

REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: 10 Legislators were present and 10 other persons.

Legislator Hathway gave the invocation. Chairman Dolhof lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then declared the June 22, 2021 and July 6, 2021 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
Ronald Burns
Ian Gilbert
Gregory Kulzer
Philip Hathway

Dated: August 3, 2021

Legislator Burns made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

Franklin, Livingston & Orleans County all submitted adopted resolutions calling on Governor Cuomo to complete Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance percentage reconciliations that are years overdue and immediately release the Federal funds owed to counties and New York City.

The following letter was received from Ms. Vicki Roy: “As a Lewis County taxpayer, I would like to express my concern in regard to the County’s consideration in building and owning a structure and leasing it. I do not see why the county should use taxpayer’s dollars to invest in a building for a non-profit business. When you say Number Three Wind Farm payment in lieu of tax monies would be used, that is still tax revenue to be utilized to help offset County expenses. And if I am reading the article in the Journal correctly, you would also be entering into a bond debt. I’m sorry, but this does not seem fiscally responsible. It appears that County would be taking a great risk with no sure return for our (taxpayers) money.

Additionally, I do not see where the entire county (17 Towns; 9 Villages) would benefit from a Community Center in the Village of Lowville. I am sure there are many more important challenges the County has to face. If they don’t feel they need the in-lieu-of-payment, they can use it to reduce the tax levy. In my opinion, that would help all taxpayers far more than a

Community Center in Lowville. I know in the Town of Watson many of our residents are facing a large debt for the Water District and any help they could get would be appreciated.

If Mr. Myers (Double Play) feels it is a profitable endeavor then he should be looking at other resources as I see he has, however, I do not see the taxpayers as a reasonable source. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion. Sincerely, Vicki A. Roy.”

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators received the monthly Treasurer’s report, and Highway & Solid Waste July Audit reports. Real Property Director Candy Akin and County Treasurer Eric Virkler have filed approved applications for refunds or credits of Real Property Taxes for property owners Lauren & Debbie Zehr.

Brian Mooney submitted the June and July 2021 Sealer of Weights & Measures activity reports which have been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne made a motion to continue the Lewis County Procurement Policy as presently in place, including continuation of the County Manager and Chairman of the Board identified as the responsible purchaser and alternate responsible purchaser, respectively, in compliance with General Municipal Law Section 104-b (2) (f), seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

Legislator Osborne made a motion to authorize Clerk of the Board Cassandra Moser to refill one (1) full-time Deputy Clerk of the Board position effective immediately due to resignation, seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.

Legislator King made a motion to authorize Clerk of the Board Cassandra Moser to publish an advertisement in the Watertown Daily Times to fill vacancies on the Lewis County Junkyard Review Board, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

Legislator Moroughan made a motion to authorize Public Health Director Ashley Waite to refill one (1) full-time Public Health Nurse position effective immediately due to resignation, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Mr. Cayer, Lewis County General Hospital CEO, reported that the hospital received their Certificate of Need approval to move forward with the facility improvement project and are just waiting on the signed paperwork. The next step is to initiate the bond process, which the county had previously approved, through the contracted bond counsel of the county along with the Hospital CFO, County Treasurer, County Attorney, and County Manager. The Project Team will meet on August 17th to create a timeline for the bid process with a bid opening likely around

Thanksgiving. Mr. Cayer voiced concerns about the current market conditions for supplies, citing increased cost of materials and supply chain issues.

The hospital is working with the County Manager and Public Health Director to reopen the Covid-19 Screening Clinic at Maple Ridge Center, hopefully within the next two weeks. Due to the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration running out the funding for the free screening clinic also subsided. Mr. Cayer handed out information on the importance of wearing masks due to the increase in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations throughout the county. There are challenges right now with staff leaving hospital employment, recruiting challenges, and employees who feel burnt out by the high demands of Covid.

Legislator Hathway questioned if vaccinated individuals should wear masks, Mr. Cayer responded that it doesn't matter what your vaccination status is everyone should wear a mask regardless. Legislator Hathway questioned if the hospital had received their Critical Access Designation again, Mr. Cayer stated that it was reinstated retro active to July 2020 through December 2023. In the summer of 2023, the hospital will complete a Tri-Annual Joint Commission Accreditation Survey to continue to receive the designation moving forward.

Legislator Gilbert questioned if the Critical Access Designation was a legislative or administrative fix, Mr. Cayer reported that it will end up being an administrative fix in the end. The administrative fix will address the definition, which is what caused the designation to be removed in the first place and should be a permanent fix.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan reported that the grant funds the county received recently for school testing will be put towards reopening the Maple Ridge Center testing site to the public. Unfortunately, the grant will only cover those that are affiliated through employment with a school or attending a school, so the county is working with the hospital to figure out the financial piece to cover the general public. A late resolution will be presented later tonight that will cover this portion of the testing clinic by using fund balance, which will allow testing to continue 3 days a week for all residents free of charge with a tentative reopening date of August 16th.

