

**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
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**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

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**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

- **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

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

  
Chairman, Desiree Mills