

THIRD DAY ANNUAL SESSION
December 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman of the Board, Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, and there were 48 other persons present.

Chairman Dolhof asked Legislator Hathway for the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

Chairman Dolhof announced that there were some important guests in the audience tonight, which are the 2023 South Lewis Girls Varsity Cross-County team, along with their coaches and athletic trainer. They were recognized for their outstanding efforts, determination, and teamwork that won them the title of 2023 Class D New York State Cross-Country Champions. Special Recognition was given to Brynn Bernard who won the race, for the third year in a row, with an impressive time of 18 minutes and 56 seconds. This was her last season running cross-country for South Lewis Central School along with the other three seniors Mallory Kraeger, Grace Bailey, and Summer Valis, who will all be missed.

Chairman Dolhof congratulated Brynn Bernard, Mallory Kraeger, Felicity Szucs, Grace Bailey, Hadassah Siegrist, Zoey Babcock, Summer Valis, Trinity Valis, and Asley Garcia-Lucas. He also noted well deserved recognition to the team coaches Jack Bernard and Michele Leindecker for their leadership and training that lead the team to victory this season and to Athletic Trainer Lisa Brown as she is a vital part of each team.

Chairman Dolhof then welcomed Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush to come forward to say a few words. Assemblyman Blankenbush started by stating it was nice to be here doing a fun thing instead of being in Albany. He congratulated all the girls on the team and recognized the seniors who will all be going on to run in college. He then mentioned that he hates running and told a story from his youth. The baseball team, which he was a part of, had to run the cross-country trail after practice each day. He never enjoyed running and the trail would go by a little creek as you entered the woods and then come back out next to the creek when you exited the woods on the other side.

He decided that he would just take a little shortcut and follow the creek to the large rock as you exited the woods. When he got to the big rock he would wait for the rest of his teammates and join them as they finished the run. One day while he waited by the rock, his coach appeared behind him and from then on he was made to run his mile on the track where the coach could watch him complete it. He said running cross-country takes determination and dedication because it is not easy. South Lewis has that determination, and for a school in Lewis County with a population of a little over 26,000, to win a state title is very impressive. He encouraged the rest of the team to continue on next year.

Assemblyman Blankenbush, Chairman Dolhof, and a Representative from Senator Walczyk office asked the team and coaches to come forward to receive their certificates.

Chairman Dolhof declared the November 7th and November 21st meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

The Finance and Rules Committee had met and recommended to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Thomas Osborne
Philip Hathway
Jessica Moser
Joshua Leviker
Jeffrey Nellenback

Dated: December 5, 2023

Legislator Virkler moved that the rules be waived, seconded by Legislator Moser, and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

At 5:13 p.m., Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearings on the following: Lewis County 2024 Shared Services Plan; Agricultural District No. 6 Eight-Year Review; Proposed Addition of 0.7 miles of OHV Trails to the Lewis County OHV Trail System; and Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1-2012: To Regulate Camping on County Property.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne reported that the County Clerk hired Melinda Thomas to fill the DMV Examiner position which was vacant. County Clerk Jake Moser and his Deputy JoAnn Walters attended the Fall County Clerk's Conference where there was discussion on Notary changes and regulations, out of state residents obtaining NYS Pistol Licenses, and online Naturalizations. Fraud alert has been added to online records for all customers that do business with the County Clerk's Office. This was at no cost to the county or residents and will give them peace of mind. The final stages of improving workflow, accessibility, and over all security with records through IQS is being worked on.

Legislator Osborne moved that the Board of Legislators authorize Information Technology Director Conner Biolsi to apply for the next round of DHSES targeted, competitive, cyber security grant funding, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator Osborne moved that the Board of Legislators authorize Planning and Community Development Director Casandra Buell alongside the Recreation, Forestry, and Parks Director Jackie Mahoney, to apply for two NYS Smart Growth grants on behalf of Lewis County; one for cross-country trail development in the Town of Lyonsdale and another for

broadband infrastructure in Lewis County locations within the Adirondack Park, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.

Legislator Gilbert reported that Solid Waste recently hired Kyle Blessing to fill the open Medium Equipment Operator position, which has been vacant since July 2023. The number of bags of garbage that have been handled so far this year has reached over 3,000. The year-to-date revenue is \$2,072,042 with expenditures being \$2,032,422 allowing the cash balance to increase to \$317,564.11. Finally, as a reminder, there will be rate increased to various waste classes effective January 1, 2024. He thanked Solid Waste for all their hard work for the county. For more information you can stop by the Lowville Transfer Station or go to the County website.

Legislator Virkler stated that Community Services has decided not to fill the Mental Health Coordinator position but instead will be hiring a Deputy Director as approved in the 2024 budget. There was a request for a 730 evaluation, and to-date the county has paid out \$127,621.00 in “restoration” for two individuals. Community Services Director Pat Fralick met with TLS about SPOA programming to ensure compliance with new OMH program expectations. New York State had a federal audit, in which several programs were evaluated, causing likely changes in program expectations. Flu vaccines are available at Public Health as numbers are on the rise.

Legislator Chartrand reported that there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the surgical wing recently, which should greatly improve the level of care for the residents of Lewis County and should avoid some travel time in unpleasant weather. The hospital welcomed George Akle MD who is going to be in the OBGYN department. He has an excellent work ethic and will be a great asset to Women’s Health in Lewis County. Additionally, the hospital welcomed Dr. Zehr who is part of the surgical team, with a MD degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, and her General Surgery Residency at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Surgery and was recently initiated into the American College of Surgeons. The first surgery in the new Surgical Pavilion will be tomorrow, December 6th.

Legislator Chartrand reported that the July Employee of the Month was Julie Smith, Patient Access Clerk and Emily Koster, RN was the August Employee of the Month.

Jerry Cayer reported that tomorrow surgeries will be implemented in the new Surgical Pavilion, with some final drills being done in the morning. There is a full surgical day planned to begin at 10:00 a.m., and after three days the original 1980 surgical rooms will be shut down. These two rooms will become the new Critical Care Unit in the first quarter of 2024. On the financial side, there was a gain of \$502,288 versus a budgeted gain of \$330,084 for the month of October. The year-to-date gain is \$803,985 versus a budgeted gain of \$435,985. The 2024 pension payment was made this week to the County, which was 3.56 million dollars. Jeff Hellinger and Eric Virkler worked together to make sure the report was submitted.

The Hospital Board of Managers adopted a resolution to accept a gift of \$50,000 from the Friends of Lewis County Hospice to revitalize the palliative care rooms. He thanked the Board of Legislators and the County Administration for the support on the project and last Thursday at

the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was the only day that the sun was shining. He then handed out an Economic and Community Benefits report from HANYS on the Lewis County General Hospital. This report shows that the economic activity generated by hospitals through jobs and the purchase of goods and services makes up 9.6% of the state's entire gross domestic product, or \$118,000,000; Hospitals and health systems generated 800 jobs; and New York hospitals generate \$12,000,000 in tax dollars. There were 122,000 outpatients provided with care, 11,000 people treated in the emergency room, and 800 people admitted to hospitals. At Lewis County General Hospital 82% of all people admitted are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, and 57% of all outpatients that were provided care are covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Jim Garito thanked the board, Ryan and the outgoing members of the board for their support and the opportunity to report. Some of the contractors lost steam last month so there was a little bit of a lull. There was full force effort today on the projects and all employees, but a few are local residents. The Outdoor Services building is slightly ahead of schedule. The Board of Elections portion of the building should be completed by months end. If anyone wants a tour feel free to reach out.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan Piche reported that he has been managing projects and getting prepared for next year.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler reported that sales tax remains on pace to last year. Pension payment was done early to take advantage of a discount, so the total amount paid was \$5,590,000. Retiree Medicare Advantage roll out is done and the effective date of policies is January 1, 2024. Retirees should have received their new Medicare Advantage card by now. Eric had handed out the Three + One 2024 Top 10 Outlook to all legislators. The Health Insurance Fund has declined below \$700,000, and there will be a meeting on Thursday to look at possible changes and or rate increases.

Legislator Hathway questioned if the Sheriff had enough money for the remainder of the year for inmate outboarding, Eric responded that he hasn't tracked it but they should because the jail has been up and running for a couple months.

Chairman Dolhof stated that the information handed out earlier on the Board of Managers appointments is because there are a couple vacancies, a current member wants to be reappointed and there was a resume received from another person who has indicated interest in becoming a member of the board. Both will be appointed at the next meeting. He then asked legislators and new legislators to review the Outside Boards needing Legislative Representatives and indicate your interest to him.

Chairman Dolhof closed all of the public hearings at 5:43 p.m. with no comments.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 2024
RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDING RULES
OF THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That this Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Standing Rules of the Board of Legislators, which be and hereby are adopted as the Standing Rules of the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the year 2024.

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 2024
RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO VICE-CHAIR
OF LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Vice-Chair shall have and execute all powers and duties of such Chair over any meeting that he/she is called to preside over.

Section 2. That the Vice-Chair shall execute and perform such duties during the absence of the Chair from the County of Lewis and at such times when the Chair is physically or mentally unable to perform such duties.

Section 3. That the powers and duties so authorized to said Vice-Chair shall not be executed by the Chair during the above designated time periods.

Section 4. That this Board of Legislators hereby appoints

LEGISLATOR THOMAS OSBORNE

to perform the duties of Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators for calendar year 2024.

Section 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – 2024
AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$1,309,340.82 be and each is hereby audited and allowed for the amounts claimed, and that the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw checks for the County Treasurer for the amounts claimed, in favor of each of the claimants or their assigns.

Moved by Legislator Nortz, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES: Osborne, Frost, Kalamas, Leviker, Moser, Moroughan, Lyndaker, Nortz, and Dolhof.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nellenback.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 - 2024
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2024, COUNTY OF LEWIS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on December 21, 2023, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on January 2, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR INCREASES TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN LOCAL OFFICIALS"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on December 26, 2023, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location at such time and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 4 – 2023), County of Lewis, titled "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR INCREASES TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN LOCAL OFFICIALS"; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 1 – 2024, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 1 – 2024, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon completion of all requirements and filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Leviker. The resolution was then adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024 pursuant to the following roll call vote: Legislator Nortz recused.

AYES: Kalamas, Lyndaker, Osborne, Leviker, Moroughan, Frost, Moser, and Dolhof.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nellenback.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM AND THE AMOUNT OF
A BLANKET UNDERTAKING COVERING OFFICERS,
CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES OF LEWIS COUNTY

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, County Law § 403 provides that the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer, as well as such county officers as shall be specifically required by law, must execute and file with the County Clerk an undertaking in such amounts as may be approved by the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law § 11(2) further provides that it is permissible with the consent and approval of the officer or governing body authorized to require the undertaking for the County to procure a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering officers, clerks and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby approves the blanket undertaking in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be obtained from a corporate surety company duly authorized to do business in the State of New York, for the purpose of covering all officers, clerks and employees of Lewis County and that such officers, clerks and employees will faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office, and all trusts imposed upon him or her by law by virtue of his or her office, including the duty of promptly accounting for and paying over all moneys or property received by him as such officer, in accordance with law, and that if the said officers, clerks or employees fail to perform any of the above-mentioned conditions or is in default thereof, that the said corporate surety will pay to said County and to the People of the State of New York, all damages, costs and expenses resulting from such default, not exceeding the sum specified above.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be affixed to a copy of the undertaking described herein and filed with the Lewis County Clerk's Office.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nortz, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 - 2024
RESOLUTION WAIVING THE NEED FOR A SURETY BOND
ON THE PART OF THE CHAIR OF THE
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, County Law § 450 provides that the Chair of the Board of Legislators is to execute and file an undertaking with the County Clerk in such form and in such amount as may be required by the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has this date adopted a resolution approving a blanket undertaking covering the officers, clerks and employees of Lewis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby determines that separate undertaking for the Chair of the Board of Legislators shall not be required and waives any further obligation on the part of the Chair of the Board to obtain a surety bond for the faithful performance of his/her office, pursuant to County Law § 450.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Leviker, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLERK OF THE BOARD
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law, the Board of Legislators appoints a Clerk of the Board to serve the Board of Legislators during the term of the elected Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint Cassandra Moser to continue to serve as Clerk of the Board and Administrator for the Workers Compensation Plan, and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of her service during said term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Cassandra E. Moser of Croghan, New York, to serve as Clerk of the Board and Administrator of the Workers Compensation Plan.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal employment agreement to be negotiated by and between the County of Lewis and Cassandra E. Moser, setting forth the terms and conditions of her employment.

Section 3. That the term of said Agreement shall be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 4. That the annual salary for said position shall be established and retroactive to January 1, 2024, and set at \$ 69,618.00 (\$59,618.00 plus \$10,000.00 for Administrator of Workers Compensation), with annual adjustment(s) to the salary pursuant to the management compensation plan and schedule approved by the Board.

Section 5. The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

Section 6. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas , seconded by Legislator Moroughan , and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 - 2024
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LEWIS COUNTY ATTORNEY
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §500, the Board of Legislators must appoint a County Attorney to serve during the term of the elected Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint Joan E. McNichol as County Attorney and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of her service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Joan E. McNichol of Lowville, New York 13367, to serve as Lewis County Attorney, pursuant to County Law § 500.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an updated employment agreement to be negotiated by and between the County of Lewis and Joan E. McNichol, setting forth the terms and conditions of her employment as Lewis County Attorney for this new term.

Section 3. That the term of said Appointment shall be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 4. That the annual salary for said position is established and retroactive to January 1, 2024 at \$138,831.00, with annual adjustment(s) to the salary during the remainder of her fixed term upon budget adoption by the Board of Legislators pursuant to the management compensation plan schedule approved by the Board.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

Section 6. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 - 2024
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LEWIS COUNTY MANAGER
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore established the position of County Manager pursuant to Lewis County Local Law No. 4-1987, whose function it is to serve as the chief administrative officer, as well as the budget officer, on behalf of the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint Ryan Piche as County Manager and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of his service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Ryan Piche of Lowville, New York 13367, to serve in the position of County Manager pursuant to Local Law No. 4-1987.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an updated employment agreement to be negotiated by and between the County of Lewis and the County Manager, setting forth the terms and conditions of his employment as County Manager for this new term.

Section 3. The term of said Appointment shall be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 4. The annual salary of said position is established and retroactive to January 1, 2024 at \$133,491.00, with annual adjustment(s) to the salary during the remainder of his fixed term upon budget adoption by the Board of Legislators pursuant to the management compensation plan schedule approved by the Board.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

Section 6. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 2024
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law, the Lewis County Fire Advisory Board shall consist of the following members, who are hereby appointed to such Board for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 to wit: Fire Chief of each Volunteer Fire Department in Lewis County, or a designated Assistant Fire Chief, all of whom shall be county officers and shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. That Lewis County Fire and Emergency Management Director Robert MacKenzie, III is hereby authorized to appoint up to six (6) Deputy Coordinators, who shall serve without compensation, and that said Director must submit a list of his appointees to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators as soon as appointments have been made.

Section 3. That the necessary expenses of the Lewis County Fire Advisory Board and the Deputy Coordinators shall be paid upon due audit as provided by law.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2024
RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION TO
CANARX SERVICES, INC. AS A
LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN VENDOR

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby extends authorization to participants of the Lewis County Health Insurance Plan to utilize CanaRx Services, Inc. as a vendor for prescribed medications.

Section 2. That CanaRx Services, Inc. is hereby approved as a vendor for a period of one year to commence January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Thomas Kalamas as the Board's representative to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024. Legislator Kalamas recused.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Joshua Leviker as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Agricultural Society Fair Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024. Legislator Leviker recused.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Lawrence Dolhof as the Board's representative to the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
and MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Jessica Moser as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Community Services Board and as a member of the Mental Health Subcommittee.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024. Legislator Moser recused.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Barry Lyndaker as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Cooperative Extension Board of Directors.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nortz, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
LEWIS COUNTY CORPORATE COMPLIANCE BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Barry Lyndaker, Legislator Jeffrey Nellenback, and Legislator Herb Frost III as the Board's representatives to the Lewis County Corporate Compliance Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Lawrence Dolhof as the Board's representative to the Region 6 Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nortz, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
FORT DRUM REGIONAL LIAISON ORGANIZATION

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Vincent Nortz as the Board's representative to the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Jessica Moser as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Health Services Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF MANAGERS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Vincent Nortz as the Board's representative to the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
INTER-COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ADIRONDACKS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Thomas Kalamas as the Board's representative to the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Andrea Moroughan as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Law Library Board of Trustees.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS – JEFFERSON EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Thomas Osborne as the Board's representative to the Lewis – Jefferson Education Center Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moroughan, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
NORTH COUNTRY HOME CONSORTIUM

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Barry Lyndaker as the Board's representative to the North Country HOME Consortium.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
NYS DEC OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Herb Frost III as the Board's representative to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Open Space Advisory Committee.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Thomas Osborne as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Planning Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Joshua Leviker as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Alternatives to Incarceration Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
LEWIS COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Andrea Moroughan and Legislator Thomas Kalamas as the Board's representatives to the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

Section 2. That the term of said appointments shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 - 2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Vincent Nortz as the Board's representative to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 - 2024
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Lewis hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by this official to the Clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day	Term Begins/Ends	Days/Month
Elected Officials				
County Clerk	Lyle J. Moser	8	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	23.54
County Treasurer	Eric Virkler	8	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	23.54
Legislator	Joshua P. Leviker	6	1/1/2024-12/31/2025	3.56
Legislator - Chair	Lawrence L. Dolhof	6	1/1/2024-12/31/2025	11.09
Appointed Officials				

Moved by Legislator Osborne, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS:

At 5:49 p.m. Legislator Chartrand moved that the Board enter Attorney Client Privilege Session for an update on litigation, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and carried. Chairman Dolhof requested that the new legislators present join.

At 6:11 p.m. Legislator Hathway moved that the Board enter regular session, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Osborne moved that the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and carried.