REGULAR MEETING

LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on October 6, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the BoCC meeting room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Comm. Meeks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Comm. Kennedy

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

District 1:	Vice Chairman Charlie Kennedy
District 2:	Comm. Rock Meeks
District 3:	Comm. Desiree Mills
District 4:	Chairman Tim Hodge
District 5:	Comm. Johnny Hiers

ALSO PRESENT:

County Manager, Mary-Ellen Harper

County Attorney, (Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **Amendments:**
- **Action Taken:**
  - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
  - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

RECOGNIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS: None

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Presentation of a proclamation recognizing October 7, 2026, in honor of Lynetta and Ken Griner as 2027 Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame Inductees.

- **Presenter:** Comm. Desiree Mills

2. Presentation of a proclamation recognizing October 8, 2026, in honor of Ron St. John as a 2027 Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame Inductee

- **Presenter:** Comm. Tim Hodge

3. Presentation of a proclamation declaring October 6, 2026, Central Florida Community Action Agency Day.

- **Presenter:** Comm. Johnny Hiers

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- **Action Taken:** Items 1-3 will be 1 vote and motion.
    - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Denei Morehouse (Chiefland) – Data Center question. She will come back during public comments for that agenda item.

BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Approve ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Audio 21:53)*

    - **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT – Bernard "Bo" Cox, Building Official
    - **Discussion:** County Attorney commented on the questions the public had regarding what the moratorium does. Refer to audio for more information.
    - **Public Comment:**

      Emily Cassey (Gulf Hammock) - What is the process if a data center does not meet requirements and what if they are located in a municipality?

      Denate Cannon (Chiefland) – Would like to see moratorium for 2 years.

      Denei Morehouse (Chiefland) – What is a moratorium?

      Tim Ecker (Williston) – What would the county do regarding the noise concern if a data center is approved in Levy County? Will this affect property value? Water use concern.
    - **Action Taken:**
        - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
        - Second Comm. Hiers
    - **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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5. Approve RESOLUTION 2026-56: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A JOINDER TO THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF LIABILITY COVERAGE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF AN EXTRAORDINARY LOSS RESERVE CONTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Audio 44:13)*

    - **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
    - **Action Taken:**
        - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve

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- Second Comm. Kennedy

- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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6. Appoint Mark Warren as the Higher Education Institution Representative to the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee, in accordance with Resolution 2020-001, for a term expiring March 5, 2027. *(Audio 45:26)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager

- **Action Taken:**

  - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve

  - Second Comm. Kennedy

- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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7. Approve RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-52: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH EPICMD TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, DOING BUSINESS AS ALIVI NEMT NETWORK, FOR THE PROVISION OF NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; DESIGNATING A COUNTY CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Audio 46:25)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES - Connie Conley, Director

- **Action Taken:**

  - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve

  - Second Comm. Meeks

- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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8. Requesting approval from the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to accept the recommendation from the RFP_2026_6 Selection Committee of the scored and ranked construction manager of the Levy County EOC/911 Center Remodel. *(Audio 47:25)*

Selection Committee Scores and Rankings:

#1) Gray Construction Services, LLC – 650
#2) AllState Construction, Inc. – 624
#3) Charles Perry Partners, Inc. – 561

and;

Approve the agreement for Levy County EOC construction project manager (Pursuant to Request for Proposal NO. RFP_2026_6) Construction Manager at Risk Contract for the Levy County Emergency Operations Center/911 Center Remodel.

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Leatha Keene, Director

- **Public Comment:**

  Terry Witt (Bronson) - Is Grey Construction the builder or just managing the project.

- **Action Taken:**

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- Motion — Comm. Mills motion to approve
- Second — Comm. Meeks

- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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9. Approve State-Funded Grant Agreement F0199 between Levy County and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for the Levy County Government Complex Permanent Generators project, and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement and any associated documents necessary to administer the grant. *(Audio 51:33)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Leatha Keene, Director
- **Discussion:** Levy County has been awarded $1,000,000 through the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the installation of permanent backup generators at the Levy County Government Complex.
- **Action Taken:**
  - Motion — Comm. Hiers motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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10. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-55: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; and Approve the 2026 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan. *(Audio 52:40)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Leatha Keene, Director
- **Discussion:** Local Governments must formally adopt an approved LMS plan every five years.
- **Public Comment**:

  Emily Cassey (Gulf Hammock) – Several maps need correcting in the plan.
- **Action Taken:**
  - Motion — Comm. Mills motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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11. Approve RESOLUTION 2026-54: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE 2026 FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHELL MOUND PUBLIC CAMPGROUND; DESIGNATING A COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE GRANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Audio 1:05)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMIN – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:** This is for the office and restrooms

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- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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12. Approve Subcontract Amendment 102 to original Subcontract PO163 with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. d/b/a LSF Health Systems for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Non-Qualified County (NQC) and Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network of Addiction Care programs, and authorize the Chair to execute the amendment and associated Purchase Order Agreement. *(Audio 1:07)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMIN – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:** Funding amount of $299,731 for the 2026-2027 paramedicine program.
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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13. Approve Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Agreement No. 26045 between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Levy County for the Shell Mound Boat Ramp project through the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP), and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement and associated documents. *(Audio 1:08)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMIN – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:** Planning and Design only
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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14. Approve Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Agreement No. 26047 between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Levy County for the Fowler's Bluff Boat Ramp project through the Florida Boating Improvement. *(Audio 1:09)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Kari Bastow, Interim Director
- **Discussion:** Planning and Design only
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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15. Approve the purchase of a two (2) year maintenance and service agreement for AEDs, CPR devices, and heart monitors in the amount of $106,709.14 from Stryker, to be paid annually ($53,354.57 annually) as quoted under the Sourcewell Contract Solicitation #041823 in accordance with Sec. 2-200(c) of County Code. *(Audio 1:10)*

- **Presentation:** LEVY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:** This agreement locks in the rate for 2 years
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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16. Approve the purchase of a two (2) year maintenance and service agreement for stretchers, power loads, and stair chairs in the amount of $105,115.11 from Stryker, to be paid annually ($52,557.55 annually) as quoted under the Sourcewell Contract Solicitation #041823 in accordance with Sec. 2-200(c) of County Code. *(Audio 1:11)*

- **Presentation:** LEVY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:** This agreement locks in the rate for 2 years
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Mills motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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17. Ratify the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Letter of Agreement (LOA), authorizing the remittance of Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) in an amount not to exceed $1.00, upon receipt of an invoice from AHCA. Also, authorize the County Manager to execute an amendment to the LOA specifying the County's IGT remittance amount for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 upon notification of the required amount by AHCA, provided that the amount does not exceed the amount budgeted for this purpose in the EMS Fiscal Year 2027 budget. *(Audio 1:12)*

- **Presentation:** LEVY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:** This $1.00 LOA is a temporary placeholder, Levy County gets a 260% return.
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Kennedy motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

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18. Approve the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agreement No. CW120 between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Levy County for the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant, and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement and associated documents. *(Audio 1:15)*

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- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY SOLID WASTE- Travis Newsome, Assistant Director
- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Hiers motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Terry Witt (Bronson) – Mentioned that the audio is better but there is an echo in the room.

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19. Request for Approval of Expenditures in the amount of $ 773,102.78. *(Audio 1:17)*

PAYMENT NUMBER	**158817-158880/1203-1231**
FUND	**AMOUNT**
GENERAL REVENUE	108,548.36
ROAD	164,922.00
MOSQUITO CONTROL	6,145.80
TRANSPORTATION	1,079.83
911	2,263.64
EMS	124,591.55
FIRE	9,193.66
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	8,279.66
UTILITIES	400.06
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	139,989.89
IMPACT FEES - EMS	106.16
IMPACT FEES - PARKS	300.42
IMPACT FEES - RD DIST I	2,820.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	187,340.79
LANDFILL	17,120.96
TOTAL	**$ 773,102.78**

- **Action Taken:**
    - Motion Comm. Meeks motion to approve
    - Second Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** 5-0 motion passes

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS *(Audio 1:18)*

Commissioner C. Kennedy- None

Commissioner R. Meeks- None

Commissioner D. Mills- None

Commissioner T. Hodge- 30 year old planted pines recently cut near land fill brought in around $187,000.

Commissioner J. Hiers- None

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Tim Hodge

Submitted: 10/06/2026

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