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TO: Media

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: September 27, 2024

The Board of Legislators will meet on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Courthouse 2nd Floor Legislative Board Chambers, Lowville, NY. Enclosed are proposed resolutions for action. Any other business may be conducted.

There will be a hearing for public comment regarding the following:

- Proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law § 3-c (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) for the Lewis County 2025 Budget."
Proposed CDBG funding for blight and slum clearance needs under the program year 2024 NYS CDBG VPCP funding application, in amounts not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

The meetings will be streamed live on the YouTube channel "Lewis County" listed as:

https://www.youtube.com/c/LewisCountyNY

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**RESOLUTION NO. 194 - 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 \$3,464,697.38 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 \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 195 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING  
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 – 2024, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on September 3, 2024, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on October 1, 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 “LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2025 BUDGET” and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on September 11, 2024, 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, the public hearing was duly held at such location and 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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 3 – 2024), County of Lewis, being “LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2025 BUDGET”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 4-2024, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 4-2024, 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 filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 196 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
Community Service**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following appropriation is hereby authorized to take place in the Community Services accounts for the increase in funds due to additional State Aid. Specifically, State Aid was increased by annualization of the 2.84% COLA which was effective on 4/1/2024

Section 2. That the following adjustment is hereby authorized and takes place in the Community Services accounts for the increase in funds due to a modification in State Aid disbursement.

Increase Revenues:

A0432400 334922 NRCIL	\$ 19,709.00
A0431800 334922 TLS	\$ 20,321.00
A0432200 334922 ARC OMH	\$ 713.00
A0431900 334921 CREDO	\$ 1,415.00
A0433500 334912 LCCS-JAIL BASED	\$ 1,830.00

Increase Expenditures:

A0432400 422800 NRCIL	\$ 19,709.00
A0431800 422800 TLS	\$ 20,321.00
A0432200 422800 ARC OMH	\$ 713.00
A0431900 422800 CREDO	\$ 1,415.00
A0433500 488105 LCCS-JAIL BASED	\$ 1,830.00

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 197 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS  
Coroner's Department**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following transfers are hereby authorized and take place from Special Contingency to Coroner Department account line to provide funding for transportation costs:

Decrease:

A0101000 419900 Legislators' Contingency	\$25,000.00
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Increase:

A0118500 450600 Coroner Transportation	\$ 25,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 198 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF LEWIS  
TO BE NAMED THE LEAD AGENCY OF THE  
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) PROCESS  
FOR THE CAPITAL BRIDGE PROJECT KNOWN AS  
CR 17 (WOOD BATTLE ROAD) OVER COBB CREEK**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators on behalf of the Lewis County Highway Department has sought to replace the bridge located at CR 17 (Wood Battle Road) over Cobb Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a "Type 1 Action" defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.0 due to the bridge being National Register Eligible based on the pattern of features common to Welded Truss-Thru bridge types; and

WHEREAS, the bridge replacement project constitutes a Type I action, requires a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), and a coordinated review of the project with other interested agencies who could serve as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Lewis County Highway Department to assume the role of Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting a SEQRA process for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators on behalf of the Lewis County Highway Department seeks to authorize and sign Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) that has been completed, reviewed by the Lewis County Board of Legislators and will be circulated by Barton & Loguidice, DPC, to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Lewis County Highway Department as the "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators on behalf of the Lewis County Highway Department hereby declares its intent to act as lead agency for the purpose of SEQRA review concerning the Capital Bridge Project known as CR 17 (Wood Battle Road) over Cobb Creek and all actions related thereto.

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board in his absence, is authorized to execute the appropriate forms and applications under SEQRA, with the assistance of Barton & Loguidice and upon review by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That Barton & Loguidice on behalf of the County shall send the signed Part 1 of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of “Interested Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for the purpose of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 199 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 TO  
CONTRACT NO. D040400 BETWEEN NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
(PIN 775400) KNOWN AS CR 17 (WOOD BATTLE ROAD)  
OVER COBB CREEK**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement known as CR 17 (Wood Battle Road) over Cobb Creek (PIN 775400; BIN 3340150) (the "Project") in the Town of Harrisburg, County of Lewis, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such a program to be borne at the ratio of 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, as provided for in the Agreement with NYS DOT, PE and/or ROW Incidental or ROW acquisition work performed by the municipality for the federal aid-eligible construction project covered by the agreement, the costs of such work that are approved in writing by DOT, applicable to the federal aid and Marchiselli aid construction work (excluding costs applicable to non-federally eligible or non-Marchiselli eligible project elements) shall be credited following FHWA's construction phase closeout audit of the Project costs that are eligible for federal aid and Marchiselli aid; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis advanced the Project by its commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of project costs. NYSDOT now requires Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to incorporate additional funds of \$63,000.00 for the Preliminary Engineering phase; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Supplemental Agreement, the Preliminary Engineering funds are increased by \$63,000.00 (\$50,400.00 Federal Share; \$9,450.00 State Share; \$3,150.00 County Share);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with NYS DOT for Bridge Contract No. D040400, known as CR 17 (Wood Battle Road) over Cobb Creek, PIN 775400/BIN3340150.

Section 2. That the total estimated Preliminary Engineering cost is now \$213,000.00 (Federal share of \$170,400.00; State Marchiselli share of \$31,950.00; and County local share of \$10,650.00).

Section 3. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to appropriate the additional funds of \$63,000.00 for this project, and directs the Treasurer to make the proper adjustments to the accounts pertaining to the Federal, State and Local share costs for the preliminary engineering phase of the project.

Section 4. That in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated, the Chair shall convene the Lewis County Board of Legislators as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount upon notification from the NYS DOT.

Section 5. That the Chair, or in his absence, the Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 and all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests with the NYSDOT in connection with this Project.

Section 6. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project.

Section 7. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 200 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 6 TO  
CONTRACT NO. D036200 BETWEEN NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
(PIN 775387) KNOWN AS COUNTY ROUTE 29 (WEST ROAD)  
OVER WHETSTONE CREEK.**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Bridge Replacement Project known as West Road over Whetstone Creek (PIN 775387; BIN 3340230) (the "Project") in the Town of Martinsburg, County of Lewis, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such a program to be borne at the ratio of 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, as provided for in the Agreement with NYS DOT, the PE and/or ROW Incidental and Acquisition work performed by the municipality for the federal aid-eligible construction project covered by the agreement, the costs of such work that are approved in writing by DOT, applicable to the federal aid and Marchiselli aid construction work shall be credited following FHWA's construction phase closeout audit of the Project costs that are eligible for federal aid and Marchiselli aid; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis advanced the Project by its commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of project costs. NYSDOT now requires Supplemental Agreement No. 6 to incorporate additional funding of \$4,500.00 (\$3,600.00 Federal share; \$675.00 State share; \$225.00 Local share) for the PE/Design phase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes Supplemental Agreement No. 6 to the Agreement with NYS DOT for Bridge Contract No. D036200, known as County Rt. 29 (West Road) over Whetstone Creek, PIN 775387/BIN 3340230, to add funding to the PE/Design phase.

Section 2. That the total PE/Design Phase funding costs are increased and approved to \$291,000.00 (Federal share of \$232,800.00; State Marchiselli share of \$43,650.00; and County local share of \$14,550.00).

Section 3. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to appropriate the additional \$4,500.00 in funding for this project, and

directs the Treasurer to make the proper adjustments to the accounts pertaining to the Federal, State and Local share costs for these phases of the project.

Section 4. That in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated, the Chair shall convene the Lewis County Board of Legislators as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount upon notification from the NYS DOT.

Section 5. That the Chair, or in his absence, the Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 6 and all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests with the NYSDOT in connection with this Project.

Section 6. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project.

Section 7. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 201 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT  
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law the Board of Legislators has the exclusive authority to appoint a County Superintendent of Highways to a four-year term, and to fix the salary and provide for necessary expenses of the appointee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints John Reed, of Lowville, New York, to a four (4) year term as the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways .

Section 2. That the appointment shall commence October 2, 2024 and continue through October 1, 2028, with a starting salary of \$88,909.00.

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 202 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION CREATING A  
LEWIS COUNTY DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER POSITION  
AND AUTHORIZING STIPEND FOR SAME**

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

WHEREAS, the board recognizes the obligations and the challenges of the position of County Manager and seeks to create a Deputy County Manager stipend position to assist with projects and program review; and

WHEREAS, this position will contribute in advancing countywide initiatives, fostering interdepartmental collaboration, and ensuring the achievement of legislative goals; and

WHEREAS, the board authorizes the County Manager to designate an internal, existing Department Head to this stipend position who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators supports a stipend of \$15,000 per year, payable in bi-weekly installments, for the position of Deputy County Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes County Manager Timothy Hunt, to designate a Deputy County Manager who will serve at the pleasure of the County Manager, commencing October 2, 2024.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves a stipend of \$15,000 per year to be paid on a pro-rated basis for the remainder of 2024 in bi-weekly installments to the Deputy County Manager.

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 203 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS FOR GIS MAPPING SOFTWARE**

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

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Director has identified needs for various departments regarding GIS Mapping software used for 911 purposes; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the County's licensing needs the Director recommends and requests that the Board of Legislators authorize an agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) to provide the licenses required to use this software; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these services will not exceed \$87,900.00 (\$29,300.00 per year) as set forth in the proposal starting December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, partial funding for this software system will be provided under the Lewis County Sheriff's Department, through its 911 operations surcharge funds. The first-year cost will be 100% covered under account 2030-290900, with approximately 50% of the cost in years 2 and 3 paid from said 911 account line, so far as funds are available; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a three-year agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. effective December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2027, for licensing software at a cost of \$87,900.00 (\$29,300.00 per year) to provide software for GIS Mapping services to benefit 911 purposes in Lewis County.

Section 2. The Lewis County Sheriff's 911 operations will fund 100% of the first year with 911 surcharge funds, and approximately 50% of the cost for years 2 and 3 all under 911 surcharge fund account number 2030-290900, so far as funds are available.

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

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 204 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO  
PLANNING BOARD**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Board bylaws state that the official designated County Members of the Board are the County Treasurer, County Superintendent of Highways, and the Chairperson of the Board of Legislators' General Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, with Timothy Hunt's resignation of his position as Lewis County Superintendent of Highways effective October 1, 2024, the Board seeks to appoint John Reed to the Board effective October 2, 2024 as the County Superintendent of Highways member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints John Reed, Superintendent of Highways, as a member of the Lewis County Planning Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective October 2, 2024 and continue until he ceases to be the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways.

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 205 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND DECLARING PROPOSED PROJECTS AS TYPE II ACTIONS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis is submitting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Vacant Property Clearance Program Application; and

WHEREAS, these projects are subject to environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the designation of Certifying Officer to sign the Environmental Review is required; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators would like to designate the Director of Planning and Community Development as the Certifying Officer for all Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development, as the designated Certifying Officer, is responsible for the environmental review process for all NYS CDBG applications outlined in the program year 2024 CDBG application guidelines. The Director recommends that the Board conclude that the projects submitted within the application will not have a significant environmental impact and that as Type II action, pursuant to NYCRR 617.5(c)(42), no further procedure under SEQRA is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the submission of a CDBG Vacant Property Clearance Fund application and declares and appoints the Lewis County Director of Planning and Community Development as the Certifying Officer for all CDBG applications and awarded programs in which the Director will sign the Environmental Review documents, as required by the administrating agency, New York State Office of Community Renewal.

Section 2. That the Director of Planning and Community Development is herein designated as the Certifying Officer and is authorized to execute any required documents as the Certifying Officer in order to advance each CDBG application and secure the release of Grant Funds for each project.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby determines that the proposed CDBG Vacant Property Clearance Program funding application constitutes as Type II actions as defined by the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) of the State of New York NYCRR 617.5(c)(42); that the projects will not have significant impacts upon the environment; and there is no further procedure required under SEQRA.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Move by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 206 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY RESTORE NY PROJECT AS TYPE II ACTION  
WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis submitted an application in May 2024 for Restore NY funding to rehabilitate and redevelop the Lyons Falls Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in August 2024, the County of Lewis received notice that they had received an award in the amount of \$1,724,000 towards the rehabilitations and redevelopment of the Lyons Falls Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this project is subject to environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) for the County's abatement and emergency roof replacement tasks for this project as it is interpreted to be a Type II action per 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(42) "emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, provided that such actions are directly related to the emergency and are performed to cause the least change or disturbance, practicable under the circumstances, to the environment." The Director recommends that the Board conclude that the abatement and emergency roof replacement will not have a significant environmental impact and that as a Type II action, no further procedure under SEQRA is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby determines that the proposed abatement and emergency roof replacement tasks funded by the Restore NY Program constitute Type II actions as defined by the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) of the State of New York; that the project will not have significant impacts upon the environment; and there is no further procedure required under SEQRA.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute SEAF Part 1 form and any other SEQRA documents to give effect to this negative declaration.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Move by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 207 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA REVIEW OF AN ADDITION  
OF 985 FEET OF NEW TRAIL AND PARKING AREA TO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL  
SYSTEM AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
(Robert Dening, Darren Pominville & Diane Gaylord Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”) and multi-use trails, (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 conducted an extensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a county-wide ATV and multi-use 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”); on January 9, 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, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County 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 2009 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 985 feet to be

added to the Lewis County Trail System. The proposed trail and parking area is located on private property in the Town of Turin, which include the following parcels:

Parcel No: 274.00-03.03.110 located on the property of Robert Denning  
Parcel No: 274.00-03-14.130 located on the property of Darren Pominville  
Parcel No: 274.00-03-28.200 located on the property of Diane Gaylord

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Legislators caused a site-specific environmental review of the proposed property, pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Statement of Findings; 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 the trail and parking area on these properties. With the assistance from County staff and counsel, the Board has reviewed the same and compared it with the GEIS and Statement of Findings;

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 and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact in adding this trail and parking area, on the identified parcels located in the Town of Turin 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 the trail 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 site;
- 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 described trail and parking area on Parcel Nos. 274.00-03.03.110, 274.00-03-14.130, and 274.00-03-28.200 do 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 985 feet of trail and parking area identified as part of Parcel Nos. 274.00-03.03.110, 274.00-03-14.130, and 274.00-03-

28.200 in the Town of Turin, to the Lewis County Trail System, 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 herein identified and therefore, the Board has completed its lead agency responsibilities under SEQRA with regard to this trail addition.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 208 - 2024**

**FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDITION  
TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM  
(Robert Dening, Darren Pominville & Diane Gaylord Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on October 1, 2024, a proposed addition of approximately 985 feet of multi-use trail and parking area to the Lewis County OHV Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Turin which include the following parcels:

Parcel No: 274.00-03.03.110 located on the property of Robert Dening

Parcel No: 274.00-03-14.130 located on the property of Darren Pominville

Parcel No: 274.00-03-28.200 located on the property of Diane Gaylord

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on November 5, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of approximately 985 feet of a multi-use trail and parking area to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

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 \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 209 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA REVIEW OF AN ADDITION  
OF 350 FEET OF NEW TRAIL INTO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL  
SYSTEM AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
(Terrance Thisse Property)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”) and multi-use trails, (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 conducted an extensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a county-wide ATV and multi-use 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”); on January 9, 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, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County 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 2009 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 350 feet to be added to the Lewis County Trail System. The proposed trail is located on private

property in the Town of Martinsburg, Tax Map Parcel: 259.00-03-16.20. The property owned by Terrance Thisse; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Legislators caused a site-specific environmental review of the proposed property, pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Statement of Findings; 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 the trail on this property. With the assistance from County staff and counsel, the Board has reviewed the same and compared it with the GEIS and Statement of Findings;

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 and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact in adding this trail, on the identified parcel located in the Town of Martinsburg 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 the trail 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 site;
- 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 described trail on Parcel No. 259.00-03-16.20, do 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 350 feet of trail identified as part of Parcel No. 259.00-03-16.20 in the Town of Martinsburg, to the Lewis County Trail System, 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 herein identified and therefore, the Board has completed its lead agency responsibilities under SEQRA with regard to this trail addition.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 210 - 2024**

**FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDITION  
TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM  
(Terrance Thisse Property)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on October 1, 2024, a proposed addition of approximately 350 feet of multi-use trail to the Lewis County OHV Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Martinsburg, Tax Map Parcel: 259.00-03-16.20, located at the property of Terrance Thisse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on November 5, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of approximately 350 feet of a multi-use trail to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

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 \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 211 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE- LEASE AGREEMENTS  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS  
& REPUBLIC FIRST NATIONAL FOR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT ROAD  
TRACTOR**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Solid Waste Department sought to purchase a new 2024 International HX620 SBA 6x4 Road Tractor, and piggy-backed off of Onondaga County's bid to secure the tractor from Allegiance Trucks of 105 7<sup>th</sup> North Street, Liverpool, NY at a price of \$162,143.00 according to the specs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste and the County Purchasing Director secured three (3) quotes for purchase-lease lending of the 2024 International Road Tractor. Republic First National, of Rochester, IN proved the lowest financing of \$124,000.00 over four (4) years at 5.29% APR, with an annual payment of \$35,209.40; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department will fund \$38,143.00 of the \$162,143.00 purchase price with financing of the \$124,000.00 balance as stated above, with the first installment due in August 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis is authorized to acquire, dispose of, and encumber real and personal property necessary to the functions and operations of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to enter into purchase-lease agreements with Allegiance Trucks and Republic First National for the aforementioned equipment under the Solid Waste Capital Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a purchase-lease agreement between the County of Lewis and Allegiance Trucks an authorized dealer of Heavy Duty Equipment and approved on State bids, with financing through Republic First National, for the purchase-lease of a new 2024 International HX620 SBA 6x4 Road Tractor in the amount of \$162,143.00, with a total amount of \$124,000.00 to be financed through Republic First National, at an annual rate of 5.29%, payable over a four (4) year period in annual installments of \$ 35,209.40 commencing in August, 2025.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the annual installment payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$35,209.40 be paid

from the Solid Waste portion of the Capital Equipment Fund, with the downpayment of \$38,143.00 payable from the Solid Waste budget.

Section 3. That the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement, and such other documents, writings or instruments as may be required to carry out the intent of this resolution, upon such forms as approved by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 212 - 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS**

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

WHEREAS, the Capital Highway Striping Project is completed and will have no further activity, the Treasurer seeks to close these identified accounts and re-appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to close the listed Capital Account HAI (Capital Highway Striping) below and re-appropriate all remaining funds back into the General Fund.

**HAI – Capital Highway Striping**

Decrease Revenue:

H0512000 350310 CTY SHR	\$5,106.69
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Decrease Expense:

H0512000 499900 CONTRACT	\$5,106.69
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.