

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 7, 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. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,110,519.74
ROAD	72,688.52
SHIP	11,184.37
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,647.14
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,366.02
TRANSPORTATION	17,163.13
911	14,596.00
COURT FACILITIES	5,615.19
MISC GRANTS	32,350.17
EMS	42,402.75
FIRE	272,127.92
CDBG	8,195.54
DRUG TASK FORCE	9,906.55
ADD COURT COSTS	17,979.00
IMPACT FEES - EMS	4,180.16
RESTORE ACT	5,347.80
LANDFILL	15,581.52
TOTAL	\$ 1,651,851.52
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 280,789.41

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting on September 19, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on September 19, 2017 as amended. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/TOWN OF YANKEETOWN

Comm. Rooks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item from Mayor Merritt. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mayor Merritt requested Board approval for assistance from Tisha Whitehurst, Levy County Grants Coordinator, in order for the Town of Inglis to file an application for a Sun Trails Grant in the amount of \$200,000. This will fund a feasibility study to connect South Levy County to the Sun Trails System.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Tisha Whitehurst to assist with the filing of an application for a Sun Trails Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Renate Cannon asked for clarification between Sun Trails and Greenways and Trails. Comm. John Meeks and Mayor Merritt addressed her questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Munden spoke to the Board regarding County Ordinance and Animal Nuisance violations by an individual in the neighborhood in which she lives. Mrs. Munden stated she and neighbors had filed complaints with Code Enforcement due to excessive trash at a residence and with Animal Services due to dogs barking during the night, but after no improvement, is now requesting direction or assistance from the Board.

Richard Droscoski spoke to the Board regarding the County Ordinance regarding trash at the same residence as Mrs. Munden spoke of.

Comm. John Meeks stated he will contact the County Ordinance Department and inquire the status of the complaints filed. He will also look into the barking dog issue as well. Comm. Joyner advised Mrs. Munden to call him if the dog barking has not been resolved in a reasonable amount of time.

Bill Hammond, Development Director spoke regarding the process of handling a County Ordinance complaint once it has been received.

PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Atty. Brown administered swearing in procedure of any who wished to speak for or against the item to be presented.

Comm. Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners. There was none.

Shenley Neely, Director requested Board approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation to transmit to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity proposed Petition LSA 17-01, amending the future land use map of the County's Comprehensive Plan on approximately 62 acres of land. The proposal is to change the land use designation from Urban Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (C).

Clay Sweger spoke to the Board on behalf of the land owner stating the property will be used to develop an RV Park.

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

Members of the audience who spoke were: Renate Cannon, Barney Cannon and Sallie Ann Collins.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Petition LSA 17-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC HEARING
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Atty. Brown administered swearing in of any members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the items to be presented by Mr. Hammond.

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication with the petitioners. There was none.

- A. Bill Hammond, Director presented Petition Number 01-17, Hardship Variance for Lena Phillipe to allow a second dwelling in order to care for her mother.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the petition as presented. Brenda Nazelrod expressed concerns of trees on the petitioners' property being cleared. Ms. Phillipe responded no trees would be removed between her property and her neighbor's property when adding the second dwelling.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Petition HA. VA. 01-17 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Hammond presented Resolution 2017-043 (Partial Plat Vacation 01-17) Grace Rydecki; petitioning the Board for a PPV of University Oaks, Lots 1 and 2.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the item as presented. There was none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-043 for Partial Plat Vacation 01-17 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:57 A.M.

PHI AIR MEDICAL

Sean O'Neal, Regional Director of PHI Air Medical gave a presentation to the Board and requested approval with the Chairman's signature on the Emergency Air Transport Services Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) in order to base an air ambulance at the Levy County Department of Public Safety Complex in Bronson. There would be no cost to Levy County, only utilizing of space at the DPS facility.

Chief Harrell spoke to the Board stating this was a project started before he came to Levy County and stated it would be an asset to the county for PHI Air Medical to have an air ambulance stationed at the DPS facility.

Dr. Charles Wang from Shands Hospital emergency department responded to questions asked by Property Appraiser, Osborn Barker regarding hospital acceptance of patients delivered by helicopter stating if a helicopter EMS arrives with a patient, they must be accepted.

Peter Komenski, EMS Manager from Ocala Regional Medical Center echoed Dr. Wang's statement of hospitals accepting patients delivered by helicopter.

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

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Comm. John Meeks presented Paul Shear with a plaque recognizing his years of service with the Department of Public Safety and all Commissioners wished him well upon his retirement.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean stated the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, announced a public meeting to which all people are invited. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Inglis Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to give opportunity for the public to provide input on the ten-year management plan update for the Marjorie Harris-Carr Cross Florida Greenways State Recreation and Conservation Area.
- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for Cost Share Assistance between the Suwannee River Water Management District and Levy County. This is for a RIVER grant project for the continuation of the University Oaks Water System –Phase III.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Cost Share Assistance as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCE

Jacqueline Martin, Manager presented two (2) proposed agreements with Employee Relations, Inc. She stated this is the company which performs criminal background checks, out of State driver’s license checks and verification of social security numbers for the new hire screening process and new volunteer screening process. The two items included for Board consideration are: Employee Relations Agreement for Services and an Amendment to Agreement prepared by Atty. Brown with the Employee Relations, Inc. attorney.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the two proposed agreements with Employee Relations, Inc. as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Rod Hastings, Director requested approval to accept the quote from Nature Coast Well Drilling for monitoring of the abandoned well at the Inglis/Yankeetown closed Landfill. The bids received are as follows:

Nature Coast Well Drilling, Inc.	\$ 3,250.00 + \$25/bag of grout in excess of 50 bags
Groundwater Protection-Drill Pro	\$ 4,131.00
A.C. Shultes	\$17,500.00
Huss Drilling	\$ 4,927.00
Bass Well Drilling	\$ 4,900.00

Comm. Joyner made a motion to accept the bid from Nature Coast Well Drilling as recommended by Mr. Hastings. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- A. Matt Weldon requested Board approval of the Contract with C & M Dredging, Inc. for Blue Springs Dredging and Seawall Repair. This is a cost share RIVER Grant through the Water Management District.

Andrew Carswell of Mills Engineering spoke to the Board stating there was one bid received for this project from C & M Dredging, Inc. in the amount of \$300,000.

Mr. Weldon stated this quote fits into their projected number of \$300,000 with the county’s portion being \$110,000.00, which would come from impact fees from the parks. The Water Management District’s portion will be \$190,000.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to award the bid for the Blue Springs Project to C & M Dredging, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Weldon requested Board approval of the State of Florida Annual Mosquito Control Contract for the fiscal year 2017-2018, which indicates the Department of Management Services will pay approximately \$35,000 to Levy County. These funds are used for the purchase of chemicals and other necessary supplies for the Mosquito Control Department.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the State of Florida Annual Mosquito Control Contract as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Mitch Harrell, Director requested Board approval of the Department of Public Safety fiscal year 2016-2017 fourth quarter write-off's in the amount of \$242,626.37.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Department of Public Safety fiscal year 2016-2017 fourth quarter write-off's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

Questions were asked by Linda Cooper concerning the write-off's and answered by Chief Harrell.

- B. Chief Harrell presented the Department of Public Safety's Quarterly Report for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2016-2017 to the Board.
- C. Chief Harrell requested Board approval to donate one (1) Ford Mini-Pumper from the Department of Public Safety to the Town of Bronson. He stated this was originally donated by the Town of Inglis to be used by DPS at the Town of Yankeetown, but since they no longer service this area, it is no longer needed.

Comm. John Meeks requested Chief Harrell contact the Inglis to question if they would like it back first. Chief Harrell stated he would contact Chief MacDonald.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve donation of the Ford Mini-Pumper to the Town of Bronson if the Town of Inglis does not wish to have it returned. Comm. Rooks included in her motion to have the County's lettering removed from the truck before it is donated. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner stated the LARC Ride to Provide was well attended and thanked all who attended and took part in the event.

Comm. Rooks reported the Beast Feast went well and she had also attended the Cedar Key parade.

Comm. Brooks reported the Veteran's Day Parade in Williston will be this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. Comm. Brooks also reported the Williston Football team will be playing Pahokee this Friday night for Regionals. The Williston Volleyball team has made it to the final four and will be playing Saturday in Union County. Chiefland High School Cross Country runner, Lauren Jones will be competing in Tallahassee this Saturday.

Comm. John Meeks asked each of the Commissioners to review the Department and Committee assignments from last year and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting. This will also be the meeting in which a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year will be decided.

There is a Nature Coast Trails meeting coming up on December 15th and asked if someone could attend as he would not be able to. Mr. Dean stated he would have someone attend.

Comm. John Meeks reported of the Tourism Development meeting he attended on Thursday evening.

Comm. John Meeks read into public record a letter received from Mr. Betts and Ms. Hyde thanking the Board for allowing them to do the Adopt a Highway program. They also thanked Comm. Joyner for hauling away the trash they had picked up.

A letter was also received from the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Department thanking the Board and Sheriff Bobby McCallum for the housing of Gilchrist County inmates during Hurricane Irma.

The meeting recessed at 12:06 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:02 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Atty. Brown stated this Public Hearing is the first of two dealing with Ordinance 2017-018 for extension of the temporary moratorium on medical marijuana activities. The ending date for the extension would be April 16, 2018.

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

Atty. Brown stated the second and final Public Hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2017.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks