

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on February 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.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 6:00 P.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. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>154515-154634</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	170,490.41
ROAD	89,025.49
SHIP	30,000.00
TRANSPORTATION	12,539.57
COURT FACILITIES	1,975.25
MISC GRANTS	150,503.59
EMS	128,118.91
FIRE	34,432.31
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	11,781.29
UTILITIES	9,041.53
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	57,986.56
CAPITAL PROJECTS	9,910.75
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	31,879.00
LANDFILL	99,581.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 837,266.31</b>

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- A. (4:56) Leatha Keene requested Board approval of a Proclamation declaring February 25 – March 2, 2025 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring February 25 – March 2, 2025 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(8:44) Audience member, Tom Callahan stated he wished to speak regarding the agenda item concerning the Drilling and Blasting at the Levy County Mine, listed under the Road Departments items. Comm. Mills advised Mr. Callahan there would be an opportunity for Public Comment on this item when it is presented.

## **BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

Mary-Ellen Harper

- A. (9:32) Requesting the Board receive the First Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Reports for October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 from the Engineering and Emergency Management Departments.

(9:53) First Quarter Reports were presented to the Board by Andrew Carswell for the Engineering Department and (12:41) Leatha Keene for Emergency Management.

- B. (17:57) Requesting Board approval of the Contract between Levy County and the State of Florida, Department of Health for the operation of the Levy County Health Department contract in the amount of \$165,500 for year 2024-2025.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Contract with the Department of Health for operation of the Levy County Health Department for FY 2024-2025 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mitch Harrell, Director

(18:49) Requesting the Board ratify the two (2) Department of Health EMS Matching Grants submitted on January 31, 2025; \$50,000 for video laryngoscopes and \$60,000 for EMS supply machines.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to ratify the two (2) Department of Health EMS Matching Grants as presented. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Leatha Keene, Director

(19:42) Requesting Board approval of the DR4828 Hurricane Helene Agreement (A4550) between Levy County and State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management. This Agreement authorizes projects related to Hurricane Helene and for reimbursement of eligible project expenses.

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Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the DR4828 Hurricane Helene Agreement (A4550) with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management as requested. Second was made by Comm. Kennedy and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Alice LaLonde, Administrative Coordinator

- A. (20:51) Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2025-8; 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 \$380,000 DUE TO ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM A FDOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SHORELINE RESTORATION AT THE GEORGE T. LEWIS AIRPORT IN CEDAR KEY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-8 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hiers and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. (21:46) Requesting Board approval of a written quote from Quick Supply Company for Drilling and Blasting at the Levy County Mine as a non-competitive procurement in accordance with Sec. 2-204 (b) of County Code. The amount quoted is \$44,833.50 to drill and blast 96 holes.

(23:05) Audience member, Tom Callahan spoke regarding the amount of the quote received for the drilling and blasting from Quick Supply Company and questioned why only two vendors were solicited for quotes. He requested the item be tabled and for the Board to direct the Purchasing Department to contact more vendors in the area.

(25:10) Mrs. Harper explained the need to continue the drilling and blasting after the company used in the past suddenly discontinued their services and did not wish to submit a bid. She stated a library of vendors is something she intends to have going forward, but is not available at this time.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the quote from Quick Supply Company as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **TRANSIT**

Atty. Shalley for Connie Conley, Director

- A. (28:09) Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2025-7; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR UNDER FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF A RELATED AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-7 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Hodge and the MOTION CARRIES.

## COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

(29:30) **Comm. Kennedy** reported of attending his first Court Facilities meeting last week and spoke of the plans to move the security equipment and bailiff station back to the Administrative entrance for the duration of the upcoming renovations at the Court entrance.

(30:47) **Comm. Hiers** asked if Mrs. LaLonde could speak regarding #4 Bridge in Cedar Key. Mrs. LaLonde spoke regarding the progress of this and other projects underway in Cedar Key. Comm. Hiers spoke of the Williston boys Basketball team and the recent loss to Hawthorne.

(32:51) **Comm. Mills** spoke of a recent meeting she attended for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership in Palatka.

## MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2024 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 6:35 P.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