

**FINANCE & RULES COMMITTEE**  
**May 21, 2024**

Present: Tom Osborne, Chair; Jeffrey Nellenback, Vice-Chair; Herb Frost; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

Legislator Osborne called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Legislator Osborne moved to approve the April 16, 2024 committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

**Summer Recreation Discussion**

County Manager Ryan Piche opened up with some information on the Lowville Summer Recreation program. Up until 2 years ago, the Village had run the program. At that time, the Village noticed that a number of the participants were not from the Village. They approached the County at that time to ask for some assistance with the costs. Lewis County did a “one-time payment” for two years now and looking at a third. Perhaps it needs to be something that Lewis County should add this to our budget. Legislator Osbourne stated that he is not against the program but feels that the Towns should be approached closer to their budget time to help cover the costs of the participants located in their Town. He mentioned that \$100/child had been suggested. He wondered about doing that or perhaps a percentage. Mike Young requested to approach the board. He went through the history of the Summer Recreation Program from the beginning. He pointed out that in 2023, the County had paid 67% of the costs to run the program. He does not feel that this is right for the County to be paying that high a percentage of the program. Last year, they left 80 children on the wait list. He would like to remedy that this year by increasing staff. The program will cover 1/3 of the County, so Mike would like to see this become a County project through the Youth Bureau; not exclusive to the Town and Village of Lowville. Mike would like to see the other outside municipalities help with the costs. Legislator Dolhof questioned the \$26,500 received from the Youth Bureau. Mike answered that he received 2 state grants funded through the Youth Bureau. Then the County put up another \$ 16,000. They are currently working on the transportation for the program this year through Lowville School. Legislator Osbourne asked the Committee how they wanted to move forward with an amount for this program. Discussion was had regarding the program and the amount of funding the County would like to do. Legislator Nellenback thinks it is a great program but it should not be paid for by the County. It should go back to the Towns that the children are coming from. He does not feel this is a County expense. Legislator Osbourne said it sounded like they had a general consensus that it should be \$100.00/child with a cap at \$20,000.00.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Re-Appointing Randall Schell to the North Country HOME Consortium Board effective May 5, 2024 to May 5, 2027.

AYE   5              NAY   0

2. Authorizing reimbursement payment to Village of Lowville toward 2024 Summer Recreation Program of an amount to be determined up to a maximum contribution of an amount to be determined.

AYE   4              NAY   1  

*Legislator Osborne moved to amend the resolution for an amount of \$100.00 per child up to a maximum contribution of \$20,000.00, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried. Legislator Nellenback was opposed to both the motion and the resolution.*

3. Authorizing agreement between Planning & Community Development Department and Clarkson University CEM Consulting Group for summer student interns for GIS Mapping Projects for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 from May 17, 2024 through about August 30, 2024.

AYE   5              NAY   0  

4. Authorizing contract between the County of Lewis and LaBella Associates to provide professional consulting services for the updated rezoning regulations and an IMA with the Town of Diana in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, provided that the Town of Diana pays 50% of the fee charged.

AYE   5              NAY   0  

5. Awarding bid and authorizing contract between the County of Lewis and G.M. Crisalli & Associates, Inc. for Environmental Remediation of the Stevens Block Downtown Stabilization Project under various grant funding sources for an amount not to exceed \$427,950.00

AYE   5              NAY   0  

6. Designating Lauryn Tabolt as the Lewis County Coordinator for the Climate Smart Communities Program and the CSC Task Force with updated appointment/reappointment of task force members.

AYE   5              NAY   0  

7. Authorizing modification/extension agreement with Snorac, LLC to provide community vanpool services retroactive to January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026, with adjustments to the rate schedule as set forth in Snorac's updated proposal.

AYE   5              NAY   0  

8. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for District Attorney Jeffery Tompkins; Legislator Barry Lyndaker, Legislator Jessica Moser, Legislator Herb Frost, and Legislator Thomas Kalamas.

AYE   5              NAY   0

There being no other business to come before the committee Legislator Frost moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m., seconded by Legislator Lyndaker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Lawton, Deputy Clerk of the Board