

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 3, 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. Joyner made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	136290-136437
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	230,969.90
ROAD	428,887.93
TRANSPORTATION	14,496.47
COURT FACILITIES	33.47
MISC GRANTS	4,063.89
EMS	666,257.21
FIRE	5,943.05
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	565.00
UTILITIES	1,576.17
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,345.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS	122,876.97
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	20,000.00
LANDFILL	136,977.83
TOTAL	\$ 1,634,993.40
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 23,743.33

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Seaman, a Board member of the LARC spoke regarding safety for the students at the facility. She stated she has a son who has been a student for the last 23 years and has removed him from LARC as of the last month due to safety concerns which she explained to the Commissioners. An incident involving one staff member striking another while at the facility had occurred in October and no disciplinary action was taken by Mr. Slaughter.

Linda Swann also spoke of the things Ms. Seaman had brought to the Commissioner's attention, emphasizing the need for leadership changes at the facility.

Comm. John Meeks stated upon hearing Ms. Seaman would be making this presentation at the meeting a letter had been prepared by Mr. Dean addressing the concerns of the Board to the LARC Board of Directors.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear a non-agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to send the letter as prepared and signed by Mr. Dean to the LARC Board of Directors today by certified mail. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Blake spoke regarding MCORES item to be discussed later in the meeting. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the Florida Department of Transportation for not making the pathway known for this toll road.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – PUBLIC HEARING

Anne Bast Brown

Conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution 2019-089 electing to use uniform method collecting non-ad valorem assessments within the County to fund roadway improvements, maintenance, facilities and program.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak regarding the item as presented.

Those who spoke were: Jeff Hardison, Terry Witt and Harriet Jones.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-089 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

BUILDING & ZONING – PUBLIC HEARING

Robert Boulette, Development Director requested Board approval of Ordinance 2019-008 for Jonathon and Nancy Billingsley.

Comm. John Meeks asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication regarding the Ordinance to be presented. Comm. Rooks stated she had ex-parte communication regarding this item.

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

Mr. Boulette stated the Ordinance would approve a rezoning of 1.18 acres owned by Jonathon and Nancy Billingsley from Forestry/Rural Residential (F/RR) to Moderately Intensive Commercial (C-3).

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-008 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-087 approving a petition to vacate, abandon and close a portion of NW 40th Avenue, in Levy County, FL.

Comm. John Meeks provided a petition he had received which was signed by 17 residents in the area of NW 40th Avenue objecting to closure of this road. He then asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding this item.

Those in the audience who spoke regarding this item were: Terry Witt, Toni Collins, Rollin Hudson, Annette Dockerty, Linda Cooper.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-087 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-097 amending the budget for FY 2019-2020 for acceptance of the State EMS County Award Grant in the amount of \$4,064.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-097 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ryan Asmus, MCORES

Mr. Asmus stated he is the Suncoast Production Lead and stated there were representatives in attendance from the Northern Turnpike Connector and the Suncoast Connector. He then introduced Ron Caldee who gave a presentation on the MCORES program and status of MCORES Suncoast Task Force Study area. The next meeting of the Suncoast Corridor Task Force is scheduled for December 17th in Taylor County at the IFAS auditorium followed by a community open house on December 19th in Lafayette County at the Day Community Center. The next meeting of the Northern Turnpike Taskforce is scheduled for December 18th in Marion County at the Hilton Ocala followed by a community open house on December 19th in Sumter County at the Wildwood Community Center.

Those in the audience speaking regarding this item were: Toni Collins, Ron Grant, Renate Cannon, Kyle Everidge, Harriet Jones, Stephanie Meeks and Charles Lee.

LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – JOHN MEEKS/CARSON MEEKS

Comm. John Meeks introduced his son Carson Meeks who requested Board approval of Resolution 2019-099 declaring Levy County a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Comm. John Meeks passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Brooks and then made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-099 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-091 authorizing the submission of the 2021-Section 5339 Capital Grant Application for a cutaway bus in the amount of \$87,675.00 to be paid at 100%.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-091 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2019-098 authorizing the submission of the 2021-Section 5311 Operating Grant Application for the purchase of vehicles and/or equipment and/or expenditure of grant funds.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-098 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of the Subordination Agreement for Jarrod Hauser, SHIP Purchase Assistance PA #560 in the amount. The applicant is seeking to convert an adjustable rate mortgage to a fixed interest rate mortgage at a lower interest rate from 5.5% to 3.75%. There will be no cash payout to the borrower.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Witt inquired of the name of the new facility which will house the Board of County Commissioner's Office, Property Appraiser's Office and the Tax Collector's Office. Comm. John Meeks answered it had not yet been named.

Renate Cannon requested a quality sound system for the new Board of County Commission meeting room.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Levy County Sheriff, Bobby McCallum spoke to the Board informing them the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Act now requires the Sheriff's office as the "911 PSAP", the Primary Safer Answering Point, to be able to directly communicate with all emergency and medical agencies within the County. Sheriff McCallum stated an Agreement with the City of Williston is being prepared for Board approval as they are the only municipality which they do not currently have direct communication with. He advised the Board he would be bringing quotes to the Board for funding to make this possible.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks announced Don Foley, former County Commissioner for Levy County had passed away last week.

Comm. John Meeks provided the Board, for informational purposes only, the current 2019 Board Appointments/Committees for their consideration. He stated he would like to relinquish his duties as Chairman for 2020 and asked the Commissioners to consider who would like to take over this responsibility.

Comm. John Meeks presented a Letter of Support and authorization for Chairman John Meeks candidacy for an executive position of the Gulf Coast Consortium for approval by the Board.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Letter of Support as presented by Comm. John Meeks. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks stated the "Wreaths Across America" will take place on December 14th at Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson at noon. The Christmas Festival in Fanning Springs will be taking place at Fort Fanning this Saturday beginning a Car Show and other festivities at 10:00 A.M. followed by a Boat Parade at dark.

Comm. Brooks stated he will need to attend the first part of the next meeting by phone as he will be attending the MCORES meeting. He also announced "Light up Williston" will take place this Saturday with the parade beginning at 6:00 P.M. followed by festivities at Heritage Park.

Comm. Rock Meeks announced the Chiefland Christmas Festival and Parade is on the 14th

Comm. Joyner stated he is recovering well and will be seeking re-election in 2020.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks