



Levy County Board of County Commissioners

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To: Levy County Board of County Commissioners
From: Mary-Ellen L. Harper, County Manager
Date: February 4, 2025
Subject: H.A. White Gymnasium

Commissioners,

It was brought to my attention during the heavy rains this past December that we had some significant leaking and water damage in the H.A. White Gymnasium which is located on the property of the Government Center Complex next to the Maintenance Department.

The following are pictures of some of the observed problems.

Picture	Description
	<p>Tiles and insulation from the ceiling have become wet and fallen down.</p>



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Picture	Description
	<p>Insulation inside the walls of the basketball court has gotten wet and fallen off of the metal walls.</p>
	<p>Carpet inside the room next to the basketball court has gotten wet and developed a significant mold problem.</p>
	<p>The roof has developed a leak resulting in the plywood sheathing becoming wet, moldy, and starting to fall down.</p>



Picture	Description
	<p>The upper walls of the gymnasium are metal which has corroded. The corroded metal is deteriorating. The yellow arrow in this picture is pointing to daylight that is visible around the window where the metal has rusted away from the window creating a gap. This is happening in multiple places in the gym. If not addressed, the windows will fall out of the walls and could hurt someone.</p>



The gymnasium is in disrepair due to a lack of maintenance in recent decades. Now that water is entering the building from multiple locations, the building is deteriorating at a rapid rate. I am requesting direction from the Board of County Commissioners as to next steps. Potential options include:

Option	Estimated Cost
<p>1. Identify funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire an architect to design plans to repair and renovate the building. • Hire a contractor to repair and renovate the building. 	<p>The Maintenance Director received an estimate of \$250,000 to repair the roof. The estimate to remediate the mold and then to renovate the gymnasium to current building codes are an additional \$1.15 Million.</p> <p>When considering the cost hiring an architect to design plans, the BoCC can anticipate the cost of the project to be close to \$1.4 Million.</p>
<p>2. Demolish the building.</p>	<p>If the BoCC is not interested in funding the repair and replacement of the building, consideration should be given to demolishing the building as its condition will only continue to deteriorate as a result of the water leaks.</p> <p>The BoCC should be aware that the County currently has a rented an excavator for one month to facilitate demolition and cleanup around the Government Complex. This excavator is scheduled to be on site through mid-February. As the excavator is already on site, it would be more cost-efficient to perform the demolition while the excavator is on site than it would be to re-mobilize the excavator again at a different time. The cost of renting this excavator for one month is \$6,825.</p>