

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on December 19, 2017 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
Clerk of Court – Danny J. Shipp

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

CHECK NUMBER	129393-129544
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	161,186.54
ROAD	280,780.76
SHIP	16,643.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	97.56
TRANSPORTATION	15,322.98
COURT FACILITIES	3,640.33
MISC GRANTS	2,053.82
EMS	144,992.34
FIRE	10,465.35
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	7,181.68
UTILITIES	1,670.93
DRUG TASK FORCE	571.69
ADD COURT COSTS	702.98
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	125.00
RESTORE ACT	1,500.00
LANDFILL	79,416.99
TOTAL	\$ 726,351.95

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meetings held on October 17, 2017 and November 7, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meetings held on October 17, 2017 and November 7, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

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Comm. Brooks recognized Matt Cribbs for Receiving the Employee of the Year Award at the Levy County Department of Public Safety.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak regarding Ordinance 2017-020, Ordinance 2017-021 or Special Exception SE 03-17.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners. ¹Comm. Rooks, ²Comm. Rock Meeks and ³Comm. John Meeks stated they had ex-parte communication.

Shenley Neely, Director requested the Board adopt Ordinance 2017-020; amending the Future Land Use Map of the County's Comprehensive Plan on approximately 62 acres of land from Urban Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (C). Ms. Neely read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the Ordinance presented. Clay Swegger, Land Planner with EDA spoke to the Board regarding the planned use for the property.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Bill Hammond, Director

- A. Public Hearing – Mr. Hammond presented and requested Board approval of Ordinance 2017-021; rezoning for applicant Jose Martin Morales. Mr. Hammond read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. David Pieklik spoke to the Board providing additional information regarding the proposed RV Park and the jobs it will create.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-021 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Public Hearing – Mr. Hammond presented and requested Board approval of Petition Number SE 03-17, a Special Exception to allow an RV Park known as Williston US 27 RV Park, in Williston, FL. If approved, there are several conditions, which were read into public record by Clay Swegger on behalf of Mr. Hammond.

Comm. John Meeks asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the Special Exception as presented.

Renate Cannon questioned if there was a set length of time in which an RV could stay at the Park. Mr. Hammond answered there was a six month limit.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Order to Approve Petition Number SE 03-17 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Jeff Edison, Superintendent spoke to the Board of Legislative challenges within the Constitutional Revision Commission the Levy County School Board is facing. He spoke of several of the Proposals, which he and the other 41 elected Florida Superintendents do not support:

¹ Ex-parte – Comm. Rooks

² Ex-parte – Comm. Rock Meeks

³ Ex-parte – Comm. John Meeks

Proposal 32 – Elimination of salaries for School Board Members

Proposal 33 – Appointed Superintendents Statewide

Proposal 43 – Term limits for elected School Board Members

Proposal 82 – The opening day of school shall be no earlier than seven (7) days before Labor Day

Proposal 71 – Authorization of Charter Schools – reverts to State level rather than local

Proposal 4 - State funding to Religious organizations allowed (school voucher system)

Mr. Edison stated he wanted to make the Commissioners aware of changes, which will give the State more control and less local control.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

Request Board approval of the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program for the purchase of one vehicle in the amount of \$68,364.00.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant for the purchase of one vehicle in the amount of \$68,364.00 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Leah Vail Compton, VP Forensic Services spoke to the Board stating Meridian Behavioral Healthcare is seeking permission to apply for a Department of Children and Families Reinvestment Grant, a Planning Grant in the amount of \$120,000 to benefit Levy County regarding individuals with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. This grant would allow them to hire an individual to look at jail diversions for individuals with mental health or co-occurring disorders, and substance abuse disorders. A letter of support from Levy County is requested.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to provide a letter from the Board of County Commissioners as requested with the review of Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

Questions were asked by Linda Cooper and Renate Cannon.

Comm. Joyner stated he would be willing to sit on the Board for Meridian, as a Commissioner is required.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

David Pieklik, Director requested from the Board, a letter of support of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP), and its Regional Rural Development Grant application, which is being submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity to benefit economic development and growth in the North Florida Region. Mr. Pieklik stated this is an annual request and the letter is in support of a yearly grant the Partnership relies on for operations.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve a letter of support as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SOLID WASTE

Rod Hastings, Administrative Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-065; authorizing the Chairman to sign the application for “Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant” and appointing the Administrative Director of Solid Waste as an authorized representative under the grant. Mr. Hastings stated this is a 100%, no-match grant in the amount of \$90,909.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-065 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Shenley Neely, Director

Request a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement Edwin L. Brown – PA #549 in the amount of \$16,643 for an existing unit in Bronson, FL.

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

Tisha Whitehurst, Grants Coordinator requested Board approval of the Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP) for the 45-day public comment period to begin on January 8, 2018 as required by the Department of Treasury. The Multi-Year Implementation Plan will then be posted on the Levy County RESTORE Act website with instructions for the public to submit any comments.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Multi-Year Implementation Plan posting on the RESTORE Act website for the 45-day public comment beginning on January 8, 2018 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Request the Board of County Commissioners approve with the Chairman's signature of the Renewal of Services and Product Agreement between Levy County and ICOM America, Inc. This Services and Product Agreement is for the radio system at a cost of \$64,750 for one (1) year, billed quarterly.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Renewal of Services and Product Agreement with ICOM America, Inc. with the Chairman's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Request the Board of County Commissioners approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the county and municipalities for the use of the Everbridge Emergency Notification System and give authorization for the Chairman to sign individual MOU's when municipalities approve them. This will give the municipalities the ability to send out emergency notifications inside their municipal boundaries when the county EOC is not activated.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the MOU as requested and to give authorization for the Chairman to sign individual MOU's when municipalities approve them. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Manager

Request the Board of County Commissioners approval of Resolution 2017-064; a budget amendment in the amount of \$715,000 for C40 LAP sidewalk project 428901-3-58-01. Mrs. LaLonde stated the bid of \$714,850.85 is 100% reimbursable by FDOT.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-064 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Atty. Anne Bast Brown spoke to the Board and requested direction regarding a request from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to re-open CDBG grant to attempt again to address issues with the septic system at 1811 SE 197th Place, Inglis, Florida (Tarafa property).

Following discussion, Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to “not” re-open the CDBG grant requested by DEO. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Joyner invited everyone to come see the live nativity at Morriston Baptist Church this weekend.

Comm. Rooks reported of the Adoption Event held on December 9th at Tractor Supply in Chiefland and stated it went well. All animals not adopted were taken by Alachua County Animal Rescue.

Comm. Rooks spoke of the Christmas parties held at the Library’s for children.

Comm. Brooks reported of his attendance at the Rural Economic Summit held at the World Golf Village and spoke of upcoming legislation.

Comm. Brooks spoke of options for students not pursuing a college degree after high school such as a scholarship for a vocational/skilled trade school.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported of the Chiefland Christmas Parade stating it was well attended.

Comm. John Meeks stated he had received a letter from Senator Rubio’s office indicating they are working on the Gulf Hammock zip code issue.

Comm. John Meeks reported the Wreaths Across America project was this past weekend and thanked the Boy Scouts for their assistance in placing the wreaths.

Comm. John Meeks stated he had attended the 4-H Christmas party, which was well attended.

The Commissioners all wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Commission meeting dates for January were changed due to holidays on Monday’s before a meeting date. The meeting dates for January will be on the 9th and 23rd.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:34 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks