

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 2, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 2, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, 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  
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

Comm. Bell 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. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>112090-112243</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,524,770.50
ROAD	159,361.51
NSP	38,642.40
TRANSPORTATION	10,435.27
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	6.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	629.40
EMS	35,735.82
FIRE	13,553.96
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	3,989.96
CDBG	30,218.00
UTILITIES	1,180.29
ADD COURT COSTS	1,300.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	25,368.47
LANDFILL	29,480.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,672.46</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on June 4, 2013 and June 18, 2013 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on June 4, 2013 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on June 18, 2013 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Tammy Jones

Request approval for Levy County Courthouse lobby wall space to display "Vote in Honor of a Vet" program.

Mrs. Jones requested Board approval to place a display on a wall in the Levy County Courthouse lobby for their "Vote in Honor of a Vet" program. The goal of the program is to recognize veterans by encouraging voter participation among the entire voting population. Veterans and family members of veterans who wish to participate will complete and submit a photo and short biography on a form provided.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the request to use wall space in the Courthouse Lobby to display the "Vote in Honor of a Vet" program. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Hunter Bell

Eagle Scout Presentation

Michael Bell spoke to the Board and introduced his son Hunter Bell. He stated Hunter has completed all requirements for Life Scout which makes him a candidate for Eagle Scout. His presentation will describe the project he has chosen to achieve this.

Hunter Bell spoke to the Board explaining a project he has chosen to earn Eagle Scout. Hunter stated he had spoken to Matt Weldon, the Parks Director about building two new picnic tables and trash can holders at Blue Springs Park. With the Board's approval, he would like to proceed with this project and asked if the Board would waive the Park fee for himself and the other Scouts who would be helping him so they could swim afterwards.

<sup>1</sup>Comm. Bell indicated he would not vote on this item as he was related to Hunter Bell.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the construction of picnic tables and trash can holders as requested as well as waiving the Park fee for Hunter and the other Scouts to swim afterwards. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Fred Moody

Request motion to set Health Insurance Premiums paid by the Board for Employees' coverage for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Mr. Moody requested action by the Board to set Health Insurance Premiums paid by the Board for Employees' coverage for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Mr. Moody stated the overall increase is 6.4%. This calculates to an increase of \$11,197.94 per month.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to set the Health Insurance Premiums paid by the Board for Employees' coverage for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 at 6.4% as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mark S. Johnson, Director

Request acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the American Red Cross North Central Florida Chapter and Levy County.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval for acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the American Red Cross, North Central Florida Chapter and Levy County.

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<sup>1</sup> Comm. Bell – Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict

Comm. Johnson made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the American Red Cross, North Central Florida Chapter and Levy County. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request approval of Resolution 2013-27 authorizing the Trip and Equipment Grant for period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2013-27 authorizing the Trip and Equipment Grant for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The total project amount is \$401,656 and the reimbursement amount will be \$361,490.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-27 authorizing the Trip and Equipment Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PLANNING**

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Request to ratify State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program Fiscal Year 2013-2014 funding certification signed by Levy County Commission Chairman Ryan Bell.

Ms. Neely requested ratification of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The Funding Certification was signed by Chairman Ryan Bell in order to meet the June 30, 2013 deadline. Ms. Neely stated Levy County has been allocated \$350,000 to be spent in two years.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to ratify the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

