

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 20, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 20, 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. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	141636-141772
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	179,878.02
ROAD	70,162.65
SHIP	11,251.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,087.80
TRANSPORTATION	2,724.46
COURT FACILITIES	5,243.89
MISC GRANTS	4,272.98
EMS	16,222.11
FIRE	99,034.36
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,938.33
UTILITIES	2,691.85
DRUG TASK FORCE	924.50
ADD COURT COSTS	1,000.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	363.98
IMPACT FEES - EMS	88,323.76
CAPITAL PROJECTS	47,608.68
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	50,321.57
LANDFILL	173,820.20
TOTAL	\$ 758,870.14
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 376,393.52

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 19, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 19, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks 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. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Tisha Whitehurst requested Board approval of Proclamation 2021-034 declaring May 2-8, 2021 as National Travel and Tourism week. Mrs. Whitehurst then read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2021-034 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN

Virginia Florence/Brenda Nadal

Ms. Florence and her daughter, Brenda Nadal spoke to the Board regarding the condition of NE 167th Court (CR 335A). She stated the road was recently re-paved and is now higher than before. The drop off from the road onto any property along this road is significant and she considers it a hazard to both property and any animals kept inside their fencing. She requested the county consider road guards or an alternative to remedy this situation.

Comm. John Meeks stated Casey Duquette from the Road Department had been directed to go to the area spoken of by Ms. Florence and Ms. Nadal to determine if anything could be done to make the road safer for residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Wilson from the Unity Family Community Center, Inc. spoke to the Board of their annual fundraiser coming up this Thursday called "The Amazing Give". This helps fund their afterschool and mentoring program.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 911

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval for the Amendment to CenturyLink Master Service Agreement. This amendment is needed for CenturyLink to comply with the Federal requirements of this E911 Rural County Grant.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to the CenturyLink Master Service Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff, Bobby McCallum

- B. Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval of Resolution 2021-041, amending the final budget in the amount of \$53,200 for fiscal year 2021. This budget amendment is to increase General Revenue for 20-21 budgets. The increase in funds comes from Miscellaneous Revenue received by LCSO.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-041 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum also stated the Sheriff's office is in need of female Detention Officers, if they would let the public know of this need.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-042; amending the Capital Asset Policy, adopting a Fixed Asset Custodial and Capitalization Policy. The revised policy amends the minimum threshold of recording property from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per item in order to acquire a positive cost/benefit use of staff time and County resources. The policy also defines what items, regardless of cost, should also be traced to prevent the possibility of theft or loss. These changes follow current changes to the State of Florida Statutes.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-042 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member, Terry Witt requested clarification of the items which would be no longer tracked. Mr. Blanton gave further explanation of what would and would no longer be tracked.

LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to set the fiscal year 2022 Budget Hearings; Tentative Budget Hearing, Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:01 P.M. and Final Budget Hearing, September 21, 2021 at 5:01 P.M.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the proposed budget hearing dates and times as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean spoke to the Board of the Levy County Department projects provided in the order of their importance.

Atty. Brown brought up the issue of an Engineer for the County. Discussion followed by the Commissioners of how to proceed and keep things done timely.

Mr. Dean reminded Atty. Brown would be retiring the end of June. Atty. Brown stated she had been contacting other County Attorney's in an effort to help in the search for a replacement.

The Commissioners also agreed by consensus to begin the process of advertising for the position of County Attorney.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declaration 2021-040 and Emergency Declaration 2021-043.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-040 and Emergency Declaration 2021-043 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Director

Ms. Martin presented the proposed Grants Coordinator – Legislative Liason job description and salary range for Board approval. The proposed annual salary range is \$45,000 - \$50,000.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Grants Coordinator - Legislative Liason job description and salary range as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

Presenting to the Levy County Commissioners a Landfill evaluation of the past, present and the future progress by power point presentation.

Mr. Hastings also announced the next Tire Amnesty Day is scheduled for June 12th.

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

An informational presentation from the Levy County Solar Workshop held on April 12, 2021 was given by Mrs. Hectus to the Board.

Audience member, Jack Schofield asked questions regarding what the procedure or plan is once a Solar Facility is no longer to be used for this purpose. Mrs. Hectus there were decommissioning guidelines included with the application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue from the Town of Bronson gave an update of the Town's meeting held last night regarding interest by a company to lease property for the purpose of a Solar Facility.

Linda Cooper spoke to the Board commending the presentation given by Mrs. Hectus, but also expressed concerns of allowing Solar Facilities. She asked the Board to proceed with caution.

Renate Cannon inquired of the status of the toll roads. Comm. John Meeks responded it was his understanding the toll road construction project had been repealed.

Dana Sheffield invited everyone to attend the Fly-In, Car Show event scheduled for this Saturday at the Cross City Airport.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Brooks reported of the Wild Hog Canoe Race which was held last weekend stating it was well attended. Comm. Brooks reported to the Board, the Injunction Hearing for the Crab Fest is scheduled for tomorrow.

Comm. Rock Meeks asked Mrs. Hectus about applications for zoning change requests in the same area on HWY 19 as others had been brought to the Board for changes. Mrs. Hectus explained the applications which would be coming to the Board in the near future.

Mrs. Hectus also informed the Board of changes she is working on with regard to the Large Scale Amendment.

Comm. John Meeks read into record a letter received from the Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Association expressing thanks for mowing done by the Road Department recently at the fairgrounds. A letter from DPS was submitted thanking the Road Department in the clearing of some trees on a roadway making it possible for a tower site to be completed by making the roadway passable.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks