

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 10, 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. Joyner 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. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	135369-135512
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,300,565.50
ROAD	176,687.84
SHIP	33,800.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.35
TRANSPORTATION	469.23
911	26,352.38
COURT FACILITIES	5,592.29
MISC GRANTS	34,340.55
EMS	31,928.55
FIRE	41,885.98
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,058.76
UTILITIES	1,067.86
DEBT SERVICE	2,500.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	15,059.63
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	204,505.55
LANDFILL	88,844.22
TOTAL	\$ 1,965,838.69
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 308,966.28

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Wheeler, Williston resident spoke to the Board inquiring about any new developments on the projected path of the new M-CORES road.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bobby McCallum, Sheriff spoke to the Board regarding a letter from the Florida 9-1-1 Coordinator Association on the value of increasing the 9-1-1 Fee in the State of Florida from \$.40 to \$.80 per month fee on cell phones. Sheriff McCallum requested the Board send a letter of support to the Florida 9-1-1 Coordinators Association.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a letter of support to increase the 9-1-1 Fee in the State of Florida to \$.80 per month cell phones as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks.

Following discussion, Comm. Joyner agreed to amend the motion to include wording regarding how the fees are assigned. Second to the motion including the amendment was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum presented two checks to the Board:

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| 1. Health insurance premium credit from 2018 from Florida Blue | \$ 11,908.52 |
| 2. Reimbursement from fiscal year 2018 for Hurricane Irma | \$117,673.76 |

LEVY COUNTY CITIZEN – LINDA COOPER

Ms. Cooper made several requests to the Board regarding the Animal Services Department:

1. Adjust the hours of operations for Levy County Animal Services per Florida Statute 823.151, line 6, "access for owners to retrieve dogs and cats at least one weekend day per week and after 5:00 P.M., one weekday per week, provided complying with the requirements of this subparagraph does not require an increase in total operating hours."
2. Increase the average of 18 TNR cats monthly to at least the same number weekly.
3. Use volunteers to trap cats, use their traps or ask for donation of traps to increase the number of cats sterilized.
4. Spay/neuter animals upon intake and not wait the 2-day adoption process as it is currently.
5. Suggested Animal Services to hire a tech to help the veterinarian.

Dr. Esler and David Weatherford responded to Ms. Cooper's requests.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Matt Weldon, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-064 for additional funding from Florida Department of Health for Domestic Mosquito Control for Zika Virus in the amount of \$20,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-064 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

David Weatherford, Director

Requesting approval for Resolution 2019-065 to amend the final budget for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$15,000 resulting from funds received from a grant awarded to the County by Florida Animal Friend.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-065 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-060 to advertise the hearing for the vacation, abandonment, and closure of Andrews Avenue located in Levy County.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-060 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/ROAD DEPARTMENT

Wilbur Dean requested the Board hear a non-agenda item concerning the purchase of a skid steer for the Road Department.

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

Mr. Dean stated the Road Department was in need of a new skid steer. By utilizing the State Contract, the purchase amount would be \$119,384 and they would be using current budget funds.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of a skid steer as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Antenna Site License Agreement for the Inglis Tower Site (Shirley Road) between NexTower Development Group, LLC and Levy County. Chief Harrell stated entering into this Agreement will improve radio communications in the area of and surrounding Inglis.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature, the Antenna Site License Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean inquired if the equipment currently on the tower will be replaced in order to keep inventory and insurance information current. Chief Harrell stated it is his understanding equipment will be replaced and he would provide all the needed information to the Board office.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department. The items and recommended bidders are listed below:

<u>Asphalt</u>	Central Materials Company, Inc.	<u>Motor Oils</u>	Jack Becker Distributors, Inc.
<u>Sign Materials</u>	Osburn Associates, Inc	<u>Tar</u>	Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.
<u>Colmix</u>	Central Materials Company, Inc.		
<u>Portable Toilets</u>	Jones Plumbing & Septic Tank Services, Inc.		
<u>Safety Materials</u>	Need to re-bid, responses deemed unresponsive		
<u>Galvanized Culvert Pipe</u>	Need to re-bid, responses deemed unresponsive		
<u>Striping Materials</u>	No bid – will re-bid	<u>Sod</u>	No bid – will re-bid

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the bid recommendations as provided. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

Requesting Board to approve the Consent Decree and Final Settlement Release in Price v. Levy County, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Gainesville Division, Case No. 1:19-cv-00036-MW-GRJ, authorizing a settlement amount of \$500.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Consent Decree and Final Settlement Release as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Terry Witt and Dana Sheffield spoke regarding this item. Mr. Sheffield expressed his frustration with the individual who filed the case against Levy County and other counties in Florida.

Discussion followed regarding setting an assessment for individuals in a subdivision wishing to have their road paved not currently on the Road Departments paving list.

Atty. Brown stated she is currently working on a road policy at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Collins inquired of Mr. Shipp's absence, reminding everyone he is up for election next year. The Commissioners stated they had no information to provide Mrs. Collins.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks stated she attended a meeting in Cedar Key yesterday regarding the C Street Bridge construction and temporary bridge issues. Mr. Dean stated there was discussion of transportation options which would be provided to people wishing to gain access to the portions which would be affected by the bridge closure. Comm. Rooks stated the consensus of the business owners present at the meeting was to close temporary bridge in order for the construction to take less time to complete.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Town of Bronson is holding their elections today and the election results will be available after 7:00 P.M.

Comm. Brooks spoke of a meeting in Tampa he attended as a Task Force member on August 27th regarding the Suncoast Connector. He stated there was still no clear indication of the route this roadway will take. He stated there are several upcoming meetings.

Audience members Kim Wheeler, Harriet Jones, Suzanne Suor, Ron Grant and Toni Collins spoke regarding this item.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/COMM. JOHN MEEKS

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval to send a letter to the State regarding Medicaid/Medicare for inmates, which discontinues 90 days from when a person is arrested and during the time they are incarcerated.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a non-agenda item and approval to send a letter as requested by Comm. John Meeks. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the 5:01 P.M. Budget Meeting and the 6:01 P.M. Public Hearing this evening.

The meeting recessed at 11:41 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:01 P.M.

BUDGET MEETING

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer stated the purpose of this Budget Meeting is to adopt a Tentative Millage rate and the Tentative Budget for FY 2019-2020.

Tentative Millage

Mr. Blanton presented Resolution 2019-066 for Board approval which will adopt the Tentative Millage for FY 2019-2020 at a rate of 9.0000 for the General Fund of the County. This represents a 2.59% increase of the rolled-back rate of 8.7725 mills.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. Questions were asked by Terry Witt and answered by Mr. Blanton.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-066 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Tentative Budget

Mr. Blanton presented Resolution 2019-067 for Board approval which will adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2019-2020 of \$89,899,000.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. Questions were asked by Terry Witt and answered by Mr. Blanton.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-067 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Witt spoke regarding the Health Insurance expense for the Board. His concerns were addressed by Mr. Dean.

Renate Cannon inquired of the ADA case against Levy County. Atty. Brown responded and explained the settlement which had been approved earlier in the regular meeting.

The meeting recessed at 5:27 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 6:01 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING/ASSESSMENTS

Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator

- A. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-069 for the Final Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the item as presented.

Audience member Thomas Cobb, aka "Mr. Bear" spoke regarding the Assessment Rate for Fire Protection expressing his opposition to it. He stated he has a workshop and it has been assessed for Fire Protection services. Mr. Dean stated he would come to Mr. Cobb's property to see if there could be cause for the workshop to be exempt from this assessment.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-069 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-070 for the Final Emergency Medical Services Tax Assessment.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the item as presented.

Audience member Thomas Cobb asked how the rate was arrived at. This was explained by Comm. John Meeks.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-070 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-071 for the Final Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Disposal Assessment.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the item as presented.

Audience member Thomas Cobb inquired how the commercial haulers were charged by the Landfill. Comm. John Meeks addressed Mr. Cobb's questions.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-071 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

D. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-072 for the Final Rate Resolution for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the item as presented.

Audience member Thomas Cobb inquired of how the Road Department determines when a road gets paved. Comm. John Meeks addressed Mr. Cobb's question.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-072 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks