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Senator Jennifer Bradley District Office: Kingsley Center 1279 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 117 Orange Park, FL 32073

Greetings Senator Bradley,

I hope this finds you well, your holidays amazing, and looking forward in 2022 refreshed. Levy County BOCC was notified of an opportunity for funding for the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to replace the existing one, which is over twenty years old, has been outgrown (the current EOC is smaller than current suggested guidelines per the Florida Dept. of Emergency Management), and has outdated technology. House Bill HB 9229 – "Levy County - Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Communications System is an Appropriations Project as defined in The Rules of the Florida House of Representatives and is described in Appropriations Project Request 779, herein incorporated by reference."

Levy County BOCC is incredibly excited for this opportunity, and we would love to have your support on the Senate side to move this forward. We are grateful that Florida is a state that has been supportive of its first responders, and progressively addressing emergency preparedness for a variety of conditions and natural disasters, including significant weather events, acts of violence and crime, terror, and health emergencies and care. We always appreciate your advocacy for small and rural counties in your district, as well as all you do for Levy County. This appropriation would not only fund a new EOC and Emergency Communications system, but it would open the existing EOC facility to the Public Safety Communications staff and 911 Center to move into expanded and independent space. This benefits the public/citizen's safety and security in Levy County.

Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to moving forward with this and many other items that you are involved. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions, updates or information.

Sincerely,

Russell Meeks Jr. Chairman

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