

REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2025

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

Roll Call: All Legislators were present. There were 28 other persons present.

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

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

Chairman Dolhof acknowledged that there are two wrestlers in attendance tonight who won state titles. Wrestling is a sport that demands not only physical strength but also mental toughness and discipline. These athletes have put in countless hours of training, pushed themselves to their limits, and represented their school and community with pride. Their achievements are testament to their determination and the guidance of their coaches, the support of their families, and the encouragement of their peers.

Patrick Grimsey of Lowville Academy and Central School compiled a 43 and 2 record this season and has a record of 148 and 14 over his career. He has competed as a four-time Frontier League Champion; four-time Section Class D Champion; three-time Section Three Division 2 Champion; and has competed in the State Tournament four times with an 8th place finish as a 9th grader in 2022, 5th place finish as a 10th grader in 2023, 3rd place finish as an 11th grader in 2024, and in 2025 as a senior became the NYS Public High School Athletic Association Champion at 145 pounds.

Patrick is a true student-athlete as he is an accomplished student and a member of the National Honor Society. This honor not only speaks well for his academic success, but his impeccable character and leadership skills as well. Patrick is the rare blend of a fierce and relentless competitor while displaying sportsmanship and humility at the same time. Patrick is an exemplary young man and a role model for our younger students.

Kamdyn Dorchester of Carthage Central School, who resides in Lewis County, has compiled a 41 and 1 record this season and has a record of 128 and 26 over his career. He has competed as a three-time Frontier League Champion; two-time Section 3 Class A Champion; two-time Section 3 Division 1 Champion; and a 5th place finish at the NYS Division 1 Tournament in 2024. Throughout his career, he has won 15 individual tournaments. As a senior, he was the Section 3 Division 1 Wrestler of the Year at 285 pounds and the NYS Division 1 Champion. Kamdyn not only wrestles but also was a three-year starter for the Carthage Football team and

Lacrosse team. He earned all-state honors as a junior and senior. Kamdyn is part of the National Honor Society and JROTC program. He plans to major in education and continue his wrestling career in college.

The Board of Legislators wants to wish both of you the very best in your future endeavors. Continue to work hard, lead by example, and inspire those who will follow in your footsteps.

PROCLAMATION:

The Clerk of the Board read a proclamation commemorating April as Fair Housing Month. Chairman Dolhof handed the proclamation to Ms. Carole Dunbar of Good Morning Realty.

Chairman Dolhof declared the March 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
Vincent Nortz
Barry Lyndaker

Dated: April 1, 2025

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

CLERK OF THE BOARD REPORT:

The quarterly occupancy tax report was distributed to all legislators. The Lewis County Humane Society sent a letter thanking the board for the 2025 appropriation they received. Real Property submitted an approved application for refund or credit of real property taxes for tax map number 304.00-01-14.110 in the Town of Turin.

There were several adopted resolutions received from Orleans County:

- Calling for the immediate rescinding and reversal of the New York State Governor's Executive Order No. 47.3 prohibiting counties from hiring terminated New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision individuals.

- Calling for repeal of the New York State Humane Alternatives to long-term solitary confinement act, which was also sent by Greene County.
- Encouraging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to increase the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) budget allocation for county jails.
- Support for changes to New York's Discovery Laws proposed in Governor Hochul's fiscal year 2026 Executive Budget.
- Encouraging the State Legislature and Governor to enact technical edits to components of the Raise the Age Law.
- Urging the Governor and relevant State agencies to work with counties to ensure implementation of pending short term rental legislation includes a requirement for platforms that facilitate short-term rentals provide information to the State and counties in a uniform format that is easily transferable to local government data system needs.
- Calling on New York's Congressional Delegation to preserve the federal tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- Urging New York State to fund state-mandated agricultural district reviews.
- Calling on the Governor and Legislature to reform E-waste recycling to provide relief to local governments and protect New York's natural resources.
- Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to add counties as eligible for funding under the New York State touring routes program.
- Calling for the SFY 2025-26 enacted budget to include reforms for determining the capacity of a defendant to stand trial.
- Urging the Governor and Legislature to become true partners in addressing homelessness by focusing on rent allowance and standard need that includes the restoration of 50/50 cost sharing for safety net programs, and provide actual brick and mortar solutions by making permanent housing the central focus.
- Urging Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to amend the proposed budget to restore funding for the FFFS program to the SFY 2025 level and to increase State support for code blue by \$20 million above the amount provided in the Governor's proposed SFY 2026 budget to ensure critical services can be provided in code blue shelters.

Rensselaer County sent an adopted resolution titled “Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to repeal the Halt Act and restore order in New York State prisons”; Oswego County sent an adopted resolution titled “ Directing the County Attorney to explore litigation regarding Executive Order 47.3 of the Governor of the State of New York concerning county hiring of former employees of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.”

The following departments and organizations have submitted their 2024 Annual reports: Community Services, Public Health, and Social Services.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osbornereported that the audit firm EFPR was onsite and working on the annual audit. Each legislator has been given a Quarter 1 Progress report on the 2025 adopted Committee Goals. The Clerk of the Board and Director of Purchasing continue to make progress on the draft Employee Meal Reimbursement policy, which should be ready to be presented at the Finance & Rules Committee meeting this month.

Legislator Osborne moved to authorize renewal agreements with NYMIR through Eastern Shore Insurance Agency for the annual insurance policy renewals at a total cost of \$289,330.34 effective April 5, 2025, seconded by Legislator Nortz and carried.

Legislator Moroughan reported that Recreation, Forestry & Parks first public survey for the Winter Recreation Plan closes tonight at midnight; the link to the survey is on the county website. Online reservations can now be made for Singing Waters Campground, or you can call (315) 376-5972 to reserve the pavilion. The 2025 Off Highway Vehicle maps will be delivered this week but due to snow depths some trails are not yet open. Trail openings will be posted on the Lewis County ATV Trail System Facebook page.

