

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 7, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 7, 2018 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
Danny Shipp – Clerk of Court

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

CHECK NUMBER	131534-131737
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,527,276.76
ROAD	399,713.47
SHIP	4,744.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	10.35
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,970.89
TRANSPORTATION	3,715.23
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	1,791.48
MISC GRANTS	45,756.30
EMS	29,087.59
FIRE	136,358.16
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,262.47
UTILITIES	1,257.55
ADD COURT COSTS	2,173.40
LANDFILL	105,372.10
TOTAL	\$ 2,285,085.75
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 277,101.77

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Schofield spoke to the Board regarding the process of selling property due to non-payment of land taxes. He requested the Board make every effort to collect any outstanding liens before selling the property.

Renate Cannon questioned the proposed increase for the Landfill Assessment.

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 19, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 19, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Hugh Thomas

The SRWMD will be providing the Levy County Board of County Commissioners with a brief District powerpoint presentation as well as presenting the Board of County Commissioners with their annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) check in the amount of \$30,401.84.

Members of the audience speaking regarding this item were: Toni Collins, Renate Cannon and Terry Witt.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM

Louise H. Anderson and Frank Mason

Submit proposed change in fees for audit of FYE 09/30/2018 and request the Board reconsider their decision to terminate services of Carr, Riggs & Ingram. The proposed change in audit fees for the current fiscal year are reduced from \$125,000 to \$95,000. Ms. Anderson stated they would agree to a late penalty cost of \$100 per day if the audit is not delivered by May 31st.

Questions were asked by the Commissioners concerning the reason for the delay, eligibility for grants and the responsibility of penalties, if any, assessed by the State.

Clerk of Court, Danny Shipp offered items for consideration to the Board before making their decision.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to withdraw the termination and reconsider the contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram at the reduced fee of \$95,000 for the remaining year on the contract and assess a \$1,000 per day fine for failure to provide the completed audit by May 31st. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Joyner again, made a motion to reverse the decision made at the last meeting to terminate the contract with Carr, Riggs & Ingram upon completion of current audit and assess a \$1,000 per day penalty for the late filing of the Levy County audit with the State and to accept the reduced fee of \$95,000 for the remaining year of the contract. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. The votes were as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Comm. Rock Meeks	Comm. Rooks
Comm. Brooks	Comm. John Meeks
Comm. Joyner	

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Toni Collins, Renate Cannon, Property Appraiser, Oz Barker and Jack Schofield.

LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

Deputy Clerk, Mandy Waters presented a List of Lands from the Tax Deed Auction held on July 16, 2018 and requested Board action to waive or purchase any or all properties per Florida Statute 197.502(7).

Comm. Brooks made a motion to waive the purchase of all properties provided by Mrs. Waters. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Toni C. Collins, President requested Board approval to relocate the ACL caboos currently located on Gulf Hammock Wild Hog Canoe Race property, 3950 SE HWY 19/98 to Pat-Mac Wayside Park, 5230 SE HWY 19/98, Gulf Hammock as this is a more appropriate location. Mrs. Collins stated since the caboos will soon be 50 years old, she is already planning to apply for a Historical Marker.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve relocation of the ACL caboos as stated by Mrs. Collins. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Collins reported to the Board the mini-mart in Gulf Hammock has been purchased and the new owners are planning to rebuild.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CENTER

John Goodknight and Jasper Masciocchi

Mr. Goodknight presented to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners a Road Safety Study opportunity to help local governments develop highway safety projects.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to participate in the Road Safety Study Opportunity as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Levy County Highway 40 Boat Ramp Improvements Project Agreement, No. 17332 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This project is funded with funds appropriated from Legislature in the amount of \$650,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Highway 40 Boat Ramp Improvements Project Agreement, No. 17332 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Task Assignment which includes Task Order No. 18-50088572 for Engineering Services with Dewberry/Preble-Rish for the Levy County Highway 40 Boat Ramp Improvements Project Agreement. Representatives from Dewberry/Preble-Rish spoke to the Board.

A meeting for public input was requested by the Commissioners and agreed upon by Dewberry/Preble-Rish representatives in attendance of the meeting.

Alice LaLonde requested she be included in the regular meetings with County staff regarding updates on the progress of the project.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Task Assignment which includes Task Order No. 18-50088572 as presented with the amendment to the Task Order to add a community meeting during planning. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrator Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-047; amending the final budget in the amount of \$49,177 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Mrs. LaLonde explained the amendment is to pay the final bill for the LAP Grant for the sidewalk project in Yankeetown.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-047 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Amendment #2 to the Construction Agreement of CR40 from Yankeetown General Store to End of Sidewalk (Bid No. 2017-03).

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the Construction Agreement of CR40 from Yankeetown General Store to End of Sidewalk as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-048; amending the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to include funds for reimbursement of travel expense to a Workshop in Tampa in the amount of \$441.27 and funding from the 2018-2019 Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment grant to be received in monthly allocations for the months of July, August and September 2018 in the amount of \$96,181.00.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-046 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval for the agreement to provide transportation to and from Nature Coast Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Agreement to provide transportation to and from Nature Coast Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Chuck Cook requested on behalf of Jimmy Jones Board approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$68,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 12:09 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Presentation of the Quarterly Report for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2017-2018.
- B. Requesting Board approval of the FY 2017-2018 3rd Quarter write-off's in the amount of \$281,767.25.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 3rd Quarter write-off's as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

- C. Requesting ratification by the Board for electronic submission of the 2018 Grant Application for the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the electronic submission of the 2018 Grant Application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tax Collector, Linda Fugate spoke to the Board regarding Escheated properties and stated she had been asked if they can be sold. She requested direction from the Board to allow individuals, if interested, to purchase Escheated properties.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Rooks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item regarding the sale of Escheated property. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Susan Haines spoke providing information on the process of selling Escheated property.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to sell Escheated property when they come available and there is an interested buyer. The sale of property is to be coordinated with and approved by staff. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Fugate expressed concerns of the upcoming Open Enrollment for employees and its location at the DPS facility. She requested it be moved to a closer location to the courthouse.

Wilbur Dean stated he would check into utilizing the old school property located directly behind the courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner requested the news media make the public aware of the equipment sharing the roads in Levy County due to peanut harvesting season.

Comm. Rooks asked if anyone aware of farmers with excess produce willing to donate to the Children's Table, they would appreciate it.

Comm. Brooks stated he had a meeting with a representative from Waste Pro along with Rod Hastings and Wilbur Dean regarding the haulers fees pending the approval of the new Landfill Assessment fee.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported the golf tournament for the Bronson Quarterback Club held recently at the Chiefland Golf and Country Club was a success.

Comm. John Meeks announced early voting starts on August 13th and school will start on Friday. He asked everyone to be aware of busses and extra traffic.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks