

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 18, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 18, 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. Matt Brooks
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. 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	127070-127201
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	249,242.01
ROAD	38,710.38
SHIP	14,800.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	91.38
TRANSPORTATION	14,422.63
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	28,154.52
FIRE	112,238.95
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	6,465.18
UTILITIES	125.58
ADD COURT COSTS	702.98
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST II	1,096.75
LANDFILL	81,243.69
TOTAL	\$ 547,309.05

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meetings held on March 7, 2017 and March 21, 2017 were presented for approval.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper spoke to the Board requesting they consider placing manned trash collection sites at various locations throughout the county due to excessive illegal dumping.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff McCallum requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-0013 and amend the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 reflecting a transfer to Law Enforcement in the amount of \$16,515. This would return funds to the Sheriff's budget from Crisis Intervention Training previously returned to the Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-0013 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum then gave an update regarding a home invasion which happened yesterday in Rosewood. He stated the Sheriff's Department is searching for two (2) fugitives which were last known to be in the area of CR336 and CR330.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the use of the Levy County 4-H Extension Office classroom and shooting ranges for a Hunter Safety Program.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Wilbur Dean requested a motion to adopt Emergency Declaration 2017-014 and to rescind Emergency Declaration 2017-011.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration 2017-014 and to rescind Emergency Declaration 2017-011 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/1

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to hear two (2) non-agenda items as requested by Mr. Dean. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Emergency Declaration 2017-017.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration 2017-017 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/2

Mr. Dean requested Board approval to waive Landfill tipping fees for the Town of Otter Creek for their "clean-up" day.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to waive the tipping fees for the Town of Otter Creek as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ANIMAL SERVICES

David Weatherford, Director presented a proposal for Board approval to start a low cost spay and neuter program for Levy County residents. This will be available to citizens of Levy County who are of retirement age (older than 62 years) or low income status. There will be a \$10 non-refundable application fee which will be applied to the cost of surgery. Fees collected as a part of this program will be submitted to the Levy County Finance Department and re-applied to the Animal Services budget. The fee schedule is listed below:

Dog spays (up to 75 lbs.)	\$55	(Pregnant dogs add \$10)
Dog neuters (up to 75 lbs.)	\$40	
Cat spays	\$40	(Pregnant cats add \$10)
Cat neuters	\$25	

Flea control (Capstar) less than 25 lbs. add \$3
 Flea control (Capstar) over 25 lbs. add \$6

Members of the audience speaking regarding this item were: Bob Eckels, Renate Cannon, Linda Cooper and Dana Sheffield.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Low Cost Spay and Neuter Program as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

Lee Williams, Director requested Board approval of the following Engineering Agreements:

DRMP	Passero Associates, LLC
Amec Foster Wheeler	Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
Mittauer & Associates, Inc.	CHW
Dewberry/Preble-Rish	

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreements as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval on behalf of Connie Conley to transfer three (3) busses to Suwannee Valley Transit Authority in Live Oak and accept a check in the amount of \$3,000 for busses.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the transfer of three (3) busses to Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and to accept their check in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of amendment #1 to the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program 2017 Grant Application for additional funding in the amount of \$3,796.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve amendment #1 to the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program 2017 Grant Application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Carol McQueen, Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-0012 amending the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This will allow grant funds in the amount of \$19,500 from the Conservation Fund to be added to the Tourist Development budget.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-0012 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. McQueen informed the Board the Big Bend Shellfish Trail maps should be delivered today.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Public Safety Director requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Service Agreement and Amendment to General Terms with Physio Control, Inc. for maintenance and repairs on 10 AED's and 9 heart monitors. The total amount is \$17,122.42.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Service Agreement and Amendment to General Terms with Physio Control, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Office Manager requested Board approval to add NE 107th Terrace (LCR 189) to the paving list. The road is .32 miles long beginning at NE 109 Street and ending at NE 112 Street in University Oaks.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to add NE 107th Terrace (LCR 189) to the paving list as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks requested the Paving list be periodically reviewed.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/ROAD DEPARTMENT

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

Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-016 ratifying the execution of a Railroad Reimbursement Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Northern Railroad for the installation of grade crossing traffic control devices and future maintenance and adjustment of the devices at CR335.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-016 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Joyner announced there will be a Veteran's Trail Ride this weekend beginning at Tidewater (CR 336 and CR 337) put together by the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Comm. Rooks stated she visited Devil's Den and reported it is a place she will visit again. She announced the Wild Hog Canoe and Kayak Race is this Saturday which benefits LARC.

Comm. Rooks reported she had visited the Bronson Library yesterday and participated in the "Rock Painting" project.

Comm. Brooks reported of his recent attendance of Certified County Commissioner Training in Tallahassee. Comm. Brooks stated another place to visit here in Levy County is Cedar Lakes and Gardens, which is next door to Devil's Den.

Comm. Brooks announced an upcoming event between Bronson and Williston called "Blue's Fest". This will take place at the Red, White, and Blue's blueberry farm May 6th and 7th.

Comm. Rock Meeks reported he had recently visited Blue Grotto and was amazed at the improvements which had been done since his last visit years ago.

Comm. Rock Meeks spoke of HB 17 and HB 10.

Comm. John Meeks gave an update to everyone of Legislative Days which he had recently attended in Tallahassee.

Comm. John Meeks reported of a recently attended meeting with FDOT regarding the I-75 expansion issue.

Comm. John Meeks announced there will be a birthday party for Bill Brown and fundraiser for The Children's Table coming up on

Carol McQueen announced the Big Bend Shellfish Trail maps had been delivered and stated they are now available for anyone interested.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 A.M.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

- A. Conduct Executive Session to discuss settlement or strategy related to litigation expenditures in American Atheists, Inc. and Charles Ray Sparrow v. Levy County. The Executive Session is scheduled to be held Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Levy County Emergency Management Department Conference Room.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

- B. Atty. Brown requested the Board approve or deny any proposed Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced litigation, or take other action on the litigation as the Board determines is appropriate.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to deny the proposed Settlement Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Brooks voted NO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks