

REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Chairman of the Board, Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Nortz and Legislator Lyndaker who had been excused. There were 19 other persons present.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 5:14 p.m., Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing on the request and recommendations of the Lewis County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, for inclusion of the parcel located in the Town of Greig, Tax Map Parcel No. 291.00-02-23.110 owned by William and Millie McLaughlin, (approximately 163.4 acres).

Chairman Dolhof declared the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

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

Signed by: Thomas Osborne
Jeffrey Nellenback
Herb Frost

Dated: March 4, 2025

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

CLERK OF THE BOARD REPORT:

An application for corrected tax roll was submitted and approved for the Town of Diana, tax map number 013.13-01-03.110.

The following departments and organizations have submitted their 2024 Annual reports: Emergency Management; Naturally Lewis; Planning & Community Development; Purchasing; and Solid Waste.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne reported that a community input meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the West Leyden Elementary School to review the results of the market analysis, building conditions report, and 317+ survey responses relative to the soon to be decommissioned school. The Steering Committee will also be looking for additional community input for the reuse of the facility.

Legislator Osborne moved to authorize the Administrator of Lewis County Self-Insurance Plan to set up a Severity Fund and obtain an Employers Liability policy by April 1, 2025; and then cancel the Midwest WC Excess Liability policy, seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried.

Legislator Moroughan reported that Recreation, Forestry & Parks is currently seeking proposals for the sale of forest products located on approximately 72 acres on the Pine Grove Road in the Town of Watson.

There will be two public engagement opportunities to comment on the Lewis County Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Master Plan on Tuesday, March 11th, one from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Brantingham Station; and the other from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Pine Tree Inn. These sessions offer opportunities for residents, motorized & non-motorized trail users, and stakeholders to learn more about the plan, share their perspectives, and contribute to the vision for sustainable and accessible non-motorized winter recreation. For more information on the Lewis County Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Plan please visit the Lewis County website.

Legislator Moser reported that the Department of Social Services is partnering with the Cares Committee from Abundant Life Church in meeting the needs of community members that are involved with Social Services programs. A few examples of what they have done are: plowing a client's driveway when the client had no resources to do so; putting together furniture for an elderly client; purchasing household items for homeless that are not in our homeless closet; and completing spring yard work. Abundant Life Church is willing to help in any way they can, and the department looks forward to working with them. HEAP season has been extended until early April or until funds are no longer available. Applications for regular and emergency benefits are still be accepted.

Jerry Cayer, Lewis County Health System CEO, reported that a proclamation was issued in honor of Mrs. Irene Roggie who retired after 43 years with the hospital. The Nursing Home will begin admitting new residents in mid-March. There was a loss of \$542,900.00 reported for the month of January 2025, which is better than budget. Renovations in the general surgical office are expected to be completed this month. A podiatrist is expected to start in August as part of an Orthopedic practice. There was a robust discussion on Medicaid and Medicare changes from Washington. A Strategic Work Plan was presented to the Hospital

Board of Managers. A new posting went up for a Chief Information Security Officer with a not to exceed salary amount of \$180,000.00. Other places are filling this type of position for \$300,000.00 or higher. Mrs. Jennifer Wendel is the new Chief Compliance Officer and Director of Operations.

Mr. Cayer went on to give a brief presentation on the hospital finances and encourages legislators to attend any hospital meetings to learn more.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Tim Hunt reported that Larry and himself spent a day in Albany meeting with representatives in both houses on the UTV legislation, which was productive. The County was given an award at the American Public Works Association banquet for the Glenfield Complete Streets project. The NYSAC Conference was attended by Legislator Frost and Legislator Kalamas. There have been continued meetings regarding the Hydrostor proposed projects. County Manager Tim Hunt then yielded the floor to Real Property Director Candy Akin. She explained the history of the States attempt of regulating the assessment on green energy projects, which included a model that wasn't benefiting counties. There was a lawsuit filed that stated the model being used was unconstitutional and the recent decision came back that the RPT Law is unconstitutional which is a huge win for the counties. However, the State will likely file an appeal.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler reported that there is an IGT supplemental payment likely due in the near future which may require a future resolution appropriating additional funds from the general fund balance to make the payment. The increase in sales tax revenue could be from a better winter than in the past few years.

Chairman Dolhof closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. after no comments were made.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 36 – 2025
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 \$3,642,372.92 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 Moroughan , seconded by Legislator Nellenback .
Legislator Moser abstained due to potential conflict.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of March 2025 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES: Frost, Leviker, Osborne, Kalamas, Moroughan, Nellenback, and Dolhof.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nortz and Lyndaker.

RESOLUTION NO. 37 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. FOR THE
DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF CONDENSING BOILERS, DOMESTIC HOT
WATER, AND VENTING IN THE COUNTY SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING

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

WHEREAS, Trane U.S. Inc. ("Trane") with offices located at 15 Technology Place, East Syracuse, NY 13057, installed and currently maintains the HVAC System for the Lewis County Courthouse Building; and

WHEREAS, the buildings' current cast iron boilers, hot water heaters, venting, and piping are antiquated and require upgraded replacement equipment; and

WHEREAS, Trane has presented a proposal to design and install two (2) new high-efficiency condensing boilers and hot water heater systems along with upgraded venting and piping, at a cost of \$348,005.00 through OMNIA Partners Contract No. 3341; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize this agreement for upgraded services and equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. to design and replace antiquated HVAC equipment for the County side of the Courthouse Building by the replacement of two (2) high-efficiency condensing boilers, and hot water heaters, with new venting and piping at a cost of \$348,005.00.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such Agreement, upon such terms and conditions approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Frost.

Legislator Kalamas questioned if this will include all the integration of what is referred to as the HMI into the existing system, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor responded that it would.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee shall have nine members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Carol Lisella from Harrisville, NY as a member of the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee to fulfill the unexpired term of Nicole Burdell.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective March 5, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 39 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND
MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board shall have nine members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee shall have up to eleven members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board and Mental Health Subcommittee are anticipating vacancies due to the resignation of Melnaie Saber, effective March 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Melanie Bush of Lowville, NY as a member of the Lewis County Community Services Board and as a member of the Mental Health Subcommittee to fulfill the unexpired term of Melanie Saber.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 40 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee shall have nine members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Mary Compo of Lowville, NY as a member of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee to fulfill the unexpired term of Eliza Boliver.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective March 5, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LEWIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
WITH DR. TIMOTHY MATHIS TO SERVE AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County, acting by and through the Lewis County Emergency Management Department, desires to enter into a renewal Agreement with Timothy Mathis, MD to manage and administer sign-off on PCRs and Narcotic Inventories as a Medical Director under the Lewis County Emergency Management Department, and attend Lewis County EMS Counsel meetings as requested for advisement, information sharing, and conflict resolution in regard to EMS issues; and

WHEREAS, Timothy A. Mathis, MD, is licensed to practice medicine in New York State and meets the New York State Department of Health requirements to function as Medical Director for the Emergency Management Department's programs, is willing to continue to provide Medical Director services for the EMS Department activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to the continuance of these services on behalf of EMS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Emergency Management Department, with Timothy Mathis, MD to serve as Medical Director for Emergency Management Department programs.

Section 2. This is for the term commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 per year.

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 42 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FY2023 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION (DTP)
GRANT FUNDS, CREATE TAM TEAM AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Director of Emergency Management submits on-line applications for grant funding provided by the US Department of Homeland Security, and administered through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), including the FY 2023 DTP Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County received notification of an award of \$172,413.00 under the FY2023 DTP, to be utilized to build and enhance the County's capability to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Treat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams and a DTP plan; and

WHEREAS, the funding is awarded to support allowable planning, training, exercise and organizational costs associated with TAM team development and DTP planning efforts. In order to receive the funding, the County is required to submit its Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plan to DHSES by June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the award, appropriate the funds, direct formation of TAM team, and have the team consult with Squad 9 to develop the DTP plan for timely submission to DHSES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the FY2023 DTP Grant award in the amount of \$172,413.00 for the identified activities set forth in the guidelines, and directs the formation of the TAM team to develop and create the appropriate DTP plan with the assistance and consultation with Squad 9 for timely submission to DHSES.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute any grant contract and additional documents required upon review by the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the funds into the proper Department and accounts.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 43 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY2024 SHSP – SLETPP
ALLOCATION GRANT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Director of Emergency Management submits annual on-line applications for grant funding provided by the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administered through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), including the FY 2024 State Homeland Security Program grant (FY2024 SHSP); and

WHEREAS, the County received notification of an allocation amount of \$46,946.00 under the FY2024 SHSP, to include the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) project plan for said grant, consistent with the federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management requests that the funds be used for MyEMA App for citizen preparedness and services (\$16,981.00), a photo ionization detection (PID) device to detect volatile gases (\$13,465.00), and an automated external defibrillator (AED) (\$16,500) for law enforcement and first responders. The AED satisfies the 35% allocation required for SLETPP; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the award and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the FY2024 SHSP allocation notification by US Homeland Security and FEMA in the amount of \$46,946.00 for the distribution of funds outlined by the Director of Emergency Management as set forth in the guidelines.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute any grant contract and additional documents required and authorizes the appropriation of the grant award amount and directs the Lewis County Treasurer to set up the appropriate accounts under the Emergency Management Department budget.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERFUND LOAN FINANCING
AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LEWIS AND
LEWIS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR
COUNTY MACHINERY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Highway Department purchases various heavy duty machinery equipment and vehicles on an annual basis under its capital equipment plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to save on financial institution interest payments and legal fees incurred under bonds and lease-to-own agreements, in 2022 the Board of Legislators authorized an interfund loan from Fund Balance to the County Machinery Fund for 2023 Highway Department machinery and heavy equipment purchases in accordance with its capital equipment plan. An MOU was executed to provide for repayment of this loan within five years at no interest, and with annual installments toward the balance owing; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Purchasing Director seek to have the Board of Legislators authorize a 2025 interfund loan of up to \$580,000 from General Fund to the County Machinery Fund for the Highway Department's purchase of multiple items of machinery and other heavy equipment in 2025 under its capital equipment plan; and

WHEREAS, the list of machinery and equipment anticipated and planned by the Lewis County Highway Department for purchase in 2025, with estimated net costs is as follows, with these items having been included in the approved 2025 Capital Plan:

2025 Tractor for Lowboy	\$ 210,500
2025 5500 4X4 Dump Truck and Plow	\$ 110,000
2025 Loader	\$ 255,799

The Highway Superintendent anticipates applying the proceeds from the sale of the equipment being replaced to the costs of these items; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways requests that the Board authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$580,000.00 from the County's General Fund to the County Machinery Fund for the purpose of providing funds for the machinery and equipment purchases scheduled or required in 2025 for highway operations and maintenance

responsibilities in accordance with the same terms and conditions under an additional MOU; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lewis County Highway Department and the County of Lewis wherein the County agrees to advance the sum of up to \$580,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Machinery Fund for the purpose of the Highway Department's purchase of machinery and equipment scheduled in 2025 under its capital project plan, in consideration of the Highway Superintendent's agreement to repay the County for the funds advanced, with no interest, payable in annual installments over a five (5) year period.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$ 580,000 from the General Fund using fund balance, to the County Machinery Fund for the above-described purposes upon full execution of the MOU.

Section 3. That the Chair of the Board of Legislators or the Vice-Chair, and the Superintendent of Highways are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Agreement upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 TO THE
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) AND LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(PIN 775399) MARSHEY ROAD OVER WEST BRANCH OSWEGATCHIE RIVER

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

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement known as Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River PIN 775399; BIN 3339960) (the “Project”) in the Town of Diana, 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, pursuant to Highway Law § 10 (34-a) and Section 15 of Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1991 as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 330 of the Laws of 1991, as further amended by Chapter 57 of the Laws of New York of 2014, the State has established the “Marchiselli” Program, which provides certain State-aid for Federal-aid highway projects not on the State highway system with project eligibility for Marchiselli Program funds determined by NYS DOT. This project is being funded with Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Marchiselli funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis advanced the Project by authorizing a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the Final Design and Right-Of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Phases of the Project by Resolution No. 308-2021 adopted December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways received notice from the NYS DOT that the County will receive additional funding, which amends the previously adopted Schedule A funding by adding \$120,000.00 for the Engineering/Design and Right-of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition Phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, in order for the County to receive the full, additional reimbursement, a “Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to D040399” must be executed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Legislators to execute “Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to D040399” for the Final Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition Phases funding of the project.

Section 2. The Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, or in his absence, the Vice-Chair of the Board, is authorized to execute all additional necessary supplemental agreements on behalf of the Lewis County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with this Project.

Section 3. That \$120,000.00 shall be appropriated in the Capital Bridge Program to facilitate the Final Design and ROW Acquisition Phases for the Bridge Replacement on Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River (PIN 775399; BIN 3339960) in the Town of Diana. The following accounts shall be recognized to facilitate the funding of this project:

Increase Revenues:

H051200 345970 Federal	\$ 96,000.00
H051200 335910 State	\$ 18,000.00
H0512000 350310 Local	\$ 6,000.00

Project HAU

Increase Expense:

H0512000 499900	\$ 120,000.00
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Project HAU

Section 4. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND SHI INTERNATIONAL, INC.
FOR THE RENEWAL OF FORTINET FIREWALL AND ENDPOINT HARDWARE,
LICENSES AND SERVICE PROTECTION

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis entered into an Agreement with Carousel Industries of North America, Inc. on May 7, 2021, for Fortinet software, licensing, and service protection including firewalls, VPN Appliance, and Logging/Analysis Tools that is integral to the cybersecurity infrastructure of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Information Technology desires to enter into a three-year Agreement with SHI International Inc. to be the new third-party reseller of Fortinet at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the period of April 11, 2025 through April 10, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize said Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a three-year Agreement with SHI International to provide Fortinet software, licensing, and maintain service protection for the County's Cybersecurity system.

Section 2. This is for the term commencing April 11, 2025 through April 10, 2028 at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the services set forth in its proposal. This cost has been approved under 2025 Capital Funds.

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. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 - 2025
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBER TO
JUNKYARD REVIEW BOARD

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That this Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints John G. Jones of Beaver Falls, NY, as a member of the Lewis County Junkyard Review Board.

Section 2. That the 5-year term of said appointment shall be retro-active from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

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

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PORTION OF CERTAIN
COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ON EAST ROAD, LOWVILLE
TO DAVID C. HODGE AND MICHELLE L. SMITH

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis is the owner of a certain property, comprising approximately 56 acres of land known and identified as Tax Map No. 195.00-01-13.211, located at 7395 East Road, Lowville, NY (herein, the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County obtained this property by gift transfer from the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc., recorded in the Lewis County Clerk's Office on April 09, 2018, in order for the County to build the Lewis County-Jefferson Community College Education Extension Center (LC-JCC Ed Center). The deed contains restrictive covenants, requiring the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc. (Ag Society) to consent to any partial property transfer and to waive its right to recover the partial property transfer; and

WHEREAS, the owners of a one-family residence on approximately 0.60 acres located at 7456 Emi Lane, Lowville, NY (tax map parcel 195.00-02-15.300) seek to obtain title to approximately 0.44 acres of a portion of the County's above-identified property located immediately behind their home and parcel in order to square off their property and have the use of this cleared, vacant land as part of their yard; and

WHEREAS, the location of this 0.44 approximate acreage is in the southwest corner of the County's approximate 56 acres of land gifted by the Ag Society, and is depicted on a survey map by Kovach Land Surveying PC. This vacant acreage is a small strip bordering the wooded area of the County's property and of no use or value to the County for its public uses and purposes. This partial acreage is of no value to any other entity other than the property owners at 7456 Emi Lane, and would be a landlocked parcel to any other entity; and

WHEREAS, a market value quote of \$4,000.00 for this vacant property was provided by Good Morning Realty, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Agricultural Society's Board consents to this transfer and sale of this landlocked area to the owners named, and has waived its right to recover said property by formal Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby finds and declares that the said identified 0.44 acres of vacant land, located in the southwest corner of and being a portion of the County's property under Tax Map No. 195.00-01-13.211, is not required for public use, and is landlocked to any other party, thereby negating the requirement of a bid after public advertisement for same. This finding is made pursuant to Local Law No. 1-1991 and County Law § 215.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the transfer of the approximate 0.44 acres of vacant land located immediately behind (North) the property and one family residence of David C. Hodge and Michelle L. Smith located at 7456 Emi Lane, Lowville, NY, Tax Map Parcel No. 195.00-02-15.300, to said named owners in consideration of the payment of \$4,000.00, and subject to the written consent and waiver of reversionary rights of the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc., as required under the deed restrictions.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said transfer and sale of this partial property provided that the owners incur all costs and expenses of the transfer of title, including but not limited to any abstract of title fee, deed recording fees and transfer taxes which may customarily be waived for the County.

Section 4. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the \$4,000 consideration received shall be turned over or made payable directly to the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc.

Section 5. The transfer of title shall be by quitclaim deed, with a closing of title to take place as soon as reasonably possible after receipt of all documents required.

Section 6. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any and all documents, including the deed and other recording documents, upon review and approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Section 7. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nortz & Lyndaker.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2025
RESOLUTION URGING APPROVAL OF HOME RULE REQUEST
AND TO ADOPT NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL NO. S4858
AND COMPANION ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A5514

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 27-2025, the Board of Legislators of Lewis County requested Home Rule Legislation as would allow the County of Lewis to continue to impose an additional one percent (1%) local sales tax for the period beginning December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis continues to experience such budgetary pressures as would justify an extension of the time in which it may impose such additional sales tax, and such additional sales tax revenue will enable the Board of Legislators to mitigate the need for increased property taxes; and

WHEREAS, said legislation has been introduced in both houses of the State Legislature, as Senate Bill No. S4858 and Assembly Bill No. A5514, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Article 9, § 2(B) (2) of the New York State Constitution and Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law require a home rule request be made to the State Legislature before the bills may become law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby makes this Home Rule request to the State Legislature to enact the following: New York State Senate Bill No. S4858 and the companion bill in the Assembly, Bill No. A5514:

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending authorization for the county of Lewis to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

PURPOSE: To authorize Lewis County to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS: Authorizes Lewis County to impose an additional one percent sales and compensating use tax for an additional two year period commencing December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2027.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to State Senator Mark C. Walczyk and Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Leviker , seconded by Legislator Moroughan .

Chairman Dolhof explained that this is not raising the sales tax rate. This is just a continuation of the current rate that has been in place for 20 years. The State won't make this permanent so every two years they require the county to go through this process. Lewis County sales tax rate is 8%, with 4% going to the State and they allow automatically allow for 3% to go to the county. This is to continue the additional 1% for another two-year period.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODERNIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
AND ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR LCPT
CAPITAL PURCHASES

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Planning and Community Development Department, seeks to submit a request to reallocate \$180,590 in awarded New York State DOT Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) funding toward the purchase of one (1) wheelchair van, one (1) 16-passenger Lot G bus, sixteen (16) bus WiFi modems, one (1) bus stop shelter for the LC JCC Ed Center, and seventy-five (75) bus stop signs for the Lewis County Public Transportation (LCPT) system from the original intent of purchasing electronic fareboxes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Planning and Community Development Department, seeks to request the use of the system's awarded \$43,379 in New York State DOT Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) funding toward one (1) wheelchair van for the LCPT; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Planning and Community Development Department, applied for and received \$50,000 in NYS DASNY funds towards the purchase of one (1) 16-passenger Lot G bus to be used to service Fort Drum and \$2,500 in funding from WinDenmark toward the purchase of one (1) wheelchair van; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept the various grant funds, enter into the applicable agreement(s) with NYS, and authorize the Planning and Community Development Department to submit Purchase Orders for one (1) wheelchair van, one (1) 16-passenger Lot K bus, sixteen (16) bus WiFi modems, one (1) bus stop shelter for the LC JCC Ed Center, and seventy-five (75) bus stop signs for the Lewis County Public Transportation (LCPT) system from the appropriate vendors with the assistance of the Purchasing Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, through the Planning and Community Development Department, to submit the MEP and ATC funding requests to the New York State Department of Transportation for the purchase of one (1) wheelchair van, one (1) 16-passenger Lot G bus, sixteen (16) bus WiFi modems, one (1) bus stop shelter for the LC JCC Ed Center, and seventy-five (75) bus stop signs for the Lewis County Public Transportation (LCPT) system.

Section 2. The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Director is authorized to act on behalf of the County to sign and submit the funding requests and complete the capital projects.

Section 3. The Chair of the Board of Legislators is authorized to execute any contracts or agreements between Lewis County and NYS DOT and any third-party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation project thereto upon such terms acceptable to the County Attorney.

Section 4. The following budget appropriations be approved in the Bus Operations account to appropriate the ATC, DASNY, and WinDenmark funding:

Increase Revenue:

A0563000.335941 ATC State Funds	\$43,379.00
A0563000.327075 Local Contribution-Bus	\$ 2,500.00
A0563000.XXXXXX NYS DASNY Funds	\$50,000.00

Increase Expense:

A0563000.223301 Vehicles and Equipment – MEP	\$95,879.00
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Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
WITH GENERAL CODE, LLC FOR DIGITAL CODIFICATION
OF COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Board of Legislators, authorized grant funding through the New York State Department of State pursuant to Resolution No. 20-2023 for county-wide shared IT services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 52-2024, the County authorized agreements with General Code, LLC and local municipalities to digitally codify each municipality's local codes on the General Codes eCode360 Platform, with the County expending grant proceeds on behalf of the local municipalities who join in this county-wide shared IT service; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development requests that the County codify its Local Laws on this platform by entering into an agreement with General Code to digitize same into the eCode360 Platform at a cost of \$15,995 plus \$1,195 in annual maintenance and licensing once the laws have been codified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement with General Code, LLC to digitally codify the County's Local Laws through Local Law No. 5-2024 into the eCode360 Platform at a cost of \$15,995, and with annual maintenance and licensing services of \$1,195 as more fully set forth in its proposal dated January 30, 2025.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to pay the cost of the codification to the eCode360 Platform under this contract from the 2023 NYS Shared Services Account.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such Agreement with such terms and conditions as the County Attorney may recommend.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Frost.

Legislator Kalamas asked that Planning and Community Development Director Casandra Buell give a brief explanation of what this is.

Cassandra Buell explained that the county had received a grant of \$500,000 for two different programs, one being to assist with implementing Town websites and getting them Microsoft access, the other is for codification of Local Laws. This grant funding is also available to be used for the county codification as well. The process is to take inventory of all Local Laws ever adopted and put them all in one location. The process takes around 18 months to complete but, in the end, the Local Laws will be in a book. During the process it will show any Local Laws that contradict each other, might be irrelevant now, or could be duplicates.

All municipalities are encouraged to take advantage of this process utilizing grant funding. The Towns of Pinckney and Greig are already on board and there are 3 more Towns in the works. One other benefit will be getting all codes on eCode 360 so that they are online and accessible.

Legislator Moser stated that she went through this process with the Village of Boonville as their attorney and it was very valuable.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYS CONNECTALL
DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM CAPACITY GRANT APPLICATION TO CONTINUE AND
EXPAND FREE PUBLIC WIFI PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for a NYS ConnectALL Digital Equity Program Capacity grant program to continue to fund and expand the Lewis County Free Public Wi-Fi program; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County can apply for up to \$2,000,000 toward the project, which requires a 10% match; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application, and if awarded funding, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, to submit a grant application to NYS ConnectALL under its Digital Equity Program Capacity grant program to continue to fund and expand the Lewis County Free Public Wi-Fi program at an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Section 2. If awarded, the required local share would be 10% of the total project costs submitted.

Section 3. The Director of Planning and Community Development or the Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any documents required under the application upon review by the Planning and Community Development Director.

Section 4. In the event the County is awarded grant funds, the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the award (s), authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute any grant agreements(s) and other documents required to accept the award(s) upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funding into correct accounts.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR BUILDING RESILIENT
INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) FUNDING
TO COMPLETE SCOPING OF COUNTY RTE 22

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for a 2025 FEMA grant under its Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities funding in order to fund project scoping of the East Martinsburg Road (County Rte 22); and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application, and if awarded funding, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, to submit a grant application to FEMA under its 2025 BRIC funding for road scoping of County Rte 22.

Section 2. The project costs for the road scoping are estimated to be \$500,000 with the required local share being 25%.

Section 3. The Director of Planning and Community Development or the Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any documents required under the application upon review by the Planning and Community Development Director.

Section 4. In the event the County is awarded grant funds, the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the award (s), authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute any grant agreements(s) and other documents required to accept the award(s) upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funding into correct accounts.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO NYSDEC FOR MUNICIPAL
ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE (ZEV) INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATIONAL GRID
MAKE-READY FUNDING TOWARD THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EV
CHARGING STATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for a NYSDEC grant under its Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Grant Program in order to purchase and install EV charging stations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Community Development Department expects to apply for up to \$500,000 in ZEV funding, which requires a local match of 20%; and

WHEREAS, to cover the required 20% match, the Planning & Community Development Department desires to simultaneously apply for National Grid Make-Ready Program Funding; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application and, if awarded funding, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, to submit a \$500,000.00 grant application to NYSDEC under its Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Grant Program and a National Grid Make-Ready Program application to purchase and install EV charging stations.

Section 2. The project costs are estimated to be \$500,000 which requires a local match of 20% that, if awarded, could be covered by National Grid Make-Ready Program funding.

Section 3. The Director of Planning and Community Development or the Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the applications and any documents required under the applications upon review by the Planning and Community Development Director.

Section 4. In the event the County is awarded both grant funds to cover the entire cost of the project(s), the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the award (s), authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute any grant agreements(s)

and other documents required to accept the award(s) upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funding into correct accounts.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO US DOT FOR “PROTECT”
FUNDING TOWARD EAST MARTINSBURG ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, desires to apply for a US DOT grant under its Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program in order to fund improvements to East Martinsburg Road (County Rte 22); and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Community Development Department in consultation with the Lewis County Highway Superintendent expects to apply for up to \$500,000 in PROTECT funding, which does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application and, if awarded funding, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, to submit a grant application up to \$500,000.00 to US DOT under its PROTECT funding program for East Martinsburg Road improvements.

Section 2. The project costs are estimated to be \$500,000 with no required local match.

Section 3. The Director of Planning and Community Development or the Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and any documents required under the application upon review by the Planning and Community Development Director.

Section 4. In the event the County is awarded grant funds, the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the award (s), authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute any grant agreements(s) and other documents required to accept the award(s) upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funding into correct accounts.

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

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURALLY
VIALE LAND INTO A CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND NEGATIVE
DECLARATION DETERMINATION

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators, in accordance with § 303-b of the Agricultural and Markets Law, designated November 15th to December 15th as the annual thirty (30) day review period in which a landowner may submit requests for inclusion of predominately viable agricultural land within a Certified Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Department received one (1) application for inclusion of properties into Agricultural District # 6. This parcel is located in the Town of Greig, Tax Map Parcel No. 291.00-02-23.110 owned by William and Millie McLaughlin, (approximately 163.4 acres); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department duly forwarded the application to the Lewis County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who reviewed the application for inclusion of this property and submitted their recommendation to the Lewis County Board of Legislators noting that the property should be placed into the certified agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, the Short Environmental Assessment Form, parts 2 & 3, for Unlisted Actions has been prepared by the Director of Planning and Community Development on behalf of the County of Lewis Board of Legislators as the Lead Agent for this Ag inclusion property for determination that the identified parcel's inclusion will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators, in accordance with Chapter 303b of the Laws of 2003 amending NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, conducted a public hearing to consider the request and recommendations of the Lewis County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and Planning Department on March 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators, having held the public hearing and having heard any statements or comments from the public on the request and recommendations of the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department and Lewis County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, seeks to adopt the recommendations of the Director of Planning and Community Development and declare a negative environmental impact for each parcel, and place these properties into a certified agricultural district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute the Short Environmental Assessment Forms prepared by the Planning and Community Development Department declaring that these Actions and Applications will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators adopts the recommendations of the Lewis County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and Planning and Community Development Department, and places the following parcel of land located in the Town of Greig, Tax Map Parcel No. 291.00-02-23.110 owned by William and Millie McLaughlin, (approximately 163.4 acres) into Agricultural District #6.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice Chair is authorized to execute any other documents to give effect to this resolution, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND SAMSARA, INC. FOR
COUNTY VEHICLE CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND LICENSING SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Purchasing Director seeks to have cameras and data equipment installed on County vehicles in order to support regular maintenance and safety of the vehicles and drivers. The Purchasing Director secured quotes from state-approved vendors who have the expertise, software and hardware sought by the County and recommends securing said equipment and services from Samsara, Inc., an existing state-approved contractor under NYS Contract No. PM69845; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this equipment and services for this preliminary phase for the County vehicle fleet shall not exceed \$21,146.40 for the first year, and \$20,990.40 for the second and third years. The County can add or remove vehicles at any time as stated in the proposal dated January 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the proposal and authorize an agreement to provide the camera equipment and data equipment licensing services for a portion of the County vehicles, including twelve (12) forward-facing dash cameras for highway and solid waste;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts the proposal and authorizes an agreement with Samsara, Inc., 1 De Haro Street San Francisco, CA 94107 for vehicle cameras and data equipment and licensing services for a portion of the County's vehicle fleet as more fully detailed and set forth in the proposal dated January 23, 2025, for a total cost of \$21,146.40 for the first year and \$20,990.40/year for the second and third years.

Section 2. The Chair, or Vice-Chair, of the Board of Legislators, is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such Agreement and any amendments thereto, upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT(S)
BETWEEN THE LEWIS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT AND
CERTAIN TOWNS FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, under NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 1537, an assessing unit and a county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate an agreement for assessing and data collection services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provisions of a joint service, pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law Article 5-6; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property believes that it will be beneficial for certain Towns to use the Real Property Department to provide data collection and/or assessment services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property met with the Towns in Lewis County to discuss terms and rates for such data collection and assessment services. The County would provide services at a rate of \$3.25 per parcel for data collection and \$10.00 per parcel for assessment, with the right of the County to increase such fees on an annual basis between 2% and 5% thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Director requests that the County authorize these rates and services for the Towns on an annual basis commencing April 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes Inter-Municipal Agreement(s) for data collection and/or assessment services with such Towns as may be interested in the provision of such services, with such terms and provisions as the County Attorney may recommend.

Section 2. The first-year rate, commencing April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, shall be \$3.25 per parcel for data collection services, and \$10.00 per parcel for assessment services. The County shall have the right to increase the rates between 2% and 5% on an annual basis, with any renewals subject to said rate increases.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement(s) and any amendments thereto, together with the Lewis County Director of Real Property, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE-LEASE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND EQUIPMENT RENTALS, INC.
& REPUBLIC FIRST NATIONAL FOR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT EXCAVATOR

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Solid Waste Department sought to purchase a Develon DX100W Wheeled Excavator through the OGS and BuyBoard Contract No. 685-22 to secure an excavator from Equipment Rentals, Inc. at a price of \$198,922 according to the specs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste and the County Purchasing Director secured three (3) quotes for purchase-lease lending of the Develon Wheeled Excavator. Republic First National, of Rochester, IN provided the lowest financing of \$148,922.00 over four (4) years at 5.43% APR, with an annual payment of \$42,413.00 (plus a \$299.00 document fee); and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department will fund \$50,000.00 of the \$198,922.00 purchase price with financing of the \$148,922.00 balance as stated above. The first installment will be due March of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators 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 Equipment Rentals 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 Equipment Rentals Inc., 23150 NY St Rt 12, Watertown, NY 13601, an authorized dealer of Heavy-Duty Equipment and approved on State bids, with financing through Republic First National, for the purchase-lease of a Develon DX100W Wheeled Excavator in the amount of \$198,922.00. \$148,922.00 is to be financed through Republic First National, at an annual rate of 5.43%, payable over a four (4) year period with annual installments of \$42,413.16, and commencing March 2026 with an additional one-time document fee charge of \$299.00

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the annual installment payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$42,413.16 be paid

from the Solid Waste portion of the Capital Equipment Fund, with the downpayment of \$50,000.00 payable from the Solid Waste budget.

Section 3. 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. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTION OF TAX BILL

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the franchise agreements between Time Warner Cable, TCI, and the Towns of Croghan, Denmark, Diana, Greig, Lewis, Leyden, Lowville, Lyonsdale, Martinsburg, New Bremen, Watson, and West Turin which allowed them to deduct from taxes the franchise paid to the Towns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That payment be accepted as follows:

		Amount Paid:	Charge to Town:
Croghan	538.00-08-00.000	450.62	128.00
	538.00-05-06.000	332.97	69.37
	538.00-08-06.000	2996.71	624.32
Denmark	552.00-03-00.000	193.53	105.73
	552.00-05-00.000	18.96	10.36
Diana	552.00-05-08.000	989.28	431.52
Greig	542.02-07-09.000	3123.41	1233.46
Lewis	550.00-10-11.000	222.06	185.75
Leyden	550.00-07-12.000	541.92	178.30
	550.00-10-12.000	266.92	87.82
	550.00-07-00.000	73.13	28.68
Lowville	550.00-05-00.000	631.17	198.78
	550.00-05-13.000	2642.63	644.17
Lyonsdale	550.00-07-00.000	45.81	17.97
	550.00-07-00.000	219.67	86.15
Martinsburg	542.02-05-15.000	1609.37	603.73
New Bremen	552.00-08-00.000	9.16	4.65
	542.05-08-05.000	129.32	46.45
	552.00-08-02.000	2235.25	619.71
Watson	542.02-08-21.000	1866.44	1164.30
	542.02-07-21.000	2836.98	1769.73
	542.02-05-21.000	2762.33	1723.16
West Turin	550.00-07-00.000	67.11	36.29
	550.00-07-00.000	134.75	72.86
		24,399.50	10,071.26

Section 2. That the County Treasurer is hereby directed to adjust, apportion, and charge back such amount in the manner prescribed by law. The amount to charge the Towns is \$10,071.26.

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

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2025
APPOINTING MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Shelby Gentry of Lowville Academy Central School, as a student representative on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective March 5, 2025 and shall terminate either on the date of her High School Graduation, or upon ceasing to be a full-time high school student.

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

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS TO AGREEMENT WITH BRONZE
CONTRACTING, LLC FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT SERVICES
ON 6832 MCALPINE STREET, LYONS FALLS, NY
UNDER THE ROUND 8 RESTORE NY GRANT AWARD

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County became title owner of the former Lyons Falls School property by tax foreclosure and judgment dated June 29, 2023, with the intention to have it remediated and marketed for appropriate re-uses, thereby placing it back on the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Planning Department, authorized an environmental and structural assessment of the former Lyons Falls School (6832 McAlpine Street, Lyons Falls, NY 13368) by DANC as the professional consultants to determine its potential redevelopment and rehabilitation or its demolition, depending upon the environmental and structural analysis report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 229 - 2024, the Board awarded Bronze Contracting, LLC with the contract to provide hazardous materials abatement based upon the prior hazardous materials studies and reports by Bergmann & Associates under the Lyons Falls BOA. Recently Bronze discovered additional Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in both the first and second floors of the building which were not part of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Bronze has submitted a change order proposal to abate the second floor ACM flooring of approximately 3,074 sf, including quantities of ACM floor tile and associated mastic as well as ACM in Floor Leveler, at a cost of \$13,000.00 as set forth in its proposal dated March 3, 2025. It is anticipated that similar additional ACM abatement and removal services will be required for the first floor, the specific of same not yet confirmed by detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director recommends that the Board authorize these abatement and remediation change order services to the Bronze contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; the costs of which are covered under the Restore NY and National Grid grants secured for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a change order to the Bronze Contracting awarded agreement to provide for additional ACM abatement and removal services discovered on the second and first floors, of the

Former Lyons Falls School remediation project, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that DANC, as the County's professional consultants on this project prepare the Change Order documents for review by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver said change orders upon such terms and conditions as the County Attorney may recommend.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Leviker, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2025
RESOLUTION REMOVING MEMBER FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND
ANY OF ITS SUB-COMMITTEES

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

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm, the Lewis County Board of Legislators held a closed hearing pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law (MHL) §41.11 pertaining to the potential removal for cause of Wyatt Wagner from his appointed positions on the Community Services Board (CSB) and any of its Sub-Committees; and

WHEREAS, after the hearing and deliberations, the Lewis County Board of Legislators held their regular monthly board meeting commencing at 5:15 pm. During the meeting, the Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators made a motion to have Wyatt Wagner removed from his positions on the Community Services Board, as a member of the CSB and the Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Chairman of the Board, the motion made and acted upon was reduced to a Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators, having held a hearing pursuant to MHL § 41.11, and having served the subject of the hearing with Notice of the Hearing and Statement of Charges; and with the subject of the hearing, Wyatt Wagner having personally appeared at the hearing; and the Board having heard all interested parties, witnesses and evidence presented and offered; and the Board having considered and deliberated on the evidence and issues presented, the Board of Legislators hereby removes Wyatt Wagner from his appointed positions on the Community Services Board, i.e., as a member of the Community Services Board and its Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 4th day of March 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sheriff Carpinelli addressed the Board regarding the NYS Prison System Strike, indicating his support of the Correction Officers. He did explain that he has heard NYS will try to rehouse non-violent inmates to county jails. He stated very clearly that if Lewis County is asked, he will respond with a definitive “no” as he is not in favor of housing state prisoners. He also spoke about how St. Lawrence County sent a letter to the Correction Officers families on strike voicing their support for them, he asked the legislators to consider something like this.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.