

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on November 19, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Levy County Government Center Auditorium 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

OATH OF OFFICE

Levy County Judge Bustamante conducted the Oath of Office for returning Commissioner, Desiree Mills, new Commissioner, Charlie Kennedy, and new Commissioner, Johnny Hiers.

Chairman Mills called the Meeting to order at 9:16 A.M. Comm. Rock Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Hodge.

EXPENDITURES

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

CHECK NUMBER	153727-153854
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	144,318.52
ROAD	37,097.99
MOSQUITO CONTROL	11,437.94
TRANSPORTATION	14,030.62
COURT FACILITIES	7,646.11
MISC GRANTS	1,516.68
EMS	31,750.71
FIRE	8,649.72
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	16,388.40
UTILITIES	1,655.25
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	149,541.97
CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,138,676.46
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	3,719.08
LANDFILL	120,614.30
TOTAL	\$ 2,687,043.75
 EFT/ACH PAYMENT	 \$ 30.72
DRAFT	

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Mills stated there was an item the Clerk of Court's office wished to add to the agenda.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an item for the Clerk of Court. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

MINUTES

The minutes for the following minutes were presented for Board approval:

Regular Meeting, August 20, 2024

Regular Meeting, September 3, 2024

Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing, September 3, 2024

Regular Meeting, September 17, 2024

Final Millage and Budget Meeting, September 17, 2024

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes listed above as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COMMISSIONER, DESIREE MILLS

Comm. Mills requested the Commissioners select a Vice-Chair for the Levy County Commission to serve until a Chair and Vice-Chair are selected at a Regular Meeting in December, per the Commission Rules.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to select Comm. Hodge as the Vice-Chair until the Chair and Vice-Chair can be selected for 2025. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

NON-AGENDA ITEM/CLERK OF COURT

Diana Sanchez, Clerk of Court, Finance Director requested Board approval of Resolution 2024-77, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL CUMULATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-77 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bernard "Bo" Cox, Provisional Building Official

Requesting the Board of County Commissioners to review, discuss and approve Forerunner MSA for Floodplain Management Software. This software will aid the Floodplain Manager in accessing properties located in flood zones and the submittal of required CRS documentation.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Forerunner MSA for Floodplain Management Software as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Rick Rogers, Assistant Director

Requesting Board approval of Resolution No. 2024-76; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND/OR RATIFYING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY MANAGER PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HELENE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-76 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PROCUREMENT

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of a State Funded Grant Agreement (Agreement No. F0146) between the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management and Levy County in the amount of \$10,972,471 for the Levy County EOC/911 Center Remodel.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the State Funded Grant Agreement (Agreement No. F0146) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

Requesting Board approval of Resolution No. 2024-73; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMINATION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. G2809) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON CR40 AND 56TH STREET IN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-73 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

SHIP

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

Requesting the Board of County Commissioners (1) waive competitive procurement for this Agreement, pursuant to Sec. 2-195(b)(17) of County Code, based on the time constraints to complete this program and in order to avoid loss of HHRP funds; and (2) approve the Agreement for HHRP – Hurricane Idalia Services with Rebuilding Together North Central Florida, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation. Levy County's HHRP-Idalia Support is currently being implemented by another vendor (AC Disaster Consultants). However, the desired results are not being met at a pace that would be most beneficial to all parties and as such, a change in vendor to a local provider is the best alternative. This proposal should result in a faster turnaround of assistance to the residents of the County eligible for this assistance.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to waive competitive procurement for this Agreement and approve the Agreement for HHRP – Hurricane Idalia Services with Rebuilding Together North Central Florida, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nicolle M. Shalley

Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2024-75; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING CERTAIN EXTENSIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HELENE; AUTHORIZING CONTINUED COUNTY RESPONSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE CLERK AND POSTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-75 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC HEARING/PLANNING & ZONING

Tara Howell, Director

Requesting the Board of County Commissioners to review Legislative Ordinance No. 2024-7 for approval regarding Fees, Rates and Charges for Site Plans:

AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO FEES, RATES AND CHARGES; BY ADDING SITE PLAN FEES TO SEC. 2 PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT WITHIN APPENDIX B TITLED “SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the changes to the Ordinance as presented.

Those who spoke were: Renate Cannon.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve Legislative Ordinance No. 2024-7 with changes as stated. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sue Beaudette stated the next Waccasassa Water & Wastewater Cooperative Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, November 20th in Bronson at the Municipal Building at 1:00 P.M. The next Bread of the Mighty Food Drive will take place on Friday, November 22nd at the Park in Bronson beginning at 9:30 A.M. Ms. Beaudette gave an update on the latest Affordable Housing Committee meeting. Thanks were offered to the Board by Yankeetown representative Kerry Fuller for assistance with storm clean-up.

Comm. Mills stated Emergency Management personnel, Rick Rogers and Leatha Keene had reached out to the State of Florida and 27 RV's were donated to Yankeetown by the State to house displaced residents due to the hurricanes.

Cedar Key representative, Jeff Webb reported they had also received several RV's from the State for displaced residents.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Comm. Hiers congratulated the Williston High School football team for their recent win and wished them luck in the next play-off game.

Comm. Hodge also congratulated the Williston High School football team and encouraged everyone in the county to show support to them as they play again this Friday night.

Comm. Kennedy thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Commissioner for Levy County.

Comm. Meeks stated he looks forward to working with the new Commissioners and encouraged them in their new positions.

Comm. Mills also congratulated the new Commissioners.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:03 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

Chairman, Desiree Mills