

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 5, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 5, 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
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. Rooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	127824-127966
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,858,068.71
ROAD	204,974.43
MOSQUITO CONTROL	39.45
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	8,634.21
TRANSPORTATION	991.15
911	13,563.83
COURT FACILITIES	525.00
EMS	16,983.25
FIRE	5,569.59
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,099.13
UTILITIES	1,921.96
DRUG TASK FORCE	168.00
ADD COURT COSTS	1,735.22
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	190.00
RESTORE ACT	1,993.00
LANDFILL	112,968.48
TOTAL	\$ 2,232,425.41
 EFT PAYMENT	 \$ 18,775.15

MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 6, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 6, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Cooper questioned the Board about the contract with the Chiefland Citizen and if the bills were being checked for charges for proof of publication. A copy of this contract was requested, as well as a copy of a contract, if one exists, between Animal Services and Wal-Mart for the donation of surplus cat and dog food.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Cheryl Kauffman, Circuit Administrator accompanied by Tommy Darus from Chiefland Probation and Parole, requested a motion by the Board to adopt Proclamation 2017-033 recognizing Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, July 16-22, 2017.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Proclamation 2017-033 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

BRONSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Mark Stiles, Berlon Weeks and Phyllis Cowart

Reverend Stiles spoke to the Board regarding a drainage issue after heavy rains, stating the parking area of the church property floods due to water runoff from the State Attorney/Public Defender building. He requested assistance from the Board to remedy the situation.

Berlon Weeks also spoke regarding the elevation of the property where the State Attorney building is located in correlation to the lower elevation where the church is located. He stated they would like to dig out the ditch located along the north side of the church property, but have been told they cannot.

Wilbur Dean stated he had observed the water run-off at the Methodist Church property during a storm recently and presented photos to the Board. He reported the only significant run-off was coming from the street behind the church and flowing down the dirt road running through the church property. Mr. Dean spoke of options to help alleviate the flooding by diverting the excess rainwater away from the church parking area.

Lee Mills, County Engineer also spoke of the flooding situation, stating he was asked to determine if the runoff was due to the State Attorney building property. He stated the building was equipped with proper drain features preventing run-off from the property to the church parking area. He also offered suggestions to help the flooding situation.

The Board agreed to direct Mr. Dean to check into permitting for the drainage ditch, which was spoken of, to be cleaned out to enable water to flow through.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/1

Wilbur Dean requested the Board hear a Non-Agenda Item concerning a request brought to his attention by the City of Williston.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a Non-Agenda Item. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean stated an email was received from the City of Williston concerning their request to deviate from the County's current practice, which requires gas lines be placed at a depth of 5 feet.

Utility Director, C.J. Zimoski Scott Lippman explained the City of Williston is in the process of running a 6" gas line from their gate station for a distance of 7 miles out to the peanut facility. This gas line will run along a 2,000-foot portion of a county right-of-way, which is mostly lime rock, making it difficult to place the pipe at the 5 foot depth requirement. Their request is for a waiver of the 5-foot requirement stating the State requirement is 3 feet and they are willing to comply with this requirement. Utility Director, C.J. Zimoski also spoke to the Board regarding the installation of the gas line.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to grant the waiver requested by the City of Williston of the 5 foot depth requirement for placement of a gas line as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/2

Comm. Joyner made a motion to hear a Non-Agenda item. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Joyner requested a letter of support be sent to Jack Latvala, Republican member of the Florida Senate thanking him for his support of small government leadership in counties.

Comm. John Meeks read into public record a letter addressed to Comm. Joyner expressing his support of local government making decisions for the people they are elected to serve and his disagreement with State government from taking this authority.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to send a letter from the Board to Jack Latvala in appreciation for his efforts to protect local government leadership from interference by State government. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- A. Wilbur Dean requested a motion by the Board to set health insurance premiums paid by the Board for employees' coverage(s) for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The Commissioners agreed to Table this item until the meeting on July 18th. Information was provided by Jacqueline Martin to the Commissioners for their review.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to Table this item until the next meeting. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested support to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the updating of US 41 from the Marion County line to US 27 to the National Highway System (NHS).

Comm. Rooks made a motion to support the Florida DOT for the updating of US 41 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-034 for Fire Protection Services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-034 for Fire Protection Services as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-035 for EMS Tax Assessments for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-035 for EMS Tax Assessments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-036 for Solid Waste Tax Assessments for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-036 for Solid Waste Tax Assessments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

F. Mr. Dean requested Board approval of Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-037 for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Preliminary Annual Rate Resolution 2017-037 for Roadway Maintenance Service Assessments as requested. Chairman John Meeks passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Rock Meeks and made a second to the motion. The MOTION CARRIES 2-1. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A. David Peaton requested Board approval and signature on the Memorandum of Agreement between FEMA and Levy County for the purpose of utilizing the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.

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

B. Mr. Peaton requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-039, adopting the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-039 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Rooks and Comm. Rock Meeks stated the Williston Parade was a success.

Comm. Rooks congratulated the appointment of Comm. John Meeks as one of the Directors on the Florida Association of Counties.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated he had attended the fireworks in Cedar Key last night and the show was enjoyed by many.

Comm. Rock Meeks stated there were 2 teams from CAAA which had participated in State competition over the weekend.

Comm. John Meeks stated along with himself, Comm. Brooks and Comm. Rooks all received the Presidential Advocacy Award from the Florida Association of Counties for their work in testifying to Legislature and sending letters of support and e-mails regarding different bills.

Comm. John Meeks stated the fireworks went well in Bronson on Saturday. He thanked the Mosquito control for spraying prior to the events in an effort to reduce the mosquitos.

Comm. John Meeks stated he would like to recognize the Chiefland High School Softball team for going to the State Championship for the 4th time. He asked if staff could contact the school to arrange a time when they could come to a Board meeting.

Comm. John Meeks gave information regarding decisions made by Legislation concerning Medical Marijuana and where the dispensaries will be located.

Atty. Brown gave an update to the Commissioners of the American Atheist’s litigation.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks