

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on August 2, 2016 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. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody
Danny J. Shipp – Clerk of Court

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	124469-124634
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,222,962.00
ROAD	78,632.78
SHIP	14,850.00
PAL LIBRARY	6,081.41
MOSQUITO CONTROL	5,332.55
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	10,986.39
TRANSPORTATION	17,464.65
911	12,560.17
COURT FACILITIES	31,266.07
EMS	29,769.29
FIRE	82,604.27
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	4,474.81
UTILITIES	1,063.36
DRUG TASK FORCE	1,362.00
ADD COURT COSTS	1,873.06
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	4,000.00
LANDFILL	2,077.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,527,359.81
EFT PAYMENT	\$ 28,030.76

MINUTES

The minutes for the regular Board meetings held on June 7, 2016 and June 21, 2016 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Hammond, Development Director
Request Board approval for Final Plat of Williston Cedar Farms.

Atty. Brown swore in members of the audience wishing to speak regarding the item to be presented.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was any ex-parte communication by any of the Commissioners. Comm. Joyner stated he had ex-parte communication regarding this item.

Mr. Hammond presented and requested Board approval for the Final Plat of Williston Cedar Farms.

Comm. John Meeks asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against the item presented. There were none.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Williston Cedar Farms as presented. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

MILLS ENGINEERING

Andrew Carswell, P.E.
Explain Bid Summary for C326 (Shell Mound Road) SCOP Project ID# 430690-1-58-01 (tabled from 7/19/16 meeting).

Mr. Carswell presented the Bid Summary for C326 (Shell Mound Road) SCOP Project ID# 430690-1-58-01 stating it had been tabled from the July 19th meeting to allow time to contact DOT and inquire if they would provide any additional funds for this project. An e-mail response stated they were unable to provide additional funding. According to Mr. Carswell, the remaining amount needed to fund this project would be about \$552,000.00.

Comm. Rooks made a motion to Table this item until further information can be obtained from Heather Encinosa as to whether or not impact fee money could be used to fund this project. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

WITHLACOOCHEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jack Schofield, President
Request Board approval for improvements to CR40 Boat Ramp, Bird Creek, Yankeetown, FL.

Mr. Schofield gave a presentation to the Board regarding a request for improvements to the CR40 Boat Ramp, Bird Creek, Yankeetown, FL.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director
Request Board approval for purchase of a new mower for Boat Ramp areas.

Mr. Weldon requested Board approval for the purchase of a new mower for the Boat Ramp areas. Mr. Weldon stated Boater Improvement monies would be used for this purchase.

The quotes received are as follows:

Lanes Yardware	Graveley Pro-Turn 152	\$6,410.82
Suwannee River Kubota	Graveley Pro-Turn 152	\$6,575.00
John Deere	John Deere 54"	\$7,780.71

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a new mower from Lanes Yardware for \$6,410.82 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weldon provided an update to the Board of the Zika virus and reported there have been no mosquitos testing positive for zika in our county at this time.

LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mike West, 911 Addressing
Request Board approval and signature on Amendment #2 to the SOW for IEN routing and ALI with West Safety Services, Inc. F/K/A Intrado.

Mr. West requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on Amendment #2 to the Scope of Work for IEN 911 Routing & ALI with West Safety Services, Inc. f/k/a Intrado.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature Amendment #2 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director
Request Board approval of Resolution and Application for the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant.

Mrs. Conley requested Board approval of Resolution 2016-047 and the Application for the Shirley Conroy Rural Capital Area Program for a 23' Ford bus. As in years past, application has also been made for a REDI waiver for the 10% local match. The total project cost will be \$77,879.00 and will replace an existing bus which is seven (7) years old with 335,492 miles on it.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-047 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Carol McQueen
Request Board approval of the \$24,000 Agreement with Interfuse Marketing, Inc. They will be providing marketing services to bring more visitors to our website and Levy County.

Mrs. McQueen requested Board approval of the Agreement with Interfuse Marketing, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000. They will be providing marketing services to bring more visitors to the website and to Levy County. Upon request by Comm. Rooks, Mrs. McQueen gave an overview of what the findings have been.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Agreement with Interfuse Marketing, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Questions were asked by Toni Collins and answered by Mrs. McQueen.

PLANNING

Shenley Neely, Planning Director
Update on the progress of the Planning Commission meetings regarding proposed amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Neely gave an update on the progress of the Planning Commission meetings regarding proposed amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan. The changes to the final set of Comprehensive Plan elements are: Recreation and Open Space, Conservation, Coastal Management and Springs Protection. The deadline to transmit the Plan Amendments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is December 1, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alesha Renaudo, Assistant to Director

- A. Request Board approval and Chairman signature on the Agreement to amend Interlocal Agreement regarding Fire Protection Services between Levy County, Florida and the Town of Yankeetown, Florida, and the Agreement to amend Lease regarding a portion of Yankeetown Town Hall between Levy County, Florida and the Town of Yankeetown, Florida.

Mrs. Renaudo requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature on the Agreement to Amend Interlocal Agreement regarding Fire Protection Services between Levy County and the Town of Yankeetown as well as the Agreement to Amend Lease regarding a portion of Yankeetown Town Hall and the Town of Yankeetown.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the Agreements as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Request Board approval to renew Gold Level Service Agreement with Replay Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,248.00 for the recorder for the ICOM radio system and authorize Fred Moody to execute the agreement.

Mrs. Renaudo requested Board approval to renew the Gold Level Service Agreement with Replay Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,248.00 for the recorder for the ICOM radio system and authorization for Fred Moody to execute the agreement. Mrs. Renaudo explained the system records all traffic between dispatch and the crews. Mrs. Renaudo stated the funding for this will come from the Communications budget.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Gold Level Service Agreement with Replay Systems, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Office Manager

Approve Resolution 2016-046 authorizing the executing of a Local Agency Program Agreement with FDOT for project management of design phase of sidewalk along CR 32 (A/K/A NE 90th Street) from C337 (A/K/A Court Street) to SR 24 in Levy County, FL.

Mrs. LaLonde gave an update to the Board on the bridge work done on CR339 and stated the inspection done this morning went very well adding the inspector stated the piling replacement was the best he had seen in the State of Florida.

Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval of Resolution 2016-046 authorizing the execution of a Local Agency Program Agreement with FDOT for project management of design phase of the sidewalk along CR32 (A/K/A NE 90th Street) from C337 (A/K/A Court Street) to SR24 in Levy County, FL.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-046 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

IT

Daren Remington, Director

Mr. Remington presented a County internet proposal with the Board as previously discussed. The proposal would eliminate individual contracts by all Departments and Elected Officials in the Courthouse. Currently, the combined total spent per month for internet service through various providers is \$6,692.20. The negotiated price with AT&T Mr. Remington presented is \$2,679.00 per month and he added this would greatly increase the internet capacity with a business class connection. This would include all departments except the Sheriff's Department, School Board and the individual City Libraries. Mr. Remington stated a contract could be provided for Attorney Brown's review upon approval to proceed.

After discussion, the Commissioners requested a contract for review by the County Attorney and a breakdown of each Department's expense for the proposed internet service.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Rooks reported of the Yankeetown Town Council meeting she attended last night. She also reported Yankeetown had received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.

Comm. John Meeks announced the Bronson Farmer's Market will be on August 6th and there will be a Bull Riding Event at Carter's Arena in Chiefland on the same evening beginning at 8:00 P.M. The South Levy Marketplace will be on August 27th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The meeting recessed at 10:56 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 11:14 A.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jared Blanton spoke to the Board and presented a budget overview for their review which has been calculated using the millage rate of 8.75 and includes a 3% raise for the Board employees. Mr. Blanton cautioned the Board of spending down Reserve funds.

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board questioning if the Sheriff's budget would remain at the current years amount of \$11,489,777 or if it would be increased to allow a 4% increase for employees and a \$25,000 increase to the vehicle line item as requested to their budget which was submitted. Sheriff McCallum pointed out the budget for 2007/2008 was \$3,000 more than this past year's budget.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the budget for the Sheriff's Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

The meeting recessed at 12:41 P.M.
The meeting reconvened at 12:46 P.M.

Comm. John Meeks passed the gavel and made a motion to set the tentative millage rate at 9. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES. Comm. Rooks voted NO.

Budget requests and concerns were heard from Cedar Key Fire Department and Inglis Fire Department.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 1:18 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 19, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on July 19, 2016 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. Danny Stevens
Comm. Lilly Rooks
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown
County Coordinator – Fred Moody

Chairman John Meeks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Stevens made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	124227-124468
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	1,074,154.33
ROAD	51,145.93
SHIP	11,760.00
PAL LIBRARY	4,688.94
MOSQUITO CONTROL	203.78
TRANSPORTATION	1,077.51
911	9,520.22
COURT FACILITIES	15.00
EMS	40,554.57
FIRE	140,082.25
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	70.33
UTILITIES	2,148.70
ADD COURT COSTS	2,698.06
LANDFILL	80,767.20
MSBU'S	174,674.79
TOTAL	\$ 1,593,561.61

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM

Martha Garcia-Baker
Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2015 audited financial statements.

Mrs. Garcia-Baker gave a presentation to the Board of the Fiscal Year 2015 audited financial statements from Carr, Riggs and Ingram, the County's independent audit firm stating it was a good audit and there were no deficiencies.

INGLIS RESIDENTS

Pam Willis, Eldridge Fowler

A. Communicate information to County Commissioners in relation to the flooding in Inglis/Yankeetown area.

DRAFT

Ms. Neely requested a date to be set by the Board for a Public Hearing on the "Transmittal" of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Ms. Neely requested the date be set sometime after the Planning Commission's regular October 3, 2016 Public Hearing meeting.

