

REGULAR MEETING

LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on August 25, 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

BoCC 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, (Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Linda Cooper (Williston) - Delinquent property taxes

Jonathan Gloss (Cedar key) - Permitting issues with BoCC has been resolved. Still waiting on Health Department on their part.

Diane Garte (Morriston) - Flock Cameras in

Ken Jones (Williston) - Data Center Moratorium

Dante Cannon (Chiefland) - Data Center Moratorium

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Approve a noncompetitive procurement for the Courthouse Security Camera Project not to exceed \$80,384.80. (Audio 0:15:58)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Funding through Innovative Court Fund
- **Public Comment:**
- **Linda Cooper (Williston)** - Non-competitive bid issue.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

2. Receive a presentation from Florida League of Cities regarding RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers' Compensation Insurance. (Audio 0:23:08)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Refer to audio for presentation details.

3. Receive a presentation from Public Risk Management regarding RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers' Compensation Insurance. (Audio 0:30:56)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Refer to audio for presentation details.

4. Award RFP_2026_04 Levy County Property, Casualty & Workers' Compensation Insurance to Florida League of Cities, Inc. (*Audio 0:43:15*)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** \$57,475 Estimated run off cost to leave PRM
- **Public Comment:**

Terry Witt (Bronson) - PRM payout on Big Dock from hurricane Helene.

- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Kennedy motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

- Appoint two elected officials, one representative from the Williston Municipal Airport, and five local industry leaders representing key sectors of Levy County's economy to the Economic Development Advisory Board. (Audio 0:46:52)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Board consist of 2 elected officials, 1 Williston Municipal Airport Representative, 5 Local Industry leaders.

County Commissioner- Desiree Mills

Elected Official- Rissa Johns

- Second
 - Vote Outcome
- Comm. Mills
5-0 motion passes

9. Approve a noncompetitive procurement to Passero Associates for \$60,000 for a Development Services Fee Study. *(Audio 0:54:04)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox, Building Official
- **Discussion:**
- **Public Comment:**

Linda Cooper (Williston) – Asking for reason this was a non-competitive bid.

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

10. Award ITB_2026_11 Levy County Lift Station & Sanitary Sewer Improvements to WH Construction, LLC for \$198,785.00. *(Audio 0:58:26)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox, Building Official
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**

- Motion
 - Second
 - Vote Outcome
- Comm. Mills motion to approve
Comm. Meeks
5-0 motion passes

11. Award ITB_2026_10 Roof-Department of Public Safety to Rogers Roofing Corp. in the amount of \$35,000. *(Audio 1:00:25)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FACILITIES – Doug Partin, Facilities Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**

- Motion
 - Second
 - Vote Outcome
- Comm. Hiers motion to approve
Comm. Mills
5-0 motion passes

12. Appoint Katie Holder, Community Services Coordinator, to serve on the North Central Florida Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Leadership Council as the representative of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners. *(Audio 1:01:01)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMIN. – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**

- Motion
 - Second
 - Vote Outcome
- Comm. Hiers motion to approve
Comm. Meeks
5-0 motion passes

13. Reappoint Leslie Sturmer as the Aquaculture Representative to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee, in accordance with Resolution 2020-001, for a term expiring March 5, 2028.
(Audio 1:01:44)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

14. Approve the purchase of two (2) Power Pro Stretchers in the amount of \$69,078.72 from Stryker as quoted under the Sourcewell Contract Solicitation #041823 in accordance with Sec. 2-200(c) of County Code. *(Audio 1:02:25)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:** Replacements for older unites that are considered beyond their expected service life of eight years.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

15. Approve the purchase of two (2) LUCAS 3 CPR Devices in the amount of \$42,213.30 from Stryker as quoted under the Sourcewell Contract Solicitation #041823 in accordance with Sec. 2-200(c) of County Code. (*Audio 1:03:43*)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:** Replacements for older unites that are considered beyond their expected service life of eight years.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

16. 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 SE 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. *(Audio 1:07:32)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT – Sara Shiners
- **Discussion:** Public hearing date will be October 6, 2026 at the regular board meeting.
- **Public Comment:**

Jeff Hardison (Chiefland) - Location, date and time of meeting.

Kim Wheeler (Morrison) - Map with preservations in the counties would be good idea for video.

- **Action Taken:**

- Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
- Second Comm. Kennedy
- Vote Outcome 5-0 motion passes

20. Approve July 2026 Minutes. (Audio 1:36:32)

- **Presenter:** Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court

- **Discussion:**

- **Action Taken:**

- Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- Vote Outcome 5-0 motion passes

21. Request for Approval of Expenditures in the amount of \$2,274,229.37. (Audio 1:37:07)

Fund Disbursements	
PAYMENT NUMBER	158543-158641/1055-1108
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	409,418.00
ROAD	176,554.89
SHIP	184,032.01
MOSQUITO CONTROL	113.75
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	16,068.70
TRANSPORTATION	18,065.51
COURT FACILITIES	13,900.91
MISC GRANTS	65,420.85
EMS	715,757.25
FIRE	124,092.23
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	5,272.67
UTILITIES	3,738.15
ADD COURT COSTS	4,454.49
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	32,612.02
RESTORE ACT	192,487.95
CAPITAL PROJECTS	47,227.75
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	135,125.00
LANDFILL	129,887.24
TOTAL	\$ 2,274,229.37

- **Presenter:** Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court

- **Discussion:**

- **Action Taken:**

- Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
- Second Comm. Kennedy

- Vote Outcome
- 5-0 motion passes

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Comm. Kennedy: None

Comm. Meeks: None

Comm. Mills: Praised Road Department on road work around the county.

Comm. Hodge: Thankful for all BoCC staff for their hard work.

Comm. Hiers: Chiefland/Williston Football highlight, Thankful to Fleet and Road Department for their hard work.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:41 A.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: 08/25/2026