

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 7, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Danny Stevens
Comm. Marsha Drew
Comm. Ryan Bell
Comm. Chad Johnson
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

Clerk of Court – Danny Shipp
County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Osborn Barker gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	108691-108846
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,167,246.26
ROAD	105,288.04
SHIP	18,983.42
NSP	3.40
TRANSPORTATION	4,893.33
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	51.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	423.34
EMS	80,823.34
FIRE	139,577.19
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,669.91
CDBG	19.81
UTILITIES	959.65
COMMUNICATION	481.95
ADD COURT COSTS	2,200.80
IMPACT FEES - EMS	8,345.30
LANDFILL	91,196.70
TOTAL	\$ 1,636,163.44

MINUTES

The minutes from the Budget Meeting held on July 12, 2012 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Meeting held on July 12, 2012 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rob Corbitt, Development Department Director

Consider approval of Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 6-12, James and Linda Williams.

Grace Romero presented and requested Board approval on behalf of Rob Corbitt Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 6-12 for James and Linda Williams to allow a second dwelling on a parcel of land.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Hardship Variance. There was none.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve Hardship Variance Ha.Va. 6-12 for James and Linda Williams as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Swain Strickland

Request appointment of Sue Colson as the “Consumer” member of the Healthcare Advisory Board.

Swain Strickland requested appointment by the Board of Sue Colson as the “Consumer” member of the Healthcare Advisory Board replacing Bill Delaino.

Comm. Drew made a motion to appoint Sue Colson as the Consumer member of the Healthcare Advisory Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Rusty Skinner, Chief Executive Officer

A. Request approval of 13th Amended and Restated Agreement.

Mr. Skinner requested Board approval of the 13th Amended and Restated Agreement which will restructure their Board in accordance with requirements of the State of Florida adding a Training Provider seat.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the 13th Amended and Restated Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Present Annual Report

Mr. Skinner presented the Workforce Connection Annual Report to the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark Johnson, Director

Request permission to purchase 2 Solar “TEXT” Panel Message signs.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to purchase 2 Solar “TEXT” Panel Message signs. The three bids received are listed below:

Ver-Mac		\$23,576
National Sign, Inc.	Sunray 380	\$29,670
	Sunray 345	\$32,150
ShopWorx		\$30,600

Mr. Johnson recommended purchasing the signs from Ver-Mac.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve purchase of two (2) Solar "TEXT" Panel Message signs from Ver-Mac as requested. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

A. Presenting proposed updates to the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Knowles presented copies and spoke to the Board of the updated Strategic Plan for the Department of Public Safety.

Questions were asked by Renate Cannon and Norm Fugate.

Comm. Drew advised Mr. Fugate to meet with Mr. Knowles for further questions.

B. Request approval of agreement for Rosewood Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the Agreement for Rosewood Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue.

Fire Chief Fred Wyanns of the Rosewood Volunteer Fire Department and Board President Christie Thompson were introduced to the Commissioners by Mr. Knowles

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the Agreement for Rosewood Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request approval of agreement for Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval of the Agreement for Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue.

Former Yankeetown Mayor Dawn Clary spoke in favor of the Agreement.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Agreement for Yankeetown Volunteer Fire Department to merge with Levy County Fire Rescue. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

D. Submitting documentation of the incidents that have occurred in Fire District 13 since 2010.

Mr. Knowles submitted to the Board documentation of incidents which have occurred in Fire District 13 since 2010 for discussion of the current contract between the Board and Otter Creek. He requested a decision by the Board if they wished to continue funding for Otter Creek for the next year or not as Otter creek also has a contract with the City of Chiefland and is funding this with funds issued to them from the Board.

Comments were made from the audience by Teresa Barron and Norm Fugate.

Comm. Bell made a motion to send a letter to the Town of Otter Creek informing them of the Board's decision to terminate their contract. Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comments were made from the audience by Jeff Hardison and A.D. Goodman.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Kelly Jerrels, Administrative Superintendent

Request approval of Resolution 2012-44, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for a SCRAP reimbursement grant for resurfacing or reconstruction of CR 464 in Levy County.

Mr. Jerrels requested Board approval of Resolution 2012-44, authorizing the execution of an Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for a SCRAP reimbursement grant for resurfacing or reconstruction of C464.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-44 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Request approval of amendment of lease with Town of Inglis for South Levy Park.

Atty. Brown requested Board approval of an Amendment of Lease with the Town of Inglis for South Levy Park. The Agreement provides additional protection for the County against personal injury litigation and against any action or inaction by Inglis in connection with the FRDAP Grant requirements or permit requirements for park development.

Comm. Drew made a motion to approve the Amendment of Lease with the Town of Inglis as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

CITY OF CHIEFLAND

Teresa A. Barron, Vice Mayor

Request a Workshop be scheduled for the Levy County Commission, Public Safety Director and the municipalities of Levy County.

Teresa Barron read a statement to Board outlining an alternative proposal for the fire department mergers. She stated the City of Chiefland is requesting Workshop to discuss an alternative proposal.

Norm Fugate spoke to the Board stating Cedar Key is also requesting a public forum to discuss fire departments.

The Commissioners agreed they are not in favor of a Workshop until after the Fire Departments have spoken with Mr. Knowles and attempted to resolve any issues they may have.

GARDNYR MICHAEL CAPITAL, INC.

Ralph Cellon, Senior Vice President

Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 Refunding.

Mr. Cellon spoke to the Board regarding the County's Debt Service - Bond Issue which matures in 2023.

Mr. Shipp recommended the Board pay off the debt at the end of next year to avoid any penalty. The Board could then keep the Reserve amount going to the Debt Service each year.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to TABLE this item in order to do research before making a decision on September 18th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hans Van Vuren spoke to Board asking if County employees could be designated for garbage pickup along unpaved roads in the County and asked if there was a way for the County to make money by recycling these materials?

Renate Cannon spoke to the Board regarding the Fire Departments and unpaid Medicaid bills.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:35 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson stated he would like to have GSG send representatives to educate employees in Board office and in Property Appraiser office on Tax Assessment methodology in anticipation of calls which will come in after the public receives their tax notices. The Board agreed to do this on the 21st after the regular Board meeting.

Comm. Joyner thanked everyone who came out for the Road Dedication.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Major Michael Sheffield
Bid Presentation for Video Visitation

The following Companies gave presentations to the Board regarding Video Visitation Systems for the Levy County Jail:

SimplexGrinnell represented by Dave Henya and Doug Glenn
Securus Technologies, Inc. represented by Paul Cappiello
VIZVOX, LLC represented by Vince Laurita
Montgomery Technology, Inc. represented by Nathan Skipper

The meeting recessed at 2:47 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:54 P.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Comm. Stevens called the Budget Workshop to order at 2:54 P.M.

The Commissioners discussed the budgets for the Supervisor of Elections and agreed to leave it as it was set at the last budget meeting.

Levy County Sheriff, Johnny Smith spoke to the Board stating he had reduced his budget proposal of \$9,450,000 trimming an additional \$100,000 to bring the budget request down to \$9,350,000.

After Ms. Brasher, Library Director spoke to the Board, it was suggested she cut the additional \$4,000 previously requested by the Board.

Mr. Moody gave information regarding Health Insurance for the Board.

After discussion, Comm. Bell made a motion to rank the companies as follows and to choose SimplexGrinnell to purchase the Video Visitation System for the Jail:

1. SimplexGrinnell
2. VIZVOX, LLC
3. Securus Technologies, Inc.

Second was made by Comm. Drew and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Commissioners agreed to have Mrs. Rees calculate the Sheriff's budget to include the price of \$225,000 as a total price for the Video Visitation System for the Jail in order to plan for the budget. This price includes the quoted fee of \$195,390 and an estimate for the cost of wiring, which was not included in the proposal.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:09 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens