

REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on July 7, 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. Hiers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Comm. Mills

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, Eleanor Samuels Siegel (Gray Robinson)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Amendments: Remove item #1
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
 - Vote Outcome 5-0 motion passes

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Levy Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Matt Brooks- Clerk Brooks presented a proposal to work with BoCC staff and Commissioners on drafting a resolution regarding the ADG financial system currently used by his office and the BoCC administration. The resolution would address Clerk and Comptroller and BoCC access standards. The goal is to ensure continuity of operations for the BoCC and Clerk's office. With past debate and litigation over who should have access and authority, Clerk Brooks wants to make sure no matter whom the authority may be, the BoCC staff will always have access and never experience the operational interruptions or access cut off issues it had previously experienced. Since taking office, Clerk Brooks has provided the access to the BoCC administration and staff that enable day to day operations to continue uninterrupted and to provide service to the citizens of Levy County.

- **Action Taken:** Board made consensus to have Comm. Mills work with BoCC staff and Clerk Brooks on drafting this resolution.

Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum- Request to have guest speaker Becky Miller speak on item #7.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jonathan Gloss (Cedar Key) –Septic and building permit issues

seeking funding through the FloridaCommerce Rural Infrastructure Fund to support the construction of a new municipal solid waste landfill disposal cell. (Audio 43:49)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY GRANTS – Kari Bastow, Grants & Finance Manager
- **Discussion:** Current cell will expire in 12 months
- **Public Comment:**
Terry Witt (Bronson) – Is this the CND cell?
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

5. Adopt Resolution Number 2026-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND ASSURANCES TO FLORIDA COMMERCE; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AND A COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 46:25)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY GRANTS – Kari Bastow, Grants & Finance Manager
- **Discussion:** Levy County is seeking funding through the FloridaCommerce Rural Infrastructure Fund to support the Levy County Road 241 Roadway Improvements Project.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the State of Florida Department of Commerce Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program, Sub recipient Commerce Agreement No.: MS030, between the Florida Department of Commerce and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners for the No. 4 Bridge Storm-Hardening and Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$1,107,015.00. The revised agreement reallocates CDBG-DR funding exclusively to replacement of the storm-damaged fishing bridge, while repairs to the boat ramp and parking lot will be funded through available insurance proceeds. *(Audio 48:53)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY GRANTS – Kari Bastow, Grants & Finance Manager
- **Discussion:** Project includes demolition of the existing fishing bridge, removal of damaged infrastructure, environmental remediation associated with regulated materials, and construction of a new storm-hardened fishing bridge. Bridge can be repaired but the foot print cannot be changed.
- **Public Comment:**
Terry Witt (Bronson) – Is the boat ramp going to be restored?
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

➤ **REVISION:** Item 7 and 8 were switched during the meeting and are not reflected sequentially on the original agenda.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Comm. Kennedy: Bronson July 4th parade, Food truck vendors coming to local parks, Opengov.com needs more advertisement for public knowledge of where to go for open bids in the county.

Comm. Meeks: NONE

Comm. Mills: Thankful for Clerk Brooks works on establishing a resolution regarding ADG, Agrees with Comm. Kennedy on Opengov.com issue.

Comm. Hodge: Levy County was not the only county in Florida to get denied funding from the state. Asked any local candidates to come forward if they wish to speak and introduce themselves.

David Sharp candidate for district 4, encouraged community to get out and vote, attend local forums to learn more about all candidates running in the local election.

Comm. Hiers: Williston July 4th parade, \$425,000 manatee water project for university oaks was denied by the governor. Ask board members to make consensus to work with Liberty partners to help with funding for Levy County. Press releases need to go out for the opengov.com bid issue.

- **Board made consensus to work with Liberty Partners as requested by Comm. Hiers.**

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:34 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: 07/07/2026