

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 4, 2018 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. Joyner 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. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>132817-132923</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	2,035,674.20
ROAD	37,878.76
SHIP	15,169.42
MOSQUITO CONTROL	16,982.35
TRANSPORTATION	14,096.65
911	15,056.42
COURT FACILITIES	2,561.30
MISC GRANTS	400.08
EMS	8,972.35
FIRE	33,607.42
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,867.85
UTILITIES	88.48
CAPITAL PROJECTS	47,275.00
LANDFILL	(69.79)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,229,560.49</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the following Board of County Commission meetings were presented for Board approval:

September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting/9:00 A.M.  
September 18, 2018 Public Hearing/6:43 P.M.  
September 18, 2018 Public Hearing/7:12 P.M.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the above listed minutes for meetings held on September 18, 2018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TOWN OF INGLIS**

Drinda Merritt, Inglis Mayor

Requesting Board approval of the closure of CR40 for the Inglis/Yankeetown Annual Christmas Parade on December 15, 2018 which will begin at the field West of the Chamber of Commerce Building. The parade will begin at 4:30 P.M. and the route will go from the Chamber building to the Yankeetown Town Hall. It will proceed West on Riverside Drive to the Yankeetown Town Hall where there will be a Christmas Lighting and refreshments. An invitation is extended to the Board of County Commissioners to participate in the parade and/or come and enjoy the festivities.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve closure of CR 40 for the Inglis/Yankeetown Annual Christmas Parade on December 15, 2018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mayor Merritt also stated the engineers came out on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for the Whitewater Kayak Venue. She reported they should have the engineering study back by the end of February. The Rapid Pursuits gentlemen which were doing the project in 2000 have reached out to help and are looking for investor money for it. Mayor Merritt stated she will be meeting with two different hotel representatives over the next weeks which are interested in building in the Inglis area.

### **PARK TO PARK BIKE PATH COMMITTEE**

Larry Cohan, Yankeetown Board Member

Requesting Board approval to submit Alternative Transportation Program application for a County Road 40 Shared Use Path from the Levy County boat ramp to the intersection of CR 40/40A & 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Yankeetown. This is a public safety item to construct a 10-foot wide shared use path along the South side of CR 40 from the Levy County Boat Ramp to the CR 40/CR 40-A intersection to accommodate pedestrian and bicyclist access to the County Beach Park at the Gulf and promote County and Town of Inglis and Yankeetown eco-tourism.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve submittal of an Alternative Transportation Program application upon review by staff and with the condition the County shall contribute no additional funding. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were: Renate Cannon, Toni Collins, Dana Sheffield

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Stephen L. Browning, P.E.

Providing the Levy County Board of County Commissioners an update on the Lewis Pass Bridge offering to connect the sidewalks to the bridges at both the Lewis Pass Bridge and Daughtry Bayou Bridge. The Board accepted and thanked Mr. Browning for making this possible.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval of the new Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy to meet new USDOT and FTA Regulations; this will replace the current Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the new Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to submit Federal Section 5339 Capital Grant application for FY 2020, approval of Resolution 2018-076 authorizing the signing and submission of Grant application. This Grant is paid at 100%; application is to replace a bus that has met age and mileage criteria.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-076 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval to submit Federal Section 5311 Operating Grant application for FY 2020, approval of Resolution 2018-077 authorizing the signing and submission of the 5311 Grant application. This is a 50/50 Grant that payroll and benefits are invoiced toward and applied for each year; the Department has match funds through other revenues received.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-077 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

Dr. Darlene Esler, Supervisor

- A. Levy County Animal Services is presenting our Quarterly Report for July, August and September, 2018.
- B. Requesting Board approval to lower the adoption fees by \$15.00 for the month of December, 2018 only.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the reduction in adoption fees by \$15.00 for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Those in the audience who spoke were: Toni Collins and Linda Cooper.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-071; amending the final budget for the FY 2018-2019. The Resolution is needed to appropriate funds from Capital Outlay Reserves to Professional Services in the amount of \$5,800 for the Pre-Renovation Asbestos Survey of the Old Bronson High School.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-071 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval on the Novation Agreement between Levy County and Wood Environment. The Novation Agreement is required due to a name change. Amec Foster recently changed its name to Wood Environmental Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

Jennifer Sagan of Wood Environmental Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. spoke to the Board explaining only the name has changed for the company.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Novation Agreement between Levy County and Wood Environment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

- A. Requesting Board approval on the Physio Control Service Plan for LUCAS devices in the amount of \$5,472.00 and approval for the County Coordinator or his/her designee to renew the Service Plan annually.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Physio Control Service Plan for LUCAS devices and for the County Coordinator or his/her designee to renew the Service Plan annually as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2018-079; amending the final budget for the FY 2018-2019. The budget amendment will add the funds received in the amount of \$4,282 from the DOH County Award Grant C7038 to the EMS Fund so the funds can be expended under the grant guidelines.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-079 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Chief Harrell gave a report to the Commissioners of the progress of the roofing project at the DPS facility.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

Requesting Board approval for a budgeted purchase of a new vehicle from Coggins Ford by utilizing the State Contract pricing to replace an older vehicle in the department. The vehicle to be purchased is a 2018 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$29,966.70.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a new vehicle from Coggins Ford as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval for road paving of NW 110 Street (LCR 201) beginning at NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and continues for 2,000 feet to be paid for by Strawberry Fields RV Park Developers.

After discussion, Comm. Rooks made a motion to TABLE this item until more information can be received regarding the cost for the project. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting permission by the Board to apply for State Grants electronically and to authorize Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager, to sign the Grant Application electronically.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the application for State Grants electronically and to authorize Alice LaLonde to sign the Grant Application electronically as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Thomas Reaves spoke to the Board regarding a County Ordinance in place preventing him from dividing his property between himself and his sons who wish to build homes on the property right away.

Atty. Brown spoke regarding Family Plat regulations within the Ordinance in question.

Margaret Halada spoke to the Board regarding the increase of \$273 in her tax bill.

Jared Blanton spoke regarding the Solid Waste Assessment.

Steve Hammond spoke regarding the satellite stations for garbage drop-off.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. Rooks** spoke of the increased volume of trash along the County's roadways. She asked if the public could be made aware to cover trailers when they are hauling garbage to the Landfill to prevent it from falling off along the way.

Comm. Rooks stated she is proud to announce the Board of County Commissioner Chairman, John Meeks is now also the Vice-Chairman for the Small County Coalition.

**Comm. Brooks** spoke of the Florida Institute of Government stating he had requested they send a proposal and have a representative in attendance at the next meeting to explain their services and costs of involvement and the benefits for Levy County.

Comm. Brooks stated the Jingle Bell Jog will take place in Williston this Saturday starting at the Elementary School. He stated the Christmas Parade was rained out and will hopefully be rescheduled.

Comm. Brooks stated the Williston General Hospital has temporarily closed their Emergency Room services potentially for 40-65 days for restructuring and renovations.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** reported of the DPS Christmas event held at Black Prong which he attended.

**Comm. John Meeks** named several events taking place in December:

- Kirby Family Farm Christmas Train on Friday and Saturdays through Christmas
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Chiefland Rudolph Run 5K followed by the Christmas Festival and Parade
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Yankeetown/Inglis Christmas Festival and Parade
- December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas in the Quarry at Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens
- December 15<sup>th</sup> "Wreaths across America" at Rosemary Hill Cemetery

Comm. John Meeks spoke of a recent Legislative Meeting held in Tampa where dealing with treatment of bio-solids was discussed.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Chairman of the Gulf Consortium is vacating his seat as he ran for Mayor of Pensacola leaving the seat vacant. Comm. John Meeks stated he currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer and requested permission of the Board to run for the seat of Vice Chairman or Secretary/Treasurer.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to give permission to Comm. John Meeks to run for the position of Vice Chairman or Secretary/Treasurer of the Gulf Consortium as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:59 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