

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 7, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman John Meeks
Comm. Matt Brooks
Comm. Rock Meeks
Comm. Lilly Rooks

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
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 led by Comm. Brooks.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	143847-144003
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,473,389.65
ROAD	387,108.51
SHIP	51,995.00
TRANSPORTATION	10,431.32
911	16,320.25
COURT FACILITIES	16,399.99
MISC GRANTS	2,141.81
EMS	20,486.58
FIRE	6,345.72
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	1,351.59
UTILITIES	1,231.71
COMMUNICATION	20,610.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,001.09
CAPITAL PROJECTS	134,530.25
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	295,033.98
LANDFILL	21,040.56
TOTAL	\$ 3,461,418.01
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 259,901.24

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Renate Cannon asked why the Libraries do not keep the late fees they collect. Comm. John Meeks responded all fees collected by the Libraries are placed in the General Fund. He stated this is the case with all fees collected by County Departments.

Wilbur Dean confirmed this and also introduced the new Library Director, Darlene Slattery.

The following members of the audience spoke in opposition of the proposed Northern toll road extension path:

Brandon Peters

Kim Davis

Diane Garte

Maria Wise

Renate Cannon

PLANNING & ZONING

Stacey Hectus, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Black Prong Equestrian Village is requesting Board approval of their Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD 21-01. The PUD Overlay for Sketch Plan (Phase One) (pursuant to Section 50-905(b)) of the Levy County Land Development Code) for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) on a parcel of land located in Section 27, Township 13, Range 17, in Levy County on CR 337, contains 90 acres. Parcel ID #0368400100.

Swearing in of audience members wishing to speak regarding this item was done by Atty. Shalley.

Clayton Bratcher, Mayor of Black Prong and Tim Atkinson, Counsel for Black Prong spoke to the Board regarding the request for a Planned Unit Development at the Black Prong Equestrian Village.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. Audience members who spoke are listed below:

Diane Garte spoke regarding a mini-storage facility.

Wesley Asbell

Maria Wise

Sallie Ann Collins

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve PUD 21-01 with the inclusion of language regarding the variance of construction in a buffer zone. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Brenda Marshall petitioning the Board for approval of Petition No. HA VA 21-03, for a Hardship Variance to permit a temporary second dwelling due to a medical need on a parcel of land located in Section 30, Township 11S, Range 14E, in Levy County, Florida. Parcel contains .46 acres, MOL and is zoned ARR/Agricultural Rural Residential. Parcel ID #0765201100.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there were any in the audience wishing to speak regarding this item. Audience member James Christiansen spoke.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Petition No. HA VA 21-03 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Scott Osteen, Executive Director

Requesting Board approval of the EDF Grant Agreement between Levy County and Tri-County Saw Shop, LLC. Approval of the EDF Grant Agreement will allow a one-time payment in the amount of \$10,000 to be issued to Tri-County Saw Shop.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the EDF Grant Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOWN OF BRONSON

Robert Partin, Mayor

Requesting the Board join the Bronson Town Council for a discussion on supplying water to Otter Creek and Cedar Key. Mr. Partin stated his request is for the Board to give their blessing for the Town of Bronson to proceed in this effort. Also speaking regarding this item were Heath Davis, Mayor of Cedar Key and Russell Meeks, Vice Mayor of Otter Creek.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to give the blessing of the Board for the Town of Bronson to pursue this project. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The Board agreed a letter of support can be provided upon request.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-145, the Department of Health County Award Grant Application.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-145 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Requesting Board ratification of Emergency Declaration 2021-143, extending the Local State of Emergency for the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify Emergency Declaration 2021-143 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board adoption of the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Update.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to adopt the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Update as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

GRANT COORDINATOR

Tony Parker, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval to submit a grant request to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for Derelict Vessel Removal. He stated there are eleven (11) derelict vessels which Levy County will contract salvage/vessel removal professionals to have removed from coastal waterways.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve submittal of a grant request to FWC as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Wilbur Dean requested on behalf of Director, Matt Weldon Board approval of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Grant Agreement No. 21103; Design, Engineering and Permitting and authorization for the Chairman to sign. Mr. Dean Stated this is for the Shell Mound project which was previously submitted and approved.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Grant Agreement No. 21103 with the Chairman's signature, as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment Agreement No. 2021-11 between Levy County and Wright-Pierce, Inc., for Phase 2-Design and Permitting of Shell Mound Boat Ramp Improvements.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Task Assignment No. 2021-11 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsive responsible bid for paint striping and marking services (ITB_2022_014) to Jenkins Painting, Inc. This was the only bid received.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Jenkins Painting, Inc. for striping and marking services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Requesting Board approval of the lowest responsive responsible bid for Derelict Vessel Removal (ITB_2022_013) to Live Flyer, Inc., and approve the Form of Purchase Order. This was the only bid received and the bid amount was \$363,060. The Levy County Grants Department will be seeking a 100% reimbursable grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, as they recommended bids be obtained before applying for the grant.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the bid for Derelict Vessel Removal to Live Flyer, Inc. and approve the Form of Purchase Order as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-149, amending the boundaries of the County Commissioner Districts based on the 2020 Census.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-149 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2021-144, for the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan Update for George T. Lewis Airport, FDOT Financial Project Number 444076-1-94-22.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-144 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting Board approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$21,000 for Selena James, PA #593 for an existing unit in Chiefland, Florida.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Wise spoke regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension and the Environmental Technical Advisory Team for this project. She urged the Board to find out if a Levy County representative could be appointed to this Board.

Terry Witt spoke of the Black Prong Equestrian item.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette, from the Town of Bronson stated she had attended an event at the Rosemary Hill Observatory and shared their concerns of “light pollution” if the Northern Turnpike Extension comes through this area.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks stated Career Source has requested a letter of support and signature of the Chairman for CareerSource Citrus, Levy, Marion’s EDA: American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge grant application.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Letter of Support with the Chairman’s signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rooks stated she would like to have a Resolution prepared and placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting on November 21st to encourage a “no-build” option for the Northern Turnpike Extension.

Comm. John Meeks provided the Board members, for informational purposes only, the current 2021 Board Appointments, Committees and Departments. He stated these will be selected at the next meeting as well as a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Comm. John Meeks also reported he attended a hearing for an ethics complaint which had been filed against him for the business which he now owns doing business with Levy County BOCC. He stated the result of the Ethics Committee and the Attorney General’s investigation was there was no probable cause to pursue any further investigation into the alleged violation.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:48 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks