

REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2024

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

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Leviker who has been excused. There were 19 other persons present.

Chairman Dolhof asked Legislator Kalamas for the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Chairman Dolhof opened the following public hearings at 5:01 p.m.: 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.

Cassandra Buell, Director of Lewis County Planning & Community Development stated that to address the growing number of condemned properties in Lewis County, the Planning & Community Development Department is developing a CDBG application to take advantage of the recently launched Vacant Property Clearance Program. This initiative will focus on removing blighted and unsafe structures in municipal centers. The targeted properties, which have already been condemned by our Lewis County Buildings and Codes Department, pose significant safety hazards and negatively impact the visual appeal of downtown areas.

By removing these condemned buildings with CDBG funding, the county aims to mitigate the risk of collapse, prevent unauthorized entry, and enhance public safety. Additionally, the project will help revitalize downtown centers by eliminating unsightly structures and improving the overall appearance of the community. This is especially important for Lewis County, where tourism is a significant economic driver and visual appeal is crucial for attracting visitors.

As we have developed this application, communication has been made with the host municipalities, who have formally identified the blight, as well as the impacted property owners. We hope to finalize the application over the next few weeks after we receive the last portion of the budget estimates. This funding does not require a local match and will be administered by the Lewis County Planning & Community Development Department.

There were no other comments at the time for either of the public hearings.

Chairman Dolhof then declared the September 3rd, 2024, meeting minutes approved by general consent.

PROCLAMATION:

The Clerk of the Board read a proclamation commemorating Lead Poisoning Prevention Week as October 20th through the 26th.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jerry Cayer, Lewis County Health System C.E.O. from Lowville handed out the 2023 Annual Report, pointing out pages 6 and 7 which had dedications to Richard Chartrand, former Legislator of District 5 and a longtime member on the Hospital Board of Managers; Cheryl Steckly, former Lowville Academy Central School Superintendent and a member of the Hospital Board of Managers from 2018 through 2023; memoriam for William H. Wormuth, also a former Lowville Academy Central School Superintendent and a member of the Hospital Board of Managers from 2007 until August of 2014; and a memoriam for Gerard A. Crawford II, M.D. who practiced in the OBGYN Department where he delivered excellent care, took time to listen, and really connected with each of his patients.

Elizabeth Cooper, Executive Director of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) from Lake Placid introduced herself. For more than 70 years ANCA has been working to grow and strengthen the economy of the North Country region in partnership with business owners, other economic and community development organizations, and local leaders like yourselves. The following are updates on work around Lewis County and the entire Adirondack North Country region.

ANCA is a nonprofit organization based in Saranac Lake and serves the 14 county Adirondack North Country region. They are focused on ensuring that all in the region have access to economic opportunities to live and thrive in the region. The focuses are small businesses and entrepreneurs, our local food system, clean energy, and welcoming & belonging through the Adirondack Diversity Initiative, which is our newest program area. They facilitate a number of projects and programs designed to lower costs and grow opportunities, and we do so in strong partnership with other organizations around the region, especially our Chambers of Commerce, Economic and Industrial Development Agencies, and other nonprofit organizations.

A great example of one of these partnerships here in Lewis County is our Center for Businesses in Transition program where we partner with the amazing team at Naturally Lewis. Together we work to provide free services to small businesses to ensure that they have stable operations today and are prepared to

transition to new ownership when the time comes, preserving critical businesses in the region.

As a result of this and other partnerships here, in Lewis County we have been able to transition Tug Hill Estate and Crave Diner to new ownership. Other businesses are working with the team to secure strong futures through business transition planning. ANCA's Food Systems program has supported four farms with composting grants and technical assistance and has awarded a Lewis County farm more than \$5,000.00 to pursue certified disease-free seed potato producer certification. Della Terra Farm in Castorland was the first recipient of ANCA's SOIL Loan, receiving \$25,000 to develop a composting program on their small farm. Della Terra also received technical assistance through ANCA's Compost for Good program. Owner Julian Mangano has recently joined ANCA's Board of Directors.

The ANCA Center for Pandemic Response (CPR) program has supported seven Lewis County businesses to receive business and strategic planning, digital marketing, and other services to stabilize and strengthen in the wake of the pandemic. An especially strong success story in Lewis County can be found at Lowville's Tug Hull Artisan Roasters, where ANCA was able to provide \$10,000 in grant funds and technical assistance to support the installation of high-efficiency air source heat pumps to their historic building. In 2024, a Lewis County business was the first to receive federal Rural Energy Assistance Program (REAP) funding to improve energy efficiency and significantly lower energy costs with technical assistance from ANCA.

These Lewis County successes are part of a larger story told in our fresh-from-the-printer 2023 Annual Report, which I will be sure to share with you in the coming days. In this report, you will find statistics and stories from our work across the region, work that we continue to build on. This includes \$2.6 million for projects to lower energy costs from communities and taxpayers; more than 800 businesses connected with navigation services to lower costs and improve bottom lines; and 196 law enforcement officers from 15 agencies trained on cultural consciousness and community engagement through the Adirondack Diversity Initiative's Community Policing Initiative.

While we've had great success in Lewis County, I know there is room to strengthen this relationship and grow our services here. We stand ready to support your efforts to strengthen your entrepreneurial, food system, and clean energy goals for your residents and communities. We also hope to engage you as we spend the next nine months working on a new Strategic Plan to guide us to our 75th birthday in 2029. We will share opportunities for you to let us know how we can be better partners here in Lewis County.

Lastly, a plug. I acknowledge the enormous pressure that you are all under to present a balanced, responsible county budget, particularly in light of what I know

has been an especially hard season of flooding. I'm glad to see the resilience across Lewis County and extend ANCA's support however needed. We could not, however, do our work across the region without our members. We are so lucky to county Lewis County as an ANCA member, one of eight county members. We have shared our \$10,000 FY25 budget request with the team and welcome any questions or follow up as we look forward to continuing to grow our partnership. Please be in touch with me or my team any time to let us know how we can better partner to support the great people and places of Lewis County.

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
Jeffrey Nellenback
Herb Frost
Vincent Nortz
Barry Lyndaker

Dated: October 1, 2024

Legislator Moroughan moved to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Rules Committee, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee, reported the Information Technology department continues to work alongside Human Resources with the deployment of NeoGov; Codes with CloudPermit; and the Treasurer's Office to improve the AP credit card processing. They have officially begun the Microsoft licensing upgrade project too. The new copiers have been delivered and activated with little down time. They continue to work on assisting with the 2025 budget document creation and publication.

Legislator Osborne asked Joan McNichol, County Attorney and Casandra Buell, Director of Planning & Community Development to provide the Board with an update on the Stevens Block Building before making motions related to the Stevens Block Building. Joan McNichol explained that Casandra Buell was aware a couple of weeks ago that there were structural problems found in the Stevens Block Building, which is a project under the NYS Main Street Grant funding, that needed to be addressed before the roof work could be completed. The asbestos abatement and interior demolition have been completed however the roof and masonry work cannot move forward until the structural issues are dealt with.

The contractor, after completing the demolition, found that there are some beams that need to be replaced and to keep the project moving to try and complete the roof prior to winter setting in there is an urgency to create an RFP and send it

out as soon as possible. Casandra Buell explained that the original grant funding received was \$500,000.00 and with Phase 1 (abatement and interior demolition) complete the remaining funds will be used to complete the structural repairs necessary without having to use any county funding. Then move on to the Phase 2 (roof replacement and masonry work).

Legislator Osborne moves to authorize Planning Director with assistance of the Purchasing Director and County Attorney to send out an RFP for immediate necessary structural repairs to the Stevens Block Building (under the NY Main Street Grant Project) required in order for the roof replacement and masonry work to be completed this fall after the structural repairs are completed, seconded by Legislator Moser.

Legislator Nortz questioned about how moving the money to pay for this unexpected portion of the project will affect the completion of the entire project down the road. Casandra Buell explained that the original project included a new elevator and elevator shaft, which will need to be taken out of this phase of the project but will likely be added back in as another phase later with additional grant funding. Legislator Lyndaker asked if the owner is paying any type of match, Casandra responded that yes, the local match and any subsequent grant matches are the owner's responsibility. The local matches are 10% and possible 25% for DRI funding.

The motion was then carried.

Legislator Osborne moved for the Board to authorize the use of the balance of the Grant funds under the NY Main Street Grant Project to be used for the Stevens Block Building remedial structural repairs required in order to complete the project; and to award the bid and contract to the eligible, qualified lowest bidder after review by the County team so that the project can be completed before winter sets in, seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried.

Legislator Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee, reported The Office of Building & Fire Codes has issued 653 permits this year, with a total estimated value of \$38,902,607.00. The Office has conducted 174 State mandated Life-Safety and Property Maintenance inspections of commercial properties. They have responded to 3 chimney fires, issued 349 Certificates of Occupancy, researched 22 record requests, responded to 67 complaints, and conducted 943 construction inspections. The Office should be relocating to the first floor of the Courthouse near the County Clerk's Office before the end of the year.

Legislator Moser, Chair of the Human Services Committee, reported Public Health has noticed an increase in Covid-19 cases recently, with 4 individuals being hospitalized. The Village of Lowville is conducting weekly wastewater testing for the Covid-19 virus, and it shows the area is experiencing a stable trend of Covid-19

cases which is consistent with a stabilized rate of reported cases. The Staff was at Valley View September 11th administering flu and Covid-19 vaccines. They are also in the process of setting up flu and Covid-19 vaccine clinics for the northern, central and southern parts of the county. Staff will also be going out to local farms to provide free flu vaccine in response to the highly pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 circulating in dairy cattle in several other states, but not NYS yet. Any farms that are interested in this opportunity should reach out to Public Health.

Legislator Moser moved to authorize Public Health employees Stephanie Houser-Fouse to attend the Together We Thrive conference in Toledo Ohio from Monday, October 7th through Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, with the expenses being covered by Bridges Out of Poverty grant funding, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

Legislator Nortz, Legislative Representative on the Hospital Board of Managers, reported that there was a loss of \$408,098 versus a budgeted gain of \$566,613.00 for the month of August. The year-to-date gain is \$2,703,864.00 versus a budgeted loss of \$70,470.00. The employee of the month was Dana Kaler, Ward Clerk. Contract negotiations are still ongoing. The OR data for the month of August was 151 patients. On September 6th there was a ribbon cutting ceremony to reopen the Harrisville Clinic which was well attended. There is an Open House planned at the Harrisville Clinic for the public on October 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Tim Hunt reported that he has been met with each individual legislator last month and started meeting with each Department Head. He attended the Office For the Aging Fall Festival in Glenfield and thanked Legislator Moroughan for introducing him to several individuals. At the recent NYSAC Fall Seminar he received on behalf of Lewis County an award for the lowest claims ration with NYMIR across New York State as well as the work that has been in the Highway Department for mapping all the road assets. He received a letter from the Cream Cheese Festival Committee thanking Lewis County for their assistance and support for the event.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler reported that he is in the middle of budget season, working with his staff and Tim Hunt to get that pulled together. He acknowledged the change in the Medicare Advantage Plan, noting that it is still with Broome County Alliance but is switching carriers from United Health to Excellus. Information has been sent out to retirees and meetings will be set up in the near future to provide additional information. The Health Insurance balance had a small positive trend this month and hopefully that will continue. Recently there was a meeting set up with Suzie

Philips from GKG who presented a Health Insurance 101 presentation that was really helpful in understanding how Health Insurance works.

Legislator Kalamas questioned if the expenses on the Glenfield School were still being covered 50% by the Rochester Cornerstone Group, Eric responded that it was and began in May of 2024. Legislator Kalamas wondered if local events play into any increases in sales tax that we receive from the state, Eric responded that he didn't really think so but maybe a really large event could correlate a bit but timing on when the state sends sales tax back to counties is not always the same.

Chairman Dolhof closed all the public hearings at 5:34 p.m. without any further public comments.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

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 Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Leviker.

Legislator Moser abstained.

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 Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osbourne , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Leviker.

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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moroughan , seconded by Legislator Frost , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Frost, seconded by Legislator Moroughan.

Legislator Nortz stated that he had received several phone calls asking questions about this position. HE questions why this is happening so soon after picking the best candidate for County Manager. Chairman Dolhof explained that the previous County Manager felt there was a need for it before he even left and during the interview process for County Manager this had been discussed. There was someone who wouldn't even apply without this kind of support.

Legislator Lyndaker questioned if there was already someone chosen to be appointed by the County Manager. Chairman Dolhof stated that the resolution presented is not about a specific person but about allowing the County Manager to have this position. Legislator Lyndaker countered that he felt strongly that this was about making a specific employee happy rather than needing this position.

Legislator Nortz voiced his opinion that he would like to revisit this at the beginning of the new year to see how the added position is assisting the County Manager.

The Resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of October 2024. Legislator Lyndaker and Legislator Nortz were opposed.

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 Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Moser.

Legislator Kalamas questioned if this was the same GIS mapping platform that the county currently uses or if it was a different platform, and if so, what is the reasoning because it would seem to be more conducive to be on one platform. County Manager Tim Hunt stated that this is the ARC GIS mapping platform which is different from what the county currently has but it will be licenses for all the Towns and it will show a cost savings over what the county currently has.

The Resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 (SEQR); 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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 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

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 7th 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 Moser, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

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 Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 1st day of October 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Legislator Kalamas pointed out that October is Manufacturing Month and he is working with Naturally Lewis to set up a tour of the Grand Slam Safety plant in Croghan for any Legislators who are interested as they have expanded their operations considerably. He will have Brittany Davis reach out to the Clerk of the Board for letting legislators know the details.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.