

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 17, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 17, 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. Hodge.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	155527-155658
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	261,962.72
ROAD	56,495.17
SHIP	26,785.00
TRANSPORTATION	12,673.38
911	3,314.94
MISC GRANTS	44,157.20
EMS	37,557.66
FIRE	8,168.16
TOURIST	
DEVELOPMENT	3,942.14
UTILITIES	1,813.38
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	238.79
CAPITAL PROJECTS	63,659.39
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	474,111.09
LANDFILL	99,602.38
TOTAL	\$ 1,094,481.40
EFT/ACH PAYMENT	\$ 297,790.05

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. (3:39) Presentation of Milestone Service Awards for completion of five continuous years of service and at the end of every additional five years of service for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.

Sheila LeMatty	Maintenance Department	15 Years
Brian Cannon	Maintenance Department	25 Years
Russell Knight	Parks & Recreation	5 Years
Wendy Feagle	Planning & Zoning	5 Years
Matthew Cribbs	Public Safety	20 Years
Quinton Parker	Road Department	5 Years
Johnny Thomas	Road Department	5 Years
Austin Haddock	Road Department	25 Years
Joseph Owens	Road Department	25 Years

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Switt reported to the Board of the “No King’s Day” event held Saturday in Bronson, which had about 60 in attendance.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LEVY COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

2. (11:49) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to provide direction on ensuring the safety of Animal Control Officers.

The following spoke regarding this item: Sheriff McCallum, Linda Cooper and Diane Marchand.

Following discussion, Comm. Mills stated she and Mrs. Harper would look into this further and bring back information at a later meeting.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bernard “Bo” Cox, Provisional Building Official

3. (55:22) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive information about a request from the Town of Bronson for the County to issue building permits for the Town of Bronson.

Audience member, Linda Cooper spoke regarding the item presented.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from the Town of Bronson for the County to issue building permits for the Town of Bronson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES, 4-1. Comm. Meeks voted NO.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Alesha Renaudo on behalf of Mitch Harrell, Director

4. (1:13:46) Presenting to the Board, the rankings from proposals received in response to RFP 2025-003, Levy County EMS Billing and Initial Collection for direction to negotiate. The bidders ranked highest to lowest are listed below:

EMS/MC
Digitech
Trinity
Powerwoman

Comm. Meeks made a motion to award the bid to EMS/MC as recommended. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES 4-1. Comm. Kennedy voted NO.

5. (1:30:55) Requesting Board approval to appropriate Contingency Reserves in the amount of \$21,300 within the General Fund to cover Tower Lease expenses for the current Fiscal Year.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to appropriate Contingency Reserves in the amount \$21,300 to cover Tower Lease expenses as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jacqueline Martin, Director

6. (1:32:10) Present Group Health Insurance Premiums for 2025-26 fiscal year and set Open Enrollment Date. Ms. Martin stated the increase would be 1.5% for the upcoming fiscal year. A list of the current plans was provided to each of the Commissioners. She proposed scheduling Open Enrollment for August 5th, 6th, and 7th. Additional information can be brought to the Board at the July 8th meeting, and the July 22nd meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING

Tara Howell, JB Pro Interim Zoning Official

7. (1:39:54) **QUASI-JUDICIAL PETITION NO. FP 25-01**; Mr. Steve McMillen, Surveyor, representing Jessica Farrell, petitioning the Commission for a Final Plat, Starting Point, a portion of Tract 31 Replat, into one parcel known as Lot 31A, a 10-acre parcel to rectify a previous unapproved split. Parcel Number: 1802100100 is located in Section 09, Township 14, and Range 19 in Levy County, Florida and has a land use of Ag/Rural Residential and a zoning designation of Ag/Rural Residential.

Atty. Shalley asked if the Commissioners had ex-parte communication regarding this item. There was none. Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve Petition No. FL 25-01 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

8. (1:50:41) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to approve the Road Department to purchase 2 Toyota trucks from the Building Department for \$27,000 each, for a total of \$54,000.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Toyota trucks from the Building Department by the Road Department as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

9. (1:52:25) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners approve a replacement agreement in the amount of \$123,539.41 with Ocala Fence, the lowest responsive bidder, ITB 2025_009 Cedar Key Airport Hurricane Damage Repairs.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the replacement agreement with Ocala Fence as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

SOLID WASTE

Travis Newsome, Assistant Director

10. (1:53:31) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners' approval of Resolution 2025-33; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,054 DUE TO RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM A SMALL COUNTY GRANT FOR SOLID WASTE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-33 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Marlon Gayle, Housing Manager

11. (1:54:22) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners' approval of Resolution 2025-32; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) ACT; DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN TO THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-32 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Hiers reported of the Williston Watermelon Festival held recently and stated the Williston 4th of July Celebration will take place on July 3rd.

Comm. Hodge reported of the Chiefland Watermelon Festival.

Comm. Meeks urged everyone to drive carefully and have patience, as there are many watermelon crews and busses sharing the highways in Levy County this time of year.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Desiree Mills