

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 20, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 20, 2018 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
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	130244-130368
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	81,907.12
ROAD	273,982.61
MOSQUITO CONTROL	820.91
TRANSPORTATION	17,078.61
COURT FACILITIES	3,291.75
MISC GRANTS	2,672.70
EMS	33,694.08
FIRE	34,200.87
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,762.50
UTILITIES	2,835.96
ADD COURT COSTS	1,702.98
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	1,665.71
CAPITAL PROJECTS	398.04
LANDFILL	14,138.15
TOTAL	\$ 471,151.99

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 6, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 6, 2018 with changes as stated by Comm. Rooks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Comm. John Meeks announced Mayor Gerald Hethcoat's retirement from the City of Williston and thanked him for his years of service. Comm. John Meeks then introduced Jerry Robinson and stated he will be installed as the new Mayor on April 10th.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Brooks made a motion for the Board to hear a non-agenda item regarding waiving Landfill tipping fees for the City of Williston. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hethcoat requested the Board waive the Landfill tipping fees for the City of Williston as they are having a clean-up day next Saturday.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to waive Landfill tipping fees for the City of Williston's clean-up day as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUILDING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Hammond read into record the title of Ordinance 2018-004, an Ordinance relating to Medical Marijuana; adopting finding; Repealing Ordinance 2017-02 and Ordinance 2017-018 containing a moratorium on medical cannabis activities.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. Audience members who spoke were: Terry Witt, Linda Cooper and Dana Sheffield.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-004 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Chris Zajac gave a presentation to the Board on the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS). Mr. Zajac explained this program was created in 2003 and provides funding through a cost-share program, a public/private partnership between the District and growers.

Members of the audience who spoke were: Renate Cannon.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 911 ADDRESSING

Mike West requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the E911 Rural County Grant Application to cover the cost of E911 System Maintenance on the PSAP equipment and software for 2018-2019. Mr. West stated no matching funds are required.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the E911 Rural County Grant Application with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Terry Witt questioned if the E911 system accepted e-mailed 911 emergencies. Mr. West answered no. The public can e-mail them with a question, but 911 emergencies are taken only by phone in dispatch.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik gave a progress and activities report to the Board for the period of January through March, 2018. Audience members who spoke were: Linda Cooper, Terry Witt and Dana Sheffield.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Proclamation 2018-016; Levy County recognizes April, 2018 as "Water Conservation Month." Mr. Dean read the title of the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2018-016 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval to appropriate contingency reserves for the Solid Waste Department and Fire Department. Mr. Dean explained this is necessary to pay for the professional services provided by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson for our Assessment Programs.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to appropriate contingency reserves as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Dean requested Board approval to appropriate contingency reserves for the removal of two towers, Inglis and Gulf Hammock; removal of three antennas and associated lines from the tower in Bronson. After requesting pricing from multiple companies, one estimate was submitted from The Tower Firm in the amount of \$16,250.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to appropriate contingency reserves as requested. Second was made by Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

- A. Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval of the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) for the purchase of two (2) 22' minibuses. Mrs. Conley explained this is a 100% grant in the amount of \$146,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Notice of Grant Award as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of FTA fiscal year 2018 Certification and Assurance for Grants 5311 Operating and 5339 Capital previously approved by the Board and submitted.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the FTA fiscal year 2018 Certification and Assurance for Grants 5311 Operating and 5339 Capital as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-017 amending the 2017-2018 Operational Grant in the amount of \$211,625.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-017 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of the Joint Participation Agreement for 2017-Section 5311 operating funds. The total project, \$423,250.00 with a 50% match and reimbursement amount of \$211,625.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Joint Participation Agreement for 2017 Section 5311 operating funds as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Jimmy Jones, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-018; amending the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. A RIVER grant was received in the amount of \$122,250 for use on the expansion of the University Oaks water system.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to amend the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Dr. Darlene Esler requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-022, amending the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Dr. Esler explained appropriated this is spay and neuter fund collections through March 15, 2018, including fiscal year 2017 collections rolled into Fund Balance Reserves.

