

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 4, 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. 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 9:03 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	126923-127069
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,779,263.46
ROAD	46,020.61
MOSQUITO CONTROL	111.28
TRANSPORTATION	1,197.85
911	13,563.83
COURT FACILITIES	763.86
EMS	29,142.96
FIRE	46,825.04
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	9,625.53
UTILITIES	1,844.39
LANDFILL	15,931.97
TOTAL	\$ 1,944,290.78
 EFT PAYMENT	 \$ 16,107.56

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular Board meetings held on February 7, 2017 and February 21, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

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

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on February 21, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sallie Ann Collins spoke to the Board regarding the Planning Commission meeting which was held on Monday evening at the same location of the current Board meeting. She expressed her concerns of there being no one present to unlock the courthouse and felt having like there was a security risk considering the items on the agenda and those which were present.

Comm. John Meeks advised Ms. Collins to speak to someone in the Civil Division of the Sheriff's office located in the Courthouse as they are responsible for security in the Courthouse and a calendar is kept for meeting schedules. He stated the Planning Commission is not governed by the Board of County Commissioners and it is the person in charge of the meeting's responsibility to schedule the room and to let the Sheriff's Civil Office aware of any after-hours meeting.

Sheriff McCallum spoke regarding this matter and apologized for the oversight.

ROAD DEPARTMENT/MILLS ENGINEERING

Alice LaLonde requested Board approval for the contract for C343 SCOP Agreement naming V.E. Whitehurst as the low bidder and request Chairman's signature on contract. The contract for C343 is for resurfacing the roadway from LCR343 to SR 45 for approximately 4.1 miles under the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP). The V.E. Whitehurst bid amount is \$1,179,767.

Andrew Carswell from Mills Engineering spoke to the Board explaining there are changes by the State in the way contracts are awarded.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the contract for the C343 SCOP Agreement naming V.E. Whitehurst as the low bidder with the Chairman's signature. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LEVY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Toni Collins, President requested the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, Grant Department submit a Small Grant application to the Florida Department of Historical Resources for 50% of the cost of PAT-MAC/Gulf Hammock Historical Marker. The total cost of the marker is \$2,200. Mrs. Collins explained the Historical Society had already filed a small grant application in 2017 and cannot apply for any new grants until the next grant application cycle in 2018.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the request for the Grant Department to submit the Small Grant application for the Historical Marker as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Collins provided information to the Board of a grant the Historical Society will be applying for and, if received, will be used to establish a "Helen Denham Wayside Park" which will be located at CR24 and CR347 in Lukens, Florida. Mrs. Collins the property is currently in her name and she will be donating it to the county.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

Atty. Brown requested Board approval on behalf of Mr. Dean to re-appoint Phil E. Parker to the Planning Commission for another four (4) year term which is 0from 2017 to 2021.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Phil E. Parker to the Planning Commission to another four (4) year term as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/1

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a non-agenda item as requested by Comm. John Meeks. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks requested Board approval of Emergency Declaration 2017-011 for a "Burn Ban" in Levy County.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration 2017-011 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/2

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

Comm. John Meeks requested Lee Williams, Procurement Director be granted authority to sign P.O.'s for less than \$2,500 in Mr. Dean's absence.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to grant signing authority to Lee Williams as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

LANDFILL

- A. Benny Jerrels, Director requested Board approval of the 2016-2017 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement in the amount of \$90,909. Approval of the Agreement allows acceptance of the grant funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Benny Jerrels requested Board approval to use part of the Grant funds to purchase two (2) new 2017 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab trucks totaling \$59,596.00 utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract pricing.
- C. Benny Jerrels requested Board approval to use part of the Grant funds to repair and replace the flooring in the Travis Transfer Trailer at a cost of \$13,300. The work would be completed by CMD Trailer Sales.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) trucks and repairs to the Travis Transfer Trailer using the Small County Consolidated Grant funds as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director requested Board approval to accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), a non-matching grant in the amount of \$17,288. These funds will be used to put on a Situation Unit Leader Class here in Levy County.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to accept the SHSGP Grant as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Public Safety Director requested Board approval and signature of the Chairman to send a notice to EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. to renew the Billing Services Agreement with them for a one-year term which will be through April 30, 2018. Chief Harrell stated the percentage rate for this company's collections for Levy County for the last three (3) years is 68%, which is very good.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature a notice to EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- A. Alice LaLonde, Office Manager requested Board approval of the FDOT Reimbursement Agreement for CR 335. This Agreement is with Florida Northern Railroad to install and maintain two (2) new flashing lights and gates equipped with required hardware on CR 335 (NE 75th Street).

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

- B. Alice LaLonde requested permission from the Board to advertise for bids for blasting at the Gulf Hammock Rock Pit. Mrs. LaLonde stated 250 holes need to be drilled and once bids are received, a budget amendment will need to be done.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the request to advertise for bids for blasting at the Gulf Hammock Rock Pit as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Sheffield spoke of several upcoming events:

- Ski Show in Fanning Springs on Saturday, April 8th at 4:00 P.M., a movie will be shown later at Ft. Fanning Park.
- Air Show at the Cross City Airport on Saturday, April 15th.
- Pig Roast/Fly-In at the Williston Airport on Saturday, April 15th.

Mayor Merritt announced the South Levy Marketplace will be this weekend in Yankeetown.

Toni Collins announced the LARC Wild Hog Canoe/Kayak Race is coming up on April 22nd.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner announced there will be Sunrise Easter Services at the Morriston Baptist Church.

The trail riding event, Operation Outdoor Freedom, will be on Saturday, April 22nd.

Comm. Rooks spoke of the Levy County Fair and announced the Cedar Key Arts Festival is this weekend.

Comm. Brooks

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of the CAAA youth baseball and softball teams in Chiefland.

Comm. John Meeks gave Legislative updates to the Commissioners and audience.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:42 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks