

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 2, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 2, 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 Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

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

CHECK NUMBER	131264-131400
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,245,211.95
ROAD	56,372.19
SHIP	16,775.95
MOSQUITO CONTROL	37.00
TRANSPORTATION	262.62
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	1,847.48
MISC GRANTS	871.60
EMS	24,925.04
FIRE	7,296.92
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,230.00
UTILITIES	79.47
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	5,610.18
CAPITAL PROJECTS	196.40
LANDFILL	677.53
TOTAL	\$ 1,377,990.33
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 19,845.08

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 22, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 22, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Swearing in of audience members wishing to speak regarding the two items to be presented was done by Deputy Clerk, Mandy Waters.

Shenley Neely, Director

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Requesting Board approval for the transmittal of Petition LSA 18-01, as presented to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for expedited State review.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. Those who spoke were: Toni Collins.

Comm. John Meeks closed the Public Hearing.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the transmittal of Petition LSA 18-01 as presented to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-027; approving the application to the Town of Bronson for a release of ingress and egress and utility easements in Allen Wade subdivision.

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

Comm. John Meeks closed the Public Hearing.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-027 as presented and directed staff to submit application to the Town of Bronson. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Swearing in of audience members wishing to speak regarding the two items to be presented was done by Deputy Clerk, Mandy Waters.

Bill Hammond, Director

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Requesting the Board adopt Ordinance No. 2018-006; approving a rezoning for applicant Robert Hayen, Sr., rezoning 5.056 acres, more or less, located in Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 19 East, Levy County, from Forestry/Rural Residential (F/RR) to Moderately Intensive Commercial (C-3).

Bill Hammond read the title of Ordinance 2018-006 into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. Those who spoke were: Terry Witt and Linda Cooper.

Comm. John Meeks closed the Public Hearing.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-006 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Requesting Board approval of Petition No. SE 02-18 EDA, Inc. representing Robert Hayen, Sr. for a special exception to allow alcoholic beverage sales and on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages within a proposed bar/package store on a parcel of land located at the Southeastern intersection of US 27 and NE 35th Street.

Clay Sweger spoke to the Board giving information of the applicant's plan for use of the property. He stated the proposed bar/package store will be separate from the existing eating establishment. Applicant, Robert Hayen, Jr. also spoke to the Board.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. Those who spoke were: Linda Cooper.

Comm. John Meeks closed the Public Hearing.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Order to Approve Special Exception No. SE 02-18 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a non-agenda item as requested by Mr. Hammond. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Hammond spoke to the Board of the need for additional inspectors for his department.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow Mr. Hammond to seek inspectors.

Audience members speaking regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Terry Witt, Linda Cooper, Toni Collins.

CLERK OF COURT

Tax Deed Clerk, Mandy Waters presented a list of lands not sold from the Tax Deed auction held on June 18, 2018 to the Board.

CITY OF CEDAR KEY

Heath Davis gave a presentation to the Board of dredging at the Cedar Key marina and requested the cooperation of the Board and the Road Department to use the County's dumping area on CR347. Mr. Davis also requested approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Cedar Key and the Board of County Commissioners.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cedar Key and the use of the County's dumping area on CR347 for disposal of dredging material taken from the Cedar Key Marina as requested by Mr. Davis upon the City's coordination with the Road Department. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Davis invited everyone to the Fireworks Event taking place in Cedar Key on Wednesday evening beginning at 9:15 P.M. Mr. Davis stated where the best viewing locations will be.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

A. Requested Board approval to:

- a. Declare former voting precinct building located at the West ½ of Lot 4, Block 15, Town of Raleigh plat, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 11, of the public records of Levy County, as surplus property;
- b. Make a finding that value of such building is less than \$5,000;
- c. Transfer such building to Whitehurst Cattle Company, finding that such transfer is the most efficient and such transfer is the most efficient and cost-effective means of disposal of the property; and
- d. Authorize the County Coordinator to execute any documents related to such transfer.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve items a-d as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature for the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) State of Florida of Economic Opportunity. The MOA details the terms and conditions of the re-designation of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the MOA State of Florida Economic Opportunity with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean informed the Board of the situation with the auditing firm, Carr, Riggs & Ingram. Mr. Dean stated as of today, July 2, 2018, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners is not in compliance for reporting of the 2016/2017 annual audit with the State. He stated Mr. Blanton has been in contact with Tallahassee to inform them of the situation and a meeting has been requested with representatives from Carr, Riggs & Ingram.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval for a revision of the 2018/2019 grant application to include an additional 23' gas bus with 14 seats and 2 wheelchair positions. This is a grant paid at 100% by FDOT.

Mrs. Conley stated the additional bus will be \$80,279 bringing the total for the 5339 Grant to \$156,298. The Transit Department currently has 12 busses.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the revision for the 2018/2019 5339 Grant application as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-040; authorizing the filing of a Transportation Disadvantage Local Program Administrative Support Grant Application for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-040 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval to use contingency funds to cover expenses. The request is to move \$20,500 to Fire and \$38,500 to EMS from each contingency fund.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve use of contingency funds to cover expenses as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-023; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2018, received donated funds for \$500 to be added to the Fire Budget.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-023 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANTS/TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Director requested Board approval to apply for a funding opportunity with FWC to remove a derelict vessel from the Waccasassa River (Fern – a Shrimp Trawler). Removal for a vessel must be put out for bid. Mrs. Whitehurst read into public record an email received on Friday, June 29th from FWC.

The Commissioners agreed to take no action on this item at this time.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Toni Collins, Toni Witt and Linda Cooper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper requested quarterly information on the Animal Services Department.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jared Blanton

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.

Meridian Healthcare, Maggie Labarta

Ms. Labarta spoke to the Board and made the budget request for Meridian Healthcare of \$78,750, a \$3,750 increase from last year.

After discussion, Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budgeted amount for Meridian Healthcare at a 3% increase from last year totaling \$77,250. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. The votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Joyner	Comm. Brooks
Comm. Rooks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Rock Meeks	

Nature Coast Business Development, David Pieklik

Mr. Pieklik spoke to the Board and made the budget request for Nature Coast Business Development of \$66,400, a \$6,425 increase from last year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budgeted amount for Nature Coast Business Development in the amount of \$66,400. Second was made by Comm.

LARC, Betty Stockton

Mrs. Stockton spoke to the Board and made the budget request for LARC of \$57,412, the same amount as last year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budgeted amount for LARC in the amount of \$57,412 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Levy County Health Department, Barbara Locke

Mrs. Locke spoke to the Board and made the budget request for the Levy County Health Department of \$165,000, the same as last year.

The Board agreed by consensus to budget the same amount as last year for the Health Department as requested in the amount of \$165,000.

Levy County Prevention Coalition, Jonathan Lewis

Mr. Lewis spoke to the Board and made the budget request for the Levy County Prevention Coalition of \$9,350, the same as last year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budgeted amount for Levy County Prevention Coalition of \$9,350 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Levy County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff McCallum

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board and made the budget request for the Levy County Sheriff's Department of a \$1.816158 increase from last year.

The meeting recessed at 12:50 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:16 P.M.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the budgeted amount for the Levy County Sheriff’s Department of \$1.2 increase to last year’s budget making the total amount \$13,577,299. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. The votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Rock Meeks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Brooks	Comm. Joyner
Comm. Rooks	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Merritt invited everyone to the 4th of July celebration coming up this Wednesday at the South Levy Park from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Joyner congratulated John for receiving the Florida Association of Counties award.

Comm. John Meeks explained the award is the Marlene Young Advocacy Award given in recognition for his work with Legislature on behalf of the Florida Association of Counties this year.

Comm. John Meeks announced the fireworks show will begin at dusk in Bronson on the 4th as well as Cedar Key.

Comm. Rooks and Comm. Brooks reported of attending the recent Florida Association of Counties along with Comm. John Meeks.

Comm. Brooks, Comm. John Meeks and Comm. Rooks both reported of attending the dedication ceremony for the new fire engine in Williston recently and the “meet and greet” of the new Director for Central Florida Electric Coop. in Chiefland.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks