

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 14, 2025

Present: Andrea Moroughan, Chair; Josh Leviker, Vice-Chair; Herb Frost; Thomas Kalamas; and Jeff Nellenback.

Legislator Moroughan called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

Legislator Moroughan moved to approve the June 17, 2025 committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and carried.

2025 Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Shannon Clarke, Tetra Tech

Shannon Clark highlighted the assessment of risks and vulnerabilities from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives. The plan aims to develop strategies for mitigating risks associated with natural disasters and includes input from various community stakeholders. The process for submitting the vision to FEMA was explained, including the necessary revisions to meet specific requirements. It was noted that any jurisdiction within the county can adopt a resolution to activate the plan as soon as it is approved, allowing for a more proactive approach. Additionally, the importance of the updated New York State Reservation Plan was highlighted, which serves as a dynamic framework for local counties.

The benefits of participating in the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update were highlighted, particularly the potential for substantial grant funding from FEMA and New York State. The discussion included various grant programs, such as the Flood Mitigation Assistance and the High Hazard Potential Dam grant, which are competitive at both state and national levels. The updated plan aims to make the county eligible for millions in funding for mitigation actions.

The potential for leveraging grants beyond FEMA to improve community infrastructure and safety was highlighted. Specific mitigation actions, such as elevating roads and restoring natural resources, were outlined as part of the planning process. The discussions with local communities were noted as crucial for understanding their specific risks and needs, ultimately aiming to enhance public safety and reduce disaster response costs.

Lewis County Solar Analysis – Lauryn Tabolt, Community Development Specialist

Lauren Tabolt provided an overview of the solar array behind the public safety building, detailing its production and financial implications for Lewis County. The array, installed by Green Skies, operates under a power purchase agreement, allowing the county to benefit from lower electricity costs and credits from National Grid. The presentation included data on energy production, capacity factors, and the correlation between production levels and payments to Green Skies.

An overview of the county's energy credits was provided, highlighting the 24 national grid meters and their influence on energy bills. A sample credit statement was shared, indicating a negative balance of \$131,000 in bank credits. The total kilowatt usage for 2024 was reported at 6.7 million, resulting in significant savings.

The following draft resolutions were reviewed:

1. Awarding bid and authorizing agreement with Jeff Koss Carpentry for snow removal, summertime maintenance and related services at all nine (9) 911 Tower Sites within Regions 1 & 2 for the 2025-2026 snow and summer seasons at a cost of \$33,000.00, payable in four (4) installments on November 1, 2025, April 1, 2026, June 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026.
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2. Awarding bid and authorizing agreement with Roes Lawncare, LLC for snow removal and related services at 7714 Number Three Road, Lowville, for the 2025-2026 snow season at a cost of \$5,000.00 for snow and ice removal plus \$150/hr. payload and \$120/hr. dump truck fees.
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3. Awarding bid and authorizing agreement with CGR of Rochester, NY to provide professional consultation services to review data and evaluate the current EMS ambulance services in the County and evaluate alternative service models for cost effectiveness and efficiencies into the future with recommended development and an action plan creation for a cost of \$60,000.00 with funds being transferred from Legislative Special Contingency into Emergency Management account lines with final completion and delivery of a final report on or about December 31, 2025.
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4. Authorizing the submission of the 2025-2026 Snowmobile Trail Grant-In-Aid Program Application through the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks.
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5. Introductory Local Law No. 6-2025 "The Amended Local Law Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails or Other County Property and on any Town Roads and Property Where the Town has Opted In" and setting the public hearing.
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There being no other business to come before the committee, Legislator Frost moved to adjourn at 1:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board