

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 21, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks  
Comm. Matt Brooks  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
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 led by Comm. Brooks.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Rooks 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>144004-144013/ 144016-144150</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	116,325.05
ROAD	131,716.64
SHIP	11,100.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,878.15
TRANSPORTATION	2,748.11
COURT FACILITIES	909.83
MISC GRANTS	35,809.91
EMS	38,794.85
FIRE	4,682.55
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	17,763.88
UTILITIES	45,346.66
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	4,096.36
CAPITAL PROJECTS	319,735.42
LANDFILL	93,073.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 824,980.60</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 33,101.51</b>

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER-LCNR</b>	<b>144014</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,174.76
ROAD	424.69
MISC GRANTS	51.63
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	54.96
CAPITAL PROJECTS	22.84
LANDFILL	12.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,741.87</b>

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks abstained from voting.

<b>CHECK NUMBER-AMB</b>	<b>144015</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	8,190.30
EMS	483.83
FIRE	483.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,157.95</b>

### MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting and Budget Meeting held on September 21, 2021 and the Regular Meeting held on October 4, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for meetings held on September 21, 2021 and October 4, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following audience members spoke in opposition and expressed concerns of the Northern Turnpike Extension proposed route through Levy County:

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| Diane Garte     | Maria Wise          |
| Laura Catlow    | Jill Hazzard        |
| Terry Dougherty | Leslie Long         |
| Brandon Peters  | Elizabeth Reesleman |
| Debbie Clark    | Nancy Lindquist     |
| Debbie Wilson   | J. Harder           |

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

Swearing in of audience members was done by Atty. Shalley.

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding the items to be presented. There were none.

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – McMillen Surveying, representing John and Elizabeth Thibodeau requesting Board approval for a Final Plat to Re-Plat Tract 21 of Starting Point. Said parcel is located within Section 16 and 21, Township 14, Range 19 and has a zoning of ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential (10 Ac. Minimum). Said parcel contains 24.275 acres. Proposed Final Plat will create two parcels consisting of 12.138 ac. MOL. Parcel Number: 18001100000.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Final Plat to Re-Plat Tract 21 of Starting Point as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-015 amending the land development code relating to flood damage prevention.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the item presented. Audience member Diane Garte spoke.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-015 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

William Burke, Northern Turnpike Extension Project Manager, HDR  
Stephanie Sharp, PE, District Program Management Administrator, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise  
A Presentation of the Northern Turnpike Extension project update to include background information, study Process, project goals, preliminary alternative corridors, and schedule was given by William Burke.

Following questions and comments by the Commissioners, the audience members who then spoke were:

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| Brandon Peters         | Harriet Jones   |
| Janet Carswell         | Marlene Dillard |
| Linda Evans Maria Wise | Renate Cannon   |
| Diana Allery           | Stephanie Zeno  |
| Debbie Byrom           | Emily Casey     |
| Barbara Byrom          | Ray Goodspeed   |
| Leslie Long            | Sandy Terp      |
| Lisa Ridge             | Robert Pear     |

**LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – LILLY ROOKS, DISTRICT 4**

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-151, a Resolution requesting the Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation direct the department to adopt and implement a “No Build” option for any Northern Turnpike Extension Corridor or Route that may be proposed through Levy County.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-151 and to include the signatures collected from a petition collected by members of the audience opposed to the Northern Turnpike Extension proposed route through Levy County. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Bobby, McCallum, Levy County Sheriff  
Requesting Board approval of the JAG Acceptance of Federal Funding Assistance form and Certificate Acceptance.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the JAG Acceptance of Federal Funding Assistance form and Certificate Acceptance as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 11:40 A.M.  
The meeting reconvened at 11:50 A.M.

## **LEVY COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gussie Boatright, AHAC Chair

Presenting the Board with the Levy County AHAC Affordable Housing Incentive Report, 2021.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Levy County AHAC Affordable Housing Incentive Report for 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

In follow up to the request by the Town of Bronson and other groups to use the Gymnasium and the brief Board discussion at its meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, County staff has prepared a form of Facility Use Application and Agreement. The form has been approved by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency and will not require further legal review unless modifications to the form are necessary. At this time, facility use will only be open to non-profit, charitable and governmental organizations and only for use of the Gymnasium. Applications will be processed and administered by the County Construction and Maintenance Department. It is recommended that the Board direct the County Coordinator, and his designees, to implement a facility use program for the Gymnasium.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Facility Use Application and Agreement as presented and for the County Coordinator and his designees, to implement a facility use program for the Gymnasium. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell,

Requesting the Board waive the bid process due to a unique situation regarding our Collection Agency. As well, requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Agreement between Levy County, Florida and Professional Recovery Management, Inc. d/b/a Fox Collection Center.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement with Professional Recovery Management, Inc., d/b/a Fox Collection Center with the Chairman's signature as requested. After the beginning of the new year, a new RFQ will be prepared to determine if there are any other options. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Alicia Tretheway presented on behalf of John MacDonald, Director  
Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declarations 2021-148 and 2021-150 extending the Local State of  
Emergency for the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-148 and 2021-150 as requested.  
Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **GRANT COORDINATOR**

Tony Parker, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-153 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$250,000 due to receipt of an FDEP Grant (Agreement Number LPA0182) for Shoreline Resiliency-Cedar Key.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-153 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and signature on the Agreement of the Suwannee River Water Management District; River Grant for University Oaks Phase IV, Contract #21/22-034.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Agreement of the Suwannee River Water Management District; River Grant for University Oaks Phase IV, Contract #21/22-034 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Jimmy Jones, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-152, amending the final budget for the Water Utilities Department in the amount of \$23,408 for fiscal year 2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-152 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting the Board to cancel the previously awarded bid for Derelict Vessel Removal (ITB\_2022\_013) to Live Flyer, Inc., and approval to rebid based on FWC's average cost per foot for vessel removal.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to cancel the previously awarded bid to Live Flyer, Inc. and approval to rebid for vessel removal as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP**

Tony Parker presented on behalf of Marlon Gayle

Requesting Board approval of Levy County SHIP Annual reports to be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) and authorizing the Chairman's signature to certify this report.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Levy County SHIP Annual reports with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sallie Ann Collins spoke regarding the FDOT Northern Turnpike Extension item.

Sue Beaudette spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of Animal Control services in the Town of Bronson. She also provided information on the culvert flooding issue on 310 School Street following a Town meeting held the evening before.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

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

Comm. Rooks spoke of an item discussed at the last meeting regarding the Town of Bronson providing water to Cedar Key and Otter Creek. Comm. Rooks indicated she would like to add Matt Weldon to the Committee with the Town of Bronson in order to have a point of contact for the Board.

Comm. John Meeks reported of the Rural Summit meeting he recently attended.

Comm. John Meeks requested the Commissioners select a Board Chairman/Vice Chairman and approve the updated Board appointments for the upcoming year, 2022.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Comm. Rock Meeks as Chairman and Comm. John Meeks as Vice Chairman for 2022. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Board Appointments and Committees for 2022 as discussed (attached). Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Board Department Appointments for 2022 as discussed (attached). Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks presented a Gulf Consortium Board of Directors letter of support for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors letter of support as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 P.M.

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