

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 2, 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

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

CHECK NUMBER	132148-132289
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	318,272.48
ROAD	71,319.82
SHIP	5,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	27.92
TRANSPORTATION	717.93
COURT FACILITIES	1,199.52
MISC GRANTS	1,241.65
EMS	25,889.35
FIRE	20,615.86
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	613.94
UTILITIES	619.78
IMPACT FEES - EMS	204.14
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST II	226.07
LANDFILL	107,873.64
TOTAL	\$ 553,822.10
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 18,264.54

MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on August 7, 2018 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on August 7, 2018 with correction as stated by Comm. Rooks. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR – PUBLIC HEARING

Alicia Tretheway

Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2018-005 establishing procedures and policies governing the purchase of goods and/or services by County departments. Mrs. Tretheway read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak regarding this item.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt, Renate Cannon and Linda Cooper.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-005 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

Shenley Neely

Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2018-007 adopting a large scale map amendment to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan. The Future Land Use Map Amendment proposes to change 13.7 acres from Commercial to Rural Residential. Ms. Neely read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak regarding this item. There was none.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-007 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUILDING AND ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte by any of the Commissioners. ¹Comm. John Meeks and ²Comm. Rooks both stated they had ex-parte communication regarding the items to be presented.

Swearing in of audience members wishing to speak regarding the items to be presented was done by Atty. Brown.

Bill Hammond, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the Preliminary Plat Application for parcel #041950000, a proposed subdivision named Vallien Court Subdivision.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any audience members wishing to speak for or against the Preliminary Plat Application as presented. There were none.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat Application as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2018-008, an Ordinance approving a rezoning for applicants, Fred Miner and Rosewood Lands, LLC, rezoning 13.7 acres from Commercial to Rural Residential.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any audience members wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance approving a rezoning as presented. There were none.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-008 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

¹ Ex-Parte, Comm. John Meeks

² Ex-Parte, Comm. RooksEx-Parte, Comm. Rooks

UF/IFAS EXTENSION – LEVY COUNTY 4-H

Genevieve Mendoza, 4-H Extension Agent

Requesting Board approval of Proclamation 2018-062, recognizing the week of October 7-13, 2018 as National 4-H Week. Mrs. Mendoza read the Proclamation into public record.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Proclamation 2018-062 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MARINE ANIMAL RESCUE

Amber Lea Kincaid, Stranding Coordinator

Requested Board approval of an updated letter of support and permission for the placement of marine mammal education signs at various Levy County boat ramps and fishing piers; applying for funding to be awarded from the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant for fiscal year 2019.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the updated letter of support and permission for the placement of marine mammal education signs as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Wilbur Dean

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-067 certifying Levy County meets the criteria for reduction of Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management District fees.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-067 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANTS/TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Director

Requesting Board approval of the requested appointment of Tourist Development Council (TDC) member, Tim West, newly elected Chiefland City Councilman, to serve as the Elected Representative for the TDC whose term expires 4/15/2022.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Tim West, to serve as the Elected Representative for the TDC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrator Manager

A. Requesting Board approval on the yearly motor oil bids, Jack Berker Dist., for the Road Department.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Jack Berker Dist., for the Road Department oil bid as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting Board approval of the Florida Department of Corrections' Interagency/Public Works Agreement. An Agreement between Lowell Correctional Institution Work Camp and Levy County on behalf of the Road Department.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Florida Department of Corrections' Interagency/Public Works Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting Board approval of the Consulting Engineer Contract with Mills Engineering Company.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Consulting Engineer Contract with Mills Engineering Company as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. John Meeks voted NO.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-053 authorizing the Chairman to execute an application for the annual County Award Grant for the improvement and expansion of Levy County EMS services. The grant amount of \$4,282 will be utilized on Cadaver Lab Airway Workshop and travel/lodging/consumables for named course.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-053 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE - UPDATE

Rod Hastings gave an update of the first day of the changed policy regarding tipping fees stating the day went smoothly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sallie Ann Collins questioned if the commercial garbage hauler, Sanford and Sons would be reducing their fees. Comm. John Meeks stated the Board cannot force the haulers to reduce their fees, but the City's are working with them to get a reduction for their customers.

Additional comments regarding the elimination of Landfill tipping fees and the waste hauling companies were made by: Jeff Hardison, Linda Cooper.

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will be celebrating its 3rd anniversary on the 27th of the month and invited everyone to attend. Mayor Merritt also announced the \$15,000 needed for the Consulting Engineering Contract on the "Whitewater" kayak venue had been raised.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner reported of the meeting he had attended recently in Yankeetown regarding the Highway 40 boat ramp. Comm. Joyner stated the local team attending the State Ranch Rodeo placed second.

Comm. Rooks reported of a FAC meeting she had attended in Charlotte County regarding policies.

Comm. Brooks reported of the Withlacoochee Chamber event he attended recently. Comm. Brooks recognized Comm. John Meeks for his dedication and commitment regarding his efforts at the Innovation and Policy Conference he also attended recently. Upcoming events in Williston: Peanut Festival this weekend beginning with the Rotary Club's Purple Pinky Peanut 5K on Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated the Chiefland Homecoming Parade will be this Friday at 4:00 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks reported the Mosquito Control will be receiving an additional \$35,000 in State funding this year.

Comm. John Meeks announced several upcoming events in Levy County: October 3-7, Hidden Coast Paddling Festival in Cedar Key; Lost Railroad event at Kirby Farms runs through the month of October every Friday and Saturday; Hero's Rodeo at the Horseman's Park in Williston on October 12th and 13th; Country Circus at Two Hawk Hammock in Williston on October 13th and 14th; Cedar Key Seafood Festival on October 20th and 21st; Levy County Beast Feast on October 20th. Comm. John Meeks spoke of internet access for Levy County residents and his discussions regarding this at the meeting he attended in Charlotte County.

Comm. John Meeks asked for consensus by the Board to work with the Building and Zoning Department regarding the permitting fees for company's interested in providing communications towers which would bring better internet access to the citizens of Levy County and it was agreed by the other Commissioners to do so.

Comm. John Meeks requested an update from Atty. Brown or Mr. Dean regarding a meeting in which they both attended with DEP regarding pollution of the Suwannee River by sewage treatment facilities near Valdosta, GA. Atty. Brown gave an update to the Board of the DEP meeting.

Comm. John Meeks reported of RESTORE Act money, which had been approved for Levy County.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/COMM. JOHN MEEKS

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

Comm. John Meeks requested the Board allow him to sit on the Board for the Clean Water Act.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to allow Comm. John Meeks to sit on the Clean Water Act 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 10:44 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks