

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 16, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 16, 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 9:04 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. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	127361-127505
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	396,980.73
ROAD	129,342.99
SHIP	14,834.43
MOSQUITO CONTROL	50.97
TRANSPORTATION	13,161.23
EMS	69,155.65
FIRE	34,195.61
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,895.51
UTILITIES	492.53
DRUG TASK FORCE	2,000.00
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST II	361.00
LANDFILL	75,360.54
TOTAL	\$ 740,831.19

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2017 was presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator requested Board approval of Ordinance 2017-03 amending Section 86-2, Levy County Code of Ordinances by amending the expiration date of the six cent (\$.06) Local Option Gas Tax; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Renate Cannon questioned why the date needed to be changed. Atty. Brown answered the change of date is required by the State for uniformity.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Ordinance 2017-04 imposing and levying a five cent (\$.05) per gallon Local Option Gas Tax on every gallon of motor fuel for thirty (30) years until December 31, 2047.

Questions regarding this item were asked by Renate Cannon, Dana Sheffield, Barney Cannon, Lou Jones, Linda Cooper, Sallie Ann Collins, Jack Schofield and Ron Grant.

Jared Blanton, Finance Director also spoke regarding the \$.05 gas tax increase.

Comm. Brooks expressed concerns of the 30-year expiration date stating he would be in favor of an earlier expiration date forcing the Board to revisit this item sooner.

Eugenia Criswell asked why 133rd Lane could not be paved.

Mr. Dean addressed Ms. Criswell's concern stating there has been a traffic count done on numerous occasions and this road does not meet the requirements to be added to the paving list.

Sallie Ann Collins questioned why the road in Steeplechase (114th Avenue) was not completed yet. Mr. Dean stated there were circumstances beyond the control of the Road Department which had prevented them from paving the road in the time expected.

Atty. Brown read the title of Ordinance 2017-04 into public record.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

Comm. Rooks wished to express reasons for voting no stating the homeowners in subdivisions already paying tax for road improvement are being taxed again and those in the business of aquaculture are not exempt from paying the additional tax.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bill Henderson and Barney Bennett
Planning & Environmental Management
Presentation of the Florida Department of Transportation's County Work Program priorities.

Barney Bennett provided the Board members with three packets of information: Completing Florida's Streets, Five (5) Year Transportation Plan, and a Map for Bridge Replacement on CR 339.

Mr. Bennett informed the Board due to limited funding, the FDOT will be accepting three projects for each county for the upcoming year.

The Commissioners expressed concerns of several intersections in the County they would like to have addressed due to each having safety issues.

Steven Browning spoke of the Bridge Replacement Project on CR 339 and requested the Board's signature on a letter of support.

The Commissioners expressed concerns of the proposed plan. Comm. John Meeks stated he would like to do some more research regarding this issue before signing a letter of support.

Those in the audience speaking were: Renate Cannon, Toni Collins and Ron Grant.

NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Pieklik gave a presentation of regular Activities and Accomplishments Report to the Board for the period of March – May, 2017.

CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

Jared Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-015 designating the Levy County Clerk of Court as the County Budget Officer; rescission of the 1980 resolution designating county budget officer; adopting budget policies and procedures governing preparation, approval, adoption, execution and amendment of the county budget. Mr. Blanton further explained the resolution is created for the purpose of codifying the following: budget officer authorities, original budget process each summer, and the budget amendment processes utilized throughout each fiscal year. The Resolution and accompanying instructions are designed to assist compliance with Florida law and simultaneously streamline and clarify procedural steps. Additionally, the Resolution states principals of sound fiscal stewardship to guide budgetary decisions.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-015 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-023 ratifying the filing of a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant application with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; authorizing the County Coordinator to act as Project Manager, execute other documents and perform administrative actions.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-023 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean reminded the Board of the Budget Workshop scheduled for May 23rd at 9:00 A.M.

TRANSIT

- A. Connie Conley, Director requested Board approval of a Service Agreement to provide transportation for Suwannee River Economic Council for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

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

- B. Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-22 amending the current 2017 budget for additional funding for the Shirley Conroy rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant. The additional amount of \$3,796.00 is to cover the increased cost of a bus purchase.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-22 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mrs. Conley requested Board ratification of the Notice of Grant Award for 2016, 5339 Grant application. This funding in the amount of \$236,022.00 will purchase three (3) vehicles.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to ratify the Notice of Grant Award for 2016, 5339 Grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

C. Chief Harrell gave the Quarterly Report for the second quarter of FY 2016-2017 to the Board.

D. Chief Harrell presented and requested Board approval of the second quarter FY 2016-2017 write-off's totaling \$333,094.39.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the second quarter FY 2016-2017 write-off's as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Anne Bast-Brown

Request Board approval of Resolution 2017-026 authorizing execution of a Non-Exclusive Interlocal Subscription Agreement with Florida PACE Funding Agency. – TABLED -

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Sheffield thanked the Board for the work they do in keeping the county running smoothly. While he is not in favor of the \$.05 cent gas tax, he understands it is being implemented to help the county.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rock Meeks reported CAAA youth baseball/softball has ended, but now it is time for AllStars. The Chiefland High School Softball team is in route to Vero Beach to play in the State Play-Off's.

Comm. Brooks reported the Blues Fest Blueberry Festival was a success held at the Red, White and Blue's Farm recently. Cedar Lakes was also a success and was well attended.

Comm. Rooks reported her son graduated this past week and she also attended the Blues Festival.

Comm. Joyner stated the Williston FFA Clay Shoot was a great success with the largest attendance yet.

Comm. John Meeks announced several upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony's:
Ceremony for Brian Buesing on Sunday, May 21st in Cedar Key at 1:00 P.M.
Ceremony at Orange Hills Cemetery on Memorial Day on May 28th at 12:00 P.M.
Ceremony at Rosemary Cemetery presented by AmVets Post 88 on May 29th at 12:00 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks reported the Bronson Blueberry Festival was a success and was proud of his daughter being crowned Miss Tiny Blueberry Queen at the pageant.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Chiefland Rotary Club Fishing Tournament is coming up this Saturday.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks