

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 4, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 4, 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. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>141773-141905</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,445,707.63
ROAD	33,849.23
SHIP	20,400.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	130.00
TRANSPORTATION	578.15
911	15,721.33
COURT FACILITIES	10,569.54
MISC GRANTS	8,495.76
EMS	62,291.51
FIRE	71,133.28
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,300.18
UTILITIES	452.51
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,622.85
CAPITAL PROJECTS	27,562.68
LANDFILL	17,104.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,717,918.69</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held February 2, 2021 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on February 2, 2021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Brooks requested the Ag. Center item (#15) be moved to #3, after the Proclamations and Recognitions. Comm. John Meeks stated item #19 in the items to be presented for the Road Department will be presented by Casey Duquette.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes as stated. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Comm. John Meeks introduced Cameron Asbell, Chairman of the Levy County School Board who requested Board approval of Proclamation 2021-051, recognizing May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher's Appreciation Week. Mr. Asbell then read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2021-051 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Comm. Joyner recognized the Levy County Sheriff's Office, City of Williston Police Department and the Chiefland Police Department in their efforts to protect the citizens of Levy County, Florida.

## **LEVY COUNTY AGRICULTURE CENTER**

Ed Jennings introduced Jessica Emerson Campos, the new 4-H Agent for Levy County who spoke briefly to the Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lou Thurman, Bronson resident, spoke to the Board regarding obtaining a "real property" number from the Property Appraiser. Mr. Thurman stated he has purchased property recently and intends to sell, however, due to the timing of the purchase and resale, a real property number cannot be issued yet from the Property Appraiser's office. This number is required in order to complete the sale.

Comm. John Meeks stated Oz Barker, Property Appraiser has been in contact with his Attorney regarding the legality of this item. He stated this is not an issue the Board would be able to make an exception on and advised Mr. Thurman to stay in contact with Mr. Barker.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Comm. John Meeks asked if the Commissioners had ex-parte regarding any of the items to be presented. There were none.

Atty. Brown swore in audience members wishing to speak regarding the items to be presented.

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance 2021-007, approving a Large Scale Future Land Use Amendment to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan for applicant William R. Spell, III to assign “A/RR” Zoning District previously zoned “F/RR” Forestry/Rural Residential as identified in the preface of this staff report. Parcel Number 1436501600.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item presented. Mr. Spell spoke regarding his intent for the property.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-007 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board adoption of Ordinance 2021-008 approving a rezoning for applicant William R. Spell, III, to assign a “A/RR” Zoning District to 62.39 acres previously zoned “F/RR”, Forestry/Rural Residential as identified in the preface of this staff report. Parcel Number 1436501600.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-008 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of a Final Plat of “Magnolia Ridge”, a subdivision of 9.6 acres. Parcel Number 043400010C.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Final Plat of “Magnolia Ridge” subdivision as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of a Final Plat of “Father Daughter”, a subdivision consisting of two (2) 10-acre lots. Parcel Number 042000000.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Final Plat of “Father Daughter” subdivision as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of a Hardship Variance on a parcel of land containing 10 acres MOL and is located in an A/RR Agriculture/Rural Residential zone. Parcel Number 0149100000.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 02-21 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **CITY OF WILLISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Terry Bovaird, Deputy Chief

- A. Requesting a motion to ratify the Chairman’s signature on the Certificate of Participation whereas, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners declined to apply for the JAG Countywide Program. This letter provides notification the Levy County Board of County Commissioners decline to serve as the coordinating unit of government for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.
- B. Requesting Board approval of a Letter of Support for the City of Williston’s Police Department approving distribution of funds from the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program in the amount of \$32,005.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify the Chairman’s signature on the Certificate of Participation and approval of the Letter of Support for the City of Williston’s Police Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – 911**

