

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 5, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 5, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>133628-133759</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,301,922.50
ROAD	80,534.23
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,023.16
TRANSPORTATION	2,228.23
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	147.11
MISC GRANTS	10,623.60
EMS	43,736.26
FIRE	121,498.95
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	10,225.19
UTILITIES	92.54
CAPITAL PROJECTS	38,704.14
LANDFILL	1,604.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,627,396.92</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 302,819.48</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Toni Collins spoke to the Board regarding abandoned properties near her home in Camp Azalea and gave a powerpoint presentation showing photos taken of the properties.

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on January 22, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BUILDING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING**

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the items to be presented during the Public Hearings.

Comm. John Meeks asked if the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication with any of the petitioners. There were none.

Bob Boulette, Development Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 01-19) Devon Robinson petitioning the Board for a Hardship Variance to allow a second dwelling to help take care of a family member with a medical condition.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Hardship Variance (Ha. Va. 01-19) as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-005; Plat Vacation (PV 01-18) Properties 315, LLC/Shirley Saez.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-005 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Order to Approve or Deny for SEA 01-19; Paul and Natalie Westling.

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

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Order to Approve SEA 01-19 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief & Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director

Amy Brown gave a presentation to the Board of a draft of 2015 water use estimates for the SRWMD portion of the county and describe upcoming water supply planning activities.

Tom Mirti spoke providing information on the requirements for agriculture water usage monitoring and what is necessary for permitting.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Toni Collins, Jeff Hardison, and Terry Witt.

## **CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

- A. Requesting Board approval for future inclusion of additional \$74K for funding position and software costs into Clerk's original FY 2020 budget request.
- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-019, appropriating additional investment revenue of \$30K to fund items for remainder of FY 2019.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve items A. and B. as requested by Mr. Blanton. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CLERK OF COURT – TAX DEEDS**

Mandy Waters, Tax Deed & VAB Deputy Clerk presented to the Board a List of Lands available from the Tax Deed Auction held on January 14, 2019.

## **LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN(S)**

Ann-Marie Bortz & Cindy R. Lundry

Ann-Marie Bortz spoke to the Board requesting enforcement of Ordinances for noise and for a change in the dog Ordinances for the County to include limitation on the number of dogs per acre. Also speaking was Cindy Lundry, who lives in the same neighborhood as Mrs. Bortz.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Letter of Agreement for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, PA (“NGN”) to provide rate consultant services for the County’s Assessment Programs.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, PA as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting the Board review and consider salary and benefits negotiated with Robert “Bob” Boulette for the Building Official position. The salary negotiated is at \$75,000 annually and the daily use of a take home vehicle, effective for the pay period beginning 03/02/2019.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the salary and benefits as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Linda Cooper spoke regarding this item.

## **NON AGENDA ITEM/COMM. JOYNER**

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner requested the Board consider authorizing the harvesting of timber on 51 acres owned by the County located on HWY 40 by Usher Timber Company, which is currently working in the area. Comm. Joyner stated there may be 10 acres of good pines which could be harvested on the 50 acres.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to allow Atty. Brown to research, and if possible, grant Mr. Dean the authority to enter into an agreement with Usher Timber or another timber company to harvest the pines on the property on HWY 40. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Matt Weldon, Director

Requesting Board approval of a contract Amendment Change to State Mosquito Control – Contract Manager. Mr. Weldon explained the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Mosquito Control has appointed Stephanie Young as the new Contract Manager for the department.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Contract Amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-016 authorizing the execution of an Agreement with FDOT for SCOP Grant Agreement for the design, construction and construction engineering and inspection for CR330 from C347 to C336 (11.4 miles) for \$3,500,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-016 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Rod Hastings, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-018 to amend the Solid Waste Final Budget, FY 2018-2019. The budget amendment results from the State of Florida Small County Consolidated Grant for funds received in the amount of \$90,909.00.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Hastings presented to the Board potential cost analysis on to establish three (3) Satellite Site locations within Levy County.

After discussion, Comm. Rooks made a motion to allow Mr. Hastings to establish one site and the Eight Mile site was selected. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT DEPARTMENT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of 2018/2019 FFY 2018, Section 5339 Notice of Grant Award to purchase one (1) 23' bus in the amount of \$80,279 paid at 100%.
- B. Requesting Board approval of 2018/2019 FFY 2018 Section 5339 Notice of Grant Award to purchase one (1) 23' bus in the amount of \$76,019 paid at 100%.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve items A and B as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Procurement Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Carter Excavating for University Oaks Water System – Phase III, as amended. The original negotiated amount was \$185,382, and was negotiated to \$104,958.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement between Levy County and Carter Excavating for University Oaks Water System – Phase III, as amended. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE**

Jimmy Jones, Director

Requesting Board approval of the Grant Agreement with For Our Friends the Animals in the amount of \$220,000. The Grant Agreement is for the construction of dog kennels at the Animal Services Department.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement with For Our Friends the Animals as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**NEW RIVER TECHNOLOGY, LLC**

Brady Clark

Updating the Board on the concerns with email operations. Mr. Clark stated he would be installing a new spam filter to protect emails for Board and Clerk employees as the previous filter had been more aggressive than intended.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. Joyner** reported of attending the meeting at Emergency Management yesterday and thanked all who have prayed for his recovery.

**Comm. Rooks** reported of Social Security number fraud and the recent use of her number for drug purchases. Comm. Rooks reported of her attendance at the Animal Control Conference.

**Comm. Brooks** reported he will be attending the Williston Police and Fire Banquet this Friday.

Comm. Brooks read into public record the letter of support which was provided to each of the Commissioners for the City of Williston to pursue license of Williston Regional General Hospital.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the letter of support as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** reported of the events which had taken place at the Suwannee River Fair over the weekend and stated the livestock portion is coming up this weekend.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the opening ceremony for CAAA baseball and softball is this Saturday.

**Comm. John Meeks** presented and spoke of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Resolution 2019-01.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks reported of attending the Associated Industries of Florida reception last night.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:29 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks