

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 22, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 22, 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 9:00 A.M. Comm. Johnson gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Meeks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	116094-116328
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	147,888.18
ROAD	96,612.79
SHIP	15,185.00
PAL LIBRARY	16,818.11
TRANSPORTATION	93,977.03
FACILITIES	15.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	735.54
EMS	42,249.18
FIRE	68,347.19
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,914.27
UTILITIES	1,290.26
DRUG TASK FORCE	2,283.64
ADD COURT COSTS	607.26
CAPITAL PROJECTS	14,980.34
LANDFILL	78,924.40
TOTAL	\$ 584,828.19

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Gaither spoke to the Board complementing Comm. Bell, his wife Crystal, David Weatherford and the Department of Animal Services for their work with the Pet Adoption event held recently.

CLERK OF COURT

Sheila Rees, Chief Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Rees requested on behalf of Mr. Shipp Board approval to donate computer monitors to the Vision Christian Academy.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve donation of computer monitors to the Vision Christian Academy as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Robert McCallum

Request Board approval to serve as the coordinating unit of government in FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant by signing the Certificate of Participation and in the preparation of the application for grant funds by designating Sheriff Robert McCallum to coordinate the preparation of the application and by approving upon award the use of grant funds \$46,990.00 to supplement the multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force of Levy County.

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval for submission of the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$46,990. These funds are used to supplement the multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force of Levy County.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik, Director

Progress Report presentation for April-July, 2014.

Mr. Pieklik gave a progress report to the Board of the Nature Coast Business Development Council for April-July, 2014.

JORDAN AND ASSOCIATES

Ronald Vanzant, President

Request Board approval to ratify signed Addendum to the Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Vanzant requested Board approval to ratify the signed Addendum to the Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to ratify the Addendum to the Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Vanzant reported to the Board excavation is scheduled to begin tomorrow on the Tarafa project.

WITHLACOCHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Lauren Yetter, Principal Planner

Request authorization by Resolution 2014-08 to file and execute a planning grant application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Ms. Yetter of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council requested Board approval of Resolution 2014-08 to file and execute a planning grant application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-08 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

CEDAR KEY OYSTERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Jerry Beckham

Request support of draft Resolution 2014-34 and include specific items to be initiated by the Commission in seeing action by resource management agencies and finding appropriate sources to fund essential oyster fishery management programs.

Mr. Beckham requested Board approval of Resolution 2014-34 requesting support of the Governor of the State of Florida, and seeking federal and state legislative funding support for oyster resource restoration projects in the region.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-34. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Hunter Bell
Update on Eagle Scout project. – TABLED -

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ANIMAL SERVICES

David Weatherford provided an update to the Board of the recent Pet Adoption event held at Tractor Supply in Chiefland. There were 16 dogs and 7 cats adopted. Mr. Weatherford thanked those who helped in making this event possible: Comm. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither, Tractor Supply and Animal Services staff.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

- A. Request Board approval to purchase a 24 foot diesel bus and surveillance cameras awarded under the FDOT 5310 Grant Award. Total project amount \$136,542.00 at 80/10/10. Any overages will be paid out of equipment. Bus and cameras will both be purchased from the State contract.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval to purchase a 24 foot diesel bus and surveillance cameras awarded under the FDOT 5310 Grant Award. The total project amount will be \$136,542.00 using the State contract at 80/10/10. The local match amount is \$13,654.00.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a 24 foot diesel bus and surveillance cameras as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request Board approval of Service Agreement to provide transportation to Nature Coast Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney.

Ms. Conley requested Board approval of the Service Agreement with Nature Coast Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with Nature Coast Middle School as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

Request funds to purchase a Gravely mower for the parks; \$6,629.22 from Lane’s Yardware.

Mr. Weldon requested Board approval to purchase a mower for the Parks Department. The bids received are as follows:

Lane’s Yardware	Gravely Pro Turn 152	\$6,629.22
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Tri-County Rentals & Sales	Dixie Chopper-27 HP	\$7,249.00
Tri-County Rentals & Sales	Dixie Chopper-22 HP	\$5,849.00
Suwannee River Kubota	Gravely Pro Turn 152	\$6,629.22
Suwannee River Kubota	Kubota 48” Diesel Zero Turn	\$9,200.00
Suwannee River Kubota	Kubota 48” Gas Zero Turn	\$6,799.00

Mr. Weldon pointed out while Lane's Yardware and Suwannee River Kubota each have a mower for the same price, Lane's Yardware offers better service.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a Gravely mower from Lane's Yardware utilizing the State Contract price of \$6,629.22. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

- A. Request a motion to approve State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Funding Certificate to be submitted to Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Funding Certificate to be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the SHIP Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Funding Certificate as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval for the Subordination Agreement for Gregory and Maggie Allen SHIP Rehabilitation Case Rehab #169.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of the Subordination Agreement for Gregory and Maggie Allen SHIP Rehabilitation Case Rehab #169.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Subordination Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Request approval for a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Amos Henderson, PA #520.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Amos Henderson, PA #520.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Amos Henderson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Request approval for a Satisfaction of Mortgage and Amendment to Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanner C. and Cressila L. McDaniel, PA #518 for an existing unit in Williston, FL 32696.

Ms. Neely requested Board approval for a Satisfaction of Mortgage and Amendment to Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanner C. and Cressila L. McDaniel, PA #518.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Satisfaction of Mortgage and Amendment to Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Tanner C. and Cressila L. McDaniel, PA #518 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Request to ratify signature of Chairman and approve Modification #5 to Agreement with Department of Economic Development (DEO) for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant to extend period of grant to December 31, 2014.

Ms. Neely requested the Board ratify the Chairman's signature and approve Modification #5 to the Agreement with the DEO for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant extending the grant period to December 31, 2014.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Modification #5 to the Agreement with the DEO and ratify the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Requesting Board approval to purchase four (4) new LUCAS Chest Compression Systems at a total cost of \$52,165.13.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to purchase four (4) new LUCAS Chest Compression Systems at a total cost of \$52,165.13. The purchase will be made by utilizing the EMS 75/25 matching grant from the Florida Department of Health along with funds from the EMS Capital Equipment budget.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) new LUCAS Chest Compression Systems pending review by Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

Request approval of Consulting Engineering Contract between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Mills Engineering Company for the years 2014-2015. – TABLE -

Mr. Greenlee reported to the Board of the request for a road study at the SR 129 and CR 346A intersection by the Florida DOT stating there would be no lighted devices placed at this intersection at this time but they will be moving the stop signs and re-painting the lines nearing the intersection.

Mr. Greenlee also reported to the Board the situation has been resolved in Bronson Heights at 101st Court.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tammy Jones informed everyone early voting is coming up and absentee ballots will be going out in the mail soon.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson thanked everyone who had participated in the recent CHS Cheerleading cake auction fundraiser.

Comm. Joyner complimented the Animal Services Department for their work with the Animal Adoption event held recently.

Comm. Stevens announced the Williston Church of God would be holding a BBQ Cook-off on August 16th.

Comm. Meeks commended the Ag. Extension office staff and volunteers for their work with the 4-H day camps.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:06 A.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

CEDAR KEY OYSTERMEN'S ASSOCIATION – (CONTINUED)

Jeanine Beckham spoke to the Board giving further information regarding the situation the Cedar Key Oyster Farmer's are dealing with since the gulf oil spill and the efforts made seeking funding sources for essential oyster fishery management programs. Mrs. Beckham also spoke of the scholarship opportunities for students as a result of the oyster industry in Cedar Key.

Leslie Sturmer also spoke to the Board supporting the Cedar Key Oystermen's Association's efforts to acquire state funding sources for oyster fishery management programs.

Sheila Rees spoke to the Board providing a proposed budget calculated at the rolled back rate of 8.2741. A tentative millage rate would need to be set by August 4th, which is the day before the next Regular Board Meeting.

The Elected Officials who spoke to the Board were:

- Levy County Sheriff, Robert McCallum
- Levy County Supervisor of Elections, Supervisor
- Levy County Property Appraiser, Osborn Barker
- Levy County Clerk of Court represented by Sheila Rees

Outside agencies receiving funding from the Board of County Commissioners who spoke were:

- Central Florida Community Action Agency, Charles Harris, Jr., CEO
- Levy Association for Retarded Citizens, Betty Walker, Executive Director
- Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Margarita Labarta, PhD, President/CEO
- Nature Coast Business Development, David Pieklik, Director

The Fire Departments with representatives who spoke to the Board were:

- Cedar Key Fire Department, Chief Robert Robinson
- Williston Fire Department, Chief Lamar Stegall
- Fanning Springs Fire Department, Chief Ronnie McQueen
- Chiefland Fire Department, Chief James Harris and City Commissioner Teresa Barron
- Bronson Fire Department, Kelly Brettell
- Inglis Fire Department, Chief John MacDonald

The County Departments with representative who spoke to the Board were:

- Emergency Management, Mark Johnson
- Animal Services, David Weatherford
- Veterans Services, Robert Lowyns
- Parks and Recreation/Mosquito Control, Matt Weldon
- Library, Lisa Brasher
- Ag. Department, Albert Fuller
- Tourism Development, Carol McQueen
- Building & Zoning, Bill Hammond
- Public Safety, David Knowles

The Commissioners agreed to have a Budget Workshop immediately following the next Regular Board Meeting to discuss the Fire Department Budget requests.

The meeting recessed at 1:06 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:14 P.M.

Water Utilities, presented by Sheila Rees and discussed by Commissioners
County Attorney, Anne Bast Brown

Comm. Stevens made a motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate at the rolled-back rate of 8.2741. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Commissioners reviewed the Fire Departments funding requests and discussed how much, if any additional amounts could be granted in addition to their contract amounts.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Ryan Bell