Legislator Moroughan moved to award the bid for hot asphalt mix based on project location in accordance with the tabulation of all bids prepared by the Highway Superintendent and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, seconded by Legislator Frost and carried.

Legislator Moroughan moved to award the bid for pavement marking to Seneca Pavement Markings in accordance with their bid, which is placed on file with the Clerk of the Board for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, seconded by Legislator Kalamas and carried.

Legislator Moroughan moved to award the bid for sand, crushed stone, gravel, and ready-mix concrete based on project location in accordance with the tabulation of all bids prepared by the Highway Superintendent and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, seconded by Legislator Moser and carried.

Legislator Moroughan moved to award the bid for roadside vegetation control to DeAngelo Contracting Services in accordance with their bid, which is placed on file with the Clerk of the Board for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, seconded by Legislator Osborne and carried.

Legislator Moser reported that Office For the Aging has successfully completed a program audit conducted by the State. Lewis County Department of Social Services is joining with other organizations throughout New York to recognize April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Now more than ever, our families need us – organizations, government agencies, businesses, communities, neighborhoods, faith-based groups, and individuals – to join together. When we support families, we become a stronger, more resilient community, and children grow up happy, healthy and safe. DSS will be planting 101 pinwheels at the Human Services Building to represent the number of children that used the services of the Child Advocacy Center in 2024.

Legislator Nortz reported that the Lewis County General Hospital Employee of the Year was Tina Bates, RN. A Year End report showed that there were over 623 total staff, full-time, part-time, and casuals as compared to 589 from the previous year. There were 157 new hires in 2024. There was a loss of \$522,000.00 versus a budgeted loss of \$339.61 for the month of February. The Year-to-Date loss is \$1,095,000 versus a budgeted loss of \$898,000. Acute Admissions were 84, which is ten above budget; Observations were 82, which is 33 above budget; ER visits were 81; Outpatient visits were below budget by 397; Occupancy was below the budgeted target of 65.5%; Physician Offices visits were higher in Ortho but lower in Family Practice, General Surgery, and Women's Health. It was announced that the meeting that CEO Jerry Cayer would be retiring effective August 3, 2026, and a committee has been formed to search for a new CEO. He concluded by thanking the physicians and nurses at the hospital for assisting him in January when he was sick.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

County Manager Tim Hunt referenced the report that Park Strategies had provided on their activities for the first quarter of 2025; Naturally Lewis monthly report; and First Quarter Legislative Goals report. He has been busy working on the insurance issue for ATV/UTV events. Candy Akin, Director of Real Property Taxation, pointed out a document called the New York Power Authority January 28th, 2025 Strategic Plan. In last years State budget, they increased the authority and

responsibilities of the New York Power Authority, including owning projects. The large-scale solar project in Croghan has been identified as one that NYPA would like to own. The problem this creates is it would no longer be on the tax rolls because it is owned by the State. Basically, last month when it was reported that the courts ruled in the counties favor on the assessment calculation being used on green energy projects, it was a small win because now the State has figured out a way to own the projects which means no tax benefits for the counties or Towns they are located in. Washington County had a solar project that NYPA now owns.

Legislator Kalamas reported that there are 19 hydro-dams; 13 solar farms; and 468 wind turbines in Lewis County and believes what the State is doing is unconstitutional. He is requesting a formal resolution opposing this at the Finance & Rules Committee meeting later this month. Legislator Frost voiced his opinion that this is a slap in the face, to take benefits away from the communities in which these projects are located and that we need to stand against it. Chairman Dolhof pointed out that the Maple Ridge Wind Farm pays about \$4M a year in PILOT agreements. In response to Legislator Nortz asking if this could affect the county's ability to pay its' bonds, Mr. Hunt responded that it could. Mr. Hunt clarified that for right now they are only looking at owning new projects but eventually it could switch to existing projects.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

County Treasurer Eric Virkler referenced his monthly report and said he is always available for questions.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 64 – 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 \$2,820,050.29 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 Nortz, seconded by Legislator Frost.

Legislator Moser abstained due to potential conflict.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of April 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Transportation Law Sections 14(14) and 14(15) and Section 99-4 of the General Municipal Law, the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and the County of Lewis (“County”) desire to share certain materials and services; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of such materials and services shall promote and assist the maintenance of NYSDOT and County roads and highways and provide cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources, primarily for use of sand and salt materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to enter into a shared services agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis and the New York State Department of Transportation for a Shared Services Agreement to share certain materials and services to promote and assist the maintenance of NYSDOT and the County of Lewis roads and highways and provide cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources.

Section 2. This Shared Services Agreement is for the period beginning and retroactive to September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2026, with an option to extend up to three (3) additional years, where each party shall contribute no more than \$308,000.00.

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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYS DHSES
CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND
APPROPRIATION IF AWARDED

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Information Technology (IT) Department, desires to apply for a NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) grant to enhance and sustain the County's cybersecurity posture and ensure that our information systems are secure and protected from cyber incidents; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County can apply for up to \$50,000.00 toward the project, with no match required; 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 Lewis County Information Technology (IT) Department, to submit a NYS DHSES Cybersecurity Grant Program for up to \$50,000.00.

Section 2. The Director of IT or the Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the on-line application and any documents required under the application.

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

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 -2025
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEMA HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING TO COMPLETE A HYDRAULICS AND
HYDROLOGY STUDY WITH LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (LIDAR) MAPPING**

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 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to complete a Hydraulics and Hydrology (H&H) Study with updated LiDAR mapping, to assist with the right sizing on culverts, bridges, and roadway drainage infrastructure throughout the Black River Watershed in Lewis County to mitigate and prevent future flooding incidents like those which occurred in July and August of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County can apply for up to \$2,000,000 toward the project, which requires a 25% 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 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to complete a Hydraulics and Hydrology (H&H) Study with updated LiDAR mapping not to exceed \$975,000.00.

Section 2. If awarded, the required local share would be 25% 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 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 project funds into correct accounts.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Kalamas , and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH TITAN ROOFING, INC. FOR
ROOF REPLACEMENT AND 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 the building 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) with the assistance of DANC, to determine its potential redevelopment and rehabilitation and/or its demolition, depending upon the environmental and structural analysis report; and

WHEREAS, in its report, DANC provided a full interior and roof abatement assessment and estimate to be undertaken with the assistance of grant awards and County investment; and

WHEREAS, the County received a Round 8 Restore NY grant award in the amount of \$1,724,000 for the remediation and rehabilitation of the Lyons Falls School along with a NY Main Street award in the amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the August 2024 exceptional summer rain and storm events caused the roof to develop a number of substantial leaks, failures, and structural deterioration, which caused the project team to seek proposals for completion of the roof replacement and abatement as soon as possible, with completion by the end of the Fall 2024; and

WHEREAS, Elmer W. Davis, Inc., (Elmer) of Rochester, NY was originally awarded the bid, but was subsequently terminated in January, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Community Development Director, with assistance from the Purchasing Director and engineers from DANC, posted a second RFP for roof replacement and abatement services; and

WHEREAS, one (1) sealed bid was received and opened on March 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, after review and discussion with the proposed bidder, the Planning and Community Director in consultation with the DANC engineer and County

Attorney, recommends that the Board award the bid to Titan Roofing, Inc., with its main office being in Springfield, MA, to provide roof replacement and abatement services in accordance with the scope of services set forth in the RFP, at a cost not to exceed \$345,000 plus \$10/SF for additional plywood deck replacement on an as needed basis determined by owner, and \$35/LF for local replacement of structural 2x12 roof joists on an as needed basis determined by owner as set forth in their proposal dated March 12, 2025, with a commitment to commence work on or about mid-April, 2025 with completion within sixty (60) days from date of commencement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes Notice of Award and an Agreement with Titan Roofing, Inc., with its main office located at 200 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA 01104 to undertake roof replacement and abatement services at the Former Lyons Falls School Building, Lyons Falls, NY, at a cost not to exceed \$345,000 for its base bid, plus \$10/SF for plywood deck replacement as needed and \$35/LF for structural 2x12 roof joists as needed, as more fully set forth in the RFP and the bid proposal, with services performed to be completed within sixty (60) days of commencement of same . The compensation payable under this agreement are from grant awards secured under Restore NY and NY Main Streets.

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

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz .

Legislator Lyndaker pointed out that the resolution language indicated that it was a base bid plus and he questioned who will make the decision if additional services at additional costs are needed. County Attorney Joan McNichol indicated that the contracted DANC Engineer would make that determination based on the needs of the project. Legislator Lyndaker stated that he would like to see the building and be able to walk inside once the asbestos is removed.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of April 2025. Legislator Lyndaker was opposed.

RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COORDINATOR OF THREAT ASSESSMENT AND
MANAGEMENT (TAM) TEAM

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 42-2025, the Board of Legislators accepted the FY2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) grant award of \$172,413, which requires the utilization of a TAM team and DTP plan, and assists by providing this funding to support planning, training, exercise and organizational costs associated with TAM team development and DTP planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, in order to commence formation of the TAM team and its development of the DTP plan which is to be submitted to DHSES by June, 2025, the County Manager recommends that the Board of Legislators appoint Matthew Morrow, Director of Probation as the TAM team coordinator, and provide him with the authority to name the members of the team and develop the DTP plan for timely submission to DHSES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators appoints Matthew Morrow, the County Director of Probation as the Coordinator of the TAM team, and directs him to form the team, in consultation with and assistance of the County Manager and Squad 9 consultants, and to have the team develop the County's DTP plan for timely submission to DHSES.

Section 2. The award funds are to be appropriated pursuant to Resolution 42-2025 into proper accounts under the Probation Department.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITION
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the Assessor position was a newly created and filled position in 2024 based on the needs of the Real Property Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property requested a review for reclassification for the Assessor position from Grade 27 to Grade 30 due to the understanding of the work and requirements for the position once in effect; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, the Human Resources Director, and CSEA have reviewed request and identified factors which support the reclassification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis authorizes the following reclassification of the Assessor position in the Department of Real Property:

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| <u>ABOLISH</u> Assessor | <u>STATUS</u> Full-Time | <u>SALARY/HOURLY RATE</u> Grade 27 (\$26.22 - \$30.82) |
| <u>CREATE</u> Assessor | <u>STATUS</u> Full-Time | <u>SALARY/HOURLY RATE</u> Grade 30 (\$28.48 - \$33.56) |

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CREDIT OF REAL PROPERTY 2023
TAXES ON UNPAID TAXES DUE TO THE LEWIS COUNTY TREASURER
AND TO AUTHORIZE A CHARGE BACK BY THE LEWIS COUNTY TREASURER

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

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, there was a structure fire at 4604 East Road in the Town of Turin on parcel number 305.00-03-01.110 owned by Lucas S. Weaver. The house located on that property was destroyed and removed from the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the appointed assessor failed to remove the value of the house from the 2023 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said parcel applied for a credit on real property taxes due January 1, 2024, which remain unpaid, on the basis of an alleged error in essential fact as required under the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, the County Director of Real Property Tax Services has investigated this claim and has determined and certified that the tax bill, as issued, is incorrect due to an error in essential fact; and

WHEREAS, the Director has submitted a written report to the Board of Legislators together with her recommendation that that the application be approved by the County Legislature and a credit be issued to the applicant under the 2023 County/Town tax bill due 2024 which remains unpaid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts and approves the application pursuant to RPTL §556 received from Lucas S. Weaver on March 21, 2025, relating to Parcel No. 304.00-03-01.110, for a credit on the tax bill due January 1, 2024.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the report of the LC Director of Real Property Services and the recommended credit to the applicant and other adjustments therein set forth.

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a credit to the applicant's 2023 County/Town Tax Due 2024 in the amount of \$2,721.40.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is further authorized and directed to charge-back the erroneous taxes to South Lewis Central School in the amount of \$1,210.70.

Section 5. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to mail a copy of the approved application and this resolution to the applicant.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2025
RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO CORRECT THE 2024 TAX ROLL
AND TO ORDER THE DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TO CORRECT THE TAX
ROLL AND TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL

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

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, there was a structure fire at 4604 East Road in the town of Turin on parcel number 305.00-03-01.110, owned by Lucas S. Weaver. The house located on that property was destroyed and removed from the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the appointed assessor failed to remove the value of the house from the 2024 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said parcel has applied for a correction of real property taxes on the basis of an alleged error in essential fact as required under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law, the County Director of Real Property Tax Services has investigated this claim who has determined and certified that the tax bill, as issued, is incorrect due to an error in essential fact; and

WHEREAS, the Director has submitted a written report to the Board of Legislators together with her recommendation that the application be approved and authorization for a corrected bill be issued; and

WHEREAS, there is a School Tax Relevy on the January 2025 County/Town Tax roll for the South Lewis Central School District based on an incorrect assessment;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts and approves the application pursuant to RPTL § 554 received from Lucas S. Weaver on March 21, 2025, relating to Parcel No. 304.00-03-01.110.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the report of the LC Director of Real Property Tax Services, and the recommended corrections and adjustments therein set forth.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the applicant and to the Real Property Tax Director to correct the tax roll and to issue a corrected tax bill as follows and attach a copy of this resolution to the warrant:

| Municipality | Taxable Value | Exempt Amount | Correct Taxable Value | Corrected Tax |
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| Lewis County | 108,200 | 0 | 15,600 | 133.81 |
| Town of Turin Town Wide | 108,200 | 0 | 15,600 | 94.19 |
| Town of Turin Town Outside | 108,200 | 0 | 15,600 | 33.13 |
| School Relevy | 0 | 0 | 15,600 | 218.27 |
| Turin Fire Protection | 108,200 | 0 | 15,600 | 9.52 |
| | | | Total: | \$488.92 |

Section 4. The Tax Collector is instructed to return the unpaid portion as being erroneous when the accounts are settled with the County Treasurer at the expiration of the warrant.

Section 5. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to charge-back the erroneous 2024 school taxes after settlement with the collector at the expiration of the warrant to South Lewis Central School, in the amount of \$1,295.67.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Kalamas , and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID
AND AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
M.J. LYNDAKER LOGGING, LLC**

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

WHEREAS, the County through the Recreation, Forestry, & Parks Department commenced the Lewis County Timber Sale process by sending out an RFP for the value of forest products in the Lewis County reforestation area, located on Pine Grove Road, Town of Watson, on the northern portion of Tax Map Parcel No. 229.00-02-9.100; and

WHEREAS, two (2) sealed bids received were publicly opened on March 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks recommends that the County award the bid to M.J Lyndaker Logging, LLC, who offered the highest price for the forest products located on the Pine Grove Road, in the total amount of \$187,610.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid and authorizes a contract with M.J. Lyndaker Logging, LLC, 6606 Old Indian River Road, NY 13620 for the term of April 8, 2025, through April 30, 2027, requiring the Contractor to pay the County \$187,610.00 for the harvesting of timber at Pine Grove Road, in the Town of Watson, on the northern portion of Tax Map Parcel No. 229.00-02-9.100;

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, any related and necessary documents or instruments, and amendments thereto pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDITION
TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM
(Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson and Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca 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 May 6, 2025, a proposed addition of approximately 678 feet to the Lewis County OHV Trail System. The proposed trails are located in the Town of Martinsburg, which includes the following parcels:

Parcel No: 243.03-03-3.000 located on the property of Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson

Parcel No: 243.00-01-9.000 located on the property of Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of approximately 678 feet to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

Section 2. 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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDITION
TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM
(County of Lewis, and Robert & Jacqueline Aden 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 May 6, 2025, a proposed addition of approximately 3.2 miles to the Lewis County OHV Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Greig, which includes the following parcels:

Parcel No: 292.00-02-16.00 located on the property of Lewis County

Parcel No: 292.00-02-26.1 located on the property of Robert & Jacqueline Aden

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of approximately 3.2 miles to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

Section 2. 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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 1 -2025)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 30 (CEMETARY ROAD AND MILL STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE FRANKS-LAMPSON PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on approximately 0.1 miles of a certain portion of County Road 30 (Cemetery Road and Mill Street) in the Town of Martinsburg, to connect the existing OHV trail system from the Town of Martinsburg Trail to and through the Franks-Lampson Property”.

SECTION II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the designation of certain highways or portions thereof within the County Highway system as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles/off-highway vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Local Law, the terms hereinafter identified shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) The term “County” shall refer to the County of Lewis.
- (b) The term “ATV” shall refer to an “all-terrain vehicle” as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The term “OHV” shall refer to “off-highway vehicle” and shall have the same meaning as set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019.

