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PLEASE REPLY TO:

MEMORANDUM

To: Matt Brooks, Clerk of the Court
Levy County

From: Rebecca Shinholser 
Executive Director

Date: April 30, 2025

Subject: 2026 Budget Submittal

The State Attorney is the chief prosecuting officer for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. We are requesting that the State Attorney's Information Technology (IT) and cell phone budget be administered on a circuit wide level with the expenditures being shared by all six counties. Based on population, Levy County's portion is equal to 11% of the overall technology and cell phone budget. This course of action results in a savings to taxpayers through the flexibility of volume purchasing as well as reduced overhead and administrative costs. It provides the State Attorney with the needed flexibility to shift resources among counties to provide the highest quality of prosecutorial services to the entire circuit.

As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, it has become increasingly necessary to adjust our county budget to support the ongoing needs of our case management system and digital evidence management system. Our FY 2026 budget request is \$64,328 for Circuit Wide State Attorney Expenditures. We are relying on Levy County Finance and Accounting to include our portion of communications, including office telephones and subpoena postage as required by Article V, of the Florida Constitution.

I understand and appreciate the current economic position of the county and our office will continue to be fiscally responsible. We look forward to working with you and the Commission and as always if you have any questions regarding our budget request, please feel free to contact our Finance Director, Michelle Signer at 352-384-3008.