

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 18, 2025

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

Legislator Moroughan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Legislator Moroughan moved to approve the January 21, 2025 committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried.

Handling Recycling Violations – Shawn Thorton, DANC

Sean Thorton presented a new fine structure to address recycling violations, increasing the minimum surcharge to double the tipping fee with a minimum of \$500 for loads containing more than 20% prohibitive waste. A load rejected before it is tipped will have a surcharge assessed of \$250. Haulers with more than six (6) violations in the previous 12-months will have a \$1,000 surcharge assessed at renewal. A proposed \$4 per ton increase in solid waste management fees was introduced to address a decade-long lack of adjustments, alongside a \$7 increase for non-beneficial sludge to align costs with municipal rates. There will be an upcoming tour of the Rodman Waste Facility in May for all legislators who are interested, more details to come.

County Manager Tim Hunt gave an update on the Hydrostor project, initiated by a company that contacted the county on December 18, 2024. Meetings were held with the towns involved to inform them about the project and to offer assistance, as the county will not be directly involved in the approval process. Public meetings and information sessions will be scheduled to facilitate community input. which seeks to establish an energy storage facility, emphasizing the county's supportive role in the application process.

The following draft resolutions were reviewed:

1. Authorizing 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.
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2. Authorizing agreement, by and through the Lewis County Emergency Management Department, with Timothy Mathis, MD to serve as Medical Director for Emergency Management Department programs for the term commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.
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3. Accepting the FY2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant award in the amount of \$172,413.00 for 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; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the funds into the proper Department and accounts.
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4. Accepting the FY2024 SHSP allocation grant 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 and directs the Lewis County Treasurer to appropriate the funds into the Emergency Management Department account lines.

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5. Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 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.

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6. Approving and authorizing 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 bridge replacement project Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River; and that \$120,000.00 shall be appropriated in the Capital Bridge Program to facilitate this.

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7. Re-appointing member John G. Jones of Beaver Falls, NY as a member of the Lewis County Junkyard Review Board to a 5-year term retro-active to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

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8. Authorizing a purchase-lease agreement between the County of Lewis and Equipment Rentals Inc., 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 with a \$50,000.00 downpayment and the remaining balance of \$148,922.00 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.

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Motions:

1. Legislator Frost moved to approve and adopt the 2025 General Services Committee Goals, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and carried.

There being no other business to come before the committee, Legislator Frost moved to adjourn at 1:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board