- (c) The term “Trail System” shall refer to the Lewis County Trail System, as adopted and administered pursuant to Local Law No. 2-2009; as amended and re-established pursuant to Local Law 3-2019, entitled, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (d) The term “ATV Code” shall refer to the Lewis County ATV Code which sets forth the local rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of ATV’s and/or OHV’s on public property pursuant to Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE,”** and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (e) The term “CR” shall mean County Route and is used to describe or designate the highway as owned by the County of Lewis and maintained by the Lewis County Highway Department.

SECTION IV. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The Board of Legislators hereby makes the following findings:

- (a) That Board of Legislators has carefully reviewed a Memorandum from the County Attorney detailing the legal obligations of the Board when considering opening a County highway or portion thereof to ATV use.
- (b) The Board of Legislators has also reviewed a report from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Forestry which described the amended designation of ATV/OHV Trails and interconnecting County Roads for use by ATV’s/OHV’s identifying the 0.1 mile segment of Cemetery Road and Mill Street that is proposed to be opened to ATV traffic, and providing a description of the trail or areas that are adjacent to such road portion and the justification for same as required by Vehicle & Traffic Law § 2405.
- (c) The Board of Legislators has commenced a review of the potential adverse impacts the opening of the proposed interconnecting portion of this road, consistent with 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 after an investigation, analysis, and preparation of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2 & 3) conducted by the Director of Soil & Water, finds and determines that adding this

0.1 mile portion of County Road 30 (Cemetery Road and Mill Street) to the Franks-Lampson Property will not result in a significant environmental impact.

- (d) The Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department have been provided with the most recent annual ATV/OHV Activity Report, indicating the level of usage for this part of the ATV/OHV trail system.
- (e) The County Highway Superintendent has reviewed the portion of Cemetery Road and Mill Street that are proposed to be opened to ATV/OHV traffic, and has provided the Board with his written opinion that such road portion thereof is presently opened to all classes of motor vehicle traffic, and that opening said road portion to ATV/OHV traffic will not significantly impact traffic safety at this locality.
- (f) In light of all the information submitted, reviewed and/or received during the public hearing, the Board of Legislators hereby determines and finds that due to the access agreement and trail on the property owned by Lenette Franks and Scott Lampson, it would otherwise be impossible to connect the County's trail from the Town of Martinsburg Trail (Tax Parcel # 242.00-01-18.111) to the trail through the Franks-Lampson property (Tax Parcel # 243.03-03-3.000) without the opening of 0.1 miles of Cemetery Road and Mill Street (County Road 30).

SECTION V. AMENDED DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS.

The following portion of County Road 30 (Cemetery Road and Mill Street), Town of Martinsburg, is hereby designated as OPEN to travel by ATV's/OHV's, and/or as subsequently amended thereto:

On Cemetery Road, approximately 0.1 miles from the Town of Martinsburg Trail Parcel known as Tax parcel # 242.00-01-18.111, east along Cemetery Road and Mill Street to where the trail continues south on the property of Lynette Franks and Scott Lampson (Tax Parcel # 243.03-03-3.000);

SECTION VI. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) All of the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations contained in or adopted pursuant to Article 48-C of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply with respect to the operation of ATV's/OHV's within the areas designated in the preceding Section V.

- (b) The road segments set forth above shall be deemed incorporated into the Lewis County ATV/OHV Trail System and subject to the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019 entitled, “**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM**”, as well as Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled, “**THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE**”, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (c) The road segments set forth above shall have signage posted to direct ATV/OHV riders to ride on the paved road and not on the stone shoulder of the road.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY.

In the event that any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. Moreover, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis hereby declares its intent that it would have passed this Local Law, or the remainder thereof had such invalid provision or invalid application been apparent.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2025), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on May 6, 2025, a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.1 MILES OF CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 30 (CEMETERY ROAD AND MILL STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM TOWN OF MARTINSBURG TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE FRANKS-LAMPSON PROPERTY".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York.

Section 2. 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 Court House, 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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 2 -2025)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

**A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY
VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF A
CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 32 (GLENDALE ROAD)
IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE THISSE TRAIL, THE
GORCZYCA TRAIL, WHITTAKER PARK, AND THE FRANKS-LAMPSON
TRAIL.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on approximately 5 miles of a certain portion of County Road 32 (Glendale Road) in the Town of Martinsburg, to connect the Thisse Trail, the Gorczyca Trail, Whittaker Park, and the Franks-Lampson Trail”.

SECTION II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the designation of certain highways or portions thereof within the County Highway system as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles/off-highway vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Local Law, the terms hereinafter identified shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) The term “County” shall refer to the County of Lewis.
- (b) The term “ATV” shall refer to an “all-terrain vehicle” as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The term “OHV” shall refer to “off-highway vehicle” and shall have the same meaning as set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019.
- (c) The term “Trail System” shall refer to the Lewis County Trail System, as adopted and administered pursuant to Local Law No. 2-2009; as

amended and re-established pursuant to Local Law 3-2019, entitled, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, and as the same may be amended from time to time.

- (d) The term “ATV Code” shall refer to the Lewis County ATV Code which sets forth the local rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of ATV’s and/or OHV’s on public property pursuant to Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled “A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE,” and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (e) The term “CR” shall mean County Route and is used to describe or designate the highway as owned by the County of Lewis and maintained by the Lewis County Highway Department.

SECTION IV. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The Board of Legislators hereby makes the following findings:

- (a) That Board of Legislators has carefully reviewed a Memorandum from the County Attorney detailing the legal obligations of the Board when considering opening a County highway or portion thereof to ATV use.
- (b) The Board of Legislators has also reviewed a report from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Forestry which described the amended designation of ATV/OHV Trails and interconnecting County Roads for use by ATV’s/OHV’s identifying the 5 mile segment of Glendale Road that is proposed to be opened to ATV traffic, and providing a description of the trail or areas that are adjacent to such road portion and the justification for same as required by Vehicle & Traffic Law § 2405.
- (c) The Board of Legislators has commenced a review of the potential adverse impacts the opening of the proposed interconnecting portion of this road, consistent with 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 after an investigation, analysis, and preparation of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2 & 3) conducted by the Director of Soil & Water, finds and determines that adding this 5 mile portion of County Road 32 (Glendale Road) to the Thisse Trail,

the Gorczyca Trail, Whittaker Park, and the Franks-Lampson Trail will not result in a significant environmental impact.

- (d) The Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department have been provided with the most recent annual ATV/OHV Activity Report, indicating the level of usage for this part of the ATV/OHV trail system.
- (e) The County Highway Superintendent has reviewed the portion of Glendale Road that is proposed to be opened to ATV/OHV traffic, and has provided the Board with his written opinion that such road portion thereof is presently opened to all classes of motor vehicle traffic, and that opening said road portion to ATV/OHV traffic will not significantly impact traffic safety at this locality.
- (f) In light of all the information submitted, reviewed and/or received during the public hearing, the Board of Legislators hereby determines and finds that it would otherwise be impossible to connect to the Franks-Lampson Property (Tax Parcel # 243.03-03-3.0, Whittaker Park (Tax Parcel # 243.00-01-10.100), the Gorczyca Property (Tax Parcel # 243.00-01-9.0) and the existing Thisse Trail without the opening of 5 miles of Glendale Road (County Road 32).

SECTION V. AMENDED DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS.

The following portion of County Road 32 (Glendale Road), Town of Martinsburg, is hereby designated as OPEN to travel by ATV's/OHV's, and/or as subsequently amended thereto:

On Glendale Road, from the Thisse Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.03-16.210) approximately 2.5 miles northwest to the Gorczyca Trail (Tax Parcel # 243.00-01-09.000), then 1.5 miles northwest to the Whittaker Town Park (Tax Parcel # 243.00-01-10.100), , then 1.0 miles to the road end, to connect to the Franks-Lampson Trail (Tax Parcel # 243.03-03-3.0);

SECTION VI. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) All of the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations contained in or adopted pursuant to Article 48-C of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply with respect to the operation of ATV's/OHV's within the areas designated in the preceding Section V.
- (b) The road segments set forth above shall be deemed incorporated into the Lewis County ATV/OHV Trail System and subject to the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations set forth in Local Law

No. 3-2019 entitled, “**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM**”, as well as Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled, “**THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE**”, as the same may be amended from time to time.

- (c) The road segments set forth above shall have signage posted to direct ATV/OHV riders to ride on the paved road and not on the stone shoulder of the road.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY.

In the event that any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. Moreover, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis hereby declares its intent that it would have passed this Local Law, or the remainder thereof had such invalid provision or invalid application been apparent.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2025), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on May 6, 2025, a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 32 (GLENDALE ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE THISSE TRAIL, THE GORCZYCA TRAIL, WHITTAKER PARK, AND THE FRANKS-LAMPSON TRAIL".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York.

Section 2. 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 Court House, 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 Kalamas , and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 3 -2025)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

**A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY
VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES OF A
CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 80 (GLENFIELD ROAD)
IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING
OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE THISSE TRAIL TO AND
THROUGH THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on approximately 0.3 miles of a certain portion of County Road 80 (Glenfield Road) in the Town of Martinsburg, to connect the existing OHV trail system from the Thisse Trail to and through the Glenfield School Trail”.

SECTION II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the designation of certain highways or portions thereof within the County Highway system as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles/off-highway vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Local Law, the terms hereinafter identified shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) The term “County” shall refer to the County of Lewis.
- (b) The term “ATV” shall refer to an “all-terrain vehicle” as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The term “OHV” shall refer to “off-highway vehicle” and shall have the same meaning as set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019.

- (c) The term “Trail System” shall refer to the Lewis County Trail System, as adopted and administered pursuant to Local Law No. 2-2009; as amended and re-established pursuant to Local Law 3-2019, entitled, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (d) The term “ATV Code” shall refer to the Lewis County ATV Code which sets forth the local rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of ATV’s and/or OHV’s on public property pursuant to Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE,”** and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (e) The term “CR” shall mean County Route and is used to describe or designate the highway as owned by the County of Lewis and maintained by the Lewis County Highway Department.

SECTION IV. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The Board of Legislators hereby makes the following findings:

- (a) That Board of Legislators has carefully reviewed a Memorandum from the County Attorney detailing the legal obligations of the Board when considering opening a County highway or portion thereof to ATV use.
- (b) The Board of Legislators has also reviewed a report from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Forestry which described the amended designation of ATV/OHV Trails and interconnecting County Roads for use by ATV’s/OHV’s identifying the 0.3 mile segment of Glenfield Road that is proposed to be opened to ATV traffic, and providing a description of the trail or areas that are adjacent to such road portion and the justification for same as required by Vehicle & Traffic Law § 2405.
- (c) The Board of Legislators has commenced a review of the potential adverse impacts the opening of the proposed interconnecting portion of this road, consistent with 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 after an investigation, analysis, and preparation of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2 & 3) conducted by the Director of Soil & Water, finds and determines that adding this

0.3 mile portion of County Road 80 (Glenfield Road) to the Glenfield School Trail will not result in a significant environmental impact.

- (d) The Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department have been provided with the most recent annual ATV/OHV Activity Report, indicating the level of usage for this part of the ATV/OHV trail system.
- (e) The County Highway Superintendent has reviewed the portion of Glenfield Road that is proposed to be opened to ATV/OHV traffic, and has provided the Board with his written opinion that such road portion thereof is presently opened to all classes of motor vehicle traffic, and that opening said road portion to ATV/OHV traffic will not significantly impact traffic safety at this locality.
- (f) In light of all the information submitted, reviewed and/or received during the public hearing, the Board of Legislators hereby determines and finds that it would otherwise be impossible to connect the County's trail from the Thisse Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.00-03-16.210) to the trail through the Glenfield School Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.04-04-08.000) without the opening of 0.3 miles of Glenfield Road (County Road 80).

SECTION V. AMENDED DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS.

The following portion of County Road 80 (Glenfield Road), Town of Martinsburg, is hereby designated as OPEN to travel by ATV's/OHV's, and/or as subsequently amended thereto:

On Glenfield Road, approximately 0.3 miles from the Thisse Trail Parcel known as (Tax Parcel # 259.00-03-16.210, south along Glenfield Road to the Glenfield School Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.04-04-08.000);

SECTION VI. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) All of the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations contained in or adopted pursuant to Article 48-C of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply with respect to the operation of ATV's/OHV's within the areas designated in the preceding Section V.
- (b) The road segments set forth above shall be deemed incorporated into the Lewis County ATV/OHV Trail System and subject to the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019 entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL**

SYSTEM", as well as Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled, "**THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE**", as the same may be amended from time to time.

- (c) The road segments set forth above shall have signage posted to direct ATV/OHV riders to ride on the paved road and not on the stone shoulder of the road.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY.

In the event that any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. Moreover, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis hereby declares its intent that it would have passed this Local Law, or the remainder thereof had such invalid provision or invalid application been apparent.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2025), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on May 6, 2025, a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES OF CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 80 (GLENFIELD ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE THISSE TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York.

Section 2. 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 Court House, 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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 4 -2025)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 53 (MAIN STREET AND BLUE STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE PIONEER TRAIL TO THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL AND FIELD DAY TRAIL.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on approximately 1.1 miles of a certain portion of County Road 53 (Main Street and Blue Street) in the Town of Martinsburg, to connect the existing OHV trail system from the Pioneer Trail to the Glenfield School Trail and Field Day Trail”.

SECTION II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the designation of certain highways or portions thereof within the County Highway system as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles/off-highway vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Local Law, the terms hereinafter identified shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) The term “County” shall refer to the County of Lewis.
- (b) The term “ATV” shall refer to an “all-terrain vehicle” as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The term “OHV” shall refer to “off-highway vehicle” and shall have the same meaning as set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019.

- (c) The term “Trail System” shall refer to the Lewis County Trail System, as adopted and administered pursuant to Local Law No. 2-2009; as amended and re-established pursuant to Local Law 3-2019, entitled, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (d) The term “ATV Code” shall refer to the Lewis County ATV Code which sets forth the local rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of ATV’s and/or OHV’s on public property pursuant to Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE,”** and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (e) The term “CR” shall mean County Route and is used to describe or designate the highway as owned by the County of Lewis and maintained by the Lewis County Highway Department.

SECTION IV. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

The Board of Legislators hereby makes the following findings:

- (a) That Board of Legislators has carefully reviewed a Memorandum from the County Attorney detailing the legal obligations of the Board when considering opening a County highway or portion thereof to ATV use.
- (b) The Board of Legislators has also reviewed a report from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Forestry which described the amended designation of ATV/OHV Trails and interconnecting County Roads for use by ATV’s/OHV’s identifying the 1.1 mile segment of Main Street and Blue Street that is proposed to be opened to ATV traffic, and providing a description of the trail or areas that are adjacent to such road portion and the justification for same as required by Vehicle & Traffic Law § 2405.
- (c) The Board of Legislators has commenced a review of the potential adverse impacts the opening of the proposed interconnecting portion of this road, consistent with 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 after an investigation, analysis, and preparation of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2 & 3) conducted by the Director of Soil & Water, finds and determines that adding this

1.1 mile portion of County Road 53 (Main Street and Blue Street) from the Pioneer Trail to the Glenfield School Trail and Field Day Trail will not result in a significant environmental impact.

- (d) The Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department have been provided with the most recent annual ATV/OHV Activity Report, indicating the level of usage for this part of the ATV/OHV trail system.
- (e) The County Highway Superintendent has reviewed the portion of Main Street and Blue Street that are proposed to be opened to ATV/OHV traffic, and has provided the Board with his written opinion that such road portion thereof is presently opened to all classes of motor vehicle traffic, and that opening said road portion to ATV/OHV traffic will not significantly impact traffic safety at this locality.
- (f) In light of all the information submitted, reviewed and/or received during the public hearing, the Board of Legislators hereby determines and finds that it would otherwise be impossible to connect the County's trail from the Pioneer Trail (#'s 274.00-03-3.110, 274.00-03-14.130, and 274.00-03-28.200) to and through the Glenfield School Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.04-04-08.000) to the Field Days Trail (Tax Parcel #259.02-01-12.120) without the opening of 1.1 miles of Main Street and Blue Street (County Road 53).

SECTION V. AMENDED DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS.

The following portion of County Road 53 (Main Street and Blue Street), Town of Martinsburg, is hereby designated as OPEN to travel by ATV's/OHV's, and/or as subsequently amended thereto:

On Main Street and Blue Street, approximately 1.1 miles from the Pioneer Trail (Tax Parcel #'s 274.00-03-3.110, 274.00-03-14.130, and 274.00-03-28.200), east 0.4 miles along Main Street and Blue Street to Glenfield School Trail (Tax Parcel #259.04-04-08.000) where the trail continues east 0.7 miles to the Field Day Trail (Tax Parcel # 259.02-01-12.120);

SECTION VI. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) All of the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations contained in or adopted pursuant to Article 48-C of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall apply with respect to the operation of ATV's/OHV's within the areas designated in the preceding Section V.

