

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 22, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 22, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	122037-122184
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	667,962.94
ROAD	66,937.41
PAL LIBRARY	26,441.02
MOSQUITO CONTROL	487.14
TRANSPORTATION	17,679.26
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	31,812.14
FIRE	9,054.88
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	10,128.51
UTILITIES	1,606.80
ADD COURT COSTS	637.62
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	125.41
CAPITAL PROJECTS	229,148.90
LANDFILL	59,060.39
TOTAL	\$ 1,121,097.42

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on October 20, 2015 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on October 20, 2015 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon spoke to the Board requesting information regarding the next union negotiation meeting for the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Moody responded the next date had not been set, but it is expected to be after the holidays.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

David Pieklik

Presentation of regular activities and projects status report for the months of October-December, 2015.

Mr. Pieklik a presentation of regular activities and a status report to the Board for the months of October-December, 2015 for Nature Coast Business Development.

MILLS ENGINEERING COMPANY

Andrew Carswell, P.E.

Request approval of quote from Huss Drilling, Inc. to install monitoring well at Levy County Solid Waste Management Facility (Bronson Landfill) and to enter into contract with the Contractor.

Mr. Carswell spoke to the Board informing them the FDEP has requested additional groundwater monitoring due to the presence of chromium in one (1) detection well near the Class I disposal area. The proposed well will be located at the zone of discharge and will be used for compliance as well as to determine if the analyte has moved away from the disposal area. Mr. Carswell requested Board approval of a quote to install a monitoring well at the Levy County Solid Waste Facility (Bronson Landfill) and to enter into contract with the contractor. The two bids received are as follows:

Huss Drilling, Inc.	\$5,450.51 + \$27.50 per additional foot > 62.5'
Cascade Drilling, L.P.	\$9,500.00 + \$25.00 per additional foot > 62.5'

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the quote from Huss Drilling, Inc. and to enter into a contract with them as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Benny Jerrels, Director

Request approval to purchase a used 613C Pan Caterpillar from Ring Power for \$15,000.00 to be utilized in Class III.

Mr. Jerrels stated the Landfill's current Pan is in need of repair and the motor needs to be rebuilt. In order to stay in compliance with the permit, FDEP requires the Class III site to be compacted and covered weekly. The rental cost for this type of equipment per month would be \$12,500. Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval to purchase a used 613C Pan Caterpillar from Ring Power in the amount of \$15,000 to be utilized in leveling at the Class III site.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a used Caterpillar 613C Pan from Ring Power as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHRISTOPHER AND DIANA TOPPING

Requesting a letter of support from the County to Suwannee River Water Management District for the exchange of real property for land adjacent to Topping's Tract.

Mr. Topping made a presentation to the Board and requested a letter of support to the Suwannee River Water Management District regarding the exchange of real property for land adjacent to their tract near Cedar Key.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were:

Toni Collins	Frank Offerle	Steve Stackhouse
Sue Colson	Mandy Offerle	Brack Barker
Margarete Hall	Jay Bushnell	Donna Bushnell
Jeri Treat	Tom Liebert	

Andrew Gode, representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spoke to the Board giving the National Wildlife Refuge's perspective regarding this issue.

Noah Valenstine, Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District also spoke.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to send a letter to the Suwannee River Water Management District requesting them to address the issue presented to the Board as they own and manage the land surrounding the tract in question. Second was made by Comm. Joyner.

Comm. Stevens rescinds his motion and Comm. Joyner rescinds his Second upon Mr. Valenstine stating an extension would be given for comment from the Board until after the next Water Management District meeting on January 12th.

The meeting recessed at 10:58 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

ANIMAL SERVICES

David Weatherford, Director

Request adoption of Policies and Safety Procedures for volunteer program and general public kennel access.

Mr. Weatherford presented a proposed Policies and Procedures for Levy County Animal Services Department Volunteer Program and Kennel Access for Board approval.

Mary Taaffe spoke regarding the proposed Policies and Procedures and questions were asked by Linda Cooper and Terry Witt.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Policies and Procedures for the Animal Services Department Volunteer Program and Kennel Access adding "with Board approval." Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weatherford gave a quarterly report to the Board of the number of animals taken in at the Animal Services Department, adopted, micro-chipped, spayed and neutered, vaccinations administered, as well as the number which were euthanized.

Mr. Weatherford stated a verbal commitment had been given by an individual for a donation of \$10,000 to assist with the construction of a building for cats at the Animal Services location.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Discuss the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List.

Mr. MacDonald spoke to the Board regarding the Local Mitigation Strategy Project List noting there are some county projects which need to be revisited for their priority, or any additions or subtractions.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the LMS Project List with the addition of the Inglis project. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Stevens made a motion to hear a non-agenda item from Sheriff McCallum. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum requested the Board send a letter of support to Senator Dean, Representative Stone and to SLRS expressing the need for an E-Tower on the East side of Levy County.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to send a letter of support as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request approval from the Board and the Chairman's signature on the Non-Institutional Medicaid Provider Agreement and Finger-Printing Exemption Form.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Non-Institutional Medicaid Provider Agreement and Finger-Printing Exemption form.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Non-Institutional Medicaid Provider Agreement and Finger-Printing Exemption form with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting approval from the Board for a First Amendment to the License Agreement with American Tower, LLC for Licensor Contract Number 452689 for the American Tower Site identified as "Hay Farm" in Williston, Florida.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval for a First Amendment to the License Agreement with American Tower, LLC for Licensor Contract Number 452689 for the American Tower Site identified as "Hay Farm" in Williston, Florida.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the License Agreement with American Tower, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde

- A. Ratification of Levy County Air Permit Renewal for the Air Curtain Incinerator.

Mrs. LaLonde requested ratification by the Board of the Levy County Air Permit Renewal for the Air Curtain Incinerator.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to ratify the Levy County Air Permit Renewal for the Air Curtain Incinerator as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval for the purchase of a 1993 Gradall 660E.

Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval for the purchase of a 1993 Gradall 660E from a private individual, Ken Edwards in the amount of \$18,500. This piece of equipment will be used in the clean-up in the flooded areas around Inglis and Yankeetown as well as other areas of the county.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1993 Gradall 660E as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Staff presentation on overview of legislative changes to the Comprehensive Planning process, the seven (7) year update process, changes in local conditions, and to hear recommendations made by the Planning Commission at their December 7th regular meeting concerning these issues.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

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

Comm. Stevens stated the Christmas Cantata at the Williston Church of God was a success.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the Christmas Parade in Chiefland went well and many people came out for it. Kirby Farms is still going on if anyone would like to attend.

Comm. Rooks stated the Boat Parade in Cedar Key went well.

Comm. John Meeks reported Wreaths Across America was a huge success this year. Comm. John Meeks stated a letter was received from Jack Hudson, District Commander of the AmVets District 16 thanking the Board for the donation of a bus recently.

Comm. John Meeks gave an update on the Restore Act and the amount Levy County could receive from the "Pot 3 Money" pending approval by the Governor.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks