

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

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.

CHECK NUMBER	137299-137445
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,294,424.54
ROAD	41,021.71
SHIP	20,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	277.95
TRANSPORTATION	12,421.34
COURT FACILITIES	2,378.14
MISC GRANTS	6,274.54
EMS	25,638.79
FIRE	10,230.84
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	21,978.95
UTILITIES	1,915.41
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	327.15
CAPITAL PROJECTS	12,025.21
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	11,951.82
LANDFILL	21,476.24
TOTAL	\$ 1,482,342.63
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 282,308.29

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Alice LaLonde requested a non-agenda item to be added to the Road Departments items on the agenda to request Board approval to administer a SCOP Grant for the Town of Yankeetown, if approved.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the non-agenda item as requested by Mrs. LaLonde. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Matt Weldon requested the WCA item, Sanitation Service Contract, listed as Agenda Item Number 10 be Tabled as the Parks would not be opening at this time.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to Table this item.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 4, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 4, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renate Cannon spoke to the Board requesting maps with the advertisements for items to be presented from the Building & Zoning Department, which were previously included. She stated she was informed this was a great expense to the department and could no longer be provided.

Comm. John Meeks offered explanation for the limited budget of the Building & Zoning Department and the departments current staffing situation.

Jack Schofield spoke regarding this item. Dana Sheffield suggested leaning on the newspaper for a reduction in advertising costs for the county.

Linda Cooper inquired of the status of some Building & Zoning permit applications being available online. Comm. Rock Meeks and Wilbur Dean spoke addressing Ms. Coopers question.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – COVID-19 UPDATE

John MacDonald provided information to the Board regarding the COVID-19 virus stating the information they make public comes directly from the Florida Department of Health.

He stated they will continue to provide updates to their website as information becomes available. Mr. MacDonald stated as of right now, there have been no cases reported in Levy County.

Comm. Brooks inquired if Atty. Brown could draft a Local State of Emergency Order for Levy County. Atty. Brown stated she had one which could be completed and signed after the meeting for ratification at the next Board meeting.

Terry Witt inquired what a Local State of Emergency would do for the county. Atty. Brown answered it allows for waiver of procedures for purchasing and hiring, among other things. It also allows for reimbursement of expenses to the county related to the emergency.

DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.

Bill Menadier, PE, Sr. Project Manager

Presenting Bird Creek Boat Ramp bid results to the Board. A bid tabulation will be provided to the Board for consideration. Engineering will offer recommendations as necessary based on Bid results which are listed below:

American Marine Contractors, LLC	\$1,314,321.69
Fender Marine Construction	\$1,620,075.26
D + L Contracting, LLC	\$ 874,426.96

Mr. Menadier requested the Board allow Dewberry to negotiate with the bidders to reduce the total cost closer to the \$650,000 FWC grant funding amount.

Mr. Weldon stated if the entire project cannot be completed with the current funding awarded, another grant could be applied for through FWC for a Phase II project.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to allow Dewberry Engineers, Inc. to negotiate with the lowest bidder, D + L Contracting, LLC and return to the Board for approval of a contract. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Cooper and Jack Schofield.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of Proclamation 2020-015 declaring the month of March, 2020 as Census Awareness Month.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2020-015 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. 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. The fees are listed below:

Fire Protection	\$11,000
Road Maintenance	\$ 8,000
Solid Waste	\$ 7,500
<u>EMS</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$36,500

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

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Linda Cooper and Terry Witt.

C. Requesting Board approval of the letter to FDOT, with the Chairman’s signature, concerning the safety of many intersections and roadways.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve with the Chairman’s signature, the letter to FDOT as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$20,000 for Jessica A. Jazikoff, PA #576 for an existing unit in Williston, FL 32696.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Jessica A. Jazikoff, PA #576 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

A. Requesting Board approval to purchase one (1) new Caterpillar DG50 Generator from the Sourcewell Contract #120617-CAT in the amount of \$29,345. This purchase is necessary to replace the 40-year-old generator at the Sheriff’s Tower which is not repairable.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) new Caterpillar DG50 Generator as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval to accept Austin Powder Company’s bid in the amount of \$82,678.77, for the blasting and drilling of 200 holes at the Gulf Hammock Pit.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$82,678.77 from Austin Powder Company as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Matt Weldon, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Department of Health purchase order, B6B68D to release additional funds under domestic Mosquito Control in the amount of \$15,000.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Department of Health purchase order, B6B68D as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-016 to amend the final budget of FY 2019-2020 due to additional funding to Local Mosquito Control from Florida Department of Health for community cleanup in the amount of \$15,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-016 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of a Sanitation Service Contract. – TABLED –

