

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 8, 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. Rock Meeks 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. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>135640-135839</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,931,550.51
ROAD	243,732.92
SHIP	84,781.29
MOSQUITO CONTROL	2,761.36
TRANSPORTATION	30,376.09
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	5,247.21
MISC GRANTS	26,234.62
EMS	35,591.89
FIRE	12,603.75
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,100.53
UTILITIES	17,938.74
CAPITAL PROJECTS	15,920.10
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	65,043.83
LANDFILL	125,924.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,615,308.45</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 306,062.52</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Budget Workshop held on July 30, 2019 and the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Workshop held on July 30, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lizzie Robinson Jenkins, founder/President of The Real Rosewood Foundation spoke to the Board of her wish to see a museum constructed in Rosewood not for Black History, but for U.S. History.

Joy Glanzer also spoke to the Board informing them of efforts to get museum opened on January 1, 2023, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the events which took place in Rosewood. Ms. Glanzer requested the Board prepare and adopt a Proclamation to declare January 1, 2020 as "Rosewood Day." She stated this would bring attention to the mission of the Rosewood Foundation and to the goal of creating a museum.

Judith Miller spoke to the Board regarding the placement of her mobile home on her lot. It is over on the next lot by 6 feet, which she also owns. There is an existing structure on this adjacent lot and her daughter will be moving into it. She inquired of the Board what she should do. Mrs. Miller was advised by Comm. John Meeks and Mr. Boulette to file a Unity of Title, then get a Hardship Variance through his office, Building & Zoning.

Deborah McDonald spoke about easement dumping in the county. She asked if a memo could be added to the tax proposal notices when they are sent out stating the Landfill is free for household garbage.

Robert Hayen, Jr. spoke of entrance to his business, bar, which is located behind Frog's BBQ off 27, South of Williston. Mr. Hayen spoke of using the side street for his business entrance, rather than the entrance at Frog's BBQ as this would create a congested traffic area and asked if the site plan could be amended. Atty. Brown stated he would need to speak with Bob Boulette to make change which could then be brought before the Board for approval.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC HEARING**

Shenley Neely, Director requested Board approval of Ordinance 2019-005 to amend the existing CIE Improvements table to include several projects from Levy County Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Neely then read the Ordinance into Public Record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. Audience member Terry Witt spoke.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-005 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC HEARING**

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director requested adoption by the Board of a schedule of rates, fees and charges for solid waste disposal through Resolution 2019-083 and repealing Resolution 2018-060. Mr. Hastings recommended setting a limit of eight (8) 13-gallon bags or two (2) 90-gallon containers per day.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Sallie Ann Collins, Linda Cooper and Terry Witt. Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-083 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-061 for the approval of Petition to Vacate, Abandon, and Close Andrews Avenue, in Levy County Florida. – **Pulled from agenda-**
  
- B. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting a section of land in Section 29, Township 10, Range 14 East more described in Levy County Resolution 2019-061 be deeded to George D. Henry Trustee or the George D. Henry Revocable Living Trust dated 2/27/18 and Hudson Food Stores, Inc. as tenants in common from Levy County. –**Pulled from agenda-**
  
- C. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-081 authorizing the execution of State Funded Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Design, Construction and Construction Engineering and inspection for resurfacing and widening of CR 347/NW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue from US 19 to SR 500 in Levy County, Florida. The cost of the project will be \$2,250,000.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-081 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-079 authorizing the execution of Addendum Number 2 with the Florida Department of Transportation for a SCOP GRANT and SCRAP Funds to be identified collectively as “Blended Funds” for resurfacing and widening of CR 40A/SE 193<sup>rd</sup> Place in Levy County, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-079 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-082 amending the Final Budget for FY 2018-2019 as a result of unanticipated funds in the amount of \$71,000.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-082 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- F. Requesting Board approval of Addendum to the Consulting Engineer Contract for FY 2018-2019. There were no rate changes to the contract.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Consulting Engineer Contract for FY 2018-2019 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- G. Requesting Board approval of Consulting Engineer Agreement with Levy County.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Consulting Engineer Agreement with Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks. Following discussion, Comm. Brooks rescinded his motion and the motion dies for lack of a second.

Comm. Joyner expressed his wish to table this item until the next meeting, giving time for Mr. Dean to discuss with Mr. Mills some concerns and issues before making a decision. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **FDOT/PALMER ENGINEERING**

Christopher T. Rhude, FCCM & Robert Masucci, PE, PMP of Palmer Engineering

Discussion on proposed construction options for CR 32 and Alt 27/SR 500 with Robert Masucci, PE, PMP of Palmer Engineering and FDOT.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Option 1, as explained by Mr. Rhude which would involve shutting down the portion of CR 32 to be worked on for 7-10 days, rather than during increments over a longer period of time. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Steven Browning & Jamie Driggers

Mr. Browning presented a Fall Commission update from FDOT to the Board. Mr. Browning invited the Commissioners to a Summit Meeting at the Lake City office on November 13<sup>th</sup> to work on SCRAP and SCOP applications as they are due at the end of December. A meeting to discuss MCORS will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Old Town from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Old Town Education Center. Mr. Browning spoke of the CR 339 Waccasassa Bridge replacement and is projected to begin in February, 2020 and of the C Street Bridge replacement in Cedar Key. This project will begin next month.

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Linda Fugate, Levy County Tax Collector

Discussion of the fire system as well as the security system for the Annex/old BHS building with county and state assets in mind, as well as county employee's safety.

Michelle Langford and Michelle Heddins spoke on behalf of Mrs. Fugate stating she had spoken to Jimmy Jones at Maintenance and had received a quote received from Don Brooker at Security Systems for additional security equipment. The cost for a burglar alarm would be \$2,097, access control system, \$2,375, and cameras, \$6,282. They stated Mrs. Fugate is inquiring if the Board would be willing to pay for a portion of these expenses. Comm. John Meeks and the other Commissioners agreed the Board would not be responsible for cameras and a system specifically for the Tax Collectors office, only for the common areas at the building.

Michelle Heddins stated the DMV is moving their equipment on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but will not move anything unless security is in place. They will be open on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Commissioners stated this is the first time they have heard of a move-in date.

Mr. Dean stated the work being done is in line to be completed that date. He stated the DMV part of the office will be moved in by this date.

## **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik

- A. Requesting Board approval of the 2019-2020 Annual Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Nature Coast Business Development Council.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Presenting to the Board the regularly scheduled progress report for July-September, 2019.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval to reappoint Marlon Gayle to represent Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency ("CFCAA") Board of Directors for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to re-appoint Marlon Gayle to represent Levy County on the Central Florida Community Action Agency Board of Directors as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Second Amendment to PCS Site Agreement between Levy County and STC TWO, LLC and approval of the Agreement and Memorandum of Second Amendment to PCS Site Agreement between Levy County and STC TWO, LLC; BU# 877746 Bronson site.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to PCS Site Agreement between Levy County and STC TWO, LLC and approval of the Agreement and Memorandum of Second Amendment to PCS Site Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of First Amendment to Government Entity Tower License Agreement between Pinnacle Towers, LLC and Levy County: E 853551, Chiefland site.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Government Entity Tower License Agreement with Pinnacle Towers, LLC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Discussion with having workshop meeting with Fanning Springs regarding consideration of Advanced Life Support (“ALS”) services.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to schedule a workshop meeting with Fanning Springs regarding consideration of Advanced Life Support services on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. following the Regular Board meeting scheduled for the same day.

## **BUILDING & ZONING**

Robert Boulette, Development Director requested Board approval of a replacement Agreement from the previously approved Agreement with Dixie County to perform fire plan review and inspections. The text replacement is in Section 5, Compensation, A. and states Levy County shall reimburse Dixie County for the services of its Fire Inspector at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for fire and life safety inspection services for Levy County. The minimum charge shall be not less than one hour at \$65.00 as approved by the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the replacement Agreement with Dixie County as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT DEPARTMENT**

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-084 amending the final budget for FY 2018-2019 for the Shirley Conroy Rural Capital Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$17,560.00 to be paid out for the receipt and install of computer equipment reimbursed by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged at 100%.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-084 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SHIP DEPARTMENT**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of Deferred Payment Agreement, Cody M. and Dakota J. Zak; PA #570 for an existing unit in Williston, Florida in the amount of \$19,550.00.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Cody M. and Dakota J. Zak as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Matt Weldon, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval to apply for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program ("FRDAP") grant funding through Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") and authorize the County Coordinator to sign all necessary application documents. This is for Bird Creek Park Improvements.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the application for FRDAP grant funding with approval for the County Coordinator to sign all necessary application documents as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of 2019-2020 Contract #026477 from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for Mosquito Control Services. The Annual Contract in the amount of \$32,467.65 is to provide mosquito management/control services as specified in the scope of work.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 FDACS Contract #026477 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

David Weatherford, Director requested Board approval of Agreement between Alachua County Humane Society and Levy County. This is from a \$15,000 Grant from Florida Animal Friend Agreement which was approved on August 20, 2019.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Agreement between Alachua County Humane Society and Levy County as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Procurement Coordinator requested Board approval of yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department. These were the remaining four items which were re-submitted for bids. Those recommended by Mrs. Tretheway are:

Safety Materials	Safety Zone Specialists
Striping	Ennis-Flint, Inc.
Galvanized Culvert Pipe	Reject Bid
Sod	No bids – Cancel bid

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the yearly bids for supplies for the Levy County Road Department as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alesha Rinaudo, Assistant to the Director requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the annual County Award Grant for the improvement and expansion of EMS services as well as adoption of Resolution 2019-080. The amount of this year's grant is \$4,064.00 and the funds will be utilized to provide advanced airway training as listed in the application.

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

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

David Peaton, Assistant Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-085 to amend the final budget for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$165,032. Approval of budget amendment and resolution is to include yearly EMPA and EMPG Emergency Management grant funds into the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-085 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **WATER UTILITIES**

Jimmy Jones, Director requested ratification by the Board of a purchase under the Emergency Procurement policy for the replacement of a water pump at Manatee Utilities. Mr. Jones explained a pump went out and had to be replaced immediately. Mr. Dean was contacted and approved the emergency purchase in the amount of \$9,860.50 to Archer Pump Service, Inc.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the purchase for replacement of a water pump at Manatee Utilities as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.



## COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown

- A. Discussion and direction regarding adding a paving program to the County's Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Programs.

The Board agreed by consensus to pursue a paving component to the County's non-ad valorem assessment programs.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt, Linda Cooper and Renate Cannon.

- B. Approval of a Satisfaction of EMS Tax Assessment Lien for Williston Crossing West, LLC and Williston Crossing East, LLC.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Satisfaction of EMS Tax Assessment Lien for Williston Crossing West, LLC and Williston Crossing East, LLC as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Merritt stated the Veterans Parade in Inglis is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving dinner will be provided at the Community Center in Inglis for those who are in need and meals will be delivered to shut-ins. The South Levy Marketplace is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Their Trunk of Treats will take place on this same day.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Joyner** thanked all of the other Commissioners for wearing pink in recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Levy County Beast Feast is coming up on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Comm. Rooks** stated there will be a meeting coming up soon concerning the C Street Bridge in Cedar Key. The Seafood Festival will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** inquired of the possibility of zoning issues regarding the new "Solar Fields". The Chiefland High School Band recently place 1<sup>st</sup> in a competition for 1A schools. The CAAA 12 and under are undefeated in youth football. Comm. Rock Meeks stated he will be attending the MCORS meeting on the date of the next regular meeting.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of upcoming meetings he will be attending. Comm. Brooks stated there will be a need for a member to replace Tamar Jones on the Board of Adjustments as he is stepping down from this position. Comm. Brooks stated the Peanut Festival was well attended and went well.

**Comm. John Meeks** stated there will be a fundraiser on Saturday at the AmVets Post 88 for Teresa Leffert beginning at noon. There will be a meeting tomorrow evening in Valdosta regarding the sewage spill. The 4-H club in Levy County will have their annual Halloween party this weekend.

The 4-H clubs have also decorated hay bales and are on display in front of the Agriculture building on SR 27. Comm. John Meeks spoke of the issue of inmates awaiting a court date who have not been adjudicated losing their Medicare/Medicaid benefits which places the financial responsibility on the County.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks