in favor of the quote submitted by AmpliFund.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the quote received for Grant Software from AmpliFund as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dana Sheffield thanked the Commissioners for another year of hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also thanked the staff at the Road Department for repair done to a road in Fanning Springs near his residence.

LeeAnn Rohrer spoke to the Board of the property near Gulf Hammock, where a primate facility was rumored to be placed. She stated the former land owners had exotic animals and since the property had been sold, the animals were also gone. She inquired of the animals, if they had been moved or sold. Comm. Rock Meeks replied he heard someone was taking care of the animals.

**RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Clerk of Court, Danny Shipp thanked the Commissioners for their work this past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. John Meeks** - 2023 Gulf Consortium Elected Offices nomination considerations. He currently serves as the Vice-Chairman on this Board and would like to continue for at least one more year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to nominate Comm. John Meeks for the Gulf Consortium Executive Board position of Vice-Chairman as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Wreaths Across America service was held at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson Saturday at noon. The guest speaker was the Veterans Service Director, Olajuwon White. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Comm. Rock Meeks**

A. Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Levy County Commission, updating the Board Appointments & Committees, and Board Departments for 2023.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to appoint Comm. Brooks as Chairman and Comm. Mills as Vice-Chair for 2023. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Board Appointment & Committees and Board Departments for 2023 were discussed by the Commissioners.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Board Appointments & Committees as discussed (see attached). Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Board Departments as discussed (see attached). Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Approval to move forward with an Ordinance and the hiring of a Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement.

Wilbur Dean spoke of the need for a Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the appointment of a Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Mills and the MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion followed concerning funding for the Special Magistrate.

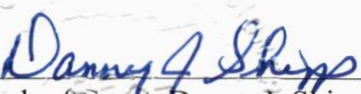
**Comm. Mills** reported of the Ethics Training and New Commissioner Training she attended recently. She then reported of the Inglis Christmas parade.

**Comm. Hodge** reported the Ethics Training and New Commissioner Training was very informative. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.


**Comm. Brooks** spoke of setting the date of February 21<sup>st</sup> for a Land Use Workshop. Stacey Hectus suggested scheduling the Workshop for 3:00 P.M. The Commissioners agreed upon this date and time for the Workshop.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

  
Chairman, Rock Meeks

