

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 21, 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

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:08 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 Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>129146-129270</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	108,696.05
ROAD	175,849.19
SHIP	22,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	77.29
NSP	0.00
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	0.00
TRANSPORTATION	17,051.51
COURT FACILITIES	3,579.52
MISC GRANTS	6,626.52
EMS	24,665.37
FIRE	6,235.81
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,180.05
UTILITIES	1,377.94
LANDFILL	8,260.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 378,599.55</b>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the regular Board meeting held on October 3, 2017 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on October 3, 2017 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY – PUBLIC HEARING**

Atty. Brown requested the Board conduct a Public Hearing and requested adoption of Ordinance 2017-018 for extension of a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana activities until April 16, 2018.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding the item presented. Comments were made by Terry Witt.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-018 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Chris Sheppard requested on behalf of Mike West Board Board approval of the Chairman's signature on the E911 State Grant application in the amount of \$177,030. Mrs. Sheppard explained the funds received from this grant will be used to refresh and improve the current GIS mapping and there are no matching funds required.

Questions were asked by Renate Cannon and answered by Mrs. Sheppard regarding the use for the grant funds.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the E911 State Grant application as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **NATURE COAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

David Pieklik gave a projects and accomplishments overview presentation to the Board for the period of September-November, 2017.

### **CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER**

Jared Blanton requested Board approval of Resolution 2017-067, finalizing an amended budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. Adoption of the Resolution will change the fiscal year 2016-2017 final budget amount from \$63,504,126 to \$63,925,827.

Questions were asked by Renate Cannon and Terry Witt, which were answered by Mr. Blanton.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-067 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **COUNTY COORDINATOR**

- A. Wilbur Dean requested direction from the Board regarding funding sources for the Levy County Landfill. Mr. Dean presented the Board with a proposal for Special Counsel Services from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson to analyze funding options for the County's Landfill operations and capital costs. The scope of services is anticipated to be accomplished for a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,500.

Comments were made by Renate Cannon.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to approve the Proposal for Special Counsel Services as provided by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Mr. Dean requested guidance from the Board on how to proceed with filling the Tourist Development Director position as Mrs. McQueen will retire on January 3, 2018. Mr. Dean stated Mrs. McQueen had indicated she would like to see the position re-advertised with changes to the job description and qualifications.

Mrs. McQueen spoke to the Board stating she would like to see the job description emphasize more on marketing, advertising and public relation skills, based on the applications received.

Comm. Brooks made a motion to re-post and re-advertise the position of Tourist Development Director with changes as recommended by Mrs. McQueen. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Dean provided the Board members with information regarding a notice received from the Florida Department of Revenue of an increase to the price of motor fuel from 17.4 cents per gallon to 17.7 cents per gallon.

## **PROPERTY APPRAISER**

Oz Barker to present the Board of County Commissioners statistical data of the 2017 Tax Roll. – TABLED -

## **SHIP**

Shenley Neely requested Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Rachelle M. White for the purchase of an existing housing unit in Bronson, FL in the amount of \$22,000.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement for Rachelle M. White as requested. Second was made by Comm. Brooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ANIMAL SERVICES**

Darlene Esler, DVM requested Board approval to begin cat spay and neuter for community cats once a month on a trial basis. Dr. Esler explained the community cats, when brought in, will also be given a rabies vaccination and have their ears tipped for identification. Costs associated with this program will be minimal and several charitable entities have offered to help financially. Chelsea Bowers from Gainesville Pet Rescue accompanied Dr. Esler in her presentation to the Board.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve once a month community cat spay and neutering on a trial basis as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief Harrell requested the Board rescind the previously approved Lease Agreement and approve the new Lease Agreement with the Town of Inglis and Levy County with changes. If approved, they would be moving in to the newly remodeled fire station tomorrow. The changes refer to the verbiage in the insurance and liability portion of the agreement and is the same as used in past county agreements.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to rescind the earlier approved agreement and to approve the new Lease Agreement with the Town of Inglis as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. Anne Bast Brown requested discussion and direction from the Board regarding ordinance(s) governing medical marijuana treatment centers and their operations in unincorporated areas of Levy County.

Comments were made by Sheriff McCallum and he expressed concerns of medical marijuana providing a gateway to the legalizing of recreational marijuana.

Questions were asked by Renate Cannon and Terry Witt, which were answered by Atty. Brown regarding the cultivation of marijuana.

The Commissioners agreed in giving direction for Atty. Brown to prepare the ordinance prohibiting dispensaries in the unincorporated areas of Levy County, and to follow the current existing regulations regarding cultivation and processing of medical marijuana.

B. Atty. Brown requested Board approval of the Party Membership Agreement with the Florida Green Finance Authority.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the Party Membership Agreement with the Florida Green Finance Authority as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Sheriff McCallum gave an update on complaints which were called in regarding traffic on SR121. Sheriff McCallum reported the vehicle in question was stopped and the person was arrested after drugs were discovered in the vehicle.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Comm. John Meeks provided a copy of typed notes taken by Ali from the Board Office, who had attended the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenways meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> in his place. Comm. John Meeks reminded everyone of the Commissioner assignments which will be presented at the next regular meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will also be decided at this meeting.

Comm. Rooks announced the Cedar Key Junior class will be holding their pie/cake auction at the school this evening.

Comm. Brooks reported he had attended the Florida Association of County's Legislative Conference and had taken his last course for Certified County Commissioner training and he will graduate in June of next year. The Florida Rural Economic Summit has been moved to December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

All Commissioners wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, John Meeks