

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 7, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on January 7, 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. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

CHECK NUMBER	154112-154243
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,409,601.49
ROAD	16,969.46
SHIP	4,226.25
MOSQUITO CONTROL	640.35
TRANSPORTATION	14,794.69
911	19,054.83
COURT FACILITIES	15,842.20
MISC GRANTS	1,463.64
EMS	15,247.12
FIRE	5,557.76
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	7,021.69
UTILITIES	4,357.58
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	2,389.45
CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,393.62
LANDFILL	322,343.41
TOTAL	\$ 2,843,903.54
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 804,763.52

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

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

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff McCallum spoke to the Board and introduced Tammy Meadows, Finance Director for the Sheriff's Department. She replaces Nicolle Gore, former Finance Director.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Comm. Mills requested the Commissioners approve the 2025 Commissioner Board and Committee Appointments according to their selections made since the previous meeting. (see attached)

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the 2025 Commissioner Board and Committee Appointments as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

A. Requesting Board discussion and approval of the 2025 Legislative Priorities.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the 2025 Legislative Priorities as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

B. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners receive a presentation on the proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal Boat Ramp and to consider approving a letter of support for this legislative initiative proposed by Citrus County. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has approved the proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal Boat Ramp as one of their 2025 Legislative Priorities and believe this project is of significant regional importance, including for the residents of Levy County.

James Toy, Citrus County Intergovernmental Affairs Manager spoke to the Board of the proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal Boat Ramp.

Audience members who spoke against the Board supporting this item: Carl Zervis, Linda Cooper, Ken Rollerson. Will Ary, Yankeetown Town Manager stated the Town of Yankeetown is in favor of this project.

Following discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to request more information on this project before approving a letter of support.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mitch Harrell, Director

Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature on the Lease Agreement between the Town of Bronson and Levy County to house an EMS crew and supervisor at the Town's fire station. The fee is \$16,000 per year. Chief Harrell stated some renovations will be needed and the estimated cost will be less than \$10,000.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve with the Chair’s signature, the Lease Agreement with the Town of Bronson as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval to hold a Public Meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 5:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. to discuss strategies that mitigate flooding challenges.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve setting the date for a Public Meeting as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

PUBLIC HEARING – Requesting Board approval of the Compliance Agreement (titled “Stipulated Settlement Agreement”) between the State of Florida Department of Commerce and Levy County that sets forth the terms and conditions under which the parties agree to resolve DOAH Case No. 24-1427 in which the Department of Commerce challenged the County’s adoption of Evaluation and Appraisal Amendments to the County’s Comprehensive Plan in Ordinance No. 2023-10.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Compliance Agreement as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Comm. Kennedy stated there are Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations from January 11th to January 20th . On January 18th, there is a Scholarship Gala at 6:00 P.M. at the Williston Middle/High School.

Comm. Hiers stated the Bubba-Que’s restaurant in Williston will now be Sister’s Restaurant and will be expanding at its current location. This opening will place on or around February 3rd. Comm. Hiers also mentioned Quinyon Mitchell, former Williston resident, was selected as a first alternate to the Pro-Bowl.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Desiree Mills