

is a part of the operation and how the budget is set up. Comm. Mills inquired as to the postings of the planning positions and if they are still advertised.

- Terry Witt (Bronson)- wanted to know if we are offering enough salary for the planning positions.
 - **Vote Outcome:** 5-0 motion passes
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8. APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,642,236 TO RECOGNIZE INSURANCE PROCEEDS AND STATE GRANT REVENUES, APPROVE INTERFUND TRANSFERS, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR MULTIPLE CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS; PROVIDING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Audio 55:56)

- **Presenter: Jason Rivera, Finance and Administration Director**
 - **Discussion:** TThis budget amendment is necessary to properly align the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget with approved County operations by incorporating previously unbudgeted revenues, authorizing interfund transfers, and ensuring appropriations are in place to support approved capital projects and grant-funded activities.
 - General Fund (Fund 001): Recognize insurance claim proceeds in the amount of \$127,182 and appropriate the funds to a transfer to the Solid Waste Fund.
 - Housing Fund (Fund 102): Recognize and appropriate State grant revenues and expenditures totaling \$750,000.
 - Solid Waste Fund (Fund 402): Recognize a transfer in the amount of \$127,182 from the General Fund and appropriate the funds for capital equipment; and recognize and appropriate \$2,777 in remaining grant funds from FY25.
 - Building Fund (Fund 134): Reduce reserves in the amount of \$635,570 and appropriate the funds to a transfer to the Capital Fund.
 - Capital Fund (Fund 301): Recognize a transfer in the amount of \$635,570 from the Building Fund and appropriate the funds for building renovations, including a new roof, and construction of a parking lot.
 - Grant Fund (Fund 115): Recognize and appropriate State grant revenues and expenditures totaling \$4,999,525.
 - **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Kennedy
 - Second Comm. Hiers
 - **Vote Outcome:** 5-0 motion passes
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9. Approval of the Deferred Payment Loan Agreements and Promissory Note in the Amount of \$30,000.00 for the SHIP Housing Strategy of Purchase Assistance for Michael Zovak to Cover Closing and/or Down Payment Costs as Evidenced in the Approved Levy County Local Housing Assistance Plan 2025-2026. (Audio 59:10)

- **Presenter: Kari Bastow, Grants & Finance Manager**
 - **Discussion:** SHIP Program Funds-Purchase Assistance Strategy for Closing Costs and Down Payment Assistance in the amount of \$30,000.00 each.
 - **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Meeks
 - Second Comm. Mills
 - **Vote Outcome:** 5-0 motion passes
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10. Direct the Water Department Staff to write off \$335.02 in uncollected water utility charges. (Audio 1:00:28)

- **Presenter: Matt Weldon, Division Director**
- **Discussion:** Finance Recommendation of Write-Off 365 days delinquent (GL #125-1170001, GL #125-11500). Five customers were passed due.
- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Mills
 - Second Comm. Meeks
- **Vote Outcome:** 5-0 motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE
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Requesting Approval of Expenditures:

- Chairman Hodge requested approval of expenditures in the amount of ***\$1,131,537.36***.
 - **Action:**
 - Motion: Comm. Meeks motioned to approve.
 - Second: Comm. Kennedy
 - Vote Outcome: 5-0 motion passes.
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COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- Comm. Mills- Welcomed Grants Coordinator, Karri Bastow, and County Engineer, Tom Strom as new members of staff. Mentioned Blue Ribbon legislation and how it affects major acreage in Levy County. Recommended the county check into an RFP for a consultant to look at the county land development code.
 - Comm. Kennedy- Impact fees need to be looked into. Beast Feast is at Etheridge Produce this coming Saturday night. Thank you to staff for getting the courthouse project underway and on the timeline that was set.
 - Comm. Meeks- Keep watching the legislature at every turn and it gets crazy towards the end of the session. Home rule is always being eroded.
 - Chairman Hodge- baseball season has started. Spoke to Liberty partners and there's some confusion in the legislature this year.
 - Comm. Hiers- Friday attended the North Florida Economic Development board meeting. Announced this Friday night Williston girls basketball game at home for Regional Championship & Saturday night is Williston boys basketball Regional Championship in Wildwood. Beast Feast is also Saturday night.
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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Clerk of Court, Matt Brooks

Chairman, Tim Hodge

Minutes Submitted by: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Date Submitted: 02/17/2026