

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 4, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on March 4, 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. Hiers.

**EXPENDITURES**

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

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>154635-154746</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,990,423.18
ROAD	87,660.77
SHIP	30,000.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	575.24
TRANSPORTATION	6,569.54
911	19,054.83
COURT FACILITIES	7,435.63
MISC GRANTS	48,376.09
EMS	93,809.88
FIRE	42,600.65
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	10,592.74
UTILITIES	101.45
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	3,132.22
SHERIFF FED EQUITABLE SHARE	3,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	50,221.62
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	1,220,815.31
LANDFILL	12,439.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,626,808.17</b>
<b>EFT/ACH PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$ 167,354.59</b>

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

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition for a recognition as requested by Comm. Mills. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks spoke to the Board of changes being implemented to give the public quicker access to the Board minutes on the Clerk's website.

Property Appraiser, Jason Whistler spoke to the Board of number of Homestead applications received to date, which 831. He stated the deadline was yesterday and his office will now begin processing these applications.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(7:31) Yankeetown resident, Ann Sayward requested assistance from the Board concerning the re-opening of the A.F. Knotts library in Yankeetown. Due to flooding from Hurricane Helene, the building, which is owned by the Yankeetown Women's club, had been closed for repairs.

(10:55) Bronson residents, Elijah Williams and Mac McKoy spoke regarding the former Bronson High School gym and their disapproval of the Board's decision to demolish it.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

(18:10) Jacqueline Martin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Arthur Seckinger for his upcoming retirement after 26 years with the Road Department.

## **BUSINESS OR OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DESIREE MILLS, CHAIR**

(22:13) Chairperson Mills passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Hodge and requested Board approval of AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TASK ASSIGNMENT 2023-4 to Kimley-Horne and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$40,500. This Task Assignment revises the original bid specifications to include construction of an accessible ramp, stairs and entry courtyard.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Assignment 2023-4 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

(28:17) Vice-Chairman returned the gavel to Chairperson Mills to continue the meeting.

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

Mary-Ellen Harper

(28:21) Requesting Board approval of a list of ten (10) Commissioner Priorities for calendar year 2025.

Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to contact Mrs. Harper with their top priority items for the remainder of 2025 in order for a list to made for discussion at the next meeting.

## **GRANT COORDINATOR**

Brooke Smith

(44:34) Requesting the Board appoint Tamara Boyle as the School Representative to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee per recommendation by the School Board of Levy County on 02/11/25 at the School Board meeting. Renew Denny Voyles – Tourism Industry Representative and the three (3) Citizen Representatives: Jolie Davis, Kim Wheeler, and Dr. Richard Streeter appointments to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee per Resolution No. 2013-50.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to appoint Tamara Boyle as the School Representative to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee and to renew Denny Voyles – Tourism Industry Representative and the three (3) Citizen Representatives: Jolie Davis, Kim Wheeler, and Dr. Richard Streeter appointments to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Matt Weldon, Director

(45:38) Requesting Board approval of the First Amendment to Task Assignment 2024-6. This is for the consultant to perform engineering services for the Cedar Key Big Dock FEMA repairs. The Big Dock sustained additional damage during Hurricane Helene and the county determined it would like to revise the bid specifications to include repair of the additional damage.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Task Assignment 2024-6 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

(46:49) Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2025-9. A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, amending the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$181,500 due to additional revenue from a FTA Section 5339 grant for capital purchases; and providing an effective date.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-9 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(47:48) Bronson resident, Rachel Weeks spoke to the Board as a representative of Levy County Preservation Conservation concerning a letter she sent to the Board and County Manager proposing to purchase the old gymnasium for \$38,000.

(50:50) Audience member, Terry Witt inquired of the Procurement Coordinator duties and who is doing this now as a new software purchase will be absorbing this position.

(52:09) Audience members Ada Marie Keaton, Reggie Stacey, Curtis Stacey, Jaime Griffin, Clayton Lott, and Elijah Williams spoke regarding the old gym and urged the Commissioners to consider other options.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

(1:11:02) Comm. Meeks spoke of an item mentioned by the Governor to abolish property taxes and inquired if anyone had any information as to what the plan was to compensate for this loss of revenue. Comm. Hiers stated he had been in contact with individuals indicating there was a plan to compensate for the amounts which would be lost to the county if this happens. Comm. Meeks then spoke of a purchase by the State of Florida of 19,000 acres in Levy County and expressed his concern with this.

(1:23:27) Comm. Kennedy spoke of an upcoming Court Facilities meeting where some projects will be discussed concerning the Courthouse. He then reminded everyone of the Suwannee River Livestock Show and Fair taking place soon and encouraged everyone to support the youth of Levy and surrounding counties.

(1:24:52) Comm. Hiers also encouraged everyone to support the youth with projects at the upcoming Fair. He also spoke of a parade and celebration held to honor former Williston resident, Quinyon Mitchell, who now plays football for the Philadelphia Eagles.

(1:26:18) Comm. Mills reported of a call she participated in with Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith and the lobbyist group, Liberty Group recently. Comm. Mills also reported of the recently held North Central Regional Planning Council meeting she attended and of her recent assignment to the Withlacoochee Task Force.

## MINUTES

Requesting Board approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings, December 17, 2024 and January 7, 2025.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meetings held December 17, 2024 and January 7, 2025 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:31 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