

REGULAR MEETING

LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on August 4, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the BoCC meeting room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Comm. Meeks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Comm. Kennedy

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- District 1: Vice Chairman Charlie Kennedy
- District 2: Comm. Rock Meeks
- District 3: Comm. Desiree Mills
- District 4: Chairman Tim Hodge
- District 5: Comm. Johnny Hiers

ALSO PRESENT:

- County Manager, Mary-Ellen Harper
- County Attorney, J. Ray Poole (Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Amendments:** Move item 13 to item 1(A), Remove item #24
- Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

- Presentation of proclamation declaring August 4, 2026, Ronald W. Stevens Day. *(Audio 05:23)*
 - Presenter:** Commissioner Tim Hodge, Chair
 - Discussion:** Ronald W. Stevens severed as the Value Adjustment Board attorney for 18 years.
 - Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
 - Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

Parks Wilson (Cedar Key) - Update on the Levy Planning Commission, added 4 additional workshop meetings.

1(A). Receive a presentation about the work of the University of Florida Intern that was recently completed for Levy County. (*Audio 18:52*)

- **Presenter:** Bernard “Bo” Cox, Building Official
- **Discussion:** Created a GIS foundational system for the Levy Emergency Management Department.

2. Approve a \$1,336,260.00 Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Financial Assistance (SFA) Agreement Law Enforcement Salary Assistance (LESA) Grant Award. (Audio 32:18)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Bobby McCallum, Sheriff
- **Discussion:** Florida General Appropriations Act for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year authorizes \$1,336,260.00 in nonrecurring, General Revenue funds, to be provided to the Recipient for salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by the sheriff's office or the county-operated correctional facility in fiscally constrained counties, as defined in section 218.67(1), F.S.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

3. Receive a presentation from Public Risk Management regarding RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance. (Audio 33:37)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Commissioners request to have numbers regarding current open claims.

4. Receive a presentation from Florida League of Cities regarding RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance. (Audio 41:49)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**

5. Receive a presentation from Risk Management Associates regarding RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance.

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** No presentation provided

6. Award RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance to Florida League of Cities, Inc. (Audio 54:40)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Commissioners request additional information, this item will come back to board for vote at later date.
- **Action Taken:** No vote taken.

7. Approve Resolution Number 2026-31: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE POOL; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED NOTICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 58:46)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

8. Receive the Third Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Report for April 1 – June 30, 2026. (Audio 1:00)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Reports on audio and agenda packets.

9. Approve the agreement between Levy County and the law firm of Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete for the provision of County Attorney Services. (Audio 1:30)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

10. Authorize the Chair to sign an Engagement Letter with KutakRock to provide Levy County with legal services in support of the Development Department, including Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, and the Building Official. *(Audio 1:31)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

11. Approve a noncompetitive procurement pursuant to Section 2-204(b) of the Levy County Code of Ordinances and authorize the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Stuart

McElhaney to provide interim Budget Officer consulting services at an hourly rate of \$145.00, on an as-needed basis, with compensation limited to actual hours worked. The contractor shall report directly to and be managed by the County Manager. (Audio 1:32)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

12. Re-appoint Layce Hallman to the Central Florida Community Action Agency Board of Directors for the term October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. *(Audio 1:32)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

13. Item number changed to 1(A)

14. Approve TASK AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO TASK ASSIGNMENT 2025-2 to Locklear & Associates, Inc. for \$74,810.00. (Audio 1:33)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox, Building Official
- **Discussion:** Court yard flooding issue.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

15. Approve the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant Agreement for \$352,687.00 to be used for trip reimbursements. (Audio 1:34)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

16. Approval to purchase a Toyota Class V Model 5000 lb. Internal Combustion Forklift from Southern States Toyotalift off the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract FSA23-EQU21.1 Item 136 Cushion Tire Forklift in the amount of \$42,660.00. *(Audio 1:35)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**

- 21.** Request Board approval to appropriate and award \$141,917.00 in Opioid Settlement funding to the Levy County Prevention Coalition through funds administered by the Lutheran Services Foundation (LSF). *(Audio 1:41)*

- 22.** To review the proposed health insurance carrier renewals for the 2026-2027 plan year and determine the percentage the County will contribute toward employee premiums, effective October 1, 2026. (*Audio 1:42*)

- 23. Approve Asphalt Paving Solutions to proceed with maintenance repairs to the Bird Creek Boat Ramp damages occurring during Hurricane Season 2023-2024 in the amount of \$233,089.30. (Audio 1:44)**

- 24. Request approval of Resolution 2026-27 for setting a public hearing date to consider the petition for the closure and abandonment of an undeveloped portion of the public right-of-way known as NE 110th Terrace, located within the Cannon Homesites Plat, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 7, of the Public Records of Levy County, Florida, and authorize the publication of the required public hearing notice.**

25. Request for Approval of Expenditures in the amount of \$ 4,560,764.84. (Audio 1:47)

Fund Disbursements	
PAYMENT NUMBER	158449-158542/1005-1054
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	2,725,477.48
ROAD	76,218.44
SHIP	18,366.71
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,423.00
TRANSPORTATION	2,704.70
911	20,197.66
COURT FACILITIES	12,816.40
MISC GRANTS	2,274.63
EMS	82,321.64
FIRE	176,626.10
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	8,326.04
UTILITIES	2,836.28
ADD COURT COSTS	2,500.00
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,137.90
RESTORE ACT	168,963.36
CAPITAL PROJECTS	282,538.57
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	949,412.14
LANDFILL	21,623.79
TOTAL	\$ 4,560,764.84

- **Presenter:** Chairman Tim Hodge
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS (Audio 1:48)

Commissioner C. Kennedy- Backpack give away and free haircut this weekend at Bronson barber shop.

Commissioner R. Meeks- None

Commissioner D. Mills- Thankful to Clerk Brooks for his willingness to work with board on ADG software issues.

Commissioner T. Hodge- Benefit dinner for the Cedar Key food pantry had a good turnout. Gave local candidates opportunity to speak.

Commissioner J. Hiers- Williston backpack give away was a great turnout and thankful for the team that put the event on. City of Williston radio surplus update.

Local Candidate Emily Cassey (Gulf Hammock) - Introduced herself to public.

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:02 P.M.**

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Tim Hodge

Minutes Submitted by: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Date Submitted: 08/04/2026