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-018 amending the final budget for FY 2019-2020. The budget amendments are to appropriate funds for the Public Transportation Agreement/design and rehab for the George T. Lewis Airport in the amount of \$562,000 and funds for Automated Weather Reporting System at the George T. Lewis Airport in the amount of \$180,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEM

Mrs. Lalonde stated the Town of Yankeetown will be submitting a SCOP Grant to mill and resurface Riverside Drive and requested Board approval to administer the grant as she is LAP Certified.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Mrs. LaLonde administering the SCOP Grant for the Town of Yankeetown as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-019 amending the final budget for FY 2019-2020 in the amount of \$67,000 to process bills for the Satellite Sites at Butler Rd. and Manatee Rd.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-019 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-017 amending the final budget for FY 2019-2020 for the \$125,000 increase in revenue in the 5311 Operational Grant.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-017 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Federal Certifications and Assurances for the grant applications for FY 2019-2020.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Federal Certifications and Assurances as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval for ratification of the Chairman's signature for revised documents SF-424, B1 and B2 (financial documents) for the 2019-2020, 5311 grant applications. These revised documents are for an additional \$250,000 of operational funding to be reimbursed at 50%.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signature for the revised documents SF-424, B1 and B2 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval for ratification of the Chairman's signature for revisions made to the Federal Assistance SF-424, for the previously approved 5311 grant application for the period of 2020-2021.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signature for revisions made to the Federal Assistance SF-424 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Requesting Board approval of Notice of Grant Award 2020, Section 5339 to purchase a vehicle with fourteen (14) seats and two (2) wheelchair positions. The grant application was approved by the Board at the December 4, 2018 meeting.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Notice of Grant Award 2020, Section 5339 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Conley provided information regarding the limited trips the Transit busses will be making for the next two (2) weeks. She stated the Transit busses will be limiting and shutting down non-medical related trips for the next two (2) weeks in order to limit the number of stops to keep the drivers and passengers safer. In addition to limited trips, the drivers are regularly disinfecting the busses for the safety of the passengers.

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF STEEPLECHASE AND MARIA WISE

Mrs. Wise presented signed petitions collected in the past two weeks totaling 249 from citizens in the Steeplechase area and beyond requesting the Board submit a letter to have the Goethe Forest placed in the “No Impact” category by the Florida DOT M-CORES projects as soon as possible.

Morrison resident, Michelle Grall added she had also collected 767 signatures through an online petition on Change.org requesting the same as what Mrs. Wise presented to the Board. These signatures had been emailed to the Board office.

Following discussion, Comm. Joyner made a motion to prepare and send a letter on behalf of the Board to the Florida DOT urging the Goethe Forest to be placed in a “No Impact” category with regard to the M-CORES projects. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO stating she would prefer all of Levy County be placed in a “No Impact” category.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Sheffield stated if it allowed to take place, there is a scheduled Fly-In and Expo at the Cross City Airport on May 2, 2019.

Mr. Sheffield stated the new hotel being constructed in Fanning Springs is scheduled to open late in the summer of this year.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff McCallum stated there are no in-person visits to the jail allowed at this time due to the COVID-19 virus. Any visitation will be done by video.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner reported the Suwannee River Livestock Youth Fair is taking place and will end with the Sale tomorrow. The Williston FFA Clay Shoot is scheduled for May 16th. Comm. Joyner reported of the Williston Fire/Police banquet he attended Friday evening.

Comm. John Meeks reported of various items approved during the recent Legislative Session. Renate Cannon inquired of the Bill which would set term limits for School Board members. Comm. John Meeks answered this item was not heard during session. Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone all school had been cancelled for the current and following week.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported in addition to school cancellations, all youth activities in the State had been cancelled until further notice.

Comm. Rooks reported the Cedar Key Arts Festival has been cancelled due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Comm. Brooks reminded everyone today is voting day which can be done in your precinct until 7:00 P.M. Information regarding meals being provided by the schools during the closure can be found by contacting the Levy County School Board office.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 11:11 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Matt Brooks