

RESOLUTION NO. 196 - 2026

**APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FROM CONTINGENCY
INTO ELECTRIC ACCOUNT LINES
DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN ENERGY COSTS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Director has requested additional funds in order to meet the substantial increases in electric costs from National Grid, which were not anticipated in his 2026 budget. The Director anticipated the need for an additional \$275,000 to cover the increased electric energy costs for the entire 2026 year; and

WHEREAS, in April the Lewis County Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 81-2026, in which \$92,000.00 was appropriated from fund balance into Building & Grounds various electric account lines; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, in consultation with the Treasurer, indicates that this additional funding will need to be appropriated from the 2026 Fund Balance, and recommends that the sum of \$60,000.00 be appropriated for Third & Fourth quarter anticipated increases (August thru December), with review of the costs on a monthly basis and the ability of the Department to request further appropriations from fund balance for the remaining Third and Fourth quarters of 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the Lewis County Treasurer to appropriate \$60,000.00 from 2026 Fund Balance into Building & Grounds account lines to cover the increased Third & Fourth quarter electric bills for the County buildings:

Decrease:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$ 60,000.00
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Increase:

A0162000 430300 B&G Courthouse Electric	\$45,000.00
A0162900 430300 Shady Ave Electric	\$ 15,000.00

Section 2. Any unused portion of the amount appropriated from Fund Balance remaining at the end of the year shall be returned to Fund Balance.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

LATE RESOLUTION

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.