

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 20, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Comm. Desiree Mills  
Comm. Tim Hodge  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Charlie Kennedy  
Comm. Johnny Hiers

Also present were:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley  
County Manager – Mary-Ellen Harper

Chairman Mills called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Meeks gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Hodge.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>155184, 155300-155428</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	171,281.54
ROAD	62,510.05
SHIP	30,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	113.75
COURT TECH/CRIM	
PREV	12,948.80
TRANSPORTATION	13,023.99
COURT FACILITIES	9,108.78
MISC GRANTS	201,226.26
EMS	37,619.27
FIRE	307,145.05
TOURIST	
DEVELOPMENT	7,828.75
UTILITIES	2,822.77
ADD COURT COSTS	3,113.36
BLDG INSPECT &	
SAFETY	3,900.32
CAPITAL PROJECTS	52,750.92
ROAD IMPRV &	
RESTORE	24,486.35
LANDFILL	98,886.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,038,766.26</b>

## AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item #16 and modification to move Item #14 to Item 3A. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS

(Audio A, 4:21) Cedar Key Mayor, Jack Webb spoke to the Board thanking them for the work being done to the #4 Bridge and Dock Street.

(5:26) Sue Beaudette, City of Williston spoke of the upcoming Independence Day Celebration coming up on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> with the parade beginning at 5:00 P.M., followed by the celebration at Horseman's Park at 7:00 P.M. Fireworks begin at dark.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. (6:15) Comm. Hodge requested Board approval of the Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation as requested by Comm. Hodge. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

2. (8:55) Comm. Hiers requested Board the Board proclaim May, 2025 as "National Foster Care Month" in Levy County.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to proclaim May, 2025 as "National Foster Care Month" in Levy County as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### PLANNING & ZONING

Interim Zoning Official – JB Pro

Atty. Shalley asked if any of the Commissioners had ex-parte communication to disclose regarding the item to be presented. Comm. Mills stated she had spoken with Mr. Dedenbach. Atty. Shalley stated if the Petition is approved today, an Ordinance would come back for Board approval at a later date.

Tara Howell, JB Pro representative presented Petition PUD-A 21-01 to the Board.

3. (16:53) **Quasi-Judicial Petition, PUD-A 21-01**; a request by Gerry Dedenbach of NV5, Inc., as agent representing owner 6851, LLC, for a recommended approval of a Planned Unit Development Amendment (PUD-A) to the previously approved PUD 21-01. The applicant seeks approval for amendment to the current PUD 21-01 that would provide clarification regarding location of uses, building form, and accessory supportive uses. The application does not expand the site's boundary, nor expand or increase intensity of approved adopted PUD uses. The project is located on Parcel Number 0368400100 and is approximately 90.23 acres. The project site is in the Future Land Use Category and Zoning District of Forestry/Rural Residential with a current PUD overlay zoning. The project address is 450 SE CR 337, Bronson, Florida 32621.

Mr. Dedenbach of NV5, Inc., spoke to the Board, providing further information regarding the Petition.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. Audience members, Diane Garte, Kim Wheeler and Linda Cooper requested the Board deny the Petition.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the Planned Unit Development Amendment (PUD-A) as presented. Second was made by Comm. Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

- A. (moved from item #14) Brooke Smith, Grant Coordinator  
(1:17:30) Requesting the Board receive a presentation from Hannah Hart, representing Dewberry Engineers for the completion of the Levy County Resilient Florida Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment.

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

Mary-Ellen Harper

4. (1:31:27) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners receive the Second Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Reports for January 1 – March 31, 2025 from Jessie Robinson, Fleet Division Director.
5. (1:39:13) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners receive a presentation on the George T. Lewis Airport.

Cedar Key resident and aviator, Jim Wortham spoke to the Board thanking them for their continued improvements to the airport.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

6. (1:56:54) Requesting Board approval to appropriate Contingency Reserves within the Fire Fund in the amount of \$99,272 to cover the Williston Contract Services invoice from the previous year.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to appropriate Contingency Reserves in the amount of \$99,272 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

7. (1:57:40) Requesting Board approval and the Chair's signature on the Interlocal Agreement between Levy County and Marion County Titled Levy/Marion Mutual-Aid Response Plan.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Chair's signature as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Leatha Keene, Director

8. (1:58:20) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners receive a presentation of the New Evacuation Order Strategy Proposal.

The meeting recessed at 10:59 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:15 A.M

9. *(Audio B-7:17)* Requesting Board approval of the DR4834 Hurricane Milton Agreement (Z5281) between Levy County and Florida, Division of Emergency Management.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve the DR4834 Hurricane Milton Agreement (Z5281) as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

10. *(8:09)* Requesting Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the Levy County School Board concerning the use of facilities and reimbursement of emergency shelter cost at School Board facilities.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

11. *(10:04)* Requesting Board approval for the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$59,344.50 to be purchased from Big Bend Chevrolet.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Tahoe as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **FLEET DIVISION**

Jessie Robinson, Director

12. *(12:01)* Requesting Board approval of a non-competitive procurement for a Tire/Mechanics truck in accordance with Sec. 2-204(b) of County Code, due to the timeliness of the project specialized nature of this vehicle; with award of contract to Speedway Ford in the amount of \$171,124.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the purchase of a Tire/Mechanics truck from Speedway Ford as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **GRANT COORDINATOR**

Brooke Smith

13. *(19:30)* Requesting Board approval of Leah Gamble from the College of Central Florida, as the Higher Education Representative and Matt Weldon, Animals and Natural Resources Division Director, as the Economic Development Representative for the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee to fill open appointments in accordance with Resolution 2013-50. Term expiration is 5/01/2027.

14. Item moved to 3(a).

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Matt Weldon, Director

15. *(20:30)* Requesting Board approval for the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab (long bed, 172") in the amount of \$63,850.70 off the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract, FSA24-VEL32.0 as authorized by Sec. 2-195(b)(7) of the County's Procurement Code.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab (long bed, 172") as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

~~16. Requesting Board approval of the purchase of a John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$29,286.75 off Gov. Contract from FL Ag. & Lawn Equip., 25101900-21-STC (PG E2 CG 22). Item removed from agenda.~~

17. (21:42) Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2025-5 to Locklear & Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Construction of Electrical Improvements at the Shell Mound Campground in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2025-5 to Locklear & Associates, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

18. (22:33) Requesting Board approval of Task Assignment 2025-6 to Locklear & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for Bridge No. 4 projects in an amount not to exceed \$67,000.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Task Assignment 2025-6 to Locklear & Associates, Inc. as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weldon informed the Board of the completion of the HWY 40 Boat Ramp Project, Phase 2. An announcement will be made soon to let the public know it is re-opened.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

19. (26:30) Requesting the Board award a Contract in the amount of \$97,119.58 to Ocala Fence, LLC as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for ITB 2025\_009, Cedar Key Airport Hurricane Damage Repairs: Install New Fence; and approve Work Order 25-11RF in the amount of \$30,000 with Passero Associates, LLC to provide Construction Administration & Periodic Construction Observation for the Installation of the new fence.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to award a Contract to Ocala Fence, LLC and Work Order 25-11RF with Passero Associates as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

20. (28:34) Requesting Board approval of RESOLUTION 2025-19; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT, ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE GEORGE T. LEWIS AIRPORT IN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-19 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Travis Newsome, Assistant Director

21. (32:32) Requesting Board approval of the Small County Solid Waste Grant Amendment No. 1 to Agreement Number SC520 from DEP.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Small County Solid Waste Grant Amendment No. 1 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Manager

22. (33:48) Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Monica Latara Sherman for assistance to purchase a newly constructed residential unit in Williston, Florida 32696.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Deferred Payment Loan Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Comm. Kennedy** gave a report of the Court Facilities meeting he recently attended.

**Comm. Hiers** spoke of the Affordable Housing Meeting he attended recently.

**Comm. Mills** spoke of meetings with Economic Development and announced the Yankeetown Library has been re-opened.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2025 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2025 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:41 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

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Chairman, Desiree Mills

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