

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 4, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Comm. Desiree Mills
Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. Rock Meeks – not present
Comm. Charlie Kennedy
Comm. Johnny Hiers

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Manager – Mary-Ellen Harper

Chairman Mills called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Hiers gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Kennedy.

EXPENDITURES

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	154390-154514
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,113,266.47
ROAD	60,059.19
SHIP	5,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	180.35
TRANSPORTATION	874.21
911	19,054.83
COURT FACILITIES	7,269.54
MISC GRANTS	15,198.00
EMS	14,049.98
FIRE	6,555.08
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,547.34
UTILITIES	487.24
ADD COURT COSTS	1,808.14
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	16,971.54
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	5,120.77
LANDFILL	47,268.82
TOTAL	\$ 2,315,711.50
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 300,725.78

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

(2:58)Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks recognized Deanna Dobbins for 36 years of service with the Clerk's Office. He then provided a report to the Commissioners from the county auditors, James, Moore & Company regarding county funded court related functions.

(4:23)Town of Bronson representative, Virginia Phillips spoke to the Board requesting assistance with various projects/repairs within the Town needing attention.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(9:53)Comm. Mills read into public a letter received from Levy County resident, Linda Poulin regarding code violations received.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

- A. (12:29)Requesting Board approval to appoint a representative to serve on the Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board (CAB). Comm. Kennedy volunteered to serve on this Board.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to appoint Comm. Kennedy to serve on the Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. (13:59)Requesting the Board receive First Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Reports for October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 from the Building and Code Enforcement Departments.

An update was provided to the Board from the Building/Development Department by Bo Cox and the Code Enforcement update was given by Dave Banton.

- C. (19:45)Requesting Board approval of RESOLUTION 2025-3; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-3 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

- D. (21:37)Requesting Board approval of a new Organizational Structure to include Division Directors. Mrs. Harper stated the current budget includes an appropriation of \$74,000 for a Public Information Officer. As the position is vacant, this funding can be reallocated to fund the proposed pay scale for the new organizational structure, rather than hiring an Assistant County Manager.

Audience member, Linda Cooper spoke regarding this item and requested copies of the job descriptions for the Division Director positions. She then inquired if the total salary budgeted for the PIO of \$110,000, which includes benefits, would be distributed, or just the \$74,000, and if each Division Director will receive an increase. Comm. Mills responded the amount of \$74,000 would be distributed among Division Directors, but not all would receive an increase.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Organizational Structure including Division Directors as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- E. (29:51) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive an update on the removal of unauthorized signs.

Real estate agents in attendance who spoke regarding the placement and removal of signs were: Brandi Hilliard, Linda Jane Kramer, Charlene Hovey, Cookie King, Fred Wynans, and Burgandy Arrington. Jeff Hardison also spoke regarding the level of enforcement of sign removal up until a Workshop is scheduled.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to schedule a Workshop for further discussion and public input. Until the Workshop date, the only sign enforcement will be for reported complaints.

- F. (1:11:00) Requesting the Board provide direction regarding the H.A. White Gymnasium. Mrs. Harper provided photos of water damage and deterioration of the building and explained repairs in order for it to be usable again would be a large expense.

Audience members who spoke suggesting the Board consider other options rather than demolishing the building were: Rachel Weeks, Virginia Phillips, Sherrie Schuler, Beatrice Roberts, Mac McKoy, Carolyn Hunt, Renate Cannon, Linda Cooper, Natalie Thomas, and Dana Henson.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to have the gymnasium demolished. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bernard "Bo" Cox, Provisional Building Official

- A. (2:07:50) Requesting the Board of County Commissioners: (1) hear a presentation from County Staff regarding proposed Code revisions to Development Department fees, obsolete language and authority for permitting excavation and fill as a temporary use; and (2) direct County Staff to prepare an Ordinance.

Upon hearing the presentation, the Board directed Atty. Shalley to work with staff to include changes as stated and bring back an Ordinance for approval.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. (2:28:14) Requesting Board approval of the funding Agreement between Levy County and the ARC of Levy County, Inc. in the amount of \$77,412.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement with the ARC of Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. (2:29:47) Requesting Board approval to purchase a Mini Excavator off the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract in the amount of \$46,454 for the Maintenance Department.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of a Mini Excavator for the Maintenance Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

TRANSIT

Connie Conley, Director

(2:30:49) Requesting Board approval of the 2024-5339 Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the purchase of a new vehicle in the amount of \$181,500. This application was approved with Resolution 2023-78.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the vehicle purchase for the Transit Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Kennedy, Comm. Hiers and Comm. Mills spoke of upcoming Committee meetings they will be attending.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:37 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Desiree Mills