

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 3, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on January 3, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens  
Comm. Marsha Drew  
Comm. Ryan Bell  
Comm. Chad Johnson  
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

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. Osborn Barker gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>106861-106939</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	945,779.79
ROAD	47,237.65
TRANSPORTATION	639.86
911	14,000.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	159.08
EMS	8,897.33
FIRE	13,375.39
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	290.95
UTILITIES	944.13
LANDFILL	10,100.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,424.79</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 6, 2011 were presented to the Board for approval.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 6, 2011 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

**CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECTION**

Comm. Drew made a motion to appoint Comm. Johnson as Board Chairman and Comm. Bell as Vice-Chairman for 2012. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the votes were cast as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Drew	Comm. Stevens
Comm. Johnson	Comm. Bell
	Comm. Joyner

The MOTION FAILS.

Comm. Bell made a motion to continue this year with Comm. Stevens as Chairman and Comm. Johnson as Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

**S.W.A.T.**

Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T)

- A. Request approval of Resolution 2012-04 urging tobacco retailers to stop the sale and marketing of flavored tobacco products in Levy County.

The following students spoke to the Board requesting the approval of Resolution 2012-04 urging tobacco retailers to stop the sale and marketing of flavored tobacco products in Levy County:

- Ansley Pense
- Christian Aresina
- Kate Renally
- David Hallman
- Larry Coleman

Christina Zackary, the Tobacco Prevention Specialist at Levy County Health Department thanked the Board for their time and stated she coordinates the S.W.A.T. in the schools as well as in the community.

After discussion, Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-04. Second was made by Comm. Johnson.

The Commissioners agreed with S.W.A.T. in their efforts to educate students and discourage the use of tobacco products, but did not feel it was Board’s obligation to ask retailers to not sell certain products. Commissioners agreed the Resolution should be re-worded to direct its request to the tobacco manufacturers rather than the retailers.

Renate Cannon stated she felt the students which prepared the Resolution should be given the opportunity to re-word it and supported their efforts.

Art Maruna spoke and also supported the efforts of S.W.A.T.

Kay Hallman spoke to the Board and emphasized the need for something to be done to prevent the sale of flavored tobacco to children.

Dana Sheffield spoke and agreed with the students in their efforts and hoped they would be able to re-word the resolution and get it approved.

After discussion, Comm. Drew withdrew her motion and Comm. Johnson also withdrew his second of the motion and will consider the Resolution once the students have had a chance to re-word it.

**CLERK OF COURT**

Danny Shipp, Clerk of Court

- A. Request Board allocate funds for Paul Silverman as Magistrate in Foreclosure actions for Eighth Circuit.

Ann Moody requested on behalf of Mr. Shipp Board approval for the allocation of funds for Paul Silverman as Magistrate in Foreclosure actions for Eighth Circuit in the amount of \$10,000.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the allocation of funds as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

- A. Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Technicians IAFF, Local #4069.

Mr. Moody requested Board ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County Professional Paramedics and Emergency Technicians IAFF, Local #4069. Approval of the agreement will put this contract in effect for the current fiscal year.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Karen Blackburn

- A. Present request from Columbia County Board of County Commissioners to appoint a member to a County Official Working Group, which will continue to monitor developments related to water supply issues and develop strategies for the long-term protection of water supplies.

Mrs. Blackburn presented a request from the Columbia County BOCC to appoint a member from the North Florida Economic Development Partnership to a County Official Working Group. This group has concerns in regard to water being taken from the St. Johns River Water Management District. There is a meeting scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in Lake City.

The Commissioners agreed they would like to have someone attend to represent Levy County

Comm. Johnson stated he would be willing to attend but would contact the Board office if he was not able to.

## **LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT**

Desiree Painter, General Manager

- A. Request approval to submit Section 5310 Capital Grant application with authorizing resolution.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval to submit the Section 5310 Capital Grant application with authorizing Resolution. This is an 80/10/10 grant in the amount of \$73,033 and will be used to purchase a new transport vehicle. The county match amount for this grant is \$7,303.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve submitting the Section 5310 Capital Grant application with Resolution 2012-01 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to submit Section 5311 Operating Grant application with authorizing resolution.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval to submit the Section 5311 Operating Grant application with authorizing resolution. This is a 50/50 grant used for payroll expenses and they are asking for \$661,559.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve submitting the Section 5311 Operating Grant application with Resolution 2012-02 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request approval to submit Section 5316 Operating funding for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant application with authorizing resolution.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval to submit Section 5316 Operating funding for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant application with authorizing resolution. This is a 50/50 grant in the amount of \$450,000.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve submitting the Section 5316 Operating funding for Job Access Reverse Commute with Resolution 2012-06 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Request approval to submit Section 5317 New Freedom Capital Grant with authorizing resolution.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval to submit the Section 5317 New Freedom Capital Grant with authorizing resolution. This is an 80/20 grant to be used for the purchase of a vehicle in the amount of \$73,033. The county's portion will be \$14,670.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve submitting the Section 5317 New Freedom Capital Grant with Resolution 2012-08 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

E. Request approval to submit Section 5317 New Freedom Operating Grant with authorizing resolution.

Ms. Painter requested Board approval to submit the Section 5317 New Freedom Operating Grant with authorizing resolution. This is a 50/50 grant in the amount of \$168,690. Ms. Painter stated the amount she will ultimately be asking for is \$84,345.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve submitting the Section 5317 New Freedom Operating Grant with Resolution 2012-07. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

F. Request approval for a revised agreement for Steve Tocknell scope of services. – TABLED –

## **SHIP/WATER**

Dick Tummond, Director

A. Request approval of Resolution 2012-03, authorizing the Chair or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence or inability, to execute Satisfactions of Mortgage on behalf of the county for Satisfactions of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program loans, upon payment in full of all amounts owed to county or otherwise meeting requirements for execution.

Mr. Tummond requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-13.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-03 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Comm. Johnson reminded everyone the Levy County Education Foundation Gala will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in Chiefland.

Comm. Bell

Discussion and decision regarding any presentation the Board may want to make at the public input session before the Atomic Safety Licensing Board for the combined operating license application for Progress Energy's proposed power plants in Levy County.

Comm. Bell stated he would be attending and Comm. Stevens stated he was also planning to attend. Discussion followed regarding the Board's concerns for environmental impacts. It was decided by consensus Comm. Stevens would speak on the Board's behalf at the session.

The workshop which had been scheduled right after this meeting will take place directly following the next board meeting.

Comm. Drew had passed information to each of the Commissioners and informed them Agriculture Commissioner, Adam Putnam is now in charge of the Energy Office. She asked the other Commissioners if they would be in favor of drafting a resolution supporting his work to support renewable energy. The Commissioners were in agreement they would consider this item at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Danny Stevens