

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 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. Mike Joyner
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Matt Brooks

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

CHECK NUMBER	141172-141300
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,456,055.15
ROAD	30,361.63
TRANSPORTATION	908.90
911	15,721.33
COURT FACILITIES	7,077.75
MISC GRANTS	11,242.62
EMS	27,834.45
FIRE	40,878.60
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,552.90
UTILITIES	501.24
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	5,713.20
CAPITAL PROJECTS	819.97
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	58,798.86
LANDFILL	21,380.60
TOTAL	\$ 1,679,847.20

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. John Meeks stated there was a change to Item #10 regarding approval of the final CARES funding breakdown and a corrected cover sheet had been provided.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to adopt the agenda with the Item #10 change as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on November 17, 2020 and the Emergency Meeting held on November 30th, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held November 17, 2020 and the Emergency Meeting held November 30, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon inquired of what the Levy County COVID 19 Status Board is. Comm. John Meeks responded this refers to the dashboard on the Levy County Website.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. Comm. John presented Proclamation 2021-021 recognizing the 176th anniversary of the establishment of Levy County to the Board approval. The Proclamation was read into public record by Comm. Brooks.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2021-021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Adopt Proclamation 2021-024 supporting the protection of rights under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2021-024 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – CHAIRMAN JOHN MEEKS

Requesting the Board adopt Resolution 2021-023 to amend Amended Resolution 2013-52 providing for amendment to the Agenda and Public Participation Policy.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING & ZONING

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners. Comm. Rock Meeks, Comm. John Meeks, Comm. Joyner and Comm. Brooks stated they had ex-parte communication with one or more of the petitioners.

Swearing in was done by Atty. Brown of audience members wishing to speak for or against any of the following Public Hearing items.

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Requesting the Board’s adoption of Ordinance 2021-006 approving a rezoning for applicant Lee Thomas to assign an “RR” Zoning District to 4.67 acres previously zoned “F/RR” Forestry/Rural Residential as identified in the preface of this staff report. This parcel lies within the Williston Municipal Service District. Parcel Number 0482300000. The Ordinance was read into public record by Mrs. Hectus.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented.

Randall Wier spoke stating he would appreciate consideration by the Board to approve the Ordinance.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-006 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance 2021-005 approving a rezoning for applicant Brody Lathrop and Sara Lathrop to assign an “RR” Rural Residential (minimum, 1 acre) Zoning District on 3.66 acres previously zoned “F/RR” Forestry/Rural Residential as identified in this application, and in the preface of this staff report. Parcel Number 0757601400. The Ordinance was read into public record by Mrs. Hectus.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-004 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Public Hearing – Requesting the Board’s adoption of Ordinance 2021-004 approving a rezoning for applicant Jerry W. Hyde and Judith A. Hyde to assign an “RR” Rural Residential (minimum 1 acre) Zoning District to 2.67 acres previously zoned Commercial “C-2” as identified in this application, and in the preface of this staff report. Parcel Number 0753101800. The Ordinance was read into public record by Mrs. Hectus.

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

Comm. Rooks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-004 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Stacey Hectus, Planning & Zoning Director

Public Hearing – Levy County application for the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) for the Levy County Broadband Planning, Engineering and Implementation Study. Ms. Hectus stated she was making the presentation on behalf of Marlon Gayle explaining this process is done in phases with today’s presentation being phase one. There are four people involved in this project and each one has a specific task to complete before the March 15th due date. She requested if anyone wished to speak regarding this item, please write their name on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the room.

Comm. John Meeks opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item.

Terry Witt inquired of what this grant was for. Ms. Hectus responded this is the broadband grant application they are making for the planning, engineering, and implementation study. She stated she would like to have a “shovel ready” project ready for when funding is offered later.

Upon closing the Public Hearing, Comm. John Meeks asked Atty. Brown if any action was necessary from the Board today.

Atty. Brown stated it was her recommendation for the Board to authorize someone to submit the pre-application electronically when it is ready as there would not be another meeting before the due date.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Stacey Hectus for the task of getting the pre-application submitted. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to re-appoint David Shewey of District 1, and David Carter of District 2, to the Board of Adjustment.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to re-appoint David Shewey of District 1 and David Carter of District 2 to the Board of Adjustment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval to appoint Charlene Hovey of District 4, to the Board of Adjustment.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Charlene Hovey of District 4, to the Board of Adjustment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting the Board to formally amend the Agenda to add to the existing motion/action a request for the Board to find the expenditures for all phases of the CARES Act funding

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declaration 2021-014 and Emergency Declaration 2021-019.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-014 and Emergency Declaration 2021-019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Jimmy Jones, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-020 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$102,734.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-020 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval to accept a donation of an equipment building from the School Board of Levy County. This action is necessary to add the donated item to the County's Asset list and put the building on insurance. The equipment building has been moved to the Cedar Key Tower site and has an estimated value of \$80,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the donation of an equipment building from the School Board of Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Alicia Tretheway,

Mrs. Tretheway requested Board approval on behalf of Matt Weldon Resolution 2021-025 certifying the County's qualification to submit an application and receive funds related to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Boating Improvement Program; authorizing the Chair to execute and submit an application and execute a Grant Agreement, if awarded; authorizing Matt Weldon, Parks and Recreation Director, to act as Project Manager, execute other documents and perform administrative actions.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-025; authorization for the Chairman to execute and submit an application and execute a Grant Agreement, if awarded; authorization for Matt Weldon to act as Project Manager to execute other documents and perform administrative actions as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-016 State-Funded Grant Agreement, and Addendum with the Florida Department of Transportation for Design, Construction and CEI of the Resurfacing of CR 341 from SR 345 to US 19 in Levy County, Florida. Project Number 445821-1-54-01. Mrs. LaLonde stated the grant amount is \$1,719,250.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-016 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience member Terry Witt inquired if the Board was planning to sell the old gym. Comm. John Meeks responded the Board had not been formally approached regarding selling the gym.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks requested staff provide a copy of Proclamation 2021-021 approved at the beginning of the meeting be sent to Levy County's State Representatives, Senator Bradley and Governor DeSantis of Florida with regard to the MCORES toll roads to show the Commissioner's efforts to protect Levy County's heritage.

Linda Cooper inquired of any new information regarding the construction of the toll roads. Comm. John Meeks responded President Simpson had gone on record to say the best option would be to co-locate the toll road in Citrus and Levy County with Highway 19.

Comm. Joyner stated he and Mr. Dean will be attending a meeting this evening of the Inglis City Council regarding their sewer department. Comm. Joyner reminded everyone of the upcoming Suwannee River Livestock Show and Fair this month and of the Wild Hog Canoe Race coming up in April.

Comm. Brooks inquired if the date of April 6th was confirmed for the meeting with the Cedar Key Commissioners. Comm. John Meeks confirmed this was the date.

Comm. Brooks reported of his visit with Rod Hastings to the New River Regional Landfill in Union County and was told Levy County had some of the best drivers they had coming into the facility.

Comm. Brooks reported of his attendance of an event in Gilchrist County recognizing law enforcement.

Comm. Brooks stated he was asked by a resident about Public Notices and the requirement of them to be advertised. Atty. Brown responded they are required to advertise. Comm. Brooks stated the question posed to him was for the advertisement to include a brief summary of the content. Atty. Brown responded the advertisement could include whatever the Board wished to have in it.

Comm. Brooks stated he would like to schedule a workshop with representatives from Duke Energy regarding Solar power facilities and the need for guidelines for approval in Levy County. The Board agreed for Comm. Brooks work with Mrs. Hectus to schedule a Workshop after a Regular Board meeting.

Comm. Brooks reported the Miles for Smiles event held recently at the airport in Williston was a success and was well attended. He also reported the Cedar Key Arts Festival is still scheduled for April.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone the Wild Hog Canoe Race is scheduled for April 17th. He stated each weekend coming up, there are events taking place for the Suwannee River Livestock Show and Fair with the sale day for market animals scheduled for March 17th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks