

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 6, 2019 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

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>135040-135219</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,681,810.47
ROAD	526,819.47
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,895.30
TRANSPORTATION	9,790.81
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	12,183.08
MISC GRANTS	11,534.67
EMS	123,988.43
FIRE	86,019.21
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,238.32
UTILITIES	1,803.45
ADD COURT COSTS	2,032.09
CAPITAL PROJECTS	14,305.48
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	42,125.00
LANDFILL	60,005.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,593,607.83</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 308,285.92</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 4, 2019 and June 18, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 4, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 18, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

De Etta Duckett spoke to the Board expressing her frustration with the SHIP Program because it does not offer assistance for the purchase of manufactured homes.

## **BUILDING & ZONING**

Robert Boulette, Development Director

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak regarding any of the Public Hearing items to be presented. Comm. John Meeks asked there was any ex parte communication by any of the Commissioners. Comm. Joyner, Comm. Rooks, Comm. Rock Meeks, Comm. Brooks and Comm. John Meeks stated they each had ex parte communication regarding the first item to be presented, Black Prong Equestrian Village.

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Boulette presented and requested Board approval for Variance (VA 03-19) Black Prong Equestrian Village. He stated the petitioner is requesting relief from the 100' required naturally vegetated buffer from the natural reservation property to construct an equipment storage building. A review and comment had been provided by Stephen Montgomery, Resource Administrator, Florida Forest Service, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services indicating his recommendation is for a minimum setback of at least 30' from the property boundary and the petitioner has agreed to comply with this recommendation.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item as presented. Members of the audience who spoke were: Terry Witt and Sallie Ann Collins.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the "Order to Approve" for VA 03-19, Black Prong Equestrian Village changing the language from a 10' setback to 30'. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Boulette presented and requested Board approval of the Preliminary Plat (PP 02-19) "Lot 4, Block A, Bronson Oaks Replat." Steven McMillan spoke to the Board explaining why a replat was necessary.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item as presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve PP 02-19 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Boulette presented and requested Board approval of Hardship Variance (HA. VA. 05-19) Judith Harding petitioning the Board to allow a second dwelling.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item as presented. There were none.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve HA VA 05-19 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Requesting Board approval for an Inter-Local Agreement between Levy County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida and the Town of Inglis for building inspection services.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Agreement between Levy County and the Town of Inglis for building inspection services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **UNITY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.**

Joyce Wilson, Director inquired of any space available at the Old Bronson High School for hosting an after school program to serve 50 elementary school students for 3 years.

Mr. Dean responded to Mrs. Wilson's inquiry stating there would be no space available at this time at the old Bronson High School property due to the number of county departments relocating to this location.

### **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik, Executive Director

Requesting Board approval for an amended EDF Grant Agreement between the County and A & M Manufacturing, Inc. to change the payment schedule for the grant.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the EDF Grant Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

After discussion, Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve issuing the incentive check to A & M Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000 sooner than the time stated in the Grant Amendment of "no sooner than 45 days after the effective date of the agreement" as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Alicia Tretheway spoke to the Board stating she had the budget amendment ready to submit and payment could be made on the date of the next Board meeting.

## **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff

Requesting Board approval for Resolution 2019-050 amending the Final Budget for FY 2018-2019. This will appropriate new School Board funds in the amount of \$3,207 for School Crossing Guard Reimbursement Revenue to the Sheriff's office and appropriate Florida Sheriff's Association Crisis Intervention Training funds in the amount of \$24,000 for Reimbursement Revenue to the Sheriff's office.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-050 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Selection of PRM insurance plans for employees group health insurance coverage. Mr. Dean stated there were no changes from last year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the selection of PRM insurance plans for employees group health insurance coverage as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Ratify Chairman's signature on the Allstate Benefits Customer Agreement signed July 30, 2019. Mr. Dean stated this would allow Robert Partin to offer supplemental insurance coverages at open enrollment for Board employees.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Allstate Benefits Customer Agreement signed July 30, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Ratification of the appointments of Commissioner Matt Brooks and Alice LaLonde to the Suncoast Connector Task Force and Commissioner Rock Meeks and Matt Weldon to the Northern Turnpike Connector Task Force.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the appointments of the Commissioners as stated above. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks gave a web address of [floridamcores.com](http://floridamcores.com) for anyone wishing to get more information on these roadways.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Agreement between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and James Moore & Co., P.L for Annual Professional Auditing Services.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Agreement with James Moore & Co., P.L. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$60,000 for the EDF Grant Agreement approved at the last Board meeting for A & M Manufacturing.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$60,000 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT DEPARTMENT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval for the Service Agreement to provide transportation to Nature Coast Middle School for the 2019/2020 school year.
- B. Requesting Board approval for the Service Agreement to provide transportation to Creekside Christian School for the 2019/2020 school year.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Service Agreements to provide transportation to Nature Coast Middle School and Creekside Christian School for the 2019/2020 school year as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

David Peaton requested on behalf of John MacDonald Board approval of 2019/2020 EMPG Grant and request the BOCC give authorization to the Emergency Management Director to execute the certifications required by section (9)d of this agreement.

Comm. Rooks Made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 EMPG Grant and authorization to the Emergency Management Director to execute the certifications required by section (9)d of the agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-057 authorizing the execution of Construction and Maintenance of Transportation for Bridge #340050 replacement with New Bridge #344009, for CR 339.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-057 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval for Resolution 2019-058 authorizing the execution of the Construction & Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Bridge #340049 removal, road realignment and joint use pond construction for CR 339 in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-058 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval for Task assignment with Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. to an agreement for engineering services construction and engineering inspection for resurfacing or reconstruction of NW 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Clay Landing Road from SR 320 to end of the road. The cost for CEI services is \$24,807.20.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Task Assignment to the Agreement for Engineering Services Construction and Engineering Inspection as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2019-2020 Levy County Visitors Bureau Marketing Plan. Mrs. Whitehurst stated the Plan is the same as last year with a few of the items removed.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the 2019-2020 Connect Contract which is not to exceed \$20,000.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Levy County Visitors Bureau Marketing Plan and the 2019-2020 Connect Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Merritt stated there will be a Town meeting in Inglis this evening.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. John Meeks** asked Mrs. LaLonde to share information concerning an award she recently received. Mrs. LaLonde stated Whitehurst Construction had been given an award at a convention for asphalt paving companies. This award included Levy County and she was also given an award for her work as the Program Administrator for the CR 343 Project.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Bronson Eagle Quarterback Club will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament at the Chiefland Golf and Country Club this Saturday. Tee-off is at 8:30 A.M.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of a meeting he attended last Tuesday with Kayser Enneking concerning the expansion of Medicaid and the costs the county will be absorbing in the upcoming year.

**Comm. Rooks** stated on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. the Health Department will be at the Rosewood Baptist Church giving free Hepatitis A shots. They will then move to Otter Creek at the Town Hall from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on the same day.

**Comm. Brooks** reminded everyone school is about to begin and to be aware of busses and students on the roadways.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 10:40 A.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