

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 24, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 24, 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  
Danny Shipp – Clerk of Court

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>130511-130685</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	646,452.91
ROAD	470,260.18
MOSQUITO CONTROL	399.11
TRANSPORTATION	13,732.74
COURT FACILITIES	4,899.23
MISC GRANTS	5,050.59
EMS	82,572.22
FIRE	95,456.95
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	15,773.76
UTILITIES	1,223.68
DRUG TASK FORCE	3,180.00
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	397.19
CAPITAL PROJECTS	44.90
LANDFILL	91,997.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,431,440.58</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on March 6, 2018 and March 20, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on March 6, 2018 and March 20, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Renate Cannon stated the striping on CR336 has become dangerously faded and requested the Board direct the Road Department to re-stripe the road.

Comm. John Meeks stated he would have someone at the Road Department check into this.

## **LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer requested Board approval for the Chairman to sign the acknowledgement of the engagement letter addendum proposed by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA's regarding more distinct definition of other services to be performed in conjunction with the FY 2017 financial statement audit.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the acknowledgement of the engagement letter addendum proposed by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Terry Witt, audience member, spoke regarding this item.

## **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Tammy Jones requested Board approval for the Chairman to sign the Federal Election Activities grant (HAVA). Mrs. Jones stated the 15% matching funds of \$625.59 have already been approved for this current budget and are available for use.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the Federal Election Activities grant (HAVA) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Jones provided information to the Board of the allocation of funds by the State for each Supervisor of Elections office in Florida for security. These funds will be used for purchasing a new server for the office to monitor traffic on their database. Mrs. Jones stated \$10,000 is allocated for each county, regardless of size. Mrs. Jones stated this is something she is planning to continue, even after the State funding has been used.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Ali Tretheway requested Board approval on behalf of Sheriff McCallum of Resolution 2018-028 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; providing for an effective date. (Appropriated LCSO FY 17 Reversion to 911 Building Assessment). The 911 Building Assignment Fund shall be increased by \$31,402.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-028 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik, Executive Director presented and requested Board approval of the Final Agreement for the awarding of a grant through the Economic Development Fund Program to Beall's Outlet.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Final Agreement for the awarding of a grant through the Economic Development Fund Program to Beall's Outlet as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Terry Witt, audience member spoke regarding this item.

## **CAREER SOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION**

Kathy Judkins, Chairman CareerSource gave a presentation to the Board of the Workforce update, the Outflow Report for the Citrus, Levy, Marion Region, and the Employment Demographics and Commuting Patterns Report. Ms. Judkins also informed everyone the CareerSource mobile unit will be at the Williston Public Library on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and at the Bronson Library on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Rusty Skinner, CareerSource CLM CEO then spoke to the Board of upcoming projects, one of which is an 8-week CDL program offered by the Marion Technical College beginning in August.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were Linda Fugate, Terry Witt and Linda Cooper.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-025 urging the Florida Legislature to enact Legislation making texting while driving a primary offense.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-025 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Members of the audience, Linda Cooper, Terry Witt and Jeff Hardison, spoke regarding this item.

- B. Mr. Dean requested the Board set a tentative schedule for the County's TRIM dates for FY 2018-2019. The dates presented are as follows:

Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:01 P.M. (Can be set at any time) Adopt Tentative Millage and Budget FY 2018-19.  
 Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (Must be 5:01 P.M. or later) Adopt tentative Millage and Tentative Budget Hearing.  
 Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (must be 5:01 P.M. or later) Final Hearing to adopt Final Millage and Final Hearing to Adopt Final Budget.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to set the tentative schedule for the County's TRIM dates for FY 2018/2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Dean discussed negotiations with the School Board of Levy County regarding the old Bronson High School property.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed by consensus to continue negotiations for the purchase of the old Bronson High School property.

Those in the audience speaking regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Property Appraiser, Oz Barker, and Tax Collector, Linda Fugate.

### **SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-026, approving corrections for technical clarifications to SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) Fiscal Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 approved June 21, 2016 with corrections retroactive to this date.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-026 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Jeanine Turner, Library Services Coordinator requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Lease Agreement between the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Yankeetown/Inglis Woman's Club. The Amendment to the Agreement will allow for automatic annual renewal of the Lease.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with the Chairman's signature between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Yankeetown/Inglis Woman's Club as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member, Dana Sheffield spoke regarding this item.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-029 amending the final budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, providing for an effective date. This amendment will appropriate funds for the following grants:

C335 SCRAP Grant	\$638,000
C40 Yankeetown Sidewalk LAP	\$128,957
C337 SCRAP Grant	\$1,175,000

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-029 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval of the proposal for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson to provide legal services for an annual assessment of residential solid waste disposal services.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the proposal for Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were Terry Witt and Jared Blanton.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper expressed her concern of the Legislation to make texting while driving a primary offense as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Merritt spoke of their Economic Impact Study and informed the Commissioners when it is printed, she will provide them with copies.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Rock Meeks** reminded everyone of the Wild Hog Canoe Race coming up this weekend.

Comm. Rock Meeks also spoke of new BMAP and the requirements for a high performance septic system to be installed on new construction in springs protected areas.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the need to review the land use restrictions around municipal areas in the county. Shenley Neely spoke and advised Comm. Rock Meeks to present this concern to the Planning Commission to get the process started.

Comm. Rock Meeks informed everyone there is a meeting to be held by the Turnpike Enterprise coming up in Citrus County at the Armory in Crystal River on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. There will be a second meeting in Marion County at the Ocala Hilton on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of the manufacturing industry in Levy County and the importance of education and training of the young work force to encourage them to stay in the area.

**Comm. Rooks** reported of various meetings she had attended recently.

**Comm. John Meeks** reported of the Amnesty Day results at the Landfill and stated he would like to do this as an annual event. Comm. John Meeks reported of his recent trip to Washington D.C. and his inquiries into rural internet service. He stated pursuing this on the State level will be a much better avenue.

**Comm. Joyner** spoke of the recent deaths of the two deputy's in Gilchrist County. Upon request by Comm. Joyner, Jared Blanton offered a prayer for the families of the deputies and for the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Department.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 12:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks