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Levy County Quarterly Department Report

Department Information

Name of Department	Levy County Road Department
Name of Department Head	Don Clifton

Department Deliverables

Deliverable (To be determined by the Department Head)	Third Quarter FY (April-June 2026)
OpenGov Implementation & Asset Management Reporting	Continuing Phase II implementation of OpenGov, working collaboratively with management teams to integrate tablet technology into field operations. Field devices will enhance the accuracy and timeliness of maintenance and project reporting, improve data collection, and increase overall operational efficiency.
Evaluation of the Gulf Hammock Limerock Pit.	Conducted an evaluation of the Gulf Hammock Limerock Pit to determine the feasibility and long-term value of maintaining pit operations under County management.
Chip Seal Roadway Improvement Program (Alternative Resurfacing)	Completed chip seal improvements on NE 190th Avenue, NE 160th Avenue, NE 71st Street, NE 73rd Street, and SE 157th Place. This project supported the construction of approximately 4.5 miles of limerock roads and the application of a single chip seal treatment to 0.5 miles of aged asphalt roadway.
Comment:	This quarter, the Road Department advanced Phase II of OpenGov by integrating field tablets to improve reporting accuracy and operational efficiency. A comprehensive evaluation of the Gulf Hammock Limerock Pit confirmed its long-term value in supporting the County's road material needs. Chip seal improvements were completed on multiple roadways, enhancing approximately 4.5 miles of limerock roads and extending the service life of 0.5 miles of aging asphalt. Department's continued



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Department Highlights

- Supported the Cow Creek Fire response by providing Temporary Traffic Control (TTC), and additional operational assistance as needed.
- Continued strengthening management support to improve maintenance operations and enhance communication with the public.
- Continued adjustments to grading operations to focus on rebuilding road surfaces, creating stronger and longer-lasting road conditions.
- In the last three quarters, placed over 2,500 loads of limerock on County-maintained graded roads to improve stability and extend roadway life.
- Added two new mini excavators to the fleet, increasing the Department's ability to perform maintenance and construction activities more efficiently.
- Continued progress on the CR 330 Grant Project, which is now entering its final phase of construction.
- Successfully completed MSHA training for all employees working at the Gulf Hammock Limerock Pit, reinforcing workplace safety and regulatory compliance.
- Completed annual Down Power Line Training in preparation of the 26 Hurricane Season preparations.

LEVY COUNTY LIMEROCK PIT OPERATIONS

Performance Review, Cost Avoidance and Future Resource Planning



LEVY COUNTY
• ROAD DEPARTMENT •



LIMEROCK PIT



PRESENTATION BY:

- Don Clifton, Levy County Road Department Director
June, 2026



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Hauling Records from: Oct. 01, 2025 – Apr. 01, 2026
- Payroll: Oct. 01, 2025 – Apr. 01, 2026
- Fleet Reporting for Fuel & Maintenance:
Oct. 01, 2025 – Apr. 01, 2026



PRESENTED TO:

- Levy County Board of County Commissioners
- Levy County Road Department Operations Team



WHY THE PIT MATTERS



IMPROVE AND STABILIZE GRADED ROADS

- Provides a dependable source of limerock for roadway maintenance.
- Helps improve road stability, drainage, and drivability.



SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND MAINTENANCE

- Supplies material for road construction, resurfacing, and maintenance activities.
- Enables timely completion of transportation projects.



REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE VENDORS

- Less exposure to material shortages, market fluctuations, and delivery delays.
- Greater control over material availability when needed.



PROVIDING COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

- Supports efficient use of taxpayer resources.
- Reduces transportation and procurement uncertainties.



PROACTIVELY IMPROVE ROADS

- Materials are available to address roadway needs before conditions worsen.
- Supports long-term roadway planning and maintenance strategies.



LEVY COUNTY ROADWAY IMPACT



Reliable
Material Supply



Improved
Road Conditions



Reduced Vendor
Dependence



Better Long-Term
Planning



Support for County
Infrastructure

Deliverables Completed – First Half of FY26



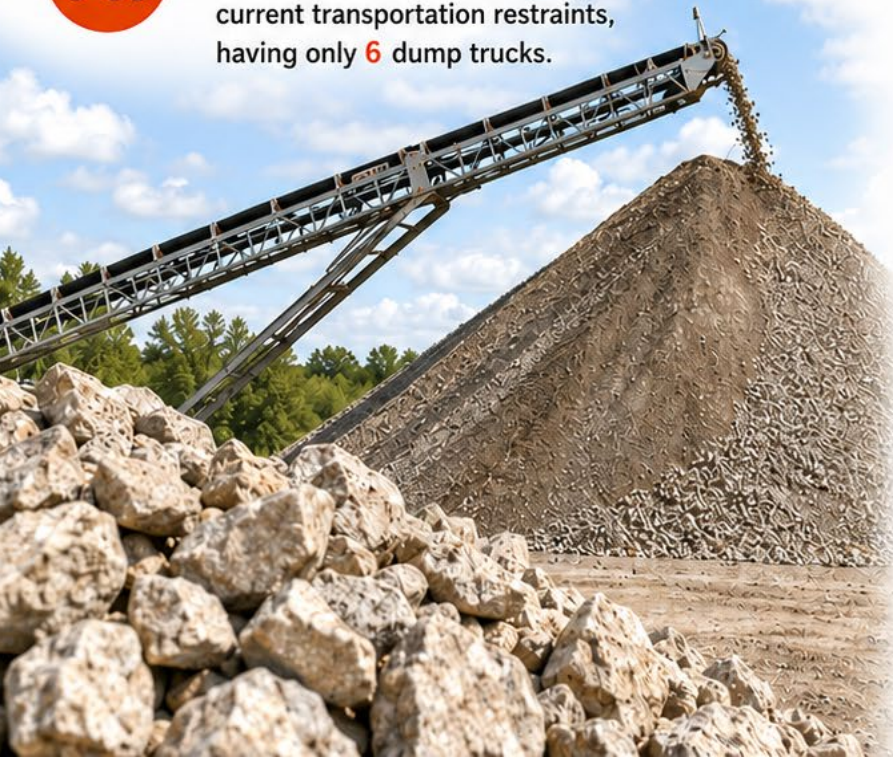
Each load of limerock weighs approximately **19 tons (38,000 lbs).**



The Pit can produce approximately **450** limerock loads per **4–10** hour work days per week.



Haul out approximately **140** loads of limerock per week as per current transportation restraints, having only **6** dump trucks.



▶ **2,392** limerock loads placed within County graded road systems.

45,448 TONS
(90,896,000 LBS)
of material placed

▶ Of the **2,392** loads, approximately **1,200** loads of re-crushed limerock materials that were produced in FY25 are included within this total.

22,800 TONS
(45,600,000 LBS)
of reclaimed material utilized

▶ If operations continue current path, projected loads for FY26 are **4,800** loads of limerock.

91,200 TONS
(182,400,000 LBS)
projected for the full fiscal year



FIRST HALF FY26

90.9
MILLION LBS
(45,448 TONS)
of limerock and reclaimed material placed



FY26 PROJECTED TOTAL

182.4
MILLION LBS
(91,200 TONS)
of limerock and reclaimed material



PERSPECTIVE

Moving more than
45,000 TONS
in the first six months
and over **91,000 TONS**
for the full fiscal year.

PIT VALUE TO LEVY COUNTY

COMPARE COUNTY-PRODUCED MATERIAL TO VENDOR PRICING

WHITEHURST CONSTRUCTION

Communicated Quote
On 6/10/2026



\$13.00
per ton

45,448 tons
x \$13.00 =

\$590,824.00

LIMESTONE PRODUCTS

Communicated Quote
On 6/11/2026



\$13.00
per ton

45,448 tons
x \$13.00 =

\$590,824.00

ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Contract Cost FY26



\$10.00
per ton

45,448 tons
x \$10.00 =

\$454,480.00

MATERIAL PLACED
ON LEVY COUNTY ROADS

45,448 TONS
(90,896,600 LBS)

FIRST HALF OF FY26 – NUMBERS TO OPERATE THE PIT



PERSONNEL

\$222,833.61

+



FUEL

\$35,731.50

+



EQUIPMENT
MAINTENANCE

(Parts & Labor)

\$50,437.00

=

TOTAL COST TO
OPERATE THE PIT
(FY26 FIRST HALF)

\$309,002.11

VALUE DELIVERED TO LEVY COUNTY – FIRST HALF FY26



45,448 TONS
(90,896,600 LBS)
of county material
produced in-house



VENDOR COST
AVOIDANCE
\$590,824.00
(vs \$13.00/ton pricing)



IN-HOUSE
OPERATING COST
(ESTIMATED)
\$454,480.00
(vs \$10.00/ton pricing)



NET VALUE TO LEVY COUNTY
(AFTER PIT OPERATING COSTS)
\$281,821.89
(\$590,824.00 – \$309,002.11)



FUTURE COST REDUCTION: With permit transitions and the addition of more dump trucks for more loads coming out of the pit per day, Levy County will realize even greater cost savings.

LOOKING AHEAD & FUTURE NEEDS



EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT & UPGRADES:

- Investing in modern equipment.



ADDITIONAL LIMEROCK RESOURCES:

- Secure funding for equipment replacement and future limerock resource acquisition.



KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Long-term infrastructure sustainability.
- Operational efficiency and cost containment.
- Reliable material availability for future infrastructure projects.
- Proactive planning to reduce future financial and operational risks.



FIELD OFFICE & SUPPORT NEEDS:

- Field office is needed on site for staff safety and to support operations with:
 - Restroom facilities
 - Shelter from weather
 - Communication and internet access
 - First aid and emergency supplies
 - Meeting and administrative space



COUNTY PIT OPERATIONS: ADVANTAGES & CHALLENGES



PROS:

- Greater control over material quality, availability, and production.
- Reduced exposure to market price fluctuations and inflation.
- Ability to respond quickly to roadway maintenance and emergency needs.
- Supports long-term infrastructure and maintenance planning.



CONS:

- Requires capital investment for land, equipment, and pit development.
- Ongoing operational, maintenance, and staffing responsibilities.
- Environmental permitting and regulatory compliance requirements.
- Production interruptions will occur due to equipment failures or weather conditions.
- Long-term liability and reclamation responsibilities.



VENDOR MATERIAL PURCHASES: ADVANTAGES & CHALLENGES



PROS:

- Eliminates the need to manage pit operations and associated personnel.
- No responsibility for mining permits, environmental compliance, or reclamation.
- Lower upfront capital investment.
- Ability to purchase materials only as needed.
- Reduced operational risk and administrative burden.
- Vendors are responsible for production, equipment, and inventory management.



CONS:

- Subject to market pricing increases and inflation.
- Dependence on vendor availability and production capacity.
- Potential supply shortages during emergencies or periods of high demand.
- Transportation costs will increase significantly if suppliers are located farther away.
- Less control over material availability, delivery schedules, and pricing.
- Long-term costs often exceed those associated with maintaining a county-owned source.



TO SUM IT UP!



County pit operations provide long-term value, cost control, and reliability, but require investment, ongoing management, and proactive planning for future needs.



Vendor purchases offer convenience and reduced operational responsibility, but come with higher long-term costs, market risks, and less control over material availability.



Careful planning and strategic investment today will ensure a sustainable, reliable, and cost-effective supply of limerock for Levy County's roadways for years to come.



Levy County Limerock Pit Mid Year Report FY26			
Cost of Operations: FY26 10//1/25-04/01/26		Totals	
Staffing		\$ 222,833.61	
Equipment Maintenance		\$ 50,437.00	
Fuel		\$ 35,731.50	
	Operational Cost:	\$ 309,002.11	
Projected Cost of Operations: FY26 10//1/25-09/30/26		Totals	
Staffing		\$ 445,667.22	
Equipment Maintenance		\$ 80,699.20	
Fuel		\$ 67,889.85	
	Operational Cost:	\$ 594,256.27	
Deliverables of Materials: FY26 10/01/25-04/01/26		Totals	Tons
Completed Loads of Limerock to County Graded Roads:		2392	45448
Projected Deliverables Materials: 10/01/25-09/30/26			
Estimated Completed Loads of Limerock to County Graded Roads:		2408	45752
	Projected Annual totals:	4800	91200
Estimated Cost Per Ton Produced by Levy County: FY26 - 10/01/25 - 4/01/26			
	Projected cost per ton:	\$ 6.80	
Estimated Projected Cost Per Ton Produced by Lev County: FY26 - 10/01/25 - 9/30/26			
	Projected cost per ton:	\$ 6.52	
Contracted and Vendor Pricing of Limerock Materials			
Whitehurst Construction & Limestone Products: Communications 6/10/2026		Totals	Tons
	Communicated Cost Per Ton	\$ 13.00	
	First Half of FY26 Tonnage		45448
	Total CostFrom Vendor	\$ 590,824.00	
	Total Cost LCRD Pit	\$ 309,002.11	
	Estimated Total Savings	\$ 281,821.89	
Contracted Numbers From Alachua County FY26 Contract With Limestone Products			
	Cost Per Ton	\$ 10.00	
	First Half of FY26 Tonnage		45448
	Total Cost From Contract	\$ 454,480.00	
	Total Cost LCRD Pit	\$ 309,002.11	
	Estimated Total Savings	\$ 145,477.89	
Projected Annual Savings If Supplied By Vendors			91200
	Total CostFrom Vendor	\$ 1,185,600.00	
	Total Cost LCRD Pit	\$ 594,256.27	
	LCRD Estimated Total Savings	\$ 591,343.73	
Projected Annual Saving If Contarcted With Limestone Products			
	Total Cost From Contract	\$ 912,000.00	
	Total Cost LCRD Pit	\$ 594,256.27	
	LCRD Estimated Total Savings	\$ 317,743.73	
Notes and Assumptions			
The operational costs presented in this report are based on the three primary cost contributors associated with the Levy County Road Department Limerock Pit operations: employee salaries, equipment maintenance, and fuel consumption. These categories represent the most significant and measurable operating expenses incurred by the department. Additional indirect costs, including, but not limited to, permitting, administrative support, management oversight, utilities, and other overhead expenses, are not included in this analysis. At this time, the Road Department does not have the capability to accurately track and allocate these costs to pit operations. As the County continues implementation of its Asset Management System and related financial tracking tools, these additional cost metrics will become available and can be incorporated into future reports upon request. Projected production and delivery totals for Fiscal Year 2026 are based on actual production data from the first half of the fiscal year and are extrapolated using the same production rate through September 30th, 2026. Actual year-end totals may vary depending on operational demands, weather conditions, equipment availability, and roadway material requirements. Based on the financial data presented, the Levy County Road Department concludes that continued operation of the County-owned Limerock Pit provides a substantial financial benefit to Levy County. Current projections indicate an estimated production cost of approximately \$6.52 per ton, compared to market prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$13.00 per ton for comparable purchased material. This results in projected annual savings of approximately \$317,744 when compared to contracted pricing and up to \$591,344 when compared to current vendor pricing. These findings demonstrate that maintaining in-house aggregate production significantly reduces roadway material costs while providing a reliable supply of limerock for County road maintenance and improvement projects.			