

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 22, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 22, 2017 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
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	128291-128438
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	81,228.89
ROAD	60,410.69
MOSQUITO CONTROL	77.12
TRANSPORTATION	11,869.96
COURT FACILITIES	640.00
EMS	46,971.93
FIRE	29,090.36
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,182.34
UTILITIES	2,227.14
ADD COURT COSTS	702.98
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	2,025.75
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST II	1,605.50
RESTORE ACT	2,624.20
LANDFILL	72,067.59
TOTAL	\$ 313,724.45

MINUTES

The minutes for the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2017 were presented for approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on July 18, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PAUL SILVERMAN – EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Mr. Silverman spoke to the Board concerning the possible issuance of Request for Proposals for renovations to the existing Hearing Room and the possibility of equipping the courtrooms with a PA system. He suggested converting Hearing Room B into a small courtroom to be used for Circuit Court. Funding for the renovations would come from the Court Facilities Fund.

Comm. Joyner suggested the Judge enter through the Clerk's office next to the existing Hearing Room and making a door for the Judge to enter into the courtroom through the Clerk's office.

Questions were asked by audience members Terry Witt and Renate Cannon which were answered by Comm. John Meeks and Paul Silverman.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Mr. Silverman's request for issuance of Request for Proposals for renovations to the existing Hearing Room B as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Darryl Smith from the Suwannee River Water Management District presented the Board with a check for Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of \$30,401.84.

RENATE CANNON

Discussion of Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Mrs. Cannon stated her questions had been addressed prior to the Board meeting.

EMILY CASEY/TOM ASHLEY-GULF HAMMOCK REPRESENTATIVES

Emily Casey spoke to the Board requesting a letter be sent to the USPS in support of Gulf Hammock obtaining community identity. Currently, only those with a Gulf Hammock post office box number are able to have the 32639 zip code. Re-establishing the community identity for Gulf Hammock would alleviate some of the 911 problems residents living in this area have.

Gulf Hammock residents speaking in favor of this were: Tom Ashley, Shelly Weidner, Wendy Byrd, Mary Byrd, Glenda Jeffries. Also speaking on this topic were: Renate Cannon, Linda Cooper, Chief Harrell, and Mike West.

Atty. Brown suggested some wording changes to the letter, which will be prepared and suggested adding the sentence "The Board of County Commissioners of Levy County supports these efforts".

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve sending a letter of support to the Legislative Delegation as well as USPS on behalf of the residents of Gulf Hammock with changes as stated. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval for the following purchases and budget amendment:

- A. Computer hardware and software from Susteen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,990 to be paid from the Investigative Costs Recovery Trust Fund (Fund 126), which will require a budget amendment.
- B. Training/duty ammunition and targets from Lawmen’s and Shooters’ Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$4,670.64 to be paid from the Local Law Trust Fund.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the above listed purchases and budget amendment as requested by Sheriff McCallum. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum made a presentation to the Board and Chief Harrell of a check in the amount of \$75.00 from Barbara Snow and the War Dog Association in honor of K-9, Molly. The money is given for the purchase of a K-9 oxygen mask.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-040: Support of the Nature Coast Regional Connector Project. This Resolution is a result of the presentation from discussion at the last Board meeting.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-040 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of 2018 County Holidays as listed below:

New Year’s Day	Monday, January 1, 2018
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15, 2018
President’s Day	Monday, February 19, 2018
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Veteran’s Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2018 Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas	Monday, December 24, 2018 Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2018 County Holidays as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Lee Williams requested Board approval to move \$10,000 from the repair/maintenance budget line, to roof and partition a building at the Department of Public Safety for the storage of Board and Clerk files.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the request of moving \$10,000 from the repair/maintenance budget line as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 11:02 A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Chief Mitch Harrell requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Software Service Agreement between CallBack Staffing Solutions, LLC "CrewSense" and Levy County. Also requesting authorization for the County Coordinator or his designee to sign the renewal notices at the end of each term.
- B. Chief Harrell requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature to terminate the Agreement between Levy County and Kronos, Incorporated.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve item A and B as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rock Meeks requested clarification of a position recently created within the Department of Public Safety.

Chief Harrell explained the existing position of Battalion Captain of Training had been re-classified changing it from an hourly position to a salary position and some new job duties were added. The new job title for this position is "Division Chief of Training". In the absence of the Director/Chief, this person would be the operational head of the department.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- A. Alice LaLonde, Administrative Office Manager requested permission to accept vendors from the yearly bid request for operating supplies for the Levy County Road Department.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to accept the vendors from the yearly bid request for operating supplies for the Levy County Road Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mrs. LaLonde presented the Bid Award for C40 Sidewalk LAP Project 428901-3-58-01, Bid No. 2017-03 (CR 40 from Yankeetown General Store to end of sidewalk). Derek Gil of Element Engineering Group reviewed all bid packages and determined Coleman Construction, Inc. to be the lowest responsive bidder at \$714,850.85.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to award the bid to Coleman Construction, Inc. as presented and authorize Chairman John Meeks to sign the contract. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSPORTATION

Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval for the Levy County Transit Substance Abuse Zero Tolerance Policy. Minor changes had to be made in Section 3, describing the positions that fall under management, administrative staff and drivers. Section 25, updated the Substance Abuse Professional information.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Levy County Transit Substance Abuse Policy, Zero Tolerance Policy as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by audience member Barney Cannon.

Linda Cooper requested the Board review bills from the Chiefland Citizen regarding overcharging for publications. Ms. Cooper commented on the health insurance coverage for employees and the company ratings. Ms. Cooper also requested the Quarterly Report for Animal Services be presented as there had been no second quarter report given.

Mr. Dean stated his office would follow up on the Chiefland Citizen billing issue.

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will be taking place this weekend and also gave an update of the recent Florida League of Cities meeting which she attended.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated there are two teams from Williston attending the State Final Ranch Rodeo coming up in Kissimmee.

Comm. Rooks reported she had attended the ribbon cutting at the College of Central Florida Chiefland Campus on the 11th.

Comm. Rooks presented the second quarter report for the Animal Services Department.

Comm. Brooks reported of his recent trip to Washington D.C. Comm. Brooks also thanked the Mosquito Control for all the spraying they have been doing.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the meeting he had attended with Senators and was impressed with the support for vocational programs in schools.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the need for internet service in Levy County as many citizens do not have access. As a member of the FAC Board of Directors, Comm. John Meeks stated there is a Policy Conference coming up in September and new policy statements must be submitted by the end of the week. If any of the Commissioners have any they would like to have included, they can give them to Mr. Dean and he will ensure they are submitted. Comm. John Meeks reported the State has gone to a "Tier Wage Increase" system and is looking into employees sharing some of the insurance costs which were previously paid by the State.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval in order for him to represent Levy County by serving on the Resiliency Florida Board. If it proves to be non-beneficial to Levy County, he will no longer participate. Comm. John Meeks stated this Board may be beneficial to Levy County and would give the opportunity to have a say and voice with matters regarding the Big Bend Region.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Comm. John Meeks serving on the Resiliency Florida Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks