

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 22, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on April 22, 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
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. Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Kennedy.

EXPENDITURES

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

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| CHECK NUMBER | 155046-155170 |
| FUND | AMOUNT |
| GENERAL REVENUE | 223,869.98 |
| ROAD | 55,659.58 |
| SHIP | 53,021.55 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 13,076.44 |
| COURT FACILITIES | 7,962.10 |
| MISC GRANTS | 3,891.96 |
| EMS | 74,936.78 |
| FIRE | 216,618.75 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | 8,470.90 |
| UTILITIES | 1,202.38 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | 7,840.35 |
| IMPACT FEES - RD DIST I | 392,696.92 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | 82,162.74 |
| ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE | 675,979.71 |
| LANDFILL | 119,404.39 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,936,794.53 |
| EFT/ACH PAYMENT | \$ 316.62 |

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Williston Police Chief, Matthew Fortney introduced himself to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Levy County resident, Elizabeth Chazulle spoke to the Board of Levy County urging the prevention of stripping of the county's natural resources by implementation of Special Use Permits.

Linda Cooper spoke of the Press Release regarding cancellation of the Sand Mine Hearing and the wording used. She also stated she disagreed with no public comment allowed regarding this issue.

Others who spoke regarding this item were: Brooke Smith and Terry Witt.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

- A. (12:40) Requesting Board approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CITRUS, LEVY, MARION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Rusty Skinner spoke to the Board thanked the Commissioners for their continued participation in the Citrus, Levy, Marion Workforce Development Consortium.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-21 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. (17:30) Requesting direction from the Board as to whether they desire to insource the function of Economic Development to a county employee or enter into a new funding agreement for Nature Coast Business Development Council (NCBDC) to provide this function. Mrs. Harper stated the current Agreement with the NCBDC had expired and Director, Scott O'Steen had recently submitted his resignation.

Audience members who spoke regarding this item were Corey Weaver, Director of Operations at Career Source, Jeff Hendry, representing the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Greg Galpin, Terry Witt, Jeff Hardison, Linda Cooper, and Tisha Whitehurst.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to make this a county position. Second was made by Comm. Hodge. Discussion followed.

Comm. Kennedy amended his motion to add the function of Economic Development as a county position and for it to be insourced. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

- C. (49:34) Requesting the Levy County Commissioners receive Second Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Reports for January 1 – March 31, 2025.

Mrs. Harper presented an update on the County Managers office and Brooke Smith presented an update on the Grants and Legislative Department.

Audience member, Linda Cooper and Terry Witt inquired how progress was going regarding live streaming the County Commission meetings. Comm. Mills responded this project was paused in order to complete the project of making the front entrance at the Annex building ADA compliant.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mary-Ellen Harper,

- A. (1:03:25) This Hearing has been cancelled. When a new hearing date has been set, all Public Notice will be provided per Sec. 50-2 and Sec. 50-3 of the Levy County Land Development Code.

Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners conduct a Quasi-Judicial hearing on PETITION NO. SE 24-01; ANDERSON COLUMBIA CO. INC., ON BEHALF OF OWNERS MILDRED JOHNS AND JUNE STOEGER FOR LEVY BORROW PIT PETITIONING THE LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A MINING OPERATION PURSUANT TO SEC. 50-759 OF THE LEVY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

- B. (1:05:14) Requesting the Board to re-appoint Kristine Switt to the Board of Adjustments for a term expiring March, 2028.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to re-appoint Kristine Switt to the Board of Adjustments as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Travis Newsome, Assistant Director

(1:05:55) Requesting direction from the Board for Sand Pine tree harvesting of 107 acres located between the Landfill and CR335. The monies would return to the county. It would need to be a competitive bid at price per ton.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to allow harvesting of pines as requested and to plant a buffer upon completion. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

(1:14:37) Requesting Board approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19, WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE APRIL 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING AND THEN INADVERTENTLY SIGNED AND RECORDED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-20 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Meeks mentioned boys baseball regional play-off's are starting and reported Chiefland's team had advanced. The three game series will begin in Trenton on the 28th.

Comm. Hodge announced Law Day will take place on May 2nd.

Comm. Mills reported of information provided by Lobbyist, Jennifer Green regarding multiple House Bills being amended late yesterday affecting rural counties.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Desiree Mills