SPECIAL MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on February 12, 2026 at 4:00 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 4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Comm. Hiers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Comm. Mills

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
District 1: Vice Chairman Charlie Kennedy
District 3: Comm. Desiree Mills
District 4: Chairman Tim Hodge
District 5: Comm. Johnny Hiers

ALSO PRESENT:
County Manager – Mary-Ellen Harper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **Action Taken:**
- Amendments:
  - Motion — Comm. Mills
  - Second — Comm. Hiers
  - Vote Outcome — 4-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Approve a Resolution Declaring Temporary Burn Ban Due to Drought Conditions *(Audio 2:45)*

- **Presenter: Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager**
- **Discussion:** Emergency Management, Public Safety, and the Sheriff have collaborated with the BoCC on the recommendation to enact a burn ban due to high gusting winds, hard freezes, and extremely dry conditions. Resolution 2026-5 was presented for BoCC consideration and adoption. The resolution will lapse in 7 days if not renewed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman or the County Manager. This burn ban does not interfere with land clearing, agriculture or silviculture permitted activities through the State of Florida.
- Terry Witt (Bronson)- Why is the number of days seven for the resolution?
- Chief Harrell, Director of Public Safety- clarified for Mr Witt that it is by law that the resolution stands for seven days. The seven days allows for monitoring the weather conditions and also limits local governments from having unnecessary lengthy restrictions. Gave further weather outlook and ground conditions that have contributed to this burn ban being brought forward.
- **Action Taken:**

- Motion Comm. Mills
- Second Comm. Kennedy

Vote Outcome: 4-0 motion passes

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:19:46 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks Chairman, Tim Hodge

Minutes Submitted by: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Date Submitted: 02/12/2026