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Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
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Dear Ms. Harper,

I am in receipt of your request for an hourly rate proposal to provide interim Budget Officer consulting services on an as-needed basis.

I believe that I can accommodate your needs having served in various capacities as a department head and assistant county administrator in Marion County over a 21-year period (1994-2015). Following retirement in 2015, I provided financial analysis, primarily for public safety organizations in cities, counties, and special districts across the United States and Canada. Attached is a brief list of Florida projects for which I provided financial analysis and, in some cases, also served as project manager.

I am very familiar with Florida county budget processes and would be happy to assist individual departments as well as assisting in preparation of the overall county budget. While I prefer to work remotely, I am certainly available to meet through video-conferencing anytime with sufficient notice.

I can start right away, although I have vacation planned next week so I will not be able to devote much time until the following week. That said, I can provide at least 20 hours per week after that, more on an as needed basis. My hourly rate is \$145/hour.

I have attached a brief bio providing a little more personal background. I look forward to working with you and your staff as you assist the Levy County Board of County Commissioners preparing the 2026-2027 budget.

Sincerely,

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