

The Budget Workshop #6 of the Board of County Commissioners was held on July 21, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. in the BoCC meeting room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Hodge called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.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, Gray Robinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Receive a presentation from the municipal fire chiefs about their budget requests. *(Audio 04:56)*
 - **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
 - **Discussion:** Comm. Kennedy has been working with County Manager Mary-Ellen and Fire Chiefs on budget.

Williston Fire:	\$29,196	Increase from Last Year
City of Fanning Springs:	\$40,000	Increase from Last Year
Cedar Key:	\$20,000	Increase from Last Year
Inglis:	\$30,000	Increase from Last Year
Chiefland:	\$30,000	Increase from Last Year
Bronson:	\$50,000	Increase from Last Year

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2.

Receive a presentation on the proposed budget. (Audio 58:00)
- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
 - **Discussion:** Information on budget cuts will be presented for the board at the August 18th meeting.
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3.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-29: AN AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE LEVY COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDES THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS, AND CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING A VACANCY ADJUSTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:00)
- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
 - **Discussion:** Board has already approved rate of \$250. Corrections to the wording of the previous resolution needed to be corrected.
 - **Action Taken:**
 - MotionComm. Mills motion to approve
 - SecondComm. Hiers
 - **Vote Outcome**5-0 motion passes
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4.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-30: AN AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AND ALL INCORPORATED AREAS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF APPORTIONING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COST AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN EMS TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A VACANCY ADJUSTMENT; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:02)
- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
 - **Discussion:** Board has already approved rate of \$200. Public hearing time needed to be corrected.
 - **Action Taken:**
 - MotionComm. Hiers motion to approve
 - SecondComm. Mills
 - **Vote Outcome**5-0 motion passes
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5.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-24: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECOVERED MATERIALS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AND ALL INCORPORATED AREAS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING THE SOLID WASTE COST AGAINST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:03)
- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
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- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Kennedy motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

6. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ROADWAY MAINTENANCE SERVICES ON SUBDIVISION ROADS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATES FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION AND APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:10)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
- **Discussion:** Rate is not being raised, just going to start collecting on 12 subdivisions again. County stopped collecting years ago due to excess money in the accounts. Now that the money and services have been used collection needs to start back.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:29 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: 07/21/2026