The current number of positive cases has increased dramatically over the last week and a half to 33 cases. This puts Lewis County in a Substantial Transmission Zone according to CDC guidelines, which uses per capita data to calculate. Vaccination remains the most important issue in order to slow the increase in cases. There are vaccination clinics still occurring, one will be held on Friday, August 6th at the Lowville Fire Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and walk-ins are welcome. The CDC recommends that any Substantial Transmission Zones require all individuals to wear masks inside buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

Ryan asked the board to weigh in on what the policy should be for county buildings, currently masks are not required unless someone is unvaccinated. Legislator Virkler agreed with

the CDC recommendation to have everyone wear masks inside any county building. Legislator Kulzer voiced his opinion that the county should wait another week to see if the cases continue to rise or if the spike falls, citing that the county is spread out. Legislator Gilbert agreed with Legislator Kulzer but would also like to hear input from Departments that deal with the public. Ryan clarified that this policy would only be for county facilities, it wouldn't apply to any businesses or other facilities in the county. Legislator Dolhof suggested that there could be a threshold set and once the county reaches that number of cases the policy would require employees to wear mask in all county facilities.

Legislator Moroughan voiced her opinion that if we only require county employees to wear masks in county facilities, but they don't wear them in any other buildings, like church or the grocery store, then what good is it going to do to stop the spread of Covid-19. Legislator Gilbert felt that residents have altered their behavior based on what the current environment is. There was further discussion. Mr. Cayer handed out information showing the benefits of masks and further stated that the masks will limit the spread, as well as social distancing and vaccinations. Hospital employees are required to wear masks. It is important to set an example for the children in our community.

Legislator King stated that he was in agreement with requiring all employees to wear masks in county facilities to try and keep the spread to a minimum. Legislator Dolhof clarifies that the current policy requires unvaccinated employees to wear masks when not at their workstation. Ryan stated that it is being done on an honor system as they are not being required to show proof of vaccination. County Clerk Jake Moser addressed the board that he has spoken to both his Clerk and DMV staff, and everyone agrees that if wearing a mask helps keep the offices open to serve the public then they are willing to wear them. They want to continue with forward progress and not have to revert to an appointment system.

Legislator Dolhof stated that it might be best to change the policy now to avoid a large outbreak that could jeopardize keeping the county buildings open to the public with the intention of changing the policy back when the numbers go back down. Legislator Kulzer voiced his concern that the data the CDC is using to come up with their guidance is for highly populated areas which Lewis County is not. He went on to state that there are many places that aren't requiring masks, it should be a choice if someone wants to wear one.

Legislator Virkler made a motion to change the county policy to require all county employees and members of the public to wear masks in shared/common spaces, like hallways, when they are unable to socially distance (6 feet) in all county owned/operated facilities, and if the county falls below the Substantial Transmission Zone designation by the CDC the policy will revert back to only requiring unvaccinated employees and members of the public to wear masks, excluding the hospital as they will continue to be required to wear masks at all times, seconded by Legislator King.

Legislator Gilbert pointed out that last year many people chose to wear a mask as a level of personal responsibility to protect those around them because there was no vaccine available. The fact that there is a vaccine that is available to protect people is what ended the need for masks, but now the county is going to require all employees to wear masks for the foreseeable future

diminishes the personal responsibility aspect of this. At some point the decision may be taken out of the hands of legislators but for now he is opposed to changing the policy. Legislator Chartrand pointed out that the Public Health Director would be in favor of requiring all individuals to wear masks.

The motion was then carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes (6) Hathway, Chartrand, Osborne, Virkler, King, and Dolhof; Nays (4) Burns, Kulzer, Gilbert, and Moroughan.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:


Eric reported that the sales tax receipts continue to trend well above budget. Bed Tax receipts are higher than normal, with only about 2 to 3 delinquents. The Property Tax Foreclosure is moving ahead tentatively for a November 4th, 2021, online auction date barring any extension on the eviction moratorium. ARP funding requires the first report to be submitted by August 31st which will be completed with assistance from our auditing firm. Legislator Hathway cited a resolution appointing Eric Virkler to the DANC board and questioned if he had any specific goals that would help the county. Eric responded that he is knowledgeable about DANC, will make sure Lewis County is represented well and make sure the county gets our value from that organization.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:


**REPORT OF
FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE
ON THE EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS**

To: The Honorable County Legislators

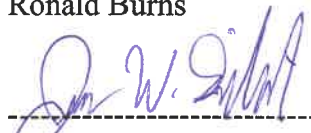
The Finance and Rules Committee reports that they have examined the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$ 1,427,477.00 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.



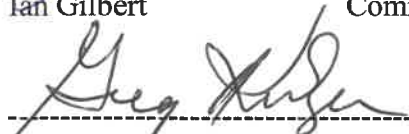
Thomas Osborne Chair




Ronald Burns Vice-Chair



Ian Gilbert Committee



Greg Kulzer Committee



Phil Hathway Committee

Dated: August 3, 2021

Approved on motion by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Burns , and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 168 – 2021
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 \$ 1,427,477.00 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 Virkler, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: King, Kulzer, Chartrand, Burns, Hathway, Virkler, Gilbert, Moroughan, Osborne, Dolhof

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 169 – 2021
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Eric Virkler of Lowville, New York 13367, to the Development Authority of the North Country.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be for a period of four (4) years effective from August 6, 2021 to August 6, 2025.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 170 - 2021
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the District Attorney's Office to:

<u>ABOLISH</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Assistant District Attorney	Full-Time	Grade III (\$61,550- \$78,530)

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Chartrand , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021. Legislator Gilbert abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 171 – 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH 10 MILE ROAD ASSOCIATION
AND COUNTY OF LEWIS FOR TRANSFER OF USED BEAMS
FOR SNOWMOBILE USE AND ACCESS ON 10 MILE ROAD

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, in 2017 the County adopted a policy on procedures pertaining to the disposal of surplus used equipment no longer suitable for its intended use; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent identified the accumulation of approximately 23 used, scrap steel beams from various repaired bridges and projects, no longer suitable for use. The Superintendent was contacted by an employee of NYS who is a member of the 10 Mile Road Association; an association of private land owners on 10 Mile Road which runs from Brantingham to Stillwater Road, who seek to use the beams to shore up various bridges along this private road; and

WHEREAS, 10 Mile Road is a critical snowmobile access trail connector between Brantingham and Stillwater Road, and an important part of Lewis County outdoor winter recreational tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent estimates (from viewing on line auction site listings) that the value of this scrap metal is approximately \$5,000. The value of having this road open for snowmobiling is of significantly greater value to the County and its commitment to Lewis County economic development from recreational tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends and requests that the Board authorize the transfer of the used, scrap steel beams to the 10 Mile Road Association, in consideration of the Association's agreement to continue to provide and allow for snowmobile use and access of the Road, for a period of seventy-five (75) years;

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to approve said transfer and authorize an agreement with the 10 Mile Road Association for the County's continued access of this private road for public snowmobile access and use as a connector between Brantingham and Stillwater Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis by and through the Lewis County Highway Department and the 10 Mile Road Association to transfer ownership of approximately 23 used, scrap steel beams, "as is", in consideration of public snowmobile use and access to this private road as part of the Lewis County snowmobile trail system, as a connector between Brantingham and Stillwater Road, for a period of seventy-five (75) years.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, together with the Superintendent of Highway, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 172 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF LEWIS AND TOWN OF HARRISBURG FOR TRANSFER OF RIVER ROAD BRIDGE AND PROVISION OF \$90,000.00 TOWARD COSTS OF MATERIALS FOR BRIDGE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT WITH CULVERT

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways is charged with responsibility for maintenance of bridges within the municipalities comprising Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways closed the River Road Bridge (identified as Bridge Bin #3340130) as unsafe, which is now tagged by NYS DOT as “red flagged”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Harrisburg seeks to have the County transfer its title and ownership interest in the bridge property, with the intention of removing the bridge and replacing it with a culvert and other required materials, with the financial assistance from the County in the amount of \$90,000.00 toward the costs of materials for this conversion, subject to receipt of appropriate permit(s) and approvals required by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC); and

WHEREAS, the cost to the County in repairing/replacing and maintaining this bridge will be greater than the financial assistance sought by the Town in its proposal, and will forever eliminate the County’s responsibilities for maintenance of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways requests that the Board authorize this transfer of ownership and the sum of \$90,000.00 to the Town of Harrisburg for the River Road Bridge, subject to the Town’s receipt of proper permit(s) and approvals as may be required by the NYS DEC for conversion from bridge to culvert.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes an agreement with the Town of Harrisburg for the transfer of title and ownership of the River Road Bridge, in the Town of Harrisburg (Bridge Bin #3340130) to the Town of Harrisburg, together with the sum of \$90,000.00 to the Town toward the material costs associated with removal of the bridge and replacement of same with appropriate culverts and other required materials, provided that the Town complies with and receives all necessary permits and approvals from the NYS DEC.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Treasurer is directed to make the following appropriation and transfer:

<u>Transfer</u>	
<u>Decrease Expenditure:</u>	
A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$90,000.00

Increase Expenditure:
A09901000 991200 Interfund Transfer to Hwy \$90,000.00

Appropriation

Increase Revenue:
D0501000 350310 Interfund Revenue \$90,000.00

Increase Expenditure:
D0501000 490900 CR Admin Misc Exp \$90,000.00

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, together with the Superintendent of Highways is authorized to sign, seal and execute any and all agreements and transfer documents required to give effect to this Resolution, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Road

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfer take place in the County Road accounts to facilitate an additional maintenance project utilizing funds allocated to the construction material account:

Increase Expenditure:

D0511000 491040 Maintenance Road Exp	\$40,000.00
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Decrease Expenditure:

D0515000 495150 Paving Material	\$40,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2021
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Board of Managers' Representative.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Lewis County General Hospital to:

<u>ABOLISH</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Cleaner	Part-Time	\$12.86 - \$16.70
<u>CREATE</u>		
Custodial Worker	Part-Time	\$14.01 – \$18.25

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 175 – 2021
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
Information Technology Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following transfers take place from Regular Contingency to Information Technology department accounts to provide funding for computers purchased for other departments. This transfer is related to Resolution 122-2021 by which funds were added to Contingency for a NYS grant received:

From:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$8,100.00
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To:

A0168000 221700 IT Computers	\$8,100.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Planning Department

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriations be approved in the Planning Department to accept NYS grants funds for a NY Main Street project in the Village of Lowville and to authorize the revenue and expenditure amounts:

Increase Revenue:

A0802000 339021 NYMS Downtown Stabilization Funds	\$188,201.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0802000 495021 NYMS Downtown Stabilization exp	\$188,201.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2021
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION BROADBAND
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE BUILDOUT**

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for 2021 National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a covered partnership, defined as a partnership between a State, or one or more political subdivisions of a State and a provider of fixed broadband service, is eligible for a grant under the Broadband Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications would act as the provider of fixed broadband service for this application; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Infrastructure Program does not contain a statutory cost sharing or matching fund requirement, however, NTIA will favorably consider applications that propose to contribute a non-federal cost share of ten (10) percent of the total eligible costs of a project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department to submit the application for 2021 National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00, with the ten (10) percent cash local share match paid from County stimulus funds.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any contract documents, if awarded the grant.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND NYS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO ACCEPT COVID-19 AWARD OF \$1,101,471.00 FOR
CONTINUED COVID SCREENING AND TESTING EXPENSES AND ACTIVITIES

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Public Health Agency (“PH”) was informed by NYS DOH that PH has been allocated with \$1,101,471.00 to enable and establish Covid-19 screening and testing programs in the county to support and maintain in-person learning. The award will be made upon review and acceptance by NYSDOH of a workplan and budget for the funds, and subject to execution of a contract with DOH once the budget has been approved; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of NYS DOH’s acceptance of the workplan and budget submitted by PH, the Public Health Director seeks to have the Board of Legislators authorize the acceptance of the award and approval of the expected contract with DOH upon approval of the proposed budget for expenditures under the Grant;

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize an agreement with NYS DOH, contingent upon the approval by DOH of the budget and workplan submitted by PH;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, acting by and through the Lewis County Public Health Agency and the NYS Department of Health, for the anticipated award of \$1,101,471.00 in Grant funds to enable and establish continued Covid-19 screening and testing programs in the county which support and maintain in-person learning, upon approval of the budget and workplan.

Section 2. That upon receipt of notice of acceptance/approval of the budget, workplan and proposed contract, the Lewis County Treasurer is directed to make the following appropriations:

Increase Revenue:

A0409700 3300007 NYS HRI Covid	\$1,101,471.00
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Increase Expenditures:

A0409700 110100 Personal Svs Reg Pay	\$ 85,665.00
A0409700 290900 Misc Equip	\$ 97,950.00
A0409700 440700 Supplies	\$195,000.00
A0409700 450700 Travel	\$ 13,691.00
A0409700 490100 Professional Svs Primary	\$673,160.00
A0409700 801000 Social Security	<u>\$ 36,005.00</u>
	\$1,101,471.00

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM AND
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
COVID SCREENING AND TESTING

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Public Health Agency (“PH”) was informed by NYS DOH that PH has been allocated with \$1,101,471.00 to enable and establish Covid-19 screening and testing programs in the county to support and maintain in-person learning. The award will be made upon review and acceptance by NYSDOH of a workplan and budget for the funds, and subject to execution of a contract with DOH once the budget has been approved; and

WHEREAS, as part of its proposed budget and workplan PH desires to enter into an agreement with Lewis County Health System (“LCHS”) to provide comprehensive community testing and screening for Covid-19 for the upcoming year commencing July, 2021. LCHS would provide the staff, supplies and testing sites for these community endeavors which will ensure and support in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, LCHS’s program plan is to provide screening and testing three days per week as a drive through at the Maple Ridge Center, and weekday symptomatic testing in a mobile testing trailer in the LCHS parking lot. The mobile testing trailer will be purchased by Public Health as part of its budget proposal under this award, with the staffing of same being provided by LCHS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, acting by and through the Lewis County Public Health Agency and Lewis County Health System for the continuation of Covid-19 screening and testing for the community as set forth in its proposed letter of services and estimate of costs \$641,160.00 for 52 weeks, subject to NYS DOH’s acceptance of the PH budget and a contract for the award funds.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any amendments thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 -2021
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Public Health Department to:

<u>CREATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Deputy Director of Public Health	Full-time	Grade III (\$61,550-\$78,530)
Public Health Nurse	Full-time	Grade 35 (\$29.21-\$32.90)

Section 2. That the Deputy Director position shall be filled contingent upon the acceptance of the grant budget submitted by Public Health to the Department of Health.

Section 3. That the Public Health Director is hereby authorized to fill the Public Health Nurse position effective immediately.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 181 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE TIME PAYMENTS TO EXEMPT EMPLOYEES
FOR COVID-19 ASSISTANCE DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FROM
PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT FUNDS

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, New York State has provided COVID-19 grant funding for the Lewis County Public Health Department, through its administrator, Health Research, Inc. (“HRI”) to perform and enhance efforts for case investigations, contact tracing, enhanced testing, vaccination activities across communities, at PODs, congregate settings, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County Public Health has \$467,000.00 available in these grant funds to provide payments to exempt management level salaried employees who performed case investigations, contact tracing, quarantining, monitoring or assistance at vaccine clinics above and beyond their 8 hour workday and/or on weekends and holidays; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires these exempt employees to provide documentation as to the dates and hours of emergency covid-19 service activities, which have been collected and reviewed by the County Manager. The total amount for distribution of these grant funds to the eligible exempt employees is \$104,783.62, inclusive of all fringe costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize these one time payments for eligible exempt employees who provided emergency assistance to Public Health beyond the regular work day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes one time payments to certain identified management exempt employees who provided documentation of their time and dates of service to Public Health in Covid-19 related grant fund activities required under this Grant, in the total amount of \$104,783.62.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to provide the Treasurer’s office with the list of employees and amounts to be paid to each employee for these pandemic services reimbursable from the Public Health-HRI Grant revenues. The Treasurer’s office is to make budget modifications to each identified Department’s .1 compensation expense account upon grant budget final approval and final distribution amount to each identified employee.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 182 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPOSED NEW RATES FOR AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND VARIOUS
PROVIDERS FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 131-2021, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized agreements with agencies and independent contractors who provide services to the Preschool Special Education Program for children with special education and health care needs; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Public Health Department has a list of proposed new rates set forth below to send to the State of New York Education Department for approval:

COUNTY LIST OF APPROVED RATES FOR PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES (2021-2022)			
Service	Maximum Individual Rate Per Half Hour	Maximum Group Rate Per Half Hour	Maximum Coordinator Rate Per Half Hour
Aide – 1:1 Related Services	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.00	
Assistive Technology Services	\$55.00	\$40.00	
Audiology	\$58.00	\$47.00	
Coordination	\$38.00	\$25.00	\$38.00
Counseling Services	\$44.00	\$37.00	\$38.00
School Health Services/Nurse	\$36.00	\$28.00	
Interpreter	\$30.00	\$25.00	
Music Therapy	\$57.00	\$43.00	
Orientation and Mobility	\$64.00	\$39.00	
Occupational Therapy	\$64.00	\$53.00	\$38.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$55.00	\$33.00	
Play Therapy	\$64.00	\$53.00	
Parent Counseling & Training	\$44.00	\$40.00	\$38.00
Psychological Services	\$64.00	\$53.00	
Physical Therapy	\$64.00	\$53.00	\$38.00
Physical Therapy Assistant	\$43.00	\$27.00	
School Social Work	\$55.00	\$33.00	
Speech Therapy	\$64.00	\$53.00	\$38.00
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	\$56.00	\$35.00	
Teacher of Visually Impaired	\$53.00	\$33.00	\$38.00

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to approve said rates pending approval of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the proposed new rates for the 2021/2022 school year, to send to the State of New York Education Department for approval regarding the agreements with the agencies and independent contractors who provide services to the Preschool Special Education Program for children with special education and health care needs.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
AND SYSTEMS EAST, INC.

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

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Lewis County Board of Legislators adopted Local Law No. 2 and authorized the Real Property Tax Services Department to enter into an agreement with Systems East, Inc. for the purpose of providing software licensing, support and maintenance services through 2021, in the creation of a custom tax bill for its tax bill collection process to allow for installment payments of current Town and County taxes and to streamline property tax collection in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage local municipalities to opt for installment payments and the same tax software program, the County paid the first two (2) years of the cost associated with local municipalities to obtain the Systems East software used by the County; with the option for the County to continue to provide that financial support for the local municipalities thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Service Director seeks to renew the agreement with Systems East, Inc., to provide annual software application, maintenance and support services for the County and twenty (20) of the local municipalities who have joined this software program through the County, at a cost of \$3,786.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services and enter into a contract for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a renewal agreement with Systems East, Inc., to provide application software maintenance and support services to the Real Property Tax Department's Tax Collection System (TCS) for collection of current County and Town taxes, at a cost of \$3,786.00 commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Section 2. That the Board of Legislators directs that this fee be paid from Special Contingency.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Directors is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any modifications/extensions thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 184 - 2021
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITION
TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM
(LEWIS COUNTY OWNED FORESTRY PROPERTIES)

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on August 3, 2021, a proposed addition of 7.5 miles of multi-use trails to the Lewis County OHV Trail System pertaining to Lewis County owned forestry properties. The proposed trails are located in the Town of Greig, which include the following parcels:

Parcel No.: 292.00-02-27.000 - North of Abbey Road, North and South of Beals Road
Parcel No.: 292.00-02-23.000 - North of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
Parcel No.: 292.00-02-22.000 - North of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
Parcel No.: 308.00-01-05.000 - South of Abbey Road, West of Fowlerville Road
Parcel No.: 308.00-01-06.000 - South of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
Parcel No.: 308.00-01-07.000 - South of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on September 7, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators at the West Leyden Fire Department, located at 1046 State Route 26, West Leyden, New York for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of 7.5 miles of multi-use trails to the Lewis County OHV Trail System pertaining to Lewis County owned forestry properties.

Section 2. That at least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 185 - 2021
RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA REVIEW TO ADD 7.5 MILES OF
NEW TRAIL TO THE LEWIS COUNTY OHV TRAIL SYSTEM
AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(LEWIS COUNTY OWNED FORESTRY PROPERTIES)

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has heretofore determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”), (as defined in Local Law No. 3-2019) is in the public interest and will enhance the recreational use of the natural resources available in the County, as well as encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has heretofore conducted an extensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a county-wide ATV trail system pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures outlined in 6 NYCRR § 617.9, the Board of Legislators caused to be prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) and a Final GEIS (collectively the “GEIS”) accepted the GEIS as complete and on January 29, 2009, the Board of Legislators issued a written Statement of Findings setting forth the Board’s conclusions and determinations, based upon the facts and analysis contained in the GEIS; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of its SEQRA review, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County Trail System (herein “Trail System”) by adopting Local Law No. 2 – 2009, **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, as subsequently amended and re-stated in Local Law No. 3-2019, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”** (herein, “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and the Statement of Findings contemplate future amendments to the Trail System through the addition of trails and/or the opening of interconnecting roads and set forth procedures for making such amendments, and in particular, the procedures for amending the GEIS in compliance with SEQRA prior to amending the Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks has presented the Board of Legislators with a request to add a proposed addition of 7.5 miles of multi-use trails to the Lewis County OHV Trail System pertaining to Lewis County owned forestry properties. The proposed trails are located in the Town of Greig, which include the following parcels:

- Parcel No.: 292.00-02-27.000 - North of Abbey Road, North and South of Beals Road
- Parcel No.: 292.00-02-23.000 - North of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
- Parcel No.: 292.00-02-22.000 - North of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
- Parcel No.: 308.00-01-05.000 - South of Abbey Road, West of Fowlerville Road

Parcel No.: 308.00-01-06.000 - South of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road
Parcel No.: 308.00-01-07.000 - South of Abbey Road, East of Fowlerville Road

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Legislators caused a site-specific environmental review of the proposed properties, pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Statement of Findings issued by the Board of Legislators on January 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators received a report from the Soil and Water Conservation District detailing its investigations, findings, and conclusion of no significant environmental impact with respect to trails on these properties; and with the assistance from County staff and counsel, has reviewed the same and compared it with the GEIS and Statement of Findings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators has reviewed the Report from Soil and Water Conservation District which concludes that there is no significant environmental impact in adding these Lewis County owned forestry properties in the Town of Greig to the Lewis County Trail System.

Section 2. Based upon its review and analysis of the data contained in the Report and the Specific Environmental Review and Assessment Statement pertaining to trails on the properties, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The Report adequately sets forth the relevant and material facts necessary for the Board of Legislators to make a decision;
- b. The Report adequately describes the consultant's investigations and analysis as to any significant adverse impacts and necessary mitigations for the specific sites;
- c. The Report's findings are consistent with the criteria identified and set forth in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings;
- d. The investigation and analysis of the site described as the Lewis County owned forestry properties does not reveal any environmental impacts that were either not addressed or were not adequately addressed in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings.

Section 3. As a consequence of these determinations, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and declares that the addition of 7.5 miles of multi-use trails to the Lewis County OHV Trail System pertaining to Lewis County owned forestry properties in the Town of Greig will not result in a significant environmental impact.

Section 4. The Board of Legislators further finds and declares that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.10(d), a Supplemental Findings Statement need not be filed, and no further action need be taken with regard to the County's environmental review of the site identified as the Lewis County owned forestry properties, and therefore, the Board has completed its lead agency responsibilities under SEQRA with regard to this site.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 186 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH COPENHAGEN
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS TO PROVIDE
A SPECIAL PATROL OFFICER DURING THE 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chairman of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Central School District (CCSD) requested the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO) or Special Patrol Officer (SPO) from the County by and through the Lewis County Sheriff's Department for the 2021/2022 school term (September, 2021 through June, 2022); and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County General Services Committee reviewed relevant data pertaining to the Sheriff's Road Patrol staffing, the costs associated with another SRO versus a SPO, as well as the School's option to hire its own School Safety Officer (SSO). Since the CCSD requested services through the County, the General Services Committee recommends that the Board authorize the provision of Special Patrol Officer to CCSD; and

WHEREAS, a SPO is defined as a retired member of NYS Police or Sheriff's Departments, NYS retired Corrections, Parole or Probation Officer. The compensation for a SPO is set by the County within the limits of compensation earned under NYS retirement and Social Security Law, i.e., currently an annual maximum of \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to provide CCSD with a SPO for the 2021/2022 school term, upon the County's ability to hire a Special Patrol Officer for this specific duty, and upon certain terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, including but not limited to 1) CCSD's obligation to reimburse the County the sum of \$35,000.00 for compensation expenses of the SPO, and 2) the County is responsible for the administrative costs and expenses of SPO, including hiring & background checks, outfitting the SPO with uniforms, training required for the position, and 3) the County Sheriff's right to have the SPO be assigned to the Sheriff's Department during the school term in the case of emergencies, and 4) CCSD shall provide the County Manager with monthly logs and documentation of the SPO's work days, assignments, school incidents and/or matters in which the SPO was involved, and any other relevant data the County may request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a one-year Agreement between the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Sheriff's Department, and the Copenhagen Central School District to provide a Special Patrol Officer (SPO) for the 2021/2022 school term, commencing when the County can hire and screen the candidate for this position, at a cost payable by CCSD to the County of Lewis in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Section 2. That the Agreement shall provide for the County to pay for the costs of hiring & background checks, outfitting the SPO with uniforms, training required for the position; with the discretion and right of the County Sheriff to have the SPO assigned to the Sheriff's Department during the school term in the case of emergencies; and with CCSD to provide the

County Manager with monthly logs and documentation of the SPO's work days, assignments, school incidents and/or matters in which the SPO was involved, and any other relevant data the County may request.

Section 3. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or Vice-Chairman in his absence, and the Lewis County Sheriff, are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 187 - 2021
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Central School District (CCSD) accepted the services of a Special Patrol Officer (SPO) from the County by and through the Lewis County Sheriff's Department for the 2021/2022 school term; and

WHEREAS, a SPO is defined as a retired member of the NYS Police or Sheriff's Departments, NYS retired Corrections, Parole or Probation Officer and compensation is limited to the NYS Retirement and Social Security Law current annual maximum of \$35,000.00;

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Sheriff's Office to:

<u>CREATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Special Patrol Officer	Full-Time	up to \$35,000.00 maximum

Section 2. That the Sheriff is hereby authorized to fill said position effective immediately for the 2021/2022 school year term.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Gilbert , seconded by Legislator King .

Legislator Chartrand inquired as to whether the Sheriff had been contacted and is in full agreement with this resolution.

Sheriff Carpinelli stated that he was contacted by County Manager Ryan Piche. In a conversation today between Superintendent Connell of Copenhagen School District and himself he was under the opinion that Mr. Connell would rather have a School Resource Officer but felt the only option he had was the Special Patrol Officer. The Sheriff stated that he will not find an individual to fill the Special Patrol Officer position however, he does have an individual available as a School Resource Officer.

Legislator Gilbert detailed that in the conversation between the County and Superintendent Connell, Mr. Connell was fine with the position once explained to him and noted the cost difference of \$112,000.00 for a School Resource Officer versus \$35,000.00 for a Special Patrol Officer.

Legislator Hathway then inquired of the Sheriff that when he said he "wouldn't find anyone to fill the position" whether that meant he wouldn't attempt to fill the position.

Sheriff Carpinelli responded that he will try his best to fill the position and that people aren't "knocking down the doors" for these positions.

The resolution was then adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 188 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
NORTH COUNTRY PRENATAL/PERINATAL COUNCIL, INC.

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) is charged by law to provide rehabilitative and supportive services, as appropriate, to families whose children have been named in an indicated child abuse and/or maltreatment report, or who have been assessed at risk of foster care placement, or who are in foster care and whose placements could be shortened through the provision of such services, in accordance with criteria established by Department Regulations; and

WHEREAS, DSS has determined that the purchase of rehabilitative and supportive services can be an effective and efficient means to fulfill its statutory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, North County Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc. is a recognized agency with the experience and capacity to provide parent education programs to families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to approve such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services, and North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc. to provide rehabilitative and supportive services to families in accordance with criteria established by Department Regulations.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 at the following costs: Individual Sessions - \$90/hour; Intakes/Exit Sessions - \$90/hour; No-show Fees for Individual Sessions/Intakes - \$50/hour; Court Testimony - \$90/hour; and Travel - \$90/hour (no minimum time).

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the Agreement, and any extensions thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 189 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING
REGARDING HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (“HEAP”)

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) requires a service agreement with a qualified provider to comply with the Social Services Law of the State of New York and the rules and regulations of Title 18 NYCRR; that the County of Lewis shall provide for a comprehensive program of assistance and care to supply the basic needs of those eligible individuals living within the county who qualify for need assistance and care; and

WHEREAS, DSS desires to enter into an agreement with Lewis County Office for the Aging to provide HEAP outreach and certification services to low-income residents of Lewis County, especially households with elderly and handicapped individuals, with provisions required by Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in order to be eligible for federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to approve such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services, and Lewis County Office for the Aging for the purpose of providing the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) outreach and certification services to low-income residents of Lewis County, especially households with elderly and handicapped individuals.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, with no local share cost due to the HEAP program being 100% federally funded.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 190 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO EXECUTE
REGISTERED CHILDCARE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services (“LCDSS”) is charged with providing childcare services for eligible recipients in accordance with NYS Social Services Law and NYS Office of Children and Family Services under its Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase subsidized childcare slots covered under the Block Grant, the Commissioner seeks to contract with more registered childcare providers for such services for eligible recipients, in accordance with the not to exceed rates established under Section 415.9 of Child Care Law:

Age of Child:	Under 2	2	3-5	6-12
Weekly	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$143.00
Daily	\$ 33.00	\$ 30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Part-Day	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Hourly	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

WHEREAS, the costs of such services are either 100% or 75% paid under the Block Grant, depending upon eligibility of the recipient; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize such agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes agreements between the LCDSS and registered childcare providers for eligible Lewis County recipients under the Block Grant from NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Commissioner of the Lewis County Department of Social Services to execute and enter into the agreements as they may become available, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and with a list of said agreements to be provided to the Clerk of the Board.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 - 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
AND SYSTEMS EAST, INC.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Treasurer's Department, desires to enter into a renewal agreement with Systems East, Inc. for the purpose of providing software support and maintenance services for its tax collection system, including software application enhancements, revisions, web and cloud based hosting for the Department's data processing plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a renewal agreement with Systems East, Inc. to provide software support, maintenance services, web and cloud based hosting services for the Treasurer's data processing plan and tax collection system, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$8,292.00.

Section 2. That Eric Virkler, Lewis County Treasurer, is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Hathway, and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 192 – 2021
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

Section 1. That the following funds be appropriated for Program Year 2021 for the period April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023 for Youth Services per the Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA PY21-01), dated April 1, 2021 through the New York State Department of Labor, in the amount of \$41,330.92.

Increase Revenue:

CD629300.347910 WIA Revenue	\$41,330.00
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Increase Expenditures:

CD629000.110100 WIA Youth Personal Serv.	\$17,700.00
CD629000.490900 Youth WIA	\$ 20.00
CD629000.801000 WIA Youth Retirement	\$ 2,080.00
CD629000.803000 WIA Youth FICA	\$ 1,404.00
CD629000.804000 WIA Youth Workers Comp	\$ 208.00
CD629000.806000 WIA Youth Health	\$ 6,000.00
CD629000.807000 WIA Youth Dental	\$ 240.00
CD629000.499900 WIA Youth Expenditures	<u>\$13,678.00</u>
	\$41,330.00

Section 2. That the within shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator Hathway , and adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 193 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Public Health Department

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Public Health Department accounts to provide funds for the continuation of community wide Covid-19 testing at Maple Ridge Center:

Transfer from:

A0 005990 Fund balance	\$250,000.00
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Transfer to:

A0409700 490100 Prof. Svcs. Primary	\$250,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Moroughan .

Legislator Kulzer inquired as to how long this \$250,000.00 would last and if more funding would be requested later.

Legislator Dolhof responded that New York State funding will cover operations at Maple Ridge and this funding is to cover testing for county residents that are not attending or employed by a school district.

County Manager Ryan Piche advised that the cost per test is \$65.00 and within the last year 11,000 tests were completed at Maple Ridge, how long this funding lasts is reliant upon how many tests are completed that are non-school related. The hope is that more state and federal funding will come through however, if it does not more funding may be requested in the future.

The resolution was then adopted on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A proclamation was read commemorating August 7th as “Purple Heart Day” in Lewis County.

In response to Legislator Gilbert, Ryan stated that there are currently twelve (12) breakthrough cases with six (6) of those being immune compromised individuals.

Legislator Dolhof reminded everyone that the September Board of Legislators meeting will be held at the West Leyden Fire Hall on Tuesday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the board Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m., seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.