

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building 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  
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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. Rock Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>137635-137772</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	495,683.54
ROAD	135,868.07
MOSQUITO CONTROL	350.66
TRANSPORTATION	9,538.70
COURT FACILITIES	3,961.41
MISC GRANTS	7,051.65
EMS	17,015.13
FIRE	116,623.61
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	173.49
UTILITIES	2,103.99
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,547.76
CAPITAL PROJECTS	20,989.24
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	245,054.76
LANDFILL	105,954.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,163,916.86</b>

## MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Brooks requested two changes to the agenda: Move item #8, Human Resources, to #4 under the items to be presented by Levy County Coordinator, Wilbur Dean in Ms. Martin's absence. The second change is the addition of a Phased County Re-Opening sheet provided for Board discussion and consideration.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Agenda with revisions as stated by Comm. Brooks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## LEVY COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Mr. Dean informed the Board of Building Official, Bob Boulette's resignation and introduced the interim Building Official, Ben Maxson. Mr. Maxson spoke to the Board briefly expressing his intent to keep the Building Department running smoothly.

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting the Board to adopt Ordinance 2020-002 for the adoption of LSA 19-02 (Reference Number 20-01ESR). This is a large scale plan amendment with two (2) twenty (20) acre parcels just a few miles North of the Town of Inglis, Florida. The transmittal process was approved by DEO and all comments from surrounding agencies were positive.

Atty. Brown read the Ordinance title into public record. Comm. Brooks then asked if there were any audience members wished to speak for or against the Ordinance. Audience member Terry Witt spoke.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-002 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the revised proposal for EMS, Fire Protection, Road Maintenance and Solid Waste Assessment programs by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. in the amount of \$28,500.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the revised proposal for EMS, Fire Protection, Road Maintenance and Solid Waste Assessment programs by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-034 for the dissolution of the Constitutional and Court Facilities Committee.

Those speaking regarding this item were: Danny Shipp, Atty. Brown and Terry Witt.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-034 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Jacqueline Martin, Director

Request Board ratification of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Temporary Policy for First Responders Exempt from Payroll Procedures for Emergency Events adopted March 31, 2020.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Temporary Policy for First Responders Exempt from Payroll Procedures for Emergency Events adopted March 31, 2020 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik

Presenting to the Board the regular progress report for the reporting period, as well as update on COVID-19 direct assistance.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Proclamation 2020-031 to declare May 3-9, 2020, National Travel and Tourism Week. Mrs. Whitehurst stated due to the pandemic, she is not encouraging people to travel to Levy County at this time. She then read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2020-031 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-033 authorizing the filing of the Shirley Conroy Rural Capital Assistance Program Grant application. Mrs. Conley stated the funding amount requested is \$82,746.00 for one 23' vehicle which has 14 seats and accommodation for two wheelchairs. This vehicle will replace an older vehicle with over 250,000 miles.

Renate Cannon pointed out a typo in the Grant application to Comm. Brooks.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-033 as requested with the correction as stated by Mrs. Cannon. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting ratification of Emergency Declarations 2020-029 and 2020-032 continuing to extend the local State of Emergency relating to COVID-19.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2020-029 and 2020-032 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## LEVY COUNTY COVID-19 PHASED RE-OPENING GUIDE

Comm. Brooks spoke regarding a Phased Re-Opening Guide draft which was provided for the Commissioners to review and discuss. It outlines re-opening procedures to have in place as soon as the State begins re-opening for the State of Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Levy County BOCC COVID-19 Phased Re-Opening Guide as presented contingent upon the State's re-opening guidelines. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Atty. Brown requested the Board make a separate motion to specifically authorize the Chairman to approve changes to the Emergency Order which will be brought back to the Board to be ratified.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to authorize the Chairman to approve changes to the Emergency Order as stated by Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. John Meeks** shared with the Commissioners a letter he received from Senator Bradley addressing funding for programs going forward in Levy County. Senator Bradley listed the projects so the Commissioners may advocate for them as Governor DeSantis makes decisions on which may or may not continue.

**Comm. Rooks** inquired of the status of shelters for hurricane season from John MacDonald and if there would be any pet friendly shelters. Mr. MacDonald responded there are shelters planned for use and at least one pet friendly shelter would be available, as required. A written plan is already in place for pet friendly sheltering.

**Comm. Brooks** encouraged everyone to continue to be vigilant in their efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:45 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks