

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 3, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 3, 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. Kennedy made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>155429-155526</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,996,388.08
ROAD	74,613.59
SHIP	68,308.51
MOSQUITO CONTROL	4,235.00
TRANSPORTATION	1,414.50
911	19,054.83
COURT FACILITIES	8,109.35
MISC GRANTS	32,839.05
EMS	29,171.63
FIRE	28,625.12
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	794.31
UTILITIES	1,048.79
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,246.96
CAPITAL PROJECTS	59,336.00
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	158,767.50
LANDFILL	17,574.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,501,527.87</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 37,872.16</b>

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda with a modification to change the amount requested for approval on Item 11 from \$41,330.87 to \$43,257.49 as stated by Comm. Mills. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Town of Bronson Councilwoman, Virginia Phillips spoke to the Board thanking them for getting the lines repainted on Main Street. She then stated the Town would be asking for an increase to assist the Fire Department for the upcoming budget year due to an increase calls.

## **BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Arica Leshner, 911 Coordinator

1. (8:47) Requesting Board approval of (1) the State-funded Agreement for 911 Rural Grant Program 25-04-27 with the Florida Department of Management Services; and (2) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,656 DUE TO RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM AN E911 RURAL GRANT FOR 911 SYSTEM MAINTENANCE (3) the Converge One Agreement (which was approved as a non-competitive procurement by the County Commission on March 18, 2025).

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the State Funded Agreement for 911 Rural Grant Program, 25-04-27 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Converge One Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

2. (10:52) Requesting Board approval of (1) the State-funded Agreement for 911 Rural Grant Program 25-04-26 with the Florida Department of Management Services; and (2) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,347 DUE TO RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM AN E911 RURAL GRANT FOR LOGGING RECORDER MAINTENANCE.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve the State funded Agreement for 911 Rural Grant Program 25-04-26 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## COUNTY MANAGER

Mary-Ellen Harper

3. (12:09) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive an update on the Building Department from Bo Cox.
4. (24:46) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive a presentation from the Suwannee River Water management District from Mary Diaz.
5. (33:26) Requesting Board approval of a one-year extension to the Agreement for Auditing Services between Levy County and James Moore.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve the one-year extension to the Agreement for Auditing Services with James Moore as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

6. (34:30) Requesting Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Citrus, Levy, Marion Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Levy, Marion and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, to establish strong partnerships and operational collaboration that will maximize our resources to prevent duplication of effort, training and educational services and ensure the effective and efficient delivery of workforce services to the businesses in Citrus, Levy and Marion Counties.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Citrus, Levy, Marion Regional Workforce Development, Inc., d/b/a Career Source Levy, Marion as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

7. (35:47) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive a presentation about the Animal Services Facility as well as public input on this project. Mrs. Harper gave the presentation and Brandy Cannon also spoke to the Board.

Audience member, Terry Witt pointed out the property available formerly used by DPS located near the EOC and Sheriff's Department is no longer used and suggested this be considered as a new location for Animal Services.

8. (43:15) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners receive Second Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Reports for January 1 – March 31, 2025 from the Road Division.

## FLEET DIVISION

Jessie Robinson, Director

9. (50:39) Requesting Board approval to appropriate Reserves (Contingency) for the Tire/Mechanics truck, previously approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, in the amount of \$171,124.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to appropriate Reserves (Contingency) for the Tire/Mechanics truck as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## GRANT COORDINATOR

Brooke Smith

10. (52:35) Requesting Board approval of the Third Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and Levy County for the University Oaks Phase IV Water Main Improvements.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Matt Weldon, Director

11. (1:03:09) Requesting Board approval for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and attachments in the amount of \$43,257.49 off the Gov. Contract from FL Ag. & Lawn Equip., 25101900-21-STC (PG F2 CG 22). Mr. Weldon stated this purchase was included in his budget for FY 24/25.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the tractor with attachments purchase as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## PLANNING & ZONING

12. (1:05:44) **Quasi-Judicial:** Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners consider and approve the Written Order of Approval for PETITION NO. SE 24-02; REQUESTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO SEC. 70-757 – EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE LEVY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING EDUCATIONAL FACILITY KNOWN AS NEXT GENERATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY. LOCATED ON APPROXIMATELY 12.39 ACRES OF LAND AT 5651 NE 167<sup>TH</sup> CT, WILLISTON, FL 32696 IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12S, RANGE 18E, LEVY COUNTY FLORIDA. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 0419500000. Atty. Shalley read the Petition title into public record.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Written Order of Approval for Petition SE 24-02 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

13. (1:10:50) Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners adopt ORDINANCE 2025-4; AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LEVY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON AN EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES, INCLUDING REMEDIAL AMENDMENTS REQUIRED BY A COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3181(6), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CLERK AND COUNTY STAFF; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES. Atty. Shalley read the Ordinance title into public record.

Comm. Mills asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the item presented. There was none.

Comm. Hiers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-4 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

14. (1:14:39) Requesting Board approval of RESOLUTION 2025-28. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CR40 FROM SR55 (US19) TO SAPP STREET IN LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Mrs. LaLonde stated the amount of the Agreement is \$1,342,375.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Manager

15. (1:16:52) Requesting Board approval of a Deferred Payment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for Deidre Nicole Strong for assistance to purchase of an existing residential unit in Chiefland, Florida 32626.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bronson Resident, William Dalton inquired of the reason for a property needing to be re-surveyed following a fire in order to re-build. Comm. Mills advised Mr. Dalton to contact Bo Cox at the Building Department after the meeting for more information.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. Meeks** spoke of legislation regarding farm worker housing.

**Comm. Kennedy** spoke of the troubles the courthouse is facing with old air conditioner units on the court side of the building and requested the Commissioners be mindful of this with the upcoming budget process.

**Comm. Hodge** reminded everyone to come to the Chiefland Watermelon Festival and Parade taking place this Saturday.

**Comm. Hiers** spoke of his visits to the county departments and stated he plans to visit each one in the near future. He announced there will be a Watermelon Festival in Williston on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:33 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