Jared Blanton stated he had requested they move funds by budget amendment quarterly due to the amount collected.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-022 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Linda Cooper requested information be provided showing how much is generated through adoption fees on the quarterly report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-019, amending the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Mr. MacDonald stated they had received funds from the State of Florida Hazard Analysis Grant in the amount of \$1,449.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-019 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/ASSESSMENTS

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

Atty. Brown stated she had met by conference call with Mr. Dean and Heather Encinosa of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson to discuss seeking additional revenue options to fund the Solid Waste facilities.

Mrs. Encinosa presented and explained a report provided to the Commissioners, which briefly summarizes the financial projection for the Solid Waste fund and the result if no action is taken. Mrs. Encinosa stated there were some potential revenue options, which were identified for consideration to fund the budget shortfall or the entire budget going forward. She requested direction from the Board for how they wished to move forward.

Jared Blanton also spoke regarding the financial state and budget concerns of the Solid Waste Department.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to table this item until the next regular Board meeting on April 3, 2018. The motion dies for lack of a second.

The following members of the audience spoke regarding this item: Sallie Ann Collins, Drinda Merritt, Terry Witt and Renate Cannon. Mrs. Cannon also questioned why there had been so many non-agenda items at this meeting.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed by consensus to give Mrs. Encinosa direction to move forward with the MSBU option, as described.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Atty. Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval for waiver of any bid requirements for selection of legal counsel and approve the Contingency Fee Agreement with Napoli, Shkolnik, PLLC and Stull, Stull & Brody as outside legal counsel for representation in claims against manufacturers and distributors of opioids.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve waiving bid requirements for the selection of legal counsel and approval of the Contingency Fee Agreement with Napoli, Shkolnik, PLLC and Stull, Stull & Brody as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions were asked by Linda Cooper regarding a term used in the language of the Medical Marijuana item. Her question was answered by Comm. Rock Meeks and Comm. Joyner.

Dana Sheffield announced there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in Fanning Springs this Saturday followed by a water ski show at 3:00 P.M. on the Suwannee River. The festivities will take place on the State Park side of the river and entry fees have been waived for this event. Mr. Sheffield also reminded everyone of the Air Show/Car Show coming up at the Cross City Airport this Saturday as well.

Ben Glass from the Suwannee River Water Management District introduced himself to the Board stating he had come today to answer any questions regarding the Proclamation of April as Water Conservation Month agenda item.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner invited everyone to attend the Morriston Baptist Church Easter Sunrise Service.

Comm. Rooks invited everyone to attend the Cedar Key Arts Festival this Saturday and Sunday.

Comm. Brooks invited everyone to attend the Williston Church of God Easter Cantata. The times are Saturday, March 31st at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 A.M.

Comm. Brooks thanked the Board for waiving the tipping fees for the City of Williston clean-up this Saturday and announced the Ranch Rodeo in Williston is coming up on May 25th and 26th.

Comm. Rock Meeks reminded everyone the Suwannee River Livestock Fair is going on this week and invited all to attend the sale tomorrow.

Comm. Rock Meeks also reminded everyone of the Wild Hog Canoe race coming up on April 28th.

Comm. John Meeks commended the Parks and Recreation Department for their work at the parks as he attended a family reunion at Blue Springs Park this past weekend and stated the improvements which had been done were outstanding.

Comm. John Meeks asked if the other Commissioners would be interested in having a professional photograph taken for use in publications and when they would like to get this done. He stated the other County Elected Officials could also be notified and if interested, a photographer could be contacted. The Commissioners agreed they would be interested in having this done.

Comm. John Meeks asked the other Commissioners for their thoughts on having a limited consent agenda for budget amendments and approval of expenditures or having all budget requests placed at the beginning of each agenda. It was agreed by the Commissioners to place all budget amendments and approval of expenditures at the beginning of the agendas going forward.

- Comm. John Meeks announced the Regular Board meeting scheduled for April 17th has been changed to the following Tuesday, April 24th at 9:00 A.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 1:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks