**REGULAR MEETING**
**LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
**October 20, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on October 20, 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

**BoCC 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, J. Ray Poole (Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP)

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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**RECOGNIZED ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks-** Update on ADG training with BoCC departments. Clerk's office is currently working on the annual financial audit.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Refer to audio

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**BUSINESS OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**1.** Approve the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program (RCAP) Grant Agreement between the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement and any associated documents. Grant will fund 100% of the capital purchase cost, no County match required. *(Audio 19:07)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES - Connie Conley, Director
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken**:
  - Motion — Comm. Hiers motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**2.** Approval of RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-58: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 THE AMOUNT OF $293,900 DUE TO RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM A TRIP & EQUIPMENT GRANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Audio 20:08)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES - Connie Conley, Director
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken**:
  - Motion — Comm. Meeks motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**3.** To approve the Contract between the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Levy County Health Department contract for year 2026-2027. *(Audio 20:54)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** The County's appropriated responsibility (direct contribution excluding any fees, other cash, or local contributions) as provided in Attachment II, Part II is an amount not to exceed $165,500. This contribution is unchanged from last year.
- **Action Taken**:
  - Motion — Comm. Mills motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**4.** Receive the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year Quarterly Report for July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026. *(Audio 23:10 )*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** Refer to audio for reports

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**5.** Approve the agreement between Levy County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to monitor hazardous waste generators located within the County during Fiscal Year 2027, in the amount of $16,500. This agreement will provide Levy County with continued monitoring of hazardous waste generators located within the County. *(Audio 59:42)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY MANAGER – Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken**:
  - Motion — Comm. Hiers motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**6.** Approve the sale of Parcel 0316118600 for $500 conditioned upon recording of a declaration of unity of title at closing. BoCC declared this property surplus on February 3, 2026 and directed staff to dispose of it by competitive bid. *(Audio 1:00)*

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

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

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**7.** **PUBLIC HEARING**: Approve transmittal of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Commerce. *(Audio 1:01)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT- Bernard "Bo" Cox, Building Official
- **Discussion:** Refer to audio
- **Public Comments:** Refer to audio
- **Action Taken**:
    - Motion — Comm. Meeks motion to approve
    - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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***10 Minute Recess taken at 11:08 A.M**

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**8.** Approve the Levy County Department of Public Safety (EMS) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN). Under Florida Statue Chapter 401, this COPCN is necessary *(Audio 2:07)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – Mitch Harrell, Director
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken**:
    - Motion — Comm. Mills motion to approve
    - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**9.** Direct staff to finalize the surplus and disposition resolution and conveyance documents with FDOT and bring back the surplus and disposition resolution for approval and authorization of the Chair to execute at the November 3, 2026 meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable. *(Audio 2:08)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ENGINEER – Tom Strom, County Engineer
- **Discussion:** FDOT has requested that Levy County convey its ownership interest in Borrow Pit No. 3 (Parcels 187 and 188 Part), which was jointly acquired by FDOT and Levy County in connection with a State road project in the 1960s. County staff has determined the property is not needed for current or future County purposes. As part of the proposed transaction, FDOT would convey Parcel 188 (Part), containing the roadway/haul route portion, to Levy County.
- **Action Taken**:
    - Motion — Comm. Hiers motion to approve
    - Second — Comm. Mills
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**10.** Award ITB_2026_10 Roof-Department of Public Safety to Keeler Roofing LLC in the amount of $43,517.50. This contract was originally awarded to Rogers Roofing, who cancelled the contract on October 6, 2026. The award is being made to the second-lowest responsive bidder for ITB_2026_10. *(Audio 2:10)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY FACILITIES – Doug Partin

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- **Discussion:**

- **Action Taken**:

  - Motion — Comm. Kennedy motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**11.** Approve the Mosquito Control State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement #42.003 FY 2026-2027 in the amount of $69,587.50. *(Audio 2:11)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - Matt Weldon, Director

- **Discussion:**

- **Action Taken**:

  - Motion — Comm. Meeks motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Hiers
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**12.** Approve the Release and Settlement Agreement with Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company for the Hurricane Idalia claim associated with George T. Lewis Airport/ Cedar Key Airport. The agreement provides a settlement payment of $68,705.76, payable to Public Risk Management for the benefit of Levy County. Approval of the agreement will allow the County to receive this additional settlement payment and release Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company from further claims specifically related to the subject loss addressed by this agreement. *(Audio 2:12)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT- Don Clifton, Director

- **Discussion:**

- **Action Taken**:

  - Motion — Comm. Hiers motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**13.** Approve RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-59: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF AN UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS SE 110 TERRACE, LOCATED IN THE CANNON HOMESITES PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGE 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING. *(Audio 2:13)*

- **Presenter:** LEVY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT- Don Clifton, Director

- **Discussion:** Resending notice and advertising due to a resident not getting notice.

- **Action Taken**:

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *(Audio 2:17)*

**Emily Casey (Gulf Hammock) –** Maps in the Comp Plan need correcting.

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**14.** Approval of September 2026 Minutes. *(Audio 2:21)*

- **Presenter:** Clerk of Court- Matt Brooks
- **Discussion:**
- **Action Taken**:
  - Motion — Comm. Mills motion to approve
  - Second — Comm. Kennedy
- **Vote Outcome** — 5-0 motion passes

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**15.** Request for Approval of Expenditures in the amount of $ 4,938,952.12. *(Audio 2:22)*

| **PAYMENT NUMBER** | **158881-158988/1232-1294** | |
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| **FUND** | | **AMOUNT** |
| GENERAL REVENUE | | 3,721,435.31 |
| ROAD | | 95,329.20 |
| SHIP | | 82,119.91 |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | | 165.45 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | 17,586.84 |
| 911 | | 29,466.67 |
| COURT FACILITIES | | 13,706.25 |
| MISC GRANTS | | 47,276.45 |
| EMS | | 267,255.63 |
| FIRE | | 266,997.01 |
| TOURIST DEVELOPMENT | | 12,550.15 |
| UTILITIES | | 7,385.45 |
| TDT 4TH PENNY FUND | | 13655.36 |
| BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY | | 144,743.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | | 51,483.61 |
| ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE | | 52,416.81 |
| LANDFILL | | 115,379.02 |
| **TOTAL** | **$** | **4,938,952.12** |

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

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**Commissioner Reports:**

**Comm. Meeks-** Planning Board Issues, would like to get consensus to absorb the duties of planning board, all items have to come before BoCC board anyway.

- **Consensus made to get information on Planning Board cost savings of possibly absorbing planning board duties.**

**Comm. Mills-** Request consensus to have staff come up with cut backs list and possible rollback. Cut backs are needed regardless of if Amendment 3 passes or not.

- **Consensus made in regards to Comm. Mills request regarding cutbacks/rollback list.**

**Comm. Hiers-** Lots of hard discussions being made by BoCC board.

**Comm. Kennedy-** Request consensus from board to list old building department with real-estate agent/company. Also ask for clarification on minimal square footage requirements for premade buildings.

- **Consensus made to list old building department with realtor agent/company.**

**Comm. Hodge-** Mention of a dog falling in sink hole last week in Chiefland and had a successful rescue.

**Shell Mound Dreading Update:** Struggling with dewatering issue. Working with DEP to find solution. Until the issue is fixed, contract crew will pull out and demobilize. Boat ramps will open back up for public.

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**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:03 P.M.**

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| ATTEST: | BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS<br>LEVY COUNTY, FL |
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| Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks | Chairman, Tim Hodge |

**Minutes Submitted by:** Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller
**Date Submitted:** 10/20/2026

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