Mike West, 911 Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval for the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural and State Grant 21-04-19. Signature is required in order to receive cost reimbursement from the State E911 Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rural and State Grant 21-04-19 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval for the Amendment to CenturyLink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version. This amendment is needed for CenturyLink to comply with Federal requirements of this E911 Rural County Grant.
- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-048, amending the final budget in the amount of \$40,821 for fiscal year 21. This budget amendment is necessary to allow for funds received from the State E911 Board in the form of a Rural County Grant. No matching funds are required.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Amendment to CenturyLink Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version and Resolution 2021-048 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval to reschedule the May 25, 2021 Regular Board meeting back to May 18, 2021 and requested to add a Budget Workshop at 1:00 P.M. on May 18, to follow the Regular Board meeting.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to reschedule the second Regular Board meeting in May from the 25<sup>th</sup> back to the 18<sup>th</sup> and to add a Budget Workshop at 1:00 P.M. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean also spoke to the Board regarding an email from Atty. Brown which pertains to Solar Farms. Atty. Brown explained this had not yet been signed by the Governor, but it is her understanding the Board will not look at Solar Farm Amendments as they did before. It appears the Board will be limited on their regulations to buffering and setbacks.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

David Peaton requested on behalf of John MacDonald Board ratification of LSE extension Emergency Declarations 2021-045 and 2021-047.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declarations 2021-045 and 2021-047 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Meyer, Development Director

Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves from Contingency in the amount of \$24,500 for the previously approved software purchase and operating needs.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to appropriate Reserves from Contingency by budget amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-046, amending the Final Budget in the amount of 1,719,250 for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The funds are for SCRAP Design, construction and CEI of the resurfacing of CR341 from SR 345 to US 19.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-046 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to 1) appoint Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator, or his successor, as authorized representative for the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program application in the amount of \$9,000 submitted by Levy County and the related Grant Agreement for the George T. Lewis Airport (ACRGP Grant Number 3-12-0010-003-2021), with authority to act in connection with the application and Grant Agreement and provide additional information as may be requested; 2) ratify approval of the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program Grant Agreement between the United States of America (through the FAA) and Levy County for ACRGP grant Number 3-12-0010-003-2021, including ratification of execution of such Grant Agreement by Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator on April 23, 2021.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to appoint Wilbur Dean, or his successor as authorized representative for the ACRGP for the George T. Lewis Airport and ratification of the ACRGP Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Casey Duquette, Road Department Administrative Field Manager

- C. Requesting Board approval for Construction and Maintenance Agreement between Levy County and the Town of Yankeetown. This will allow the Road Department to construct certain storm water drainage improvements around or within County right-of-way in the vicinity of CR 40, 50<sup>th</sup> Street, and Riverside Drive.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Yankeetown as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Kenneth Allen Alderman, II and Morgen Bethany Alderman, PA #590 in the amount of \$20,400, for an existing unit in Inglis, FL 34449.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Deferred Payment Loan Agreement PA #590 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Property Appraiser, Oz Barker spoke to the Board regarding the item in Public Comments by Mr. Thurman. He stated the Attorney for his office had responded to his inquiry and confirmed this situation was being handled by his office in the appropriate manner.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Rooks spoke of the path of MCORES and the possibility of the path going through Chiefland on SR 19/98.

Audience member, Terry Witt and Sallie Ann Collins spoke regarding this item.

Comm. Joyner spoke of the upcoming Law Enforcement Memorial Day taking place next Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. at Linear Pavillion in Williston and invited all to attend.

Comm. Brooks requested a motion for the signing and transmission of a letter to Honorable Governor DeSantis requesting his support on the Resiliency Project – Preserving Historic Cedar Key.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to sign and transmit a letter to Honorable Governor DeSantis as presented by Comm. Brooks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the changes to how the public can speak during Legislative Session in Tallahassee. There is an election in Cedar Key today and Comm. John Meeks will be canvassing votes there this evening. There is a Rotary Club Fishing Tournament this weekend also in Cedar Key.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:50 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, John Meeks