

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 2, 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  
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 led by Comm. Brooks.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Joyner 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>140903-141025</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,528,866.49
ROAD	29,104.25
MOSQUITO CONTROL	89.01
TRANSPORTATION	8,595.98
911	15,721.33
COURT FACILITIES	525.32
MISC GRANTS	11,712.71
EMS	21,113.00
FIRE	98,035.10
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	21,897.10
UTILITIES	172.46
ADD COURT COSTS	1,395.87
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	602.16
CAPITAL PROJECTS	413.21
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	52,873.56
LANDFILL	16,349.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,807,466.97</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nancy Winnegar spoke to the Board regarding volunteer opportunities through a non-profit organization called “JustServe.org”. The JustServe.org website is used by organizations to post service opportunities and publicize their needs. Volunteers can search for service opportunities which meet their interests, skills, and availability.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Stacey Hectus, Director

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Requesting Board approval for the transmittal of a Large Scale Land Use Amendment, LSA 20-01 to DEO on behalf of property owners, R & R Land Holdings, LLC a/k/a William R. Spell, III from “Forestry/Rural Residential” (1 dwelling unit per 20 acres) to “Agricultural/Rural Residential” (one dwelling unit per 10 acres). The vacant land, containing approximately 62.39 acres is located in Section 7, Township 16, and Range 17. The Parcel ID is 1436501600, with a location approximately five (5) miles north of Inglis, Florida on US 19/98 and the address is SE 157<sup>th</sup> Place, Goethe Road.

Mr. Spell spoke to the Board explaining his reasoning for requesting the Large Scale Land Use Amendment.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the transmittal of a Large Scale Land Use Amendment, LSA 20-01 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks asked Mrs. Hectus to provide an update and to share information with the Board regarding Zoning maps.

Mrs. Hectus stated she is at the point where there will need to be some public input meetings and will be in contact with each Commissioner for locations. Once the locations are confirmed, she will present them to the Board.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Request ratification of LSE extension of Emergency Declaration 2021-009 and Emergency Declaration 2021-010.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-009 and Emergency Declaration 2021-010 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PROCUREMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of a budget amendment amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$4,640 for upgrades to the Guardian Ad Litem phones/system.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-011; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$49,310. The budget amendment is necessary to pay Federal Engineering; the firm the County is consulting with for the aging radio system.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-011 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Agreement between Levy County and Florida Newspapers, LLC, d/b/a Chiefland Citizen. The rates will remain the same except for the Tax Roll. The rates are as follows:

- Price per line for first publication \$ .20, plus (if applicable)
- Price per line for any subsequent publication \$ .17
- Display Advertisements: \$4.00, plus (if applicable)
- Price per column inch for any subsequent publication \$3.40
- Tax Roll \$10.00 per parcel for all three (3) runs

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement with Florida Newspapers, LLC, d/b/a Chiefland Citizen as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Presenting the FY 2020 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and FY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> quarter write-offs in the to the Board for approval. The amounts are as follows:

- FY 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter                    \$291,902.37
- FY 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter                    \$259,979.16

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the FY 2020 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and FY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> quarter write-offs as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the DOH Matching Grant application for 10 IV Pumps. If awarded, this grant would allow for the purchase of IV pumps for use on LCDPS ambulances. The amount requested is \$46,800 and they are asking for a 90% match by the State. If the match is not granted, the County's portion would be 25%, or \$11,700.
- C. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the DOH Matching Grant application for 10 Vents. If awarded, this grant would allow for the purchase of ventilators for use on LCDPS ambulances. The amount requested is \$300,000 and they are asking for 90% match by the State. If the match is not granted, the County's portion would be 25%, or \$75,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve item B and C as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Seeking direction from the Board regarding coverage for the Morriston district.

Chief Harrell referred to Chief Stegall's presentation during the budgeting process explaining the need for coverage at the Morriston station. Chief Stegall had recently contacted Chief Harrell suggesting a "per call" rate for this area be implemented by the Board. He stated the City of Williston was willing to move forward with the \$175 per-call amount. Chief Harrell requested permission to 1) work with Atty. Brown to draft an amendment to the Agreement with the City of Williston for fire coverage to include the \$175 per-call amount to be implemented immediately for those in the Morriston district when there is no coverage, based upon the criteria he and Chief Stegall will work together to detail; and 2) with permission from the Board, he would come back to them with a plan at the first meeting in April with different options for the continued coverage of the Morriston district.

Direction was given by consensus from the Board for Atty. Brown to work with Chief Harrell in drafting an Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Williston for coverage in the Morriston district implementing a \$175 per-call amount to customer's retroactive. The Agreement is to be presented to the Board at the first meeting in April for approval.

Atty. Brown requested the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement since this is will be an Amendment to the Fire Agreement with Williston. The Agreement will then make the payment retroactive.

Audience member, Terry Witt spoke regarding this item.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Renate Cannon inquired of an upcoming evening Public Hearing at the next meeting and an evening Board meeting date and time.

Comm. John Meeks stated there is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled next Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening and a Regular Board meeting scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6: P.M.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. John Meeks introduced Sue Beaudet, Town of Bronson, City Manager to the Board who stated she was happy to be with the Town of Bronson and looked forward to working with the Commissioners in the future.

Comm. Rooks stated she could be bringing a recommendation for appointment to the Board of Adjustments before the Commissioners at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Comm. Joyner thanked the Board office staff for their hard work.

Comm. Brooks gave the Board an update on one of their Legislative priorities, Cedar Key, Dock Street and the Seawall issues with resiliency. He stated an appropriations request was made with the State for \$500,000 for planning, engineering and estimating, as well as public outreach for the Dock Street and Cedar Key Seawall area.

Comm. Brooks spoke of a possible issue which he would like to address before it becomes an issue for the county regarding the need for compost/manure facilities as a result of the recent opening of the World Equestrian Center in Marion County located near Williston. He stated the location could increase the need for these types of businesses reaching into Levy County and would like to get some direction and a consensus from the Board to work with Atty. Brown on drafting an Ordinance providing regulations for compost-manure facilities.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to direct Atty. Brown to work with Comm. Brooks on the Ordinance as requested, which would then be brought back to the Board for approval.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Levy County Beast Feast will be taking place this Saturday and the Commissioners will be cooking and serving clams as in the past.

Comm. John Meeks stated he received an email informing them of the requirement by the Federal Government of mask wearing on the Transit busses as Federal funds were used for the purchase, making them Federal property.

Comm. John Meeks reported he was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Gulf Consortium at a recent meeting. He also attended a Regional Planning Council meeting recently and was elected as Chairman of the Middle-Lower Suwannee River Task Force.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of Legislative actions; House Bill 62, presented by Senator Bradley would repeal the Planning Councils. He has requested to be notified when this will be on the docket and would like to testify against it. Senate Bill 60, also presented by Senator Bradley relates to anonymous tips regarding code violations.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of COVID vaccination “shopping” and locations where the vaccinations are now available. John MacDonald spoke regarding the vaccinations available to Levy County for the Health Department and how they are administered.

Comm. John Meeks then read aloud emails received from residents sharing their positive responses upon receiving COVID vaccinations in Levy County.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 11:23 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, John Meeks