

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 2, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 2, 2015 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

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>119865-119990</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,365,092.66
ROAD	151,191.61
SHIP	19,358.00
PAL LIBRARY	7,782.30
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	12,630.87
TRANSPORTATION	24,359.26
911	11,845.25
COURT FACILITIES	337.50
PROGRESS ENERGY	456.00
EMS	34,815.58
FIRE	33,945.65
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,379.04
UTILITIES	635.91
DRUG TASK FORCE	485.95
ADD COURT COSTS	4,981.23
CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,375.49
LANDFILL	12,654.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,686,326.74</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on April 21, 2015 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on April 21, 2015 with correction as indicated by Comm. John Meeks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEM**

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item to be presented by Toni Collins. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Toni Collins of the Levy County Historical Society made a presentation to the Board about the "Helen Denham", a vessel built in 1889 and is now resting at the bottom of the #4 channel in Cedar Key. It was a cypress stern-wheeler and was a workhorse for the Tillman Cypress Company out of the area known as Lukens, Florida which is where the Cedar Key Plantation is now. She stated the Levy County Historical Society has submitted a grant to the Florida Department of Historical Preservation, a Maritime Cultural Resources Site Assessment of the waters around the Cedar Keys. Mrs. Collins approve with the Chairman's signature a letter of support for this grant. Mrs. Collins also reported to the Board, the Levy County Historical Society has secured 3.3 acres of land in Lukens, Florida which will be a wayside park, a portal to the Cedar Keys. Mrs. Collins stated she would like to eventually see the Cedar Keys listed with the Florida Maritime Trail as it is one of the last maritime communities in the State of Florida.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the letter of support as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Request approval of Resolution 2015-20, an agreement with FDOT for maintenance of Traffic Signals and Intersection Control Beacons in Levy County.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-20, an agreement authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Maintenance of Traffic Signals and Intersection Control Beacons in Levy County.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-20 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

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

Lt. Scott Finnen

Request a one-time withdrawal of Board controlled Crime Prevention fund imposed at trials on defendants in the amount of \$13,362 to acquire three (3) more informational Kiosks to be set up around the county.

Sheriff McCallum requested on behalf of Lt. Finnen Board approval for a one-time withdrawal of Board controlled Crime Prevention funds imposed at trials on defendants in the amount of \$13,362 to acquire three (3) more informational Kiosks to be set up around the county. The kiosks can have separate information placed on them such as wanted persons, amber alerts and allow for more citizen interaction on a local basis. There will be one placed in Inglis, Williston and Chiefland.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the one-time withdrawal of Crime Prevention funds as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum also reported to the Board his Executive Assistant, Kaye Mikell has retired and introduced Robin Hardee McCracken who will be filling this position.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

A. Request to re-appoint Charles "Billy" Hinote to the Construction Industry Licensing Board.

Mr. Moody requested the Board re-appoint Charles "Billy" Hinote to the Construction Industry Licensing Board.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to re-appoint Charles "Billy" Hinote to the Construction Industry Licensing Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request to appoint Wilbur Dean to the Small County Coalition Board as Staff Liason.

Mr. Moody requested the Board appoint Wilbur Dean to the Small Coalition Board as Staff Liason.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to appoint Wilbur Dean to the Small Coalition Board as Staff Liason as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEM**

### **LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request approval of Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) a Rural Capital Grant 5311/5339 Federal DU Program 18 Capital Assistance for purchase of one 23' gasoline bus. "Grant is 2014-2015 fiscal year."

Mr. Moody requested the Board hear a non-agenda item concerning the Transit Department which is part of the item on the agenda.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Atty. Brown stated Resolution 2015-23 is an authorizing resolution for the Joint Participation Agreement and the application which will be filed later.

Mr. Moody stated Mrs. Conley was recently advised by FDOT of the availability of funds to acquire a bus. Mr. Moody requested Board approval of the JPA, a Rural Capital Grant 5311/5339 Federal DU Program 18 Capital Assistance in the amount of \$116,000 for Purchase of one 23' gasoline bus. The funds expended by the county will be reimbursed 100% by the State. Mr. Moody also requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-23 authorizing the Joint Participation Agreement and the application.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-23 as well as the Joint Participation Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moody requested the Board schedule a Budget Workshop on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the next Board meeting date, immediately following the regular meeting.

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule a Budget Workshop on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the regular meeting.

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

David Weatherford, Director

Request approval to adopt Resolution 2015-22, revising fees and charges for services such as spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, microchipping.