The Board agreed to schedule a Public Hearing on October 18, 2016 immediately following the regular Board meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John MacDonald, Director

Request approval to terminate Tropical Storm Colin Local State of Emergency Declaration.

Mr. MacDonald requested Board approval to officially close and terminate the Tropical Storm Colin Local State of Emergency Declaration.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve termination of the Tropical Storm Colin Local State of Emergency Declaration as requested. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alesha Renaudo, Assistant to Public Safety Director

Request approval from the Board to renew the Service Agreement with Replay Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,248.00 for the recorder for the ECOM radio system. – **TABLED** -

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Office Manager

Request approval to amend P.O. 31755 for the purchase of an Eager Beaver Paver Special Trailer to increase from \$62,468.00 to \$67,678.00 for the correct ramps.

Mrs. LaLonde requested Board approval to amend P.O. 31755 from \$62,468.00 to \$67,678.00 due to a communication error with the sales representative with Beard Equipment. Mrs. LaLonde explained the wrong ramps were included on the first quoted price and the difference is \$5,210.00 to get the correct ramps.

The Commissioners agreed to Table this item until the company can be contacted regarding the price increase for the ramps.

Mrs. LaLonde informed the Board of the bridge work to begin on CR339 July 25th. She stated a portion of CR339 from SR27 to CR320 will be closed from July 25th until August 18th for the repair work to be done.

After discussion in the Budget Workshop, Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve the increase to the Purchase Order by the requested \$5,210.00. Second was made by Comm. Stevens and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Collins also stated there is a candidate forum scheduled for this Saturday in Williston from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Mayor Merritt reminded everyone of the South Levy Marketplace happening this weekend and of the "Stuff the Bus" event taking place to provide school supplies for area students returning to school.

Nancy Winner reminded everyone of the clean-up scheduled for this weekend in Williston.

Scott Lippman stated the new Williston Middle/High School will be opening for classes August 10th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. John Meeks read into public record a letter signed by all of the Commissioners to the Levy County Sheriff's Department employees expressing appreciation for their service.

Comm. Joyner stated there is a reading program scheduled for this Saturday at the Inglis Food Lion from 11:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Comm. Rooks stated she is trying to meet with citizens in each municipality listening to their interests and concerns for the county.

Comm. Stevens stated there will be a school supply give-a-way on August 6th at 2:00 P.M. at the Williston Elementary School.

Comm. John Meeks stated he and Comm. Stevens both serve on the Canvassing Board and since they have opposition, two new Commissioners will need to be appointed.

Comm. Stevens made a motion to appoint Comm. Rock Meeks and Comm. Rooks as the alternate to the Canvassing Board. Second was made by Comm. Joyner and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. John Meeks stated the Bronson Farmers market will be on Saturday, August 3rd at 8:30 A.M.
Comm. John Meeks gave an update of the DOT assessment of SR 24 concerning the area near the Bronson Speedway which the Commissioners had requested.

Comm. John Meeks spoke of the letter which had been written to DOT regarding the SR 24 issue and the I-75 expansion project.
Atty. Brown stated due to comments brought up in today's meeting, there may be some changes to the letter before sending it to DOT.

The meeting recessed at 10:53 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 11:18 A.M.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Jared Blanton spoke to the Board and gave an overview of the budget pointing out options to make the budget balance.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, John Meeks

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



GOVERNMENT
SERVING
CITIZENS

John Meeks

District 1

Rock Meeks

District 2

Mike Joyner

District 3

Lilly Rooks

District 4

Danny Stevens

District 5

September 9, 2016

Mr. Russell Morgan, State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
2614 NW 43rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32606

Dear Mr. Morgan;

By this letter, we hereby request federal assistance under the provisions of Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, Public Law 81-516 or Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95-334, to repair / restore damages sustained in Levy County by Hurricane Hermine, which made landfall on September 1, 2016.

We understand, as sponsors of an Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program project, that our responsibilities will include acquiring land rights and any permits needed to construct, and if required, to operate and maintain the proposed measures. We understand that these projects will be "cost shared" and as such, we are prepared to provide 25% of the costs associated with the project.

The contact information for the contact person for our organization is as follows:

Mr. John MacDonald
Director / Levy County Office of Emergency Management
Post Office Box 310
Bronson, FL 32626
352-486-5213 Fax (352) 486-5152
johnmacdonald@levydisaster.org

You may contact Wilbur Dean for any additional assistance you may need in the matter. Mr Dean can be reached at 352-486-5218 or via cell at 352-214-8226.

Respectfully,

John Meeks, Chairman
Levy County Board of County Commissioners

P.O. Box 310 Bronson Florida 32621
Telephone (352) 486-5218 Fax (352) 486-5167
e-mail: levybocc@levycounty.org Website: Levycounty.org

