

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on October 22, 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-by phone  
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. Rooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>135840-135983</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	47,526.44
ROAD	52,754.43
SHIP	50,493.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,193.22
TRANSPORTATION	15,846.17
COURT FACILITIES	2,743.31
MISC GRANTS	1,831.88
EMS	31,836.68
FIRE	243,406.57
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	6,955.95
UTILITIES	1,165.60
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	785.04
CAPITAL PROJECTS	97,795.38
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	121,440.61
LANDFILL	10,506.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 686,280.56</b>
 <b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	 <b>\$ 314,166.00</b>

## MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on August 20, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on August 20, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Coordinator

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2019-006 as recommended by Levy County Tourist Development Council. Passage of this Ordinance would impose an additional 1% Tourist Development tax pursuant to Fla. Statute 125.0104(3)(d), and to impose an additional 1% Tourist Development tax pursuant to Fla. Statute 125.0104(3)(I). In essence, this would increase the Levy Tourist Development Tax from 2% to 4%. The title of the Ordinance was read into public record by Mrs. Whitehurst.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak regarding this item. The following members of the audience spoke: Terry Witt, Sallie Ann Collins, Leslie Sturmer, Linda Cooper and Vicky Todd.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-006 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and signature of Sub-Recipient Agreement between Levy County BOCC and UF/IFAS for RESTORE Act. The U.S. Department of Treasury has approved the sub-recipient agreement between the Levy County BOCC and UF/IFAS. This agreement allows for RESTORE Act funds from Pot 1 to be used at the NCBS for the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor aquarium and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting space. The total amount approved and funded in the MYIP is \$300,000.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval and signature of Sub-Recipient Agreement between Levy County BOCC and Withlacoochee Gulf Area Chamber of Commerce (WGACC) for RESTORE Act for Pot 1 Project 24/7 Information Kiosk. The total amount approved and funded in the MYIP is \$34,175.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **LEVY COORDINATOR**

Wilbur Dean

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-059 authorizing the execution and recording of a County Deed to the City of Chiefland. Mr. Dean explained this is a small parcel of land the City of Chiefland had accepted on May 28, 2019 and is now requesting the property be used for public purposes.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-059 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board permission to proceed with the possible purchase of the Gulf Hammock Pit Lease Property (61.26 +/- acres) from Hancock to add property to the existing rock pit for purposes of mining limerock for the daily operations of the Road Department. The proposed cost of the Lease Property is \$495,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve proceeding with the purchase of the Gulf Hammock Pit Lease Property as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the Consulting Engineer Agreement with Levy County, FL and Mills Engineering Company, Engineer from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Consulting Engineer Agreement with Mills Engineering Company and Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **SHIP**

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Michelle Young, PA #572 in the amount of \$15,900 for an existing unit in Williston, Florida.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Michelle Young as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of an Amendment to the Agreement between Levy County and Dewberry Engineers, Inc. The Amendment includes a name changed, extension of term, and authorizes the County Coordinator or his/her designee the authority to execute, on behalf of the County, additional amendments to the agreement extending the term of the agreement for one or more of the remaining (4) one-year extension terms.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-061 requesting the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to designate the Board of County Commissioners, Levy County as the Community Transportation Coordinator under the Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged and authorizing the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute the Memorandum of Agreement. The current Memorandum of Agreement for the Community Transportation Coordinator is effective through June 30, 2020 and will need to be approved for the following 5 years.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-061 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

A. Presentation of the LCDPS Quarterly Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY 2019.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt and Linda Cooper.

B. Presenting the FY 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter write-off's in the amount of \$238,492.78 to the Board for approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the FY 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter write-off's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Requesting the Commissioners' acceptance of a donation from Ed's Auto Salvage and Junk Yard of a vehicle valued under \$500 to be used as a burn prop for training.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to accept the donation from Ed's Auto Salvage and Junk Yard as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Susan Haines, Legal Assistant

Update on County held tax certificates valued for less than \$5,000. Mrs. Haines explained there were approximately 920 County held certificates valued less than \$5,000 and they are now being processed at a rate of 25 tax certificates every other month. She anticipates processing of these will take 2-2 ½ years.

Members of the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Jared Blanton, Renate Cannon and Terry Witt.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will take place this Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Marketplace from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Dana Sheffield the Trunk or Treat event in Fanning Springs will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 P.M. and there will be a movie at Fort Fanning at dusk.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated the Peanut Festival in Williston was a success. He spoke of the Levy County Education Foundation Beast Feast which will take place this Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M.

Comm. Brooks reported he had taken part in the Federal Fly-In invitation event for intergovernmental relations by the Trump Administration, Leadership Days and was one of 90 other Florida County Commissioners representing the Florida Association of Counties. He also stated he attended a Florida Supervisor of Elections Canvassing Board Workshop in Orlando last week. Comm. Brooks stated he will be attending a meeting tomorrow morning regarding the Suncoast Connector Task Force at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto. There will be an opportunity for public input on Thursday at the Education Center in Old Town beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks stated there will be a Cancer Walk in Bronson this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. beginning at the Post Office. There will be a Trunk or Treat event in Bronson this Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the James Cobb Park. He reported of his recent attendance of a meeting of the Lower Suwannee River Withlacoochee Task Force meeting in Madison County where they were given an update on Valdosta's improvements to their wastewater system. Comm. John Meeks spoke of the inmate healthcare cost issue reporting the FAC and the Small County Coalition have picked up on this.

Wilbur Dean spoke of the issue regarding an advertised Shade Meeting scheduled for this afternoon. He stated there would be a need to move the location of the meeting to the EOC office and inquired of Atty. Brown if this would be a problem as 2 of the Commissioners would be participating by phone. She stated this should not pose a problem. Comm. John Meeks stated he would be glad to give Mr. Dean his concerns in writing since he was unable to appear in person.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:58 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

