

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 3, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 3, 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

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

CHECK NUMBER	130369-130510
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,398,259.92
ROAD	93,281.55
TRANSPORTATION	2,022.82
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	651.23
MISC GRANTS	318.53
EMS	57,444.66
FIRE	14,790.54
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,123.28
UTILITIES	555.62
DRUG TASK FORCE	3,375.00
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	371.88
CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,700.00
LANDFILL	4,274.73
TOTAL	\$ 1,595,765.76
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 542,848.68

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular Board meeting held on February 20, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on February 20, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Collins spoke to the Board on behalf of the Levy County Historical Society giving an update on the project of digitizing the Levy County voter registration rolls and also the Search for Yesterday publication.

This information should be available online by mid-summer. Mrs. Collins stated she would like to work with the library's to have an icon displayed on the public access computers for the Search for Yesterday records. Comm. John Meeks welcomed State Representative Charlie Stone to the meeting and invited him to speak. Rep. Stone spoke briefly on the recent Legislative session and thanked the Commissioners for their attendance. He encouraged them to continue to be involved in the future letting those in Tallahassee know the needs and concerns of Levy County.

Comm. John Meeks presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ron Grant for his 14 years of loyal service to the citizens of Levy County by serving as a member of the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-024, confirming the imposition of EMS Tax Assessments against parcels of property erroneously or incorrectly assessed in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17; approving a supplemental assessment roll; providing for severability and providing an effective date.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. Audience members who spoke were: Terry Witt, Toni Collins and Linda Cooper.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-024 and for Mr. Dean to make contact with Williston Crossings RV Resort. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

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Chairman John Meeks requested Board approval to hold an "Amnesty Day" at the Levy County Landfill on April 21st for the disposal of tires for Levy County residents.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Amnesty Day for tire disposal as requested. Second was made by Comm. Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tammy Jones requested Board approval to use GFWC Williston Woman's Club for the 2018 Primary and General Elections to use GFWC Williston Woman's Club for Precinct 7. This precinct is under construction by the City of Williston and the relocation is temporary. Also, permanently and officially move Precinct 2 to County owned property at 3231 NE 167th Court. This precinct was previously located at the Faith Baptist Tabernacle. Mrs. Jones stated every effort will be made to notify voters in these precincts of the change and signs will be placed at the old locations to inform voters of the new location if they did not receive notification.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the relocation of Williston precincts 2 and 7 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS VISITORS BUREAU

Tisha Whitehurst, Director requested Board approval to re-appoint Tourist Development Council (TDC) members as listed below:

John Meeks	04/15/2020	Elected Official
Teresa Barron	04/15/2022	Elected Official
City of Williston (vacant)	04/15/2020	Elected Official
Kathy Carver	04/15/2020	Accommodation Owner/Mgrs.
Helen Ciallella)(Vice Chair of TDC)	04/15/2022	Accommodation Owner/Mgrs.
Heidi Schwiebert	04/15/2022	Accommodation Owner/Mgrs.
Captain Rick LeFiles	04/15/2022	At Large Member
Daryl Kirby	04/15/2022	At Large Member
Amy Henderson	04/15/2020	At Large Member

The City of Williston will be recommending a representative for the BOCC to appoint to the TDC in April, 2018.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to re-appoint the Tourist Development Council members as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/ROAD DEPARTMENT

Comm. Brooks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item at the request of Alice LaLonde for the Road Department. Second was made by Comm. R. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval of the Amendment to Construction Agreement, CR 40 from Yankeetown General Store to end of sidewalk. The Agreement would be increased by \$128,956.40 for a total contract amount of \$843,806.49. The contract time would also be increased by 14 calendar days. This project will be reimbursed 100%, as it is a LAP project by FHWA.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Amendment to Construction Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- A. Alice LaLonde Administrative Manager requested Board approval of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for CR 318A. The Agreement is with Florida Northern Railroad to install automatic grade crossing signals, type III, class III and/or other traffic control devices at said location and will maintain all railroad crossings. The total estimate for the agreement is \$205,458.00 and

