

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 3, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 3, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room of the Levy County Courthouse with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Ryan Bell
Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Mike Joyner
Comm. Danny Stevens
Comm. Chad Johnson

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Comm. Bell called the Meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Comm. Johnson gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	115770-115919
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,546,660.04
ROAD	140,959.06
PAL LIBRARY	9,011.84
TRANSPORTATION	2,450.39
911	11,082.25
COURT FACILITIES	4,026.37
PROGRESS ENERGY	7,434.09
EMS	13,285.72
FIRE	5,673.58
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,502.44
CDBG	178.42
UTILITIES	132.30
DRUG TASK FORCE	218.43
CAPITAL PROJECTS	64,833.13
LANDFILL	2,511.26
TOTAL	\$ 1,809,959.32

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20th, 2014 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Representative Charlie Stone spoke to the Board of funding approved by the State Budget recently concerning Levy County. A few of the items approved for Levy County were:

College of Central Florida
Williston Middle/High School

Cedar Key Waste Water Treatment Facility

NON-AGENDA ITEM ANIMAL CONTROL

Comm. Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item from Animal Control. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

David Weatherford requested the Board approve the date of Saturday, July 12th for a special adoption event to be held at Tractor Supply in Chiefland. He requested the Board waive the \$20 adoption fee for this event in an effort to encourage more pet adoptions. The fee for spay or neuter surgery on a male dog is \$50 and \$85 for a female dog.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to waive the \$20 adoption fee as requested for the adoption event. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM SHIP

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a non-agenda item from the SHIP Department. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Shenley Neely requested Board approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanner C. and Cressilia L. McDaniel, PA #518 in the amount of \$19,375 for an existing unit in Williston, FL.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Teters spoke to the Board regarding the condition of Road on which she lives and questioned why her road could not be placed on the paving list.

Mr. Greenlee stated he would check into the situation to see what the results of the traffic counts were for this road.

PUBLIC HEARING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bill Hammond, Director

PP 2-14: Croft Land Surveying representing Muriel W. Phillips for a Preliminary Plat of "Friendly Acres", a residential subdivision located in Section 20, Township 12S, Range 14E. Said plat will consist of 2 ten (10) acre parcels more or less. Said parcel lies within an "ARR" Agricultural/Rural Residential zoning.

Atty. Brown administered swearing in procedure for anyone wishing to speak for or against the item to be presented.

Comm. Bell asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication regarding the Preliminary Plat presented. There were none.

Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of PP 2-14, a Preliminary Plat of "Friendly Acres", a residential subdivision located in Section 20, Township 12S, Range 14E. Said plat will consist of two (2) ten (10) acre parcels, more or less and lies within an "ARR" Agriculture/Rural Residential zoning.

Comm. Bell asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve Preliminary Plat of "Friendly Acres" as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

JORDAN AND ASSOCIATES

Ronald Vanzant, President

Discussion of Invitation to Bid published May 10, 2014 for the Soil Remediation with Drain-Field and Septic System Replacement project located at 11811 SE 197th Place, Dunnellon, FL.

Mr. Vanzant discussed the Invitation to Bid previously published May 10, 2014 for the Soil Remediation with Drain-Field and Septic System Replacement project located at 11811 SE 197th Place, Dunnellon, FL.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to have the Drain-Field and Septic System Replacement project re-bid and for Mr. Vanzant to make personal contact with the previous bidders so they may have the opportunity to re-bid as well. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

After discussion, Comm. Meeks amended his motion to rebid or if there is a quicker way in the Procurement Policy to negotiate with the contractors to pursue this option. Comm. Johnson amended his second and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY VETERANS PARADE COMMITTEE

Ruth Ruppert, Chair

Request roads closed to accommodate 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 8, 2014, starting at 11:00 A.M. in Inglis.

Ms. Ruppert requested Board approval for road closures in Inglis for the 2014 Levy County Veterans Day Parade to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 starting at 11:00 A.M. Ms. Ruppert also requested donations to offset the cost of food vendors which will be set up at the end of the parade route.

Barney Cannon questioned if there would be alternate routes available for vehicles to avoid the parade.

