

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 19, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 19, 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. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Joyner 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>131117-131263</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	104,575.24
ROAD	50,689.77
SHIP	46,484.50
MOSQUITO CONTROL	5,531.28
TRANSPORTATION	16,769.71
COURT FACILITIES	7,900.29
MISC GRANTS	2,113.82
EMS	26,355.85
FIRE	44,223.37
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,912.85
UTILITIES	2,075.77
DRUG TASK FORCE	2,734.00
COMMUNICATION	19,649.42
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	21,562.83
CAPITAL PROJECTS	338.48
LANDFILL	73,629.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 428,547.13</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on May 8, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on May 8, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kim Wheeler, Williston resident spoke of the possibility of the I-75 Coastal Connector coming through Levy County.

Daryl Gordon, a resident of Fox Grove Farms near Goethe State Forest spoke to the Board requesting the right-of-way's in this community be preserved for recreational use.

David Robertson spoke to the Board and wished to introduce himself stating he is a candidate for Circuit 8 Judge.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. John Meeks presented a plaque to Lee Williams thanking him for his years of service upon his retirement.

## **BUILDING & ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING -TABLED -**

Bill Hammond, Development Director

- A. Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-023; providing permits, reviews, and services provided by the Levy County Development Department and the Levy County Road Department; providing for repeal of conflicting fee schedules; providing for an effective date.
- B. Mr. Hammond requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-005; an ordinance of Levy County, providing for amendment to regulation of construction contractors and elimination of the Construction Industry Licensing Board.

## **LEVY COUNTY RESIDENT – ALICIA MYERS**

Mrs. Myers spoke to the Board regarding safety issues with the intersection of CR 339 and Alt. 27. Mrs. Myers suggested installing flashing lights on CR339 for motorists to see approaching SR27 and on SR27 North bound approaching the turn-off for CR339.

## **MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTCARE**

Leah Vail Compton

Ms. Compton presented a grant award letter to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and shared the news of Meridian being awarded with the Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (CJMHSAG).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-042; amending the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for the purchase of the Old Bronson High School in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. Mr. Dean reported he has received a signed copy of the contract.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-042 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Dana Sheffield questioned where the funding would come from to make the purchase. Comm. John Meeks answered the purchase would be made by using Reserve funds.

Toni Collins asked about the surplus properties which would be available. She questioned when they would be sold.

Comm. John Meeks answered the Maintenance Department would be the first to move onto the campus. This would enable them to work on the property, making it ready for other departments to move into their new locations. Once the departments have been relocated, the surplus properties they occupied could then be sold. The Board would determine how this would be done.

Other audience members who spoke were: Renate Cannon and Sally Ann Collins.

**TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval of the 2018/2019 Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement which is in the amount of \$427,438.00. Mrs. Conley explained this is a 10% match grant and the funding runs from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, requested Board approval to obtain additional Right-of-Way for SE 35th Court from US 19 to the end of the road in Gulf Hammock. Mrs. LaLonde explained the road is approximately .89 miles long and a portion of this road is being maintained from US 19 to SE 47 PL. A landowner has offered to donate 50' of right-of-way to have the remaining roadway county maintained.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the request to obtain additional Right-of-Way for SE 35 Court from US 19 to the end of the road in Gulf Hammock as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

**SOLID WASTE**

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

Mr. Hastings requested Board approval to purchase a 40 x 60 structure addition to the Recycling Building. This purchase will be reimbursed with the annual Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement for State Assistance. Mr. Hastings requested the purchase be made from Bronson Ace Hardware

The quotes received were:

Barn Kits of America	\$10,870.00, requires a 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> down payment
Bronson Ace Hardware	\$11,435.00
Nature Coast Services, LLC	\$15,595.00

Mr. Hastings requested the purchase be made from Bronson Ace Hardware.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a 40 x 60 structure addition to the Recycle building to cover the recycling cardboard from Bronson Ace Hardware as recommended by Mr. Hastings. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Comm. John Meeks abstained from voting.

Mr. Hasting reported to the Board the balers previously approved and ordered are on the way and should arrive this week.

**SHIP**

A. Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner requested Board approval of Resolution 2018-033; appointing members to the County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) as listed below:

Jerry Orenchek, Stewart Wasson, Sharon Battles, Katrina Bowers, Christy Holland, Natalie Thomas, Jared Inman and Betty Walker.

Dana Sheffield asked when the SHIP meetings would be. Mr. Gayle answered the dates are July 25<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and the meetings begin at 10:00 A.M. and this information is also on their website.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-033, appointing the members as stated by Mr. Gayle to the County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the SHIP Program. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- A. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Solianet Ramirez-Beltran, PA #554, in the amount of \$23,250, for a newly constructed unit in Bronson, FL.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Solianet Ramirez-Beltran, PA #554 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Charles Rocho, II and Crystal Sinderson, PA #559, in the amount of \$23,234.50 for a newly constructed unit in Bronson, FL.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Charles Rocho, II and Crystal Sinderson, PA #559 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Linda Cooper asked if there was a requirement for the applicants to be U.S. Citizens.

Mr. Gayle answered the applicants are only required to be a resident of Florida according to Florida Statutes.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Atty. Anne Bast Brown requested Board approval of the renewal proposal for the Abacus Software as a sole source provider of software used by the Office of the County Attorney in the amount of \$4,485.60 for a 3-year renewal and to authorize the County to electronically sign the renewal proposal.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 3-year renewal for the Abacus Software as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Cooper stated she is not in favor of the Board adopting a "Consent Agenda".

Kim Wheeler spoke again stating she hoped citizens would stand up against a toll road coming through Levy County.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Rooks spoke of a meeting she attended recently in Fowlers Bluff regarding their water system and a Children's Table fundraising event.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of several items coming up on the voting ballot this year.

The meeting recessed at 11:11 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:07 P.M.

## BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jared Blanton requested decisions by (motion/vote or consensus) on option items, and any other directives the Board may choose to pursue regarding the FY 18-19 Budget. The departments to be discussed today are: Supervisor of Elections, Clerk of Court and Sheriff's budgets. Mr. Blanton stated the next budget discussion dates would be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Supervisor of Elections, Tammy Jones presented the budget request for her department in the amount of \$570,500, stating this reflects a \$19,900 increase from last year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget request for the Supervisor of Elections as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- Mr. Blanton presented the Clerk of Court's budget request in the amount of \$812,000, reflecting a \$67,000 increase from last year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budget request for the Clerk of Court as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- Sheriff McCallum presented the budget request for the Sheriff's Department to the Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to table this until the Sheriff can meet with the School Board in an Executive Safety Meeting to "iron out" the details of how much they will be funding the School Resource Officers.

Comm. Joyner withdrew his previous motion and made a new motion to approve the Sheriff's budget at a \$250,000 reduction from the requested amount. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Budget in the amount of \$13,577,299 which reflects an increase of \$1.2 million and \$287,151 for Inglis coverage. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Brooks, again, made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Budget in the amount of \$13,577,299 which reflects a \$1.2 million increase and \$287,151 for Inglis coverage. The motion dies for lack of a second.

The Commissioners agreed to address the budget request for the Sheriff's Department at the next Budget Meeting scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 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