David Knowles, Director

- A. Request Board's approval to accept an Emergency Medical Services 75/25 matching grant in the amount of \$61,230.00 from the Florida Department of Health for the purchase of power lift stretchers.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to accept an Emergency Medical Services 75/25 matching grant in the amount of \$61,230 from the Florida Department of Health for the purchase of power lift stretchers.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to accept the Emergency Medical Services 75/25 matching grant in the amount of \$61,230 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request Board's approval to purchase six (6) new Stryker power lift stretchers at a total cost of \$81,640.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to purchase six (6) new Stryker power lift stretchers at a total cost of \$81,640. Mr. Knowles explained the funds for the previously approved matching grant will be used for this purchase. He also explained Stryker is a sole source provider for the power lift stretchers.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) new Stryker power lift stretchers as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Agreement with Tower Communication Services, Inc. to move forward with the reconstruction of the Bronson Communications Tower that collapsed in 2012.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Agreement with Tower Communication Services, Inc. to move forward with the reconstruction of the Bronson Communications Tower which collapsed in 2012. Mr. Knowles stated the funds for this project will come from the insurance carrier to rebuild the tower.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature and approval of the Agreement with Tower Communication Services, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Yearly Report Presentation.

Mr. Knowles gave a brief overview of the Department of Public Safety's Yearly Report to the Board.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

- A. Request to purchase two John Deere 6115D Cab Tractors (corrective action from 6/4/13 BOCC meeting).

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to purchase two (2) John Deere 6115D cab tractors. Mr. Greenlee explained this is corrective action from the 6/4/13 meeting. At the 6/4/13 meeting, the amount approved was \$36,400 for two (2) tractors. The correct amount for the two (2) tractors is \$89,600.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to purchase two (2) John Deere 6115D for the total amount of \$89,600 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request to purchase two Bush Hog (3815) mowers for \$15,200.00 each, total cost \$30,400.00 off State Contract with Ag-Pro.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to purchase two (2) Bush Hog (3815) mowers for a total price of \$30,400 by using State Contract pricing through Ag-Pro.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Bush Hog (3815) mowers for a total price of \$30,400 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Benny Jerrels, Director

- Request permission to increase contract with Clean Harbors by 3%.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval for an increase in the contract with Clean Harbors by 3%.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the increase in the contract with Clean Harbors by 3% as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Joyner reminded everyone of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to be held tomorrow in Williston. Mr. Knowles advised him the fire truck is ready for the Commissioners to ride or walk with in the parade.

Comm. Meeks stated he had attended the Florida Association of County's Annual Convention last week in Tampa and reported it was very informative.

Mr. Meeks stated he had also attended the graduation for Firefighter II training held at Black Prong last night and was proud for those who had graduated and commended Chief Knowles and staff for a job well done.

Comm. Meeks also reported the next North Florida Broadband meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> in Palatka.

Comm. Bell stated the next RESTORE Act Town Hall meeting is scheduled to be in Inglis on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Inglis Community Center.

Comm. Bell thanked Representative Charlie Stone for attending the Board meeting today.

Renate Cannon asked what the status is on the RESTORE Act and if the State had received any money. Atty. Brown answered there has been no money distributed yet.

Dana Sheffield expressed thanks for Representative Charlie Stone for coming to the Board meeting today.

The meeting recessed at 9:34 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Comm. Bell called the meeting back to order at 1:02 P.M.

Kay Holcomb spoke to the Board advising them the most current changes given to the finance department had been made to the budget as presented.

The following elected officials spoke to the Board regarding their budget:

Sheriff, Bobby McCallum  
Property Appraiser, Oz Barker  
Clerk of Court, Danny Shipp

The following agencies had representatives to speak to the Board regarding county funding assistance for their budget:

Central Florida Community Action Agency, Robert Wilford  
Suwannee River RAD Program, Ray Tremblay  
Nature Coast Development, David Peiklik

The following Department Directors spoke to the Board regarding their budget:

County Agent, Albert Fuller  
Animal Control, David Weatherford  
Building & Zoning, Bill Hammond

The meeting recessed at 2:31 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:37 P.M.

After the break the following Department Directors also spoke to the Board regarding their budget:

Parks/Mosquito Control, Matt Weldon  
Planning, Shenley Neely  
County Attorney, Atty. Brown

After hearing from each of the above listed Departments, the Board agreed to set the next Budget Workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup> following the Regular Board Meeting. The Commissioners requested the millage rate be calculated in .25 percent increments for their review.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:08 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, Ryan Bell