

BUDGET WORKSHOP #3
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2026

The Budget Workshop #3 of the Board of County Commissioners was held on June 16, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. in the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Hodge called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

- **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**
 - District 1: Vice Chairman Charlie Kennedy
 - District 2: Commissioner Rock Meeks
 - District 3: Commissioner Desiree Mills
 - District 4: Chairman Tim Hodge
 - District 5: Commissioner Johnny Hiers

- **ALSO PRESENT:**
 - County Manager, Mary-Ellen Harper
 - County Attorney, Byron Flagg (Gray Robinson)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Receive a presentation on the Proposed Property Tax Legislation. *(Audio 1:03)*

- **Presenter:** LIBERTY PARTNERS- Tim Parsons

The Florida Legislature has concluded Special Session F relating to Property Taxes and the two chambers have passed legislation (1F and 4F) to place a constitutional amendment on the General Election ballot in November.

The amendment, requiring at least 60% of voter approval, will create a \$250,000 homestead expedition (over 2 years) on non-school levies for Florida homeowners with an eventual elimination.

Additionally, the amendment requires cities and counties to use remaining property tax revenue for public safety, education, infrastructure and employee retirement. The amendment would prohibit local governments from passing these taxes on to small businesses, by reducing the annual assessment on non-residential properties to 5% (currently 10%).

2. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive Budget Request Presentations from the Constitutional Officers and Support Funding Agencies. *(Audio 27:00)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION- Jason Rivera

Eighth Judicial Circuit	\$ 141,999 (2.2% increase)
Levy County Sheriff Department	\$ 28,127,599 (9.38% increase)
Levy County Clerk of Court	\$ 1.393,816 (\$ 3,116 decrease)
Levy County Supervisor of Elections	\$ 1,110,000 (12.33% increase)
Levy County Property Appraiser	\$ 1,449,769 (.25% decrease)
Levy County Health Department	\$ 165,500 (No Change)
Meridian Health	\$ 93,771 (2% increase)
Levy County Arc	\$90,200 (10% increase)
Levy County Prevention Coalition	\$28,875 (No increase)

3. Receive a presentation on the Statutorily Mandated Services and Funding Sources included in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners Budget. (*Audio1:27*)

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper
- **Discussion:** Commissioners agree to implement a hiring freeze. The general fund is estimated to be in the negative by 2028/2029 if the proposed property tax amendment is passed.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:54 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: June 16, 2026