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## Levy County procurement is centralized



**Levy County Procurement Coordinator Alicia Tretheway speaks with the Levy County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday (Oct. 2) about the procurement code of the county.**

### Story and Photos

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**BRONSON** -- On a motion by Levy County Vice Chairman Mike Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Rock Meeks, the County Commission on Tuesday morning (Oct. 2), adopted an ordinance to govern purchases in the county.



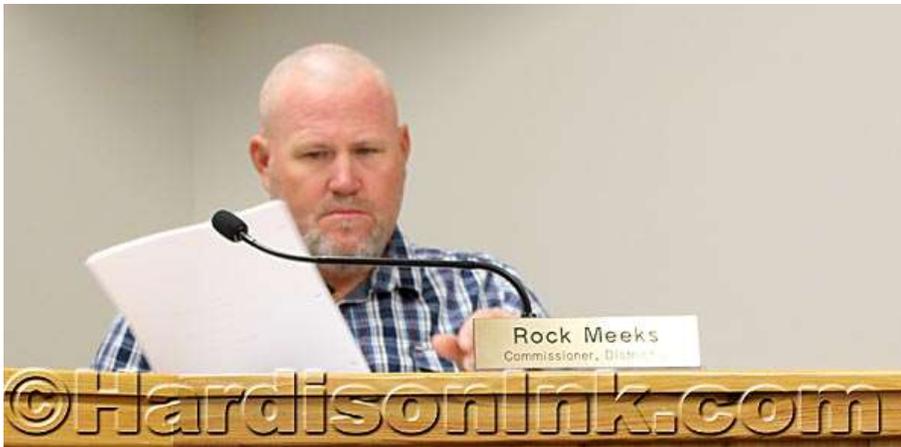
**County Commission  
Chairman John Meeks**

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**County Commissioner Rock Meeks**



**County Commissioner Matt Brooks**

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**County Commissioner Lilly Rooks**

This was the only public hearing required to adopt the ordinance, This new method for the county to purchase materials centralizes that procedure through the procurement coordinator.

Commissioner Matt Brooks asked how long this has been in the works. County Coordinator Wilbur Dean said it has been about a year and a half in the making.

The current draft of the purchasing policy is 85 pages, Tretheway said, and this new code will set standards and clarify some points that may have been unclear before this code.

It is being reviewed by the Finance Office of Levy County Clerk to the County Commission Danny Shipp.

## **OTHER ACTION**

In other action Tuesday by the Levy County Commission, there was unanimous approval of:

- \* A large-scale map amendment to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan. There were 13.7 acres rezoned from neighborhood commercial to rural residential in the Rosewood Lands Subdivision.

- \* Accepting Chiefland City Commissioner Tim West as a replacement for former Chiefland City Commissioner Teresa Barron on the Tourist Development Council.

- \* An agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections regarding the use of inmate labor from Lowell Correctional Institution Work Camp.

- \* Yearly motor oil bids.

There was one 4-1 vote, where County Commission Chairman John Meeks cast the dissenting vote.

There was a request for the county to again approve Mills Engineering Co. as the engineer for the county. The request was approved. Chairman Meeks said he cast the dissenting vote, because he would like to see something other than a relatively automated reappointment of the engineering firm for the county.

Meeks said he knows Mills probably would be the accepted engineer, especially with its strong background in working in Levy County over the past several years; nevertheless, he said, he would like to see some other engineering firms to be given the chance to respond to requests for proposals of this service.