

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 19, 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. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>136140-136289</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	183,880.56
ROAD	191,297.34
MOSQUITO CONTROL	271.86
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,311.67
TRANSPORTATION	2,453.54
COURT FACILITIES	4,051.98
MISC GRANTS	5,102.38
EMS	35,677.42
FIRE	20,158.79
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	7,252.03
UTILITIES	2,423.35
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	275.64
ADD COURT COSTS	2,290.86
CAPITAL PROJECTS	9,628.63
LANDFILL	5,029.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 480,105.38</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 17, 2019 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held September 17, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Russ Randall introduced himself to the Board stating he is running for the District 22, Florida House of Representatives, seat.

Channannah Thompson spoke to the Board requesting assistance in her neighborhood, Graceland Shores in Inglis, with active meth houses and robberies in the area. She asked if there was a possibility of a nuisance ordinance being adopted.

Jeannie Kaniewski and Julie Miller also spoke of the drug use and dealings in the neighborhood in Inglis.

Comm. John Meeks stated while the Board has no authority over this issue, they can have the Building Department do as much as possible with regard to Code Enforcement issues and the Animal Services Department as well. Atty. Brown was also asked to prepare an Ordinance regarding nuisance issues. Lt. Anderson from the Sheriff's Department was in attendance and was asked to closely monitor the area and to continue trying to make arrests.

Linda Cooper inquired as to when the Ordinance would be prepared. Comm. John Meeks asked if Atty. Brown could provide a progress report at the first January meeting.

## **BUILDING & ZONING/PUBLIC HEARING**

Robert Boulette, Development Director

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners regarding the Preliminary Plat to be presented. There was none.

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the item to be presented.

- A. Mr. Boulette requested Board approval of Preliminary Plat (PP 03-19) "Karma Farms", a subdivision consisting of six (6) residential lots containing a minimum of 5 acres each.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Preliminary Plat. Linda Cooper inquired of the zoning. Her question was answered by Mr. Boulette.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Preliminary Plat (PP 03-19) "Karma Farms" as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2019-008 for Jonathon and Nancy Billingsley. – TABLED -

## **CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton, Finance Officer

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-096 amending the final budget of FY 2019. Mr. Blanton stated these actions are legally-required steps in the process of finalizing the County's amended fiscal year 2019 budget and correcting for any potential over-expenditures, as provided in FS 129 and prescribed in Budget Policy Resolution 2017-015 (Section VI(D)).

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-096 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of Florida Department of Corrections' Interagency/Public Works Agreement (Local Agreement).

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

Those in the audience speaking regarding this item were: Renate Cannon asked if an inmate has ever escaped. Mrs. Lalonde answered, not in Levy County. Toni Collins stated the Levy County Quilt Museum has benefitted greatly from the work done by the women's inmate crew. Terry Witt questioned if county inmates were used for roadside clean-up. Comm. John Meeks stated they were not.

- B. Requesting Board approval to purchase a Silverado 1500 Crew Cab (Short Bed 147.4") 1LT 4 x 4. The contract price of the truck from the Florida Sheriff's Association is \$31,203.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of the Silverado 1500 Crew Cab truck as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Linda Cooper inquired if this was a take-home vehicle. Mrs. LaLonde answered this one will be a take-home vehicle issued to Jessie Durrance, a Supervisor. His current truck will be placed in the fleet for the Road Department.

- C. Requesting Board approval to purchase a Silverado CK20943 2500HD Crew Cab (Long Bed 172") 1WT 4 x 4. The contract price of the truck from the Florida Sheriff's Association is \$31,296.00. Mrs. LaLonde stated this truck will be issued to James Horne, Paving Crew Foreman.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a Silverado CK20943 2500HD Crew Cab as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-062 amending the final budget for the FY 2020. This Resolution is for the Road Improvement & Restoration Fund to be increased by \$2,250,000.00 for the CR 347 SCRAP Grant.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-092 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-090 amending the final budget for FY 2020. The Repair/Maint-Bldg/Grounds budget shall be increased by \$75,000.00, which is necessary for the continued renovation to the Annex Building.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-090 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-094 amending the final budget for FY 2020. The General Operations/Equipment budget shall be increased by \$43,000.00 to upgrade all County Department computers to Windows 10.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-094 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

David Peaton requested on behalf of John MacDonald Board approval of Resolution 2019-093 amending the final budget for FY 2020 by adding \$1,407.00 from the 2019-20 Hazard Analysis Grant.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-093 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Matt Weldon, Director Board approval of Rate Changes at Shell Mound RV & Campgrounds. The proposed new rates are listed below:

Water & Electric Site	\$25.00
Electric Only Site	\$20.00
Primitive Site	\$10.00
Each Additional Person	\$ 2.00

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Rate Changes at Shell Mound RV & Campgrounds as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of the Second Amendment to the Contract between the UF Board of Trustees and Levy County for Medical Director Services. This Amendment will continue the term of the existing contract through November 19, 2022.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Contract with the UF Board of Trustees for Medical Director Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director

- A. Requesting Board approval on Agreement for inmate labor at Landfill with the Department of Corrections and is a renewal of the prior agreement. The Agreement provides for up to 14 inmates each workday, has a three (3) year term and may be renewed for one additional three (3) year period after the initial agreement period.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Agreement for inmate labor at the Landfill with the Department of Corrections as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-095, authorizing Chair to sign application for “Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant” and appointing the Administrative Director of Solid Waste as authorized representative under the grant to apply for and sign quarterly reimbursement documents.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-095 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown requested discussion and direction of the Commissioners on whether to opt out of Negotiation Class in the multi-district litigation between local governments and various manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of prescription opiate drugs, In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (“Opioid MDL”).

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to take no action and stay in the Negotiation Class of plaintiff’s as presented by Atty. Brown.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Merritt stated the South Levy Marketplace will be taking place along with the Yankeetown Seafood Festival this weekend and invited everyone to attend.

Linda Cooper inquired of the status of the new kennels at Animal Services. Comm. Rooks stated it is expected to be open in December.

Linda Cooper spoke of Landfill Resolution 2018-060 passed a few weeks ago at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. She stated she did not approve of the process in which this was created and subsequently approved. Ms. Cooper stated she still has a problem with the Animal Services office not being open on Saturdays for adoptions.

Linda Cooper stated she would like to see the Commissioners have the Board meetings video recorded as well as audio when the move is made to the Annex.

Toni Collins stated on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M., the Luther Beauchamp Family will be appearing before the City Council in Chiefland to donate a parcel of land West of the Luther Calloway Library for an addition.

Renate Cannon inquired of the number of computers which require the update to Windows 10 as spoken of previously by Alicia Tretheway. Mrs. Tretheway invited Mrs. Cannon to come by her office and she could provide her with this information.

Toni Collins as well as Renate Cannon inquired of the sound system in the County Commission meeting room and both asked the new meeting room be adequately equipped.

## COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

**Comm. Rooks** stated she attended the Chiefland City Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and stated Rissa Mainwairing was elected as the new City Commissioner.

**Comm. Brooks** stated he will be heading to South Florida to attend the Legislative Conference for the Florida Association of County’s as he is on the Finance and Tax Committee.

**Comm. John Meeks** wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Comm. John Meeks stated he will also be attending the Legislative Conference for the Florida Association of Counties.

Comm. John Meeks congratulated the Chiefland Indians as they are headed to Pahokee to play in the finals this Friday night for the Florida High School championship.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:37 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