

**SPECIAL MEETING
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held on September 23, 2025 at 5:01 P.M. in the BoCC Meeting Room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Madam Chair Mills called the Meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Comm. Hiers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Comm. Kennedy

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Madam Chair, Comm. Desiree Mills
Vice Chair, Comm. Tim Hodge
Comm. Charlie Kennedy
Comm. Johnny Hiers
Absent Comm. Rock Meeks

ALSO PRESENT:

County Attorney – Nicolle Shalley
County Manager – Mary-Ellen Harper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

• **Action Taken:**

○ Amendments:	No changes
○ Motion	Comm. Kennedy
○ Second	Comm. Hodge
○ Vote Outcome	4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Business or Informational Items

1. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to adopt RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR LEVY COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- **Presenter:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 final countywide operating millage rate is 8.7500 mills, which is more than the rolled-back millage rate of 7.8037 mills by 12.1263%. Reasons for Increase: Rising costs in public safety services, cost-of-living adjustments, health insurance, inflationary pressures, and maintaining reserves as per county adopted resolution. Commissioner Tim Hodge moved to adopt Resolution 2025-61, setting the final millage rate at 8.75 mills for fiscal year 2025-2026, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Kennedy.
- No public present to comment.
- **Action Taken:**

○ Motion	Comm. Hodge
○ Second	Comm. Kennedy
○ Vote Outcome	4-0

**2. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to adopt NUMBER 2025-62 A
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR LEVY COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- **Presenters:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget in the amount of \$197,786,252 as shown by fund set forth in the attached Exhibit A (consisting of 2 pages) is adopted. Includes projected revenues and expenditures for county operations, capital improvements, reserve allocations, and debt service. Complies with county financial policy (8% contingency reserves, 12% cash carryforward reserves).
- No public present to comment.
- Commissioner Kennedy's Remarks: Clarified that the total increase in assessments (EMS: \$200, Fire: \$250, Landfill: \$16) over seven years is approximately \$167, or about \$24 per year, to address public confusion about reported figures.
- Commissioner Charlie Kennedy moved to adopt Resolution 2025-62, approving the final budget of \$197,786,252 for fiscal year 2025-2026, seconded by Commissioner Tim Hodge.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Kennedy
 - Second Comm. Hodge
 - Vote Outcome 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Minutes Submitted by: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Date Submitted: 09/23/2025

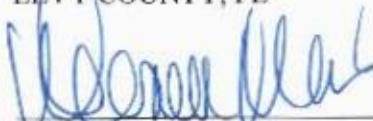
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:12 P.M.**

ATTEST:



Matt Brooks
Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL



Chairman, Desiree Mills