- (b) The road segments set forth above shall be deemed incorporated into the Lewis County ATV/OHV Trail System and subject to the conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations set forth in Local Law No. 3-2019 entitled, “**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM**”, as well as Local Law No. 3-2009, entitled, “**THE LEWIS COUNTY ATV CODE**”, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- (c) The road segments set forth above shall have signage posted to direct ATV/OHV riders to ride on the paved road and not on the stone shoulder of the road.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY.

In the event that any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. Moreover, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis hereby declares its intent that it would have passed this Local Law, or the remainder thereof had such invalid provision or invalid application been apparent.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2025), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on May 6, 2025, a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 53 (MAIN STREET AND BLUE STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE PIONEER TRAIL TO THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL AND FIELD DAY TRAIL".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York.

Section 2. 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 Court House, 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 Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UNITED RADIO, INC., MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.
AND NIAGARA MOHAWK (NATIONAL GRID) FOR CAMERA AND PLATE READER
EQUIPMENT, LICENSING, AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AT THE
INTERSECTION OF OSCEOLA ROAD/N. OSCEOLA ROAD

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Sheriff's Department seeks to have a four-head camera and two (2) plate reader cameras and related equipment purchased and installed on a National Grid Pole (Pole # 96) at the intersection of Osceola Road and N. Osceola Road in the Town of Osceola, in order to support safety and law enforcement in the community; with the cost of same covered by 911 public surcharge funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department secured quotes from vendors who have the expertise, software, and hardware sought by the County for this service and recommends securing said equipment and services from United Radio, Inc. and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in order to meet the requirements of National Grid (NG) in placing the devices on the NG pole; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the equipment, installation and licensing fees in United Radio's proposal dated February 18, 2025 for its portion of the project is \$10,339.47. Motorola's portion of the equipment, installation and 5 year licensing fees for the L6Q Quick plate reader cameras, equipment and power supply, with a one year subscription fee for Investigative LPR software application is \$21,797.60 as more fully set forth in its proposal dated November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the proposals and authorize the agreements with United Radio, Motorola and Niagara Mohawk in order to move this law enforcement safety and surveillance project forward at the intersection of Osceola Road and N. Osceola Road in the Town of Osceola;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts the proposals and authorizes agreements with United Radio Inc. and Motorola Solutions for the equipment and installation services of the 4-head camera and 2 plate reader devices as more fully detailed and set forth in their proposals dated February 18, 2025 and November 27, 2024, for a total cost of \$32,137.07 (\$10,339.47 to United Radio and \$21,797.60 to Motorola).

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a licensing agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) for pole attachment of the cameras and related equipment on the identified pole, and authorizes the annual attachment fee payable to Niagara Mohawk, currently at the rate of \$70.20/attachment and any "Make-Ready" reimbursable changes required on the pole by Niagara Mohawk, as more fully set forth in the Pole Attachment Agreement. Said fees and charges are to be paid from the 911 public surcharge fund.

Section 3. The Chair, or Vice-Chair, of the Board of Legislators, is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such Agreements and any amendments thereto, upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2025
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has three (3) pending retirements of long-term employees in the Economic Support Unit including a supervisor and the director; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is requesting the creation of two additional positions for a temporary period to allow for backfill, training, and transition of employees into the new roles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Department of Social Services, effective April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the following:

| <u>CREATE</u> | <u>STATUS</u> | <u>SALARY/HOURLY RATE</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Director of Economic Supports | Full-Time | \$62,000 - \$72,531 |
| Senior Program Examiner | Full-Time | \$27.75 - \$32.68 |

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 82 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASES TO
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE PLAN YEAR
COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2025

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County Government has a self-funded health insurance program known as the Lewis County Health Plan (“Plan”), with premiums that support coverage of claims for County (including LCHS) employees, spouses, dependents, and retirees eligible for health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Treasurer, in his capacity as the Health Plan Administrator, holds periodic meetings with the health insurance committee which includes the County Manager, HR Director, Administrators from LCHS, union representatives, along with GKG, the county consultants for plan design in an effort to make recommendations that are reasonable and assist to maintain the fund at a sustainable balance; and

WHEREAS, the health insurance committee has been monitoring the health insurance fund balance, with an indication that the current fund balance under the current premiums will not sustain the fund. A number of high cost claims continue to be paid out, with health claims that continue to exceed current premiums; and

WHEREAS, the union representatives to the committee worked with county committee members and GKG to develop changes to the three (3) existing plan options in order to provide some additional potential savings to the health fund. When presented to the membership, these changes were not supported; and

WHEREAS, the Milliman firm, the county’s actuarial consultant on the Plan, is tasked with assessment of the financial health of the plan balance and to ascertain an annual appropriate premium equivalent for Plan participants in order to sustain the benefits and payout of claims under the Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon continued review and analysis of the plan and fund balance, and upon the recent analysis and projections of Milliman, the Plan Administrator and County and Hospital management teams recommend that the Board of Legislators increase the health insurance premiums by 13.50% for the three (3) plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the Plan Administrator’s and County and Hospital Management Team’s recommendation to increase all health insurance premiums for all three (3) plans (excluding Medicare

eligible retirees) effective June 1st, 2025 (reflected in May, 2025 paychecks) by 13.50%, in order to attempt to cover claims and expenses and to stabilize the health insurance fund balance.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Lyndaker , seconded by Legislator Moser .

Legislator Osborne moved to enter executive session for further discussion at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried

Legislator Osborne moved to return to regular session at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.

The resolution was then adopted on the 1st day of April 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Nortz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.