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the FDOT Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for CR 318A as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-012 authorizing the execution of a state funded Grant Agreement (SCRAP) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for resurfacing of CR 337 from SR 24 to the Alachua County line in Levy County, Florida. The total of \$1,175,000.00 is for the design, construction and construction engineering inspection of the project.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-012 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON AGENDA ITEM/COUNTY COORDINATOR

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

Mr. Dean requested Board approval to appropriate Contingency Reserves for Cedar Key Airport repairs in the amount of \$74,000 previously reimbursed by FEMA.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented by Mr. Dean. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Royce spoke to the Board informing them of “Furever Friends of Levy County”, which is a fundraising account at Drummond Community Bank to help the financial needs of animals in the county.

Toni Collins spoke regarding this item, informing Ms. Royce of other organizations within the county.

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board and gave updates regarding the recently passed, Safe Schools Act. He stated there is now a Deputy in every school in Levy County. This is something he will be discussing with the School Board for assistance with funding. Sheriff McCallum stated he may be requesting additional funding from the Board as well during the upcoming budget process as this will be a \$1.4 million project for the Levy County Sheriff’s Office.

Questions were asked by Terry Witt and Linda Cooper. Sheriff McCallum and Rep. Charlie Stone answered providing information regarding this item.

Linda Cooper asked if the Board could reduce the number of non-agenda’s each meeting.

Ron Grant echoed Ms. Cooper’s concerns of the number of non-agenda items and also spoke of the upcoming hurricane season informing everyone of a meeting of HAM Radio Operators which takes place at the Williston Airport on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Lou Elliot Jones stated the awards program for the participants in the Suwannee River Fair will be this evening at the Fair Pavilion in Fanning Springs.

Dana Sheffield reported of the event held recently at the Cross City Airport stating it was a success and thanked all who came.

Supervisor of Election, Tammy Jones informed everyone the Constitutional Revision Commission is meeting throughout the State and there is a meeting coming up in Gainesville in April. She stated input is needed to help determine what is to be placed on the ballots. So far, there are five amendments which will be on the ballots in November, three of which are Legislative and two by the people through the petition process. Mrs. Jones stated anyone interested in this meeting is welcome to stop by her office for more information.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to re-appoint David Carter to Seat 2 on the Board of Adjustments for a 3-year term (2018-2021). Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to re-appoint Thadus Barber, Jr. to Seat 3 on the Planning Commission for a 4-year term (2018-2022). Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner informed everyone he has not stopped working on the traffic light situation at the intersections of SR 41-CR 326 and SR 121-CR 326.

Comm. Joyner invited everyone to attend the upcoming Ranch Rodeo in May which will take place on the 26th and 27th.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appoint Tamar Jones to Seat 5 on the Board of Adjustments for a 2-year term (2018-2020). Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks reminded everyone the Levy County Fair will begin this Thursday with the opening ceremony at 6:00 P.M.

Comm. Rooks reported of a meeting she recently attended at the EOC and reported she had attended the Cedar Key Arts Festival.

Comm. John Meeks congratulated Mr. Nelson and Ms. Rosenthal, the two newly elected City Commissioners in Cedar Key. Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the Wild Hog Canoe Race coming up on April 28th. Comm. John Meeks stated he had received a letter recently informing him the Department of Transportation announcing the Florida DOT's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a Public Corridor Alternative meeting in a few locations for coastal connector alternatives. A meeting will be held in Citrus County on April 26th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the National Guard Armory in Crystal River and in Marion County on Tuesday, May 1st from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Ocala Hilton.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/COMM. JOYNER (1)

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to appoint Robert Lowyns as the Alternate for the Planning Commission for a 4-year term (2018-2022). Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/COMM. JOYNER (2)

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

Comm. Joyner stated the Department of Agriculture is in the process of closing the dispatching duties of Usher Tower Forestry office and relocating it to Gainesville.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to direct staff to prepare a letter asking for this to be reconsidered and for the letter to include Chairman John Meeks and his signature. The letter should be sent to Adam Putnam, Commissioner of Agriculture, the State Division of Forestry, Representative Charlie Stone and Senator Bradley. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks