

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 17, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Danny J. Shipp – Clerk of Court

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	123671-123829
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	690,009.36
ROAD	46,011.08
SHIP	17,523.16
PAL LIBRARY	30,980.41
MOSQUITO CONTROL	155.40
TRANSPORTATION	9,109.36
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	36,173.15
FIRE	115,656.39
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	16,870.93
UTILITIES	1,705.45
ADD COURT COSTS	669.50
LANDFILL	143,478.10
TOTAL	\$ 1,108,357.29

CHIEFLAND HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM PRESENTATION

Comm. John Meeks presented and read into record Proclamation 2016-029 for Board approval recognizing the Chiefland Middle/High School Varsity girls’ softball team as the 2016 FHSAA Class 1A State Champions.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2016-029 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 9:11 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 9:15 A.M.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Tom Singleton

Informing the Commissioners and the public on the District's plans to update the Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) plans for protecting the water and natural resources in the Suwannee River and Coastal basins.

Leslie Ames and Doug Roberson spoke on behalf of Tom Singleton to the Board regarding the District's plans to update the Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) plans for protecting the water and natural resources in the Suwannee River and Coastal basins. The District will invite the County and other public and private stakeholders to participate in the updating process over the course of the next year.

Comments were made by the following members of the audience: Renate Cannon, Dana Sheffield and Terry Witt.

CRIME STOPPERS OF LEVY COUNTY

Paula Sprague

Requesting letter of authorization to allow Crime Stoppers of Alachua County to represent Levy County.

Mrs. Sprague informed the Board Alachua County Crime Stoppers has offered to represent Levy County for the Crime Stoppers program. She requested with approval of Sheriff McCallum the Board send a letter of authorization for Alachua County Crime Stoppers to represent Levy County Crime Stoppers and request any grant funds authorized them.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to send a letter of authorization for Alachua County Crime Stoppers to represent Levy County Crime Stoppers as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Barney Bennett and Bill Henderson

Presenting the Florida Department of Transportation's County Work Program Priorities.

Mr. Henderson spoke to the Board presenting the Florida Department of Transportation's County Work Program Priorities.

Mr. Bennett spoke to the Board regarding the SCRAP and SCOP Programs and funding availability.

Ryan Asmus gave a presentation on the C Street Bridge project in Cedar Key stating the project is ready to move from the Environmental Planning stage to the Production stage. He assured everyone access to the businesses will not be interrupted during construction.

Audience members who spoke were: Renate Cannon, Adam Henderson.

GEORGIA PACIFIC

Scott Mixon and Chet Thompson

Informing the Board on the Georgia Pacific and Foley Cellulose improvements.

Mr. Mixon gave a presentation to the Board providing information on improvements to the effluent treatment system at the Foley Cellulose mill in Perry, Florida. The water quality improvements will enhance the natural flow pattern originating from San Pedro Bay, allowing freshwater flows in the river to more closely resemble the pattern as it was prior to the 1954 mill startup.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ANIMAL CONTROL

David Weatherford, Director

A. Request approval to adopt Resolution 2016-28 establishing the Animal Services Committee and establishing procedures for committee and for appeals of dangerous dog classifications.

B. Request approval to appoint members to the Animal Services Committee.

Mr. Weatherford requested Board approval of Resolution 2016-28 establishing the Animal Services Committee and replacing the old committee in order to comply with Florida Statutes regarding dangerous dog classifications. Mr. Weatherford requested the following individuals be appointed to the Committee: Wilbur Dean, Assistant to the County Coordinator; Bob Levesque, President of Levy Animal Friends; and Dr. Kathy Fleck, Veterinarian/President of Sheltering Hands.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-28 and appointment of the members as stated above to the Animal Services Committee. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Request Board approval to submit application for Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval to submit application for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant. The grant application is for the amount of \$474,013.00 at 90% with a 10% local match. The funding will cover the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve submitting the application for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Shenley Neely, Director

Request Board approval of the Subordinate Agreement for Tarrin E. Luke SHIP Purchase Assistance, PA #491.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of the Subordination Agreement for Tarrin E. Luke, SHIP Purchase Assistance, PA #491.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Subordinate Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting acceptance of the 2016-2017 Hazards Analysis contract.

Mr. MacDonald requested acceptance by the Board of the 2016-2017 Hazards Analysis contract.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the 2016-2017 Hazards Analysis contract as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Ms. Neely gave an update to the Board on the progress of the Planning Commission meeting held on proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting recessed at 10:59 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:22 A.M.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Office Manager

A. Request approval to repair 2004 Bucket truck (RD #201). Requires complete engine overhaul.

Mrs. LaLonde stated the 2004 bucket truck (RD #201) is in need of a complete engine overhaul. There were two (2) quotes received:

Ring Power	\$18,552.79 (with a 2-year warranty)
Raney's Truck Parts, Inc.	\$21,827.95 (no warranty)

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the quote from Ring Power and to come back before the Board at the next meeting with the price for the two (2) year warranty. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Equipment workshop for Road Department.

Mrs. LaLonde and Jessie Durrance spoke to the Board and provided quotes for equipment which needs to be replaced at the Road Department. At this time, the most important items in need of repair are one (1) dump truck and a low-boy trailer with truck.

Comm. Rooks stated she would like for all fiscally constrained money to go to the Road Department.

After discussion by the Commissioners and Atty. Brown, it was determined there would need to be some budget amendments within the Road Department's budget in order to make these purchases.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Eager-Beaver trailer from Beard Equipment at the state bid price of \$62,468.00 as requested. Purchase of the semi to haul the trailer can be considered at the next meeting if funds are available. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will take place on the 28th and the Memorial Day parade will be on the 30th at 11:00.

Sallie Ann Collins spoke regarding the I-75 Task Force meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated there will be a memorial service in Cedar Key on Saturday the 28th at 2:00 P.M. Comm. Joyner reminded everyone of the Ranch Rodeo coming up next Friday and Saturday evening, May 27th and 28th in Williston.

Comm. Rooks reported of the Hurricane Conference recently attended in Orlando.

Comm. John Meeks reported of the I-75 Task Force meeting he had attended recently and informed everyone of a meeting scheduled for June 24th at the Williston Crossing RV Resort Clubhouse tentatively from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There will also be three community outreach meetings schedule for June, beginning with Alachua County on Tuesday, June 7th at the Best Western Gateway Grand on 39th Avenue in Gainesville from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.; Marion County on Wednesday, June 8th at the Ocala Hilton from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.; Citrus County on Thursday, June 9th at the College of Central Florida Citrus Conference Center from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks announced there will be a Memorial Day Service at Orange Hill Cemetery at 2:00 P.M. in Bronson hosted by the American Legion Post 326 and VFW Post 5511.

Comm. John Meeks stated there is one candidate which meets the criteria for the position of Ag. Extension Director and they will be notified when the Board will interview.

Comm. John Meeks stated there were 14 applications for the Department of Public Safety Director position. Staff will provide a short list for the Commissioners to review at the next meeting and it will be discussed when interviews will begin.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Chiefland Rotary Fishing Tournament will be this Saturday.

Atty. Brown stated there will be a cake auction to benefit the Chiefland High School Band on Thursday at 5:30 P.M. followed by their spring concert.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 12:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks