

**REGULAR MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on June 16, 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

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, Byron Flagg (Gray Robinson)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **Action Taken:** Items 9-10 postponed to later date
- Amendments:
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Hiers
 - Vote Outcome 5-0 motion passes

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

1. Presentation of Milestone Service Awards for completion of 5 continuous years of service and at the end of every additional 5 years of service for the quarter ending June 30, 2026.
(Audio 5:26)

- **Presenter:** HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR- -Jacqueline Martin

Code Enforcement: David Banton, 5 years of service

Landfill: Almarie Sheppard, 30 years of service

Library: Carol MacKenzie, 5 years of service

Jacob Kwalwasser, 10 years
Terri NeSmith, 20 years of service
Kyle Spencer, 5 years of service

Sharon Knowles, 20 years of service

2. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to recent retirees. (Audio 10:35)

- **Presenter:** HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR-Jacqueline Martin

Harry Couey, 43+ years
Lavonia Carter, 21+ years
Austin Haddock, 25+ years

Janelle Lundy, 12+ years

B. Shawn Holcomb, 22+ years

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

3. Approve the relocation of the Precinct 3 Election Day polling place from the Bronson Dogan Cobb Building to the Bronson First Baptist Church. (Audio 14:58)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS – Tammy Jones
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

4. Receive a presentation from Doug Cliché about Data Centers. (Audio 16:25)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER- Charlie Kennedy
- **Discussion:** Commissioners make consensus for a public workshop with planning commission within the next few weeks to get more information before making a moratorium.
- **Public Comments:**

Laura Catlow (Morrison) - Moratorium is needed before workshop due to timing.

Stacy Peters (Williston) – July 1 is the deadline if no moratorium is in affect applicants may get grandfathered in.

Lila Ware (Bronson) - Would like to see a 1year moratorium in place.

Emily Casey (Gulf Hammock) –Would like to see moratorium in place

Denate Cannon (Chiefland) – Audio is bad cannot hear, microphones

Missy Smally (Williston) - Moratorium needs to be in place ASAP

Terry Witt (Bronson) – Why not vote for moratorium now, deadline to have

5. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2026-17. 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 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AND A COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:08)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES - Connie Conley
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

6. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to approve the contract renewal with New River Technology for the third of the three additional one-year terms. This renewal will extend the term of the Agreement through September 21, 2027. *(Audio 1:09)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
 - **Discussion:** Cost of contract \$17,828.32
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- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Meeks
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

7. Approve a Scope of Work and direct staff to issue a Request for Proposal for Legal Services **OR** Authorize the Chair to sign a contract with W.O. “Brett” Beauchamp, III, to serve as the County Attorney, and 2. Authorize GrayRobinson to transition County Attorney legal services to Mr. Beauchamp by July 31, 2026. *(Audio 1:10)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
 - **Discussion:** Commissioners request a formal RFP be issued before making decision. RFP will be sent out by end of week.
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- **Public Comment:**
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- Linda Cooper (Williston)** - Does GrayRobinson firm not want to renew contact? Will RFP be advertised for private firm or individual?
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- **Action Taken:**
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| ○ Motion | Comm. Mills motion to approve |
| ○ Second | Comm. Kennedy |
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

8. Authorize County Manager to sign a letter of support for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership and their application for the 2026 Regional Rural Development Grant. (Audio 1:26)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Landon Harrar
- **Discussion:** Grant amount \$250,000
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

~~9. Approval of the property site for the construction of the new Emergency Management Operations Center (EOC) from 319 Mongo Street, Bronson to 601 N. Court Street, Bronson.~~

~~10. Authorize the Chair to execute the Additional Services Authorization #001—Civil Fee Proposal.~~

11. Approve Task Assignment 2026-06 between Levy County and Infrastructure Consulting & Engineers, LLC in the amount of \$246,469.00 for engineering and design services for the CR 346 (NW 140th Street) from SR 55 (US 19) to US 129 project (Audio 1:28)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ENGINEER – Tom Strom
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
 - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

12. Approve entering into contract with Maine Drilling and Blasting for the provision of drilling and blasting services at the Gulf Hammock Rock Quarry. (Audio 1:29)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT – Don Clifton
- **Discussion:** Number years this quarry will produce until new quarry will be needed.

- **Public Comment:**

Emily Casey (Gulf Hammock) - Is quarry in compliance due to location of nearby water source?

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

13. Request approval of a noncompetitive procurement with Foundation Services of Central Florida for roadway base stabilization repairs on County maintained Highway C40 E., Inglis, Florida, in the amount of \$198,600.00, and authorize the County Manager to execute all related documents. *(Audio 1:34)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT – Don Clifton
- **Discussion:** After repairs are made road will need to be resurfaced.

- **Public Comment:**

Terry Witt (Bronson) - Is this project grant funded?

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

14. Approve ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-02: AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING APPENDIX B “SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A

REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 1:37)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
- **Discussion:** New fee schedule required by state statute.

- **Public Comment:**

Linda Cooper (Williston) - Can private inspectors do inspections if customer wishes?

- **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Meeks motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Mills
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes
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15. Approve a noncompetitive procurement of VuSpex Virtual Inspection Program Software for \$13,379. (Audio 1:51)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
 - **Discussion:** State statute is pushing counties to implement the option of virtual inspections. This program will work with current software. Commissioners Meeks and Kennedy have used virtual inspections personally and like this option due to savings on time and money. Not all inspections will be able to have virtual inspections.
 - **Public Comment:**

Matt Limery (Chiefland) - Does this replace the current affidavit that contractors currently submit to taking responsibility.
 - **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Mills motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Kennedy
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes
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16. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Number: 2025-10: AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT, THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT OF THE LEVY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON AN UPDATED REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3177(6)(C)4, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PR (Audio 1:59)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
 - **Discussion:** This item was approved previously but never submitted to the state.
Public Comments: NONE
 - **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Mills motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Meeks
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes
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17. PETITION NO. TA 26-02: A request by Levy County, for a Text Amendment to section 50-700 General Use Table, of the Land Development Code of Levy County for a chart amendment to add Retail Store more than 15,000 sq. ft. and make corrections for solar facilities use according to Florida Statute 163.3205. (Audio 2:02)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
- **Discussion:**
- **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Kennedy motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

18. Quasi-Judicial PETTION NO. CZ 26-01: Laura Jones, agent, on behalf of the property owner, City of Williston, for an Amendment to the Zoning Map Atlas (Rezoning), petitioning the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to amend the zoning map atlas for an approximate 24.53-acre parcel, from Industrial to Public Facilities, according to levy County Land Development Code. Parcel Number(s) 0503700000. *(Audio 2:03)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
- **Discussion:** All parties sworn in by county attorney.
- **Applicant:** City of Williston, Laura Jones Planner
- **Public Comment:** NONE

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

19. PETITION NO. TA 26-04: A request by Levy County for a Text Amendment to the Land Development Code to Sec.50-382 Off-street parking and loading spaces modification of the number of parking spaces require and parking schedule. Also an amendment to Sec.50-706 Accessory dwelling unit (ADU) with a minimum sq. ft. require and be detached from the principal dwelling. Also an amendment to Sec.50-601 Types of lot splits to include Boundary Line Adjustment. *(Audio 2:10)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox

- **Each item will be voted on separately for section 50-706**

- **SECTION 50-706 ADU Detachment**

- **Discussion:** Planning Commission had no recommendation on detachment. Current code only allows for attached ADU’S.

- **Public Comment:**

Diana Garte - (Morriston) - If approved does second dwelling need separate septic

Billy Hinote - (Chiefland) - Don’t restrict to lot size

Terry Witt- (Bronson) - Clarification on detached and attached

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

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- **SECTION 50-706 ADU 2nd Driveway Property Size Limitation**

 - **Discussion:** Current code states size of property needs to be 5 acres or more to have driveway access, current code requires AUDS to share a driveway.

 - **Action:** Motion to change 5 acres to 1 acre or more
 - Motion: Comm. Meeks motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Mills
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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- **SECTION 50-706 ADU Building size**

- **Discussion:** Current code size is 500 sq. ft. minimum, State currently does not have a minimum size requirement. Planning commission recommended no to 750 sq. ft.
- **Public Comment:**

Diane Garte (Morrison) - No size requirement just make sure building is up to code.
- **Action:** Motion to stay with state requirements of no size limitations
 - Motion: Comm. Hiers motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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- **SECTION 50-382 Offsite Parking**
 - **Discussion:** Proposed change is to modify the number of parking spaces required and alleviate the burden to new and existing developments. Parking should be based on building size.
 - **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Mills motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Meeks
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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- **SECTION 50-601 Lot Split**
 - **Discussion:** This allows for the boundary line to be relocated without the requirement of a plat. This only applies to properties not already platted. Properties that
 - **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Meeks motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Hiers
 - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

20. PETITION NO. TA 26-03: A request by Lorenzo’s Paradise Marketing LLC for a Text Amendment to Sec.500-700 Generally; Use Table to add “Self Storage RV/boat storage facility” to the zoning district use table as a permitted use in the Rural Mixed Use (RMU) zoning district (*Audio 2:55*)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard “Bo” Cox
- **Discussion:** Planning commission denied this request.
- Comm. Hiers will sustain from voting on this item due to conflict of interest.
- Motion to approve a special acceptance and come back before the board for review.
- **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Meeks motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 4-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Billy Hinote (Chiefland) - Owner of Hinote Electric, running for Levy County Commissioner district 4.

Terry Witt (Bronson) - Sound system seems to be working better at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21. Approve May 2026 minutes (Audio 3:18)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT- Matt Brooks
- **Discussion**
- **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Mills motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

22. Chairman Hodge requested approval of expenditures in the amount of \$ 981,171.01

PAYMENT NUMBER	158172-158248/847-896
FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL REVENUE	509,616.35
ROAD	158,773.11
SHIP	30,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	149.75
TRANSPORTATION	15,789.45
COURT FACILITIES	2,498.61
MISC GRANTS	3,709.77
EMS	28,215.22
FIRE	10,371.72
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	14,434.70
UTILITIES	9,905.64
ADD COURT COSTS	1,906.03
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	18,190.46
CAPITAL PROJECTS	60,455.40
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	9,026.25
LANDFILL	108,128.55
TOTAL	\$ 981,171.01

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Comm. Kennedy: None

Comm. Meeks: Chiefland Watermelon festival great turn out

Comm. Mills: Request to have future budget meetings to 2pm instead of 1pm.

Comm. Hodge: None

Comm. Hiers: Williston and Chiefland watermelon festivals had a great turn out

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:27 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: 06/16/2026