Ms. Ruppert responded alternate routes will be available and they will be well marked.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve road closures in Inglis as requested by Ms. Ruppert. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

Request approval for office space for the Florida Department of Agriculture with the Division of Fruit and Vegetables.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval for office space for the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Fruit and Vegetables responsible for the farmer's stock peanut inspection and grading. There is space available at the Ag. Center and they would like to use it for their District Supervisor for the upcoming peanut harvest season. The office space would be needed for approximately 10-14 weeks beginning around the first week of August.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to allow the use of office space at the Ag. Center by the Florida Department of Agriculture as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark Johnson, Director

A. Request approval to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance (EMPA) Grant.

Mr. Johnson requested acceptance by the Board of the Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance (EMPA) Grant in the amount of \$105,806 which runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Mr. Johnson requested acceptance by the Board of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$58,920 which runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request approval for Resolution 2014-22 for a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Levy County Board of County Commission.

James Shields requested on behalf of Ms. Conley Board approval of Resolution 2014-22 for a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-22 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request Board's approval and signature on a letter to the Town of Inglis regarding relocating the EMS transport unit in that area.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval and signature on a letter to the Town of Inglis regarding relocating the EMS transport unit to the Inglis area.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature on a letter to the Town of Inglis as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Quarterly report presentation.

Mr. Knowles presented the quarterly report of the Department of Public Safety to the Board.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

- A. Request permission to purchase a Challenger Sweeper. – TABLED -
- B. Request approval Resolution 2014-18 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, FL and providing for execution of Annual Exhibits.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of Resolution 2014-18 authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for maintenance of traffic signals and intersection control beacons in Levy County and providing for execution of Annual Exhibits.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Benny Jerrels, Director

Request approval for an Amendment to Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant Agreement.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval for an Amendment to the Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant Agreement.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Amendment as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Jones, Supervisor of Elections spoke to the Board reporting of the recent Cedar Key City Elections held using their new equipment.

Renate Cannon asked about removal of Jordan and Associates as the Administrator of SHIP funds for Levy County and when their contract expires.

Comm. Stevens answered it had been discussed and it was determined it was more costly to replace Jordan and Associates as the Administrator of the SHIP Program than to continue until their contract expired. The contract expires upon completion of current projects.

The meeting recessed at 10:13 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:24 A.M.

Terry Witt asked about times of ambulances not available in the County.

Comm. Bell answered with Mr. Knowles the number of times ambulances were unavailable is documented, but the total in hours was not.

Comm. Bell read aloud a Public Notice which stated there will be an Executive Session on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. at the office of the County Attorney to discuss Union negotiations.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson asked if a traffic study could be done for CR 346A and SR 129 as there have been numerous accidents in this area.

Mr. Greenlee responded he is aware of a study already underway by the State regarding this intersection.

Comm. Johnson announced the Chiefland Watermelon Festival is coming up on June 6th. The parade will begin at 11:00 A.M., followed by the Watermelon Sale at 12:00 P.M. The Festival will take place at the old Train Depot.

Comm. Johnson spoke of the funding for the College of Central Florida.

Comm. Joyner stated there was a good turnout at the Williston FFA Ranch Rodeo held recently.

Comm. Joyner asked if Mr. Greenlee could look into placing a caution light at the intersection of CR 326 and SR 41 in Morriston.

Comm. Bell requested Board approval of Resolution 2014-25 directing a referendum question be placed on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 election asking whether the Board should be allowed to grant economic development Ad Valorem Tax exemptions to new businesses and expansion of existing businesses.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-25 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell asked if the Commissioners would be interested in presenting a Proclamation to the Williston Baseball Team and the Chiefland Softball Team.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to have Atty. Brown prepare Proclamations for the Williston Baseball Team and the Chiefland Softball Team to be presented at the next regular Board Meeting. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Bell stated the Enterprize Zone funding was not re-funded for this year. The remainder of this year is funded, however funding can be re-applied for the upcoming year.

Comm. Bell announced to everyone the Sales Tax Holiday will be from May 31st through June 8th.

Reminder:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for ALS Non-Transport Services Joint Workshop Tuesday, June 3, 2014 6:00 P.M. at the Tommy Usher Center, 506 SW 4th Avenue, Chiefland, FL.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Ryan Bell