Mr. Weatherford requested Board approval of Resolution 2015-22 to revise prior fees and charges for services such as spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, microchipping as these services are now being performed in-house.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-22 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

**COUNTY AGENT**

Albert Fuller, Director

Approval of Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA) Agreement pertaining to day camp scholarships.

Mr. Fuller requested Board approval of the Central Florida Community Action Agency Agreement to provide scholarships for needy kids to attend summer day camps.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Central Florida Community Action Agency Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Lou Elliott stated the Community Action Agency will be honoring Mr. Fuller on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

David Knowles, Director

- A. Requesting approval to accept the donation of a 53’ trailer from Mobile TV Group.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval to accept the donation of a 53’ trailer from Mobile TV Group. The trailer will be used to facilitate housing of emergency crews either displaced and/or deployed during disasters.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the donation of a 53’ trailer from Mobile TV Group as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting approval and signature to proceed with a contract between Staley Construction Group, Inc. and Levy County for a 50 x 125’ vehicle storage facility at the Levy Public Safety Complex. Also, complete a line transfer to Capital Projects to expend a total amount of \$79,329.66 in budgeted funds from the 2014-2015 budgets.

Chief Knowles requested Board approval and the Chairman’s signature to proceed with a contract between Staley Construction Group, Inc. and Levy County for a 50 x 125’ vehicle storage facility at the Levy County Public Safety Complex. Chief Knowles also requested Board approval to complete a line transfer to Capital Projects to expend a total amount of \$79,329.66 in budgeted funds from the 2014-2015 budgets.

The bids received are as follows:

Staley Construction Group, Inc.	\$ 79,329.66
Nooney Construction, Inc.	\$128,500.00
Gray Construction Services, Inc.	\$ 96,760.00
Ayers Carpentry, Inc.	\$ 89,600.00
Foundation Services	\$100,220.00
D & S Steel, Inc.	\$117,836.00

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with the Chairman’s signature the contract with Staley Construction Group, Inc., the lowest bid and approval of the line transfer to Capital Projects as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Chief Knowles thanked the Commissioners for their visits during EMS Week.

Chief Knowles stated he had attended the first Planning Commission meeting with the North Central Florida Planning Council last week and reported this meeting went well as the resources they have to offer will be beneficial.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Albert Rese spoke to the Board regarding volunteers and presented a copy of an Alachua County Animal Services Volunteer application for their review. He urged the Board to consider allowing volunteers at the Animal Services facility.

Comm. John Meeks stated he will look into the process for volunteering at Animal Services to see what can be done.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner called to everyone's attention the red, white, and blue banners placed at the front of the courthouse and thanked Jimmy Jones and Rod Hastings for placing them.

Comm. Joyner stated he had requested staff to explore the possibility of being under one water management district, the Suwannee River Water Management District.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to have staff explore the possibility of Levy County being under one water management district as stated by Comm. Joyner.

Comm. Joyner reported the Ranch Rodeo held recently was a success.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the Chiefland Watermelon Festival is coming up this Saturday with the parade beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Comm. John Meeks stated he and Comm. Rooks will be attending the Florida Association of Counties conference the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Comm. John Meeks announced Bronson will have its first Blueberry Festival on June 20<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend.

Comm. John Meeks informed the Commissioners they have a seat at the table at the National Association of Counties Conference coming up in Charlotte, North Carolina July 10-13 if anyone was interested in attending.

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval for Military Veterans to receive discount admission at the County Parks. Currently, the standard park admission is \$2 and he requested it be reduced to \$1 with valid military ID.

After discussion, Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Military Veterans and active Law Enforcement employees to receive discount admission at the County Parks as requested.

The Motion dies for lack of a Second.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Military Veterans to receive discount admission at the County Parks as stated by Comm. John Meeks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks read a letter received from the City of Chiefland dated May 27, 2015 regarding Chiefland ALS, non-transport. The letter indicated the City of Chiefland has decided not to proceed any further with Chiefland ALS for a period of two (2) years, at which time, they will re-evaluate their status and may propose a detailed ALS plan to the Board.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone the next Regular Board Meeting will be on June 23, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. The first Budget Workshop will be on this day following the Regular Meeting and there will be a Public Hearing for the Water Ordinance and Sexual Predator Ordinance at 6:00 P.M.

Atty. Brown commented on the question previously regarding the number of Budget Workshops held last year stating there was only one.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Chiefland Softball booster club will be holding a cake auction on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. to raise money to purchase championship rings for the team members.

Mrs. Gaither reported the Trenton Masonic Lodge burned yesterday.

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