

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 3, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Ryan Bell  
Comm. John Meeks  
Comm. Mike Joyner  
Comm. Danny Stevens  
Comm. Chad Johnson

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Comm. Bell called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Stevens 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>113705-113855</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	990,967.47
ROAD	101,209.72
PAL LIBRARY	5,909.86
TRANSPORTATION	50,253.71
911	11,082.25
COURT FACILITIES	1,504.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	383.40
EMS	36,627.51
FIRE	15,433.32
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,497.01
CDBG	152.00
UTILITIES	1,638.87
CAPITAL PROJECTS	26,304.08
LANDFILL	19,228.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,262,191.66</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 22, 2013 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 22, 2013 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Linda Fugate, Levy County Tax Collector spoke to the Board informing them of the opportunity and her plans to purchase an existing building in Williston for \$130,000. This building will house the Williston Branch Tax Collector's Office. Upon purchase of the property, the Tax Collector will transfer the property to the Board.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Petition SSA 13-01: Request to change the land use designation on 9.9 acres on parcel 09656-000-00 (Blue Grotto Property LLC) from the Urban Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (C).

Ms. Neely requested Board approval of Petition SSA 13-01, a request to change the land use designation on 9.9 acres on parcel 09656-000-00 (Blue Grotto Property LLC) from the Urban Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (C).

Dave Myler, Managing Member and Owner of Blue Grotto Property, LLC spoke to the Board stating although the total property is 14.08 acres, the reason for requesting a land use designation change on 9.9 acres is so it will qualify for a small land use change.

Comm. Bell asked if there were any members of the audience wishing to speak for or against the Petition as presented. There were none.

Clay Sweger, a Planner with Eng, Denman & Associates, Inc. spoke to the Board stating the change of land use designation to the property eliminates the possibility of there ever being a water bottling plant on this property.

Atty. Brown informed the Board Ordinance 2013-04 is the Ordinance approving the Petition and needs to be stated in the motion.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Petition SSA 13-01 by Ordinance 2013-04 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Stevens voted NO.

## **JORDAN AND ASSOCIATES**

Ronald Vanzant, President

Update report on status of the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mr. Vanzant gave an update on the County's two (2) outstanding CDBG projects; the Tarafa project and the Hammock project. Mr. Vanzant replaces Mr. Winter as the Representative for Levy County's CDBG Program.

## **PLANNING**

Shenley Neely, Planning Director

Request Board approval and authorize Chair to sign Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc. The purpose of the Scope of Services and Agreement is to provide supplemental geotechnical site evaluation services related to a failing septic tank drain field of a single family residential property that has been qualified and has received rehabilitation construction under the County's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Ms. Neely requested Board approval and Chairman's signature on the Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc. The Agreement is to allow evaluation services regarding the septic tank drain field on the Tarafa Project.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement between Levy County and GSE Engineering, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BETH GORDON**

Discussion regarding the proposed Sabal Trail Transmission Pipeline for methane gas to be built in Levy County. – TABLED -

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Bill Hammond, Director

Discussion on bids submitted for Development Department Software.

Mr. Hammod requested the Board allow line item adjustments to the Development Department budget for the purchase of software as the only qualifying bid which met the requirements is \$5,000 more than was budgeted.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Development Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mark S. Johnson, Director

Request to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).

Mr. Johnson requested approval of the Board to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. This is a non-match grant in the amount of \$10,900 to be used for planning, training and exercises.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to accept the State Homeland Security Program Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **LEVY COUNTY TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, General Manager

Request Board approval and signature for the 5311 Joint Participation Agreement in the amount of \$395,844, total to be paid at 50%, \$197,922.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval and signature for the 5311 Joint Participation Agreement to be used for fuel and repairs. This is a 50/50 grant and the amount to be received is \$197,922.

Comm. Meeks made a motion for approval and signature for the 5311 Joint Participation Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

David Knowles, Director

A. Request approval from the Board to accept a donation of a 24 x 80' mobile home from Air Methods.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to accept the donation of a 24 x 80' mobile home from Air Methods. This mobile home will be used to house a seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) EMS crew in the Fanning Springs area.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to accept the donation of a 24 x 80' mobile home from Air Methods as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the ProCare Stryker Service Agreement.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the ProCare Stryker Service Agreement which will cover parts, labor, travel and unscheduled service and product equipment checklists for the new Stryker power stretchers for seven (7) years.

Comm. Johnson made a motion for approval and the Chairman's signature on the ProCare Stryker Service Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request authorization for the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application for Levy County EMS.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval for the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Levy County EMS which is a 95/5 grant. The total amount the county would pay is \$12,526.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Levy County EMS as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Johnson votes NO.

D. Request authorization for the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application for Levy County Fire.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval for the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Levy County Fire, a 90/10 grant. The total amount the county would pay is \$8,894.

Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the Director of Public Safety to electronically sign for submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Levy County Fire as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Anne Bast Brown

Discussion of options for termination of Agreement with Jordan and Associates for administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Grant awarded to the County and, if necessary, decision on termination.

Atty. Brown presented the options for termination of Agreement with Jordan and Associates:

1. Termination for convenience
2. Termination for cause

Both of the above listed options would require 30 day written notice.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to continue moving forward with Jordan and Associates rather than termination of the Agreement at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane Garth of Morriston asked how many citizens of Levy County would be affected by the Medicaid Expansion? She stated many could benefit from this and asked if the Commissioners could do anything to make people aware of this.

Comm. Bell suggested Ms. Garth provide her information to the Board office and upon research of this topic, she will be contacted.

Dana Sheffield questioned the availability of medical personnel at the EMS station near the Sheriff's Department. He stated there were ambulances parked at this location, but no one answered when he knocked on the door.

Mr. Knowles responded those stationed at this location could have been out on a call, however spare units are normally parked at this location. Mr. Knowles encouraged Mr. Sheffield to call 911 anytime he had an emergency.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. Joyner informed everyone of an ongoing problem of groups of individuals taking advantage of citizens by promising to do repair work to driveways or roofs. The work, if done at all, is poor or not done properly. He asked the newspaper representatives if information could be printed warning citizens of the dangers of possible scamming.

Comm. Stevens spoke of the issue on the agenda from Beth Gordon and the Sabal Trail gas pipeline.

Comm. Meeks reminded everyone of upcoming Christmas events:

Chiefland Christmas Festival on December 7<sup>th</sup> with a parade at 5:00 P.M.

Sons of Amvets, Post 88 "Wreaths Across America" Ceremony at the Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson at 11:00 A.M. on December 14<sup>th</sup>

Inglis Christmas Parade on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

The North Florida Broadband will be meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in Lake City at the City Hall.

Comm. Bell gave an update of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Comm. Bell stated the Board will need to select Chairman and Vice Chairman at the next meeting as well as Committees and Board appointments.

Comm. Bell stated the Suwannee Valley Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Rack of Ribs" fundraiser in Chiefland if anyone would like to purchase bar-b-q ribs.

Comm. Bell also reported the pie auction in Cedar Key held by the Junior class was a success.

Comm. Stevens informed everyone of the "Light up Williston" festivities at 5:00 P.M. and parade at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION**

Update and ranking of Capital Improvements. -TABLED-

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 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, Ryan Bell