

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 4, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 4, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Clerk of Court – Danny Shipp

Comm. Stevens called the Meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Osborn Barker gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	109831-110097
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,118,786.01
ROAD	165,646.98
SHIP	18,018.00
NSP	5,462.87
TRANSPORTATION	38,412.74
911	14,000.00
COURT FACILITIES	4.00
PROGRESS ENERGY	4,524.15
EMS	141,293.59
FIRE	17,542.62
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,934.52
UTILITIES	463.47
ADD COURT COSTS	550.80
IMPACT FEES - EMS	1,506.41
DEBT SERVICE	7,920.66
LANDFILL	15,002.47
TOTAL	\$ 1,554,069.29

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular meeting on November 6, 2012 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 6, 2012 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Bell and the MOTION CARRIES.

ZONING

Rob Corbitt, Director

Petition No. PP 1-12, Preliminary Plat of "Nishia Village."

Atty Brown swore in those in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Petition.

Atty. Brown then asked if any of the Commissioners had any ex-parte communications with the petitioners.

Mr. Corbitt requested Board approval of Petition No. PP 1-12, Preliminary Plat of "Nishia Village" on behalf of Croft Land Surveying who represents Venetta Anderson. Mr. Corbitt stated the parcel contains 8.02 acres more or less and will consist of five 1 acre lots. The zoning designation is "RR-2" Rural Residential and the land use is "LDR" Low Density Residential.

Comm. Stevens asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the Petition. There were none.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve Petition No. PP 1-12 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

UNITY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER

Ms. Annie Battles, Ms. Joyce Wilson

Presenting details of grant opportunities to Levy County from the Department of Health & Department of Children and Families.

Ms. Wilson spoke to the Board explaining grant opportunities which are available to Levy County from the Department of Health & Department of Children and Families.

OPPOSITION OF ALAN FANT COMPOST DEVELOPMENT

Gary Bennett, Kathy Joe Rindernecht, Cecil Benton, Kelly Morgan, Hal Phillips,

Presenting a petition opposing the ongoing development of Mr. Alan Fant's dump of horse stall compost.

A group of land owners in the Morriston area spoke to the Board requesting action regarding a horse compost development on property owned by Alan Fant. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the ongoing development:

Gary Bennett
Kathy Joe Rindernecht
Cecil Benton
Kelly Morgan
Hal Phillips
Kathy Bennett

The above listed landowners stated their reasons for opposing the horse compost on Mr. Fant's property is:

Dramatic increase in flies, especially in warm weather
Hazardous potential to the groundwater source
Decrease in land values
Strong foul smell
Unsightly
Material brought in from out of county
Wear and tear on county roads used to transport material in
Negligible value for crop fertilizer value

Mr. Corbitt spoke and Code Enforcement Officer, Ted spoke to the Board and stated Mr. Fant is not in any violation of any Levy County Codes. He stated he has no authority to enforce any State Laws, and according to DEP, Mr. Fant is exempt from any State Statutes or State Laws which would prevent this type of composting operation.

Mr. Fant spoke to the Board, addressing concerns by those which spoke earlier and informing them of his farms cooperation and compliance with inspections which have been done. He explained the process of how the horse bedding material on his property is turned into usable compost. Mr. Fant also provided for the Commissioner's review, information from Levy County Ag. Extension Agent, Anthony Drew supporting the composting of horse bedding material done on his farm.

Comm. Stevens stated Mr. Fant's horse bedding composting operation is not in violation of any County Code and the Board has no authority with regard to State Laws and Regulations. It was the Board's position to take no action.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:47 A.M.

COUNTY AGENT

Albert Fuller, Director

Request budget increase and approve the purchase of a new truck for the Agricultural Agent.

Mr. Fuller requested Board approval for a budget increase for the purchase of a new truck for the Ag. Extension Agent, Anthony Drew. Mr. Fuller explained Mr. Drew is currently driving a 1991 Ford with 300,000 miles. It has reached a point where the current repair costs to make the vehicle safe and reliable to drive are much greater than the value of the vehicle once repaired.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve going out for bids on a replacement vehicle for the Ag. Extension Agent. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mark S. Johnson, Director

A. Request to accept the Progress Energy Contract (Amendment No. 6)

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to accept the Progress Energy Contract, Amendment No. 6 which extends the completion date of the Contract from September 30, 2012 to September 30, 2014. The non-matching amounts are:

<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
\$125,210	\$118,315

Comm. Bell made a motion to accept the Progress Energy Contract Amendment No. 6 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Request to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
Modification #1 to Sub-grant Agreement.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$58,348. The agreement period is from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$58,348.

Comm. Bell made a motion to accept the EMPG as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Request approval to purchase Radiation Detection Meters.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval to purchase 27 handheld Radiation Detection Meters from DEQ Technical Sales, LLC in the amount of \$17,366. This purchase is funded by Progress Energy.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of Radiation Detection Meters as presented. Second was made by Comm. Johnson and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Knowles, Director

- A. Williams Communications, Harris Communications and the State of Florida would like to request Levy County to donate or form a long-term lease for a one acre parcel in the Williston area.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval for either a donation or long-term lease on a one acre parcel in the Williston area with Williams Communications, Harris Communications and the State of Florida to erect a tower to enhance the SLERS communication system.

The Board agreed by consensus to move forward to work with this project.

- B. Request approval to apply for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for the following stations: Fowlers Bluff, Morriston/Montbrook, Rosewood and Yankeetown.

Mr. Knowles requested Board approval to apply for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for Fowlers Bluff, Morriston/Montbrook, Rosewood, and Yankeetown Fire Departments. This is a 50/50 grant and if awarded, will offset the cost of items already budgeted for the year in these departments.

Comm. Bell made a motion to approve application for the Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike McDonald with Basic Two-Way Radio in Ocala spoke to the Board apologizing for an error in a sales letter sent to the County Commissioners and others in Levy County regarding ICom.

Mr. Moody informed the Board the next North Florida Broadband meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at the Quality Inn in Palatka. This is the same day as the Legislative Delegation meeting to be held in Courtroom A.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Johnson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dental Clinic at the Health Department last month and commended those who worked to help make the changes to the building possible.

Central Florida Community College in Chiefland has opened their welding facility and Comm. Johnson invited the other Commissioners to check it out.

FFA Sub-Districts will be on Thursday, December 13th at Bronson First Baptist.

Comm. Bell commended the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce for their work on the Chiefland Winter Festival this past Saturday. Inglis will have their Christmas Festival this Saturday, the 8th and on December 22nd will be an Open House at Seahorse Key from 10: A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Comm. Meeks informed everyone on December 15th at 12:00 P.M. at Rosemary Cemetery in Bronson, the Sons of AmVets Post 88 will be holding their wreath laying ceremony for Wreaths Across America.

On December 21st will be holding their annual "Winter in the Park".

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Danny Stevens