

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 5, 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

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks 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. R Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	128439-128558
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,493,902.13
ROAD	65,135.25
SHIP	5,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,860.30
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	9,858.90
TRANSPORTATION	3,345.94
911	13,563.83
COURT FACILITIES	71.99
MISC GRANTS	8,660.00
EMS	14,608.55
FIRE	5,989.49
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	255.03
UTILITIES	48,889.40
ADD COURT COSTS	1,976.35
RESTORE ACT	5,248.40
DEBT SERVICE	2,500.00
LANDFILL	17,454.36
TOTAL	\$ 1,701,319.92
 EFT PAYMENT	 \$ 12,653.14

MINUTES

The minutes for the Budget Meeting held on August 3, 2017 and the Regular Board Meeting held on August 8, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Budget Meeting Held on August 3, 2017 and the Regular Board Meeting held on August 8, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renate Cannon stated in the past, Board meetings which fell the day after a Holiday were rescheduled for Tuesday in the following week. She questioned why this has not been the case lately and when did it change?

Comm. John Meeks stated since he had been on the Board, the dates had not changed, but he would look into this and provide an answer at a later date.

Mrs. Cannon spoke of a report in the Chiefland Citizen and questioned if the Board gives money to the City of Chiefland for parks.

Comm. John Meeks answered, each Commissioner has an allotted amount of money, which can be used for youth programs in their districts. The money is given to the youth programs, not to each City or Town.

Mrs. Cannon questioned how the Town of Bronson could get a SCOP Grant with FDOT for a sidewalk to Picnic Street.

Comm. John Meeks answered in 2014, Florida DOT and Florida Legislature decided to allow small cities to participate in the SCOP program.

Mrs. Cannon asked what the county contribution is to Chiefland Fire?

Comm. John Meeks stated he believed the amount to be \$205,000, but would need to check for accuracy of this amount. The funding comes from the County's Fire Assessments.

Terry Witt asked how much each Commissioner is budgeted for recreation funds?

Comm. John Meeks answered they each have \$7,500 per year.

Larry Myers asked about a tire disposal amnesty at the Landfill issue he had questioned at a previous meeting.

Comm. John Meeks stated they are looking into this, but does not have a solution at this time.

Larry Myers thanked the Mosquito Control Department for spraying near his home last night. He also stated he appreciated the Bronson Library providing a good selection of large print books.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUILDING AND ZONING

Bill Hammond presented SE 16-03, Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC, reading the application into public record and requested Board approval of the Order to Approve or Order to Deny.

Atty. Brown administered swearing in procedure for any members of the audience wishing to speak on this item.

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication regarding this application. ¹Comm. Joyner, ²Comm. Rooks, ³Comm. Brooks, ⁴Comm. Rock Meeks and ⁵Comm. John Meeks stated they all had ex-parte communication regarding the application to be presented.

¹ Ex-parte, Comm. Joyner

² Ex-parte, Comm. Rooks

³ Ex-parte, Comm. Brooks

⁴ Ex-parte, Comm. Rock Meeks

⁵ Ex-parte, Comm. John Meeks

Atty. Jimmy Gooding of Ocala spoke to the Board stating this facility will raise and process non-GMO, no antibiotics, pasture raised pigs. Mr. Gooding stated this is not a retail operation. Also speaking were David Tillman and Rick Moyer.

Questions were asked by various members of the audience: Renate Cannon, Sallie Ann Collins, Katie Grainger, and Elaine Song.

Property Appraiser, Oz Barker pointed out the tax revenue, which will be generated by the construction and operation of this new business in the county.

Elaine Song, a member of the Homeowner's Association of Spanish Trace subdivision requested the Board to stay on top of water quality, as the residents are concerned for their water quality.

Comm. Rooks expressed concerns about the possibility of the clamming industry in Cedar Key being negatively affected by runoff from the facility as well as contamination of the water.

Rick Moyer, General Manager of Sleepy Creek Lands stated the facility will be hiring up to 30 employees, local as much as possible and will be regularly UDSA inspected. He also addressed questions regarding water quality, stating the facility will have tanks installed for waste collection, which will be impervious to seepage and will be permitted by DEP. These tanks will hold the waste generated by the processing of the pigs. The waste will then be removed and hauled to a separate facility North of High Springs by a company they have already contracted with for their beef facility near Ft. McCoy.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Order to Approve SE 16-03, as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald requested Board approval to accept recommendations for the Disaster Debris Services RFP and requested permission to move forward with selected bidders. After reviewing the eight received bids and consulting with the Levy County Road Department, Mr. MacDonald scored the bids using a point system consisting of time and material rates, experience and qualifications, response plan, and ability to perform. The three companies receiving the highest points were 1-Crowder Gulf, 2-Bergeron Emergency Services and 3-Grubbs Emergency Services, LLC.

After discussion, Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the top three Disaster Debris removal company's according to the scoring as done by Mr. MacDonald. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. MacDonald gave an update to the Board on the projected path of Hurricane Irma and its possible impact to Levy County.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Steven Browning, Planning and Environmental Management Engineer and David Tyler, Project Development Engineer spoke to the Board requesting a letter of support for the CR339 bridge replacement over the Little Waccasassa River and change of the approach to C339 from ALT 27 (SR 500). The Florida DOT is planning to begin construction in 2020.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the preparation of a letter of support by Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Browning stated the Department of Transportation will hold a Work Program Public Workshop on October 24th from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30P.M. at the Lake City office on Marion Avenue.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 911 ADDRESSING

Mike West requested Board approval and signature on the CenturyLink Agreement and Addendum. This product and services agreement and addendum provides coverage for one year on the PSAP equipment and software. The cost for this coverage will be paid for by using funds received from the E911 Board through a Rural County Grant.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the CenturyLink Agreement and Addendum with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of the Renewal and Amendment of Lease made as of October 1, 2017 between Hudson Properties, Inc. and Levy County, for Guardian Ad Litem. Mr. Dean stated there is an increase in the rent due to and increase for pest control. The monthly amount is currently \$1,712.48 and will increase to \$1,782.48.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Renewal and Amendment of Lease with Hudson Properties, Inc. for Guardian ad Litem as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin presented a proposed amendment of Personnel Policies and Procedures, #207, HOURS OF WORK, for the Board's consideration. – TABLED -

SHIP

- A. Marlon Gayle requested Board approval of the SHIP Annual Reports to be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the SHIP Annual Reports as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Marlon Gayle requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-038, amending the FY 2016-2017 SHIP budget.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-038 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Ms. Neely requested the Board re-appoint Marlon Gayle, Levy County Housing Planner, as the Levy County representative to the Central Florida Community Action Board (CFCAA).

Comm. Joyner made a motion to re-appoint Marlon Gayle as the Levy County representative to the Central Florida Community Action Board as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Oz Barker requested Board approval to carry over funds from the 2016-2017 budget in order to purchase a new vehicle not arriving until September 30, 2017.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to allow carry-over funds from the 2016-2017 budget in order to purchase a new vehicle as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- A. Alice LaLonde presented the bid award for George T. Lewis Airport for Hurricane Hermine repairs and requested Board approval for County Coordinator, Wilbur Dean to send out the Notice of Award to the Contractor. The only bidder was Gaudette Electric, Inc. and the bid amount was \$73,297.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve County Coordinator, Wilbur Dean to send out the Notice of Award to the Contractor, Guadette Electric, Inc. for the George T. Lewis Airport repairs as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval and addendums for the Annual Contract between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Mills Engineering.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Annual Contract and Addendums between Levy County Board of County Commissioners and Mills Engineering. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

John MacDonald returned to the meeting and gave another update on Hurricane Irma to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Sheffield thanked the Board for their work on the budget and for their planning regarding the upcoming storm.

Barney Cannon spoke regarding damage which could occur as a result of a major hurricane.

T Witt spoke of power outages and requested a plan be in place for restoration after a storm.

Mayor Merritt announced the 2nd anniversary of the South Levy Marketplace is coming up on October 28th. There will also be a Chili Cook-Off and the Inglis "Trunk of Treats" will be taking place later in the day.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner reminded everyone of the two teams from Williston participating in the Ranch Rodeo State Finals in Kissimmee September 28th and 29th.

Comm. Rooks reported of a meeting she attended on August 29th in Fanning Springs.

Comm. Brooks stated he will be attending the "Revitalizing Florida", 2017 Rural Economic Development Summit in St. Augustine for the next few days.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported of the season opener held in Trenton for youth football in the area.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the closing of the Crystal River Power Plant stating he had been in contact with a Duke Energy representative questioning if the customers would be reimbursed the fees which had been charged.

Comm. John Meeks asked if the Commissioners were interested in serving clams at the Levy County Beast Feast coming up on October 21st. The Cedar Key Seafood Festival will also be taking place on October 21st and 22nd.

Comm. John Meeks read into record a letter from the Town of Bronson regarding the Jim Milton Cemetery. They expressed thanks for the fill dirt the county was able to provide to level property recently acquired by the Town adjacent to the cemetery.

Comm. John Meeks shared a letter from the Florida Intelligence Unit in which they requested Comm. Joyner's assistance for training at the upcoming training workshop scheduled for September 18-22, 2017 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Commissioners agreed Comm. Joyner would have their support if he decided to assist with this workshop.

The meeting recessed at 12:41 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:03 P.M.

BUDGET MEETING

A. Jared Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-046, adopting the tentative levying of Ad Valorem taxes for Levy County for fiscal year 2017/2018. Mr. Blanton stated this Resolution will adopt the tentative millage rate of 9.0000 for fiscal year 2017/2018. This represents a 3.10% increase over the rolled-back rate of 8.7297.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-046 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Jared Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-047, adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 in the amount of \$68,225,667.

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

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-047 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Blanton reminded the Board of the next two Budget Meetings, coming up on Tuesdays.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 5:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks