

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 5, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 5, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. 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:

Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Administrator – 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. Meeks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	116493-116661
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,321,728.50
ROAD	87,790.25
SHIP	26,475.00
PAL LIBRARY	10,186.09
TRANSPORTATION	26,148.74
911	11,082.25
COURT FACILITIES	971.75
PROGRESS ENERGY	20.51
EMS	103,729.75
FIRE	74,462.57
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,492.83
CDBG	62.00
UTILITIES	35.92
DRUG TASK FORCE	668.00
COMMUNICATION	4,075.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	3,162.50
LANDFILL	21,974.32
TOTAL	\$ 1,694,065.98

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2014 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on July 8, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Schupp from Ameris Health gave an update to the Board of the plans for a hospital in Chiefland which will serve the tri-county area. The size of the hospital has been reduced from 60 beds to 28 beds. The name of the hospital will be Suwannee River Community Hospital which has been changed from the original name of Tri-County Hospital, LLC. Mr. Schupp requested a letter of support from the Board for the Certificate of Need with the Agency on Health Care Administration.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to draft a letter of support as requested by Mr. Schupp.

Renate Cannon spoke to the Board regarding an article in the Levy County Journal and the situation of ALS for Chiefland.

Clarification was given by Comm. Bell.

Mrs. Cannon also questioned the Bond Issue referenced in the Levy County Journal.

Mr. Shipp and Comm. Bell answered Mrs. Cannon regarding the pay-off of the Bond Issue.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WEEKEND COUNCIL

Charlie Frank, President

Presenting and awarding newly recruited personnel their bunker gear provided with Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant funds.

Mr. Knowles introduced Charlie Frank, President of the Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend Council who presented bunker gear provided with SAFER grant funds to three (3) newly recruited personnel. To help volunteer fire department recruit and retain firefighters, the NW FL Volunteer Firefighter Weekend Council awards personal protective equipment (PPE) to new recruits of eligible Florida Fire Departments. There have been eleven (11) members from local Departments approved to receive gear through this program.

MILLS ENGINEERING

Andrew Carswell

Presenting proposals for the Leachate Storage Facility Cover to be constructed at the Levy County Solid Waste Facility.

Mr. Carswell presented the following proposals to the Board for the Leachate Storage Facility Cover to be constructed at the Levy County Solid Waste Facility:

Ayers Carpentry, Inc.	\$ 57,650.00
J and L Custom Construction	\$154,260.00
Nooney Construction, Inc.	\$ 99,962.00
JoyTech Construction	\$125,000.00

Comm. Meeks made a motion to award the bid to Ayers Carpentry, Inc. as recommended by Mr. Carswell. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS COUNTY COORDINATOR

Fred Moody

- A. Request approval of an Agreement between Levy County and Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC to resume the medical transport services replacing Perryman Transport Service.

Mr. Moody stated Mr. Perryman had sent notification to the Board office of his intent to let his State License expire this year. Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC has expressed an interest to resume the medical transport services replacing Perryman Transport Service. Mr. Moody requested Board approval of the contract between Levy County and Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC. The contract amounts are as follows:

Pick-up and Drop-off	\$ 95.00 Per Individual Body
Transport	\$130.00 Per Transport of up to Two (2) Bodies
Bag	\$150.00 Per Individual Body

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Agreement between Levy County and Knauff Funeral Homes, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request to ratify the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Northeast Florida Public Employee's Local 630 Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL, CIO.

Mr. Moody requested Board approval to ratify the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Northeast Florida Public Employee's Local 630 Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL, CIO.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to ratify the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Moody requested the Board hear a non-agenda item concerning the Town of Bronson.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson voted No.

Mr. Moody read to the Board a letter received from the Town of Bronson concerning assistance with maintenance on a road located next to the Dollar General Market. The letter states they do not have the manpower or equipment necessary to repair this road making safer passage for residents.

Mr. Greenlee stated the area in need of repair is about 350' and would cost the Road Department about \$738 to do the necessary work to open the road for safe passage.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Road Department assisting with repair work to the road as requested by the Town of Bronson. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

CORRESPONDENCE

Satori Days

- A. On behalf of Linda Fugate, Tax Collector, presenting Recapitulation for Board signatures.

Ms. Days presented on behalf of Linda Fugate, Tax Collector the Recapitulation for Board approval with signatures.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with Board signatures the Recapitulation as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval to appoint Tammy Jean Ippolito to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board to serve in the Citizen-User category.

Ms. Days requested Board approval to appoint Tammy Jean Ippolito to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board to serve in the Citizen-User category.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to appoint Tammy Ippolito to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT

Connie Conley, General Manager

- A. Request Board approval of Service Agreement for Creekside Christian School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of the Service Agreement for Creekside Christian School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Service Agreement for Creekside Christian School as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request approval for IT services for our Route Match software. This Client information will be backed up daily at the QTS Atlanta Metro Data Center. Mobile access is available anywhere. Cost associated will be \$6,300.00 per year for 7 users.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of IT services for their Route Match software for a cost of \$6,300 per year for 7 users.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve IT services for the Route Match software as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

Request approval from the Board and Chairman's signature on the License Agreement between American Tower, L.P. and Levy County.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval and Chairman's signature on the License Agreement between American Tower, L.P. and Levy County. This agreement will allow Levy County to utilize the tower facility in Cedar Key.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with Chairman's signature the License Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bruce Greenlee, Administrative Road Superintendent

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

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval of the Consulting Engineering Contract between the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County and Mills Engineering Company for 2014-2015.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Consulting Engineering Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request to submit a budget amendment to take \$47,554.00 from contingency money to balance the Repair Maintenance Equipment line item.

Mr. Greenlee requested Board approval to submit a budget amendment moving \$47,554 from contingency money to balance the Repair and Maintenance Equipment line item.

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

SOLID WASTE

Benny Jerrels, Director

Request approval for Resolution 2014-35, authorizing Chair to sign application for "Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant" and appointing the Director of Solid Waste as authorized representative under the grant.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval of Resolution 2014-35, authorizing the Chairman to sign an application for "Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant" and appointing the Director of Solid Waste as authorized representative under the grant. Mr. Jerrels stated this year's grant will be in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-35 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Request to consider settlement offer on Second Mortgage for Rachel E. Coke and, if accepted, approve Satisfaction of Mortgage contingent on receipt of settlement funds.

Atty. Brown requested the Board consider a settlement offer on a Second Mortgage for Rachel E. Coke and, if accepted, approve Satisfaction of Mortgage contingent of settlement funds. Vesta Land Transfer Corp. is offering \$500 to the Board in exchange for satisfaction of the Board's mortgage.

After discussion, Comm. Meeks made a motion to make a counter offer of \$1,000 and if accepted, approval of the Satisfaction of Mortgage as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the votes were as follows:

<p><u>Yes</u> Comm. Meeks Comm. Joyner Comm. Johnson</p>	<p><u>No</u> Comm. Stevens Comm. Bell</p>
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The MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson stated he had been in communication with some of the leaders in Dixie County regarding the oyster issue as they are under the same duress in Suwannee as Levy County is in Cedar Key. They have asked to be notified of any information or actions Levy County may take as they would like to mimic those same actions and will do the same for Levy County.

Comm. Johnson thanked all who came out to the VFW political candidates' forum.

Comm. Meeks stated the absentee ballots have been sent out and advised everyone to be on the lookout.

Comm. Meeks mentioned a "Stuff the Bus" campaign here in Levy County this weekend and to check local newspapers for information.

Comm. Bell introduced Hunter Bell who gave an update to the Board on his Eagle Project he had recently completed. Mr. Bell stated in addition to picking up garbage, he and volunteers added two (2) 8' picnic tables at Blue Springs.

The meeting recessed at 10:20A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:43 A.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Comm. Bell opened the Workshop by offering the Commissioners an opportunity to discuss the budget requests by each of the Fire Departments.

Cedar Key

Comm. Stevens made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$5,000 to Cedar Key Fire in additional to their contract amount. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Chiefland

Comm. Stevens made a motion for no bonus to be given to Chiefland in addition to their contract amount. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Stevens	Comm. Meeks
Comm. Joyner	Comm. Bell
	Comm. Johnson

The MOTION FAILS.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$7,000 to Chiefland Fire. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Bell	Comm. Stevens
Comm. Meeks	Comm. Joyner
	Comm. Johnson

The MOTION FAILS.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$9,000 to Chiefland Fire. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Johnson	Comm. Meeks
Comm. Comm. Bell	Comm. Stevens
	Comm. Joyner

The MOTION FAILS.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$8,000 to Chiefland Fire. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Meeks	Comm. Stevens
Comm. Bell	Comm. Joyner
Comm. Johnson	

The MOTION CARRIES.

Fanning Springs

Comm. Meeks made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$25,000 to Fanning Springs Fire. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Williston

Comm. Stevens made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$12,300 to Williston Fire. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

Bronson

Comm. Meeks made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$10,000 to Bronson Fire. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Inglis

Comm. Joyner made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$10,000 to Inglis Fire. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the votes were as follows:

Yes	No
Comm. Joyner	Comm. Meeks
Comm. Stevens	Comm. Bell
	Comm. Johnson

The MOTION FAILS.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to grant a one-time non-contractual additional bonus of \$8,000 to Inglis Fire. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

South Levy

Comm. Meeks made a motion to reduce the amount budgeted for South Levy Fire by \$6,000 making the total amount to be budgeted for South Levy Fire \$30,000. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Ryan Bell