

**TO:** Jessica Moser, Chair; Tom Kalamas, Vice-Chair; Josh Leviker; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

**FROM:** Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

**DATE:** May 15, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Human Services Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be streamed live at [Lewis County - YouTube](#).

**Minutes:**

Approve April 15<sup>th</sup> committee minutes if no amendments.

**Presentations / Discussion Items:**

1. School Resource Officer discussion

**Draft Resolutions:**

1. Authorizing two-year agreements with Copenhagen Central School District, South Lewis Central School District and Harrisville Central School District and the County of Lewis to continue the provision of a school resource officer for each district for the term of September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> at 100% of the actual costs and expenses of the SRO assigned.  
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**Motions:**

None.

**Executive Session:**

None.

**Informational Items:**

1. Monthly Department reports are attached for your review.

If any committee member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Community Services  
Lewis County Health System  
Office for the Aging  
Probation  
Sheriff  
Social Services  
Veterans' Service Agency  
Youth Bureau  
Public Health

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2025**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWO-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SOUTH LEWIS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT AND HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS TO CONTINUE THE PROVISION OF  
A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR EACH DISTRICT**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 51-2023 the Board of Legislators authorized separate two-year agreements with the Copenhagen Central School District, South Lewis Central School District, and the Harrisville Central School District to provide each with a School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Lewis County Sheriff's Road Patrol Unit for a 12 month period during the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years, i.e., September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. The agreements provided for each School District to pay the County 100% of the actual costs and expenses of the SRO assigned. These expenses included but were not limited to the SRO's salary and overtime when working as SRO, and full contractual, benefit and fringe costs and expenses incurred by the County for that assigned Deputy; with the Deputy reporting to the Sheriff's office for expected assignment to recreation patrol duty on days when not serving as SRO; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendents of these school districts are in the process of developing their annual school budgets and seek to solidify continuation of the SRO in their respective schools, and to enter into a multi-year agreement upon the same terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to approve the SRO agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes separate, updated two-year Agreements with the Copenhagen Central School District, South Lewis Central School District and Harrisville Central School District, respectively, to continue the provision of a School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Lewis County Sheriff's Road Patrol Unit for a 12 month period during each school year term, i.e., the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school year terms running from September 1 through August 31 of each year; at a cost payable to the County representing 100% the actual costs and expenses of the SRO assigned, including but not limited to the actual salary and overtime when working as SRO, and full contractual, fringe and benefit costs and expenses incurred by the County, including but not limited to health and dental expenses, retirement, workers compensation, payroll taxes, fica/social security & medicare tax contributions, and disability.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, and the Lewis County Sheriff, are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreements upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

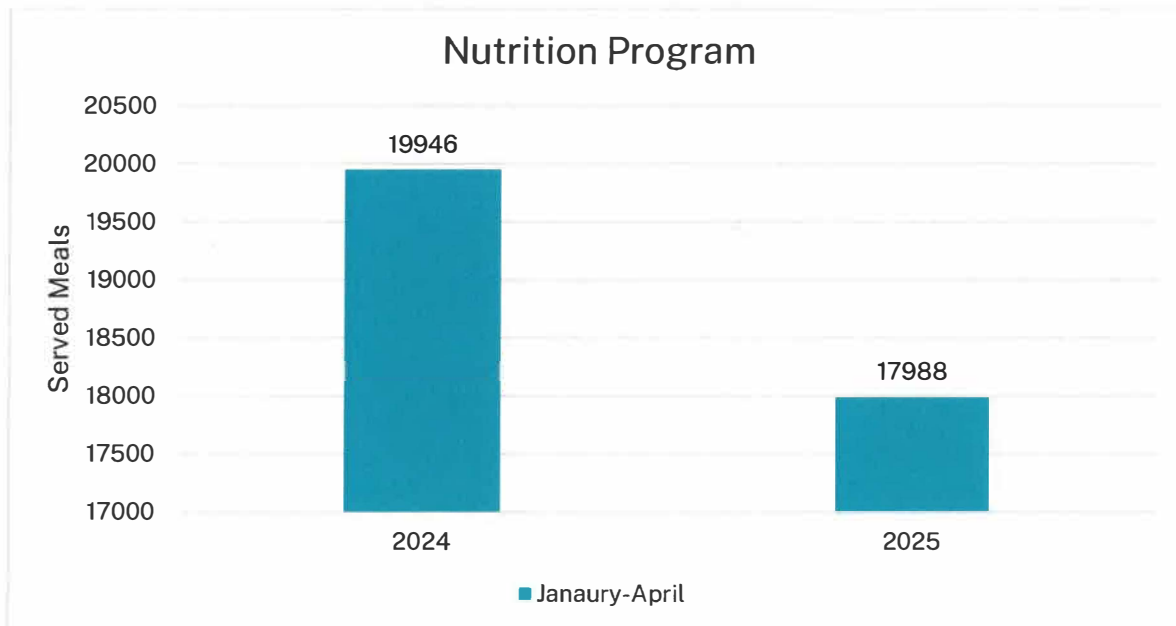
Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted.

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April 2025

### Highlights:

- Nutrition Program meals provided: 5,007 (3,792 home delivered, 864 congregate, 351 Milk Plant Tavern)
- Expanded in-home services for the elderly hours for March: 681.5 hours (housekeeping, personal care, and respite)
- Companion pets to help with social isolation/loneliness: 66
- Personal emergency response units: 52
- Home Energy Assistance Program clients served: 14
- Health Insurance Counseling clients served: 41
- NY Connects Information and Follow Up clients served: 160





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**MONTHLY REPORT**  
**April 2025**

**JAIL:**

- Inmate Population as of April 30<sup>th</sup>: **24**
- Number of Inmates Boarded Out as of April 30<sup>th</sup>: **1**

**DISPATCH:**

- Calls Handled: **4408**
- Cads Created: **1829**

**ROAD PATROL:**

- Complaints Handled: **566**
- Criminal Arrests Made: **20**
- Vehicle and Traffic Stops: **189**
- Vehicle and Traffic Arrest: **64**
- Pistol Permits Completed: **5**
- Drug Overdoses: **4**

**CIVIL:**

- Papers Served: **74**
- Evictions: **1**
- Civil Executions Against Property or Income: **14**
- Funds Received and Disbursed: **\$12,136.12**



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## UNOFFICIAL SNIRT RUN 2025

Our staff at the Sheriff's Office had been following online social media and spoke with community members, which gave the impression that there would be an unofficial event in place of the annual SNIRT Run. In anticipation of an unofficial SNIRT Run for 2025 and the advertised Timberview Spring Fling Poker Run, the Sheriff's Office took a proactive approach to the possibility of an unsanctioned event along with the poker run.

We contacted the State Police, DEC, Rangers, and other local agencies and met with them on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to formulate a plan to address these events. A follow-up meeting was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to confirm with all participating agencies that they were prepared.

The Sheriff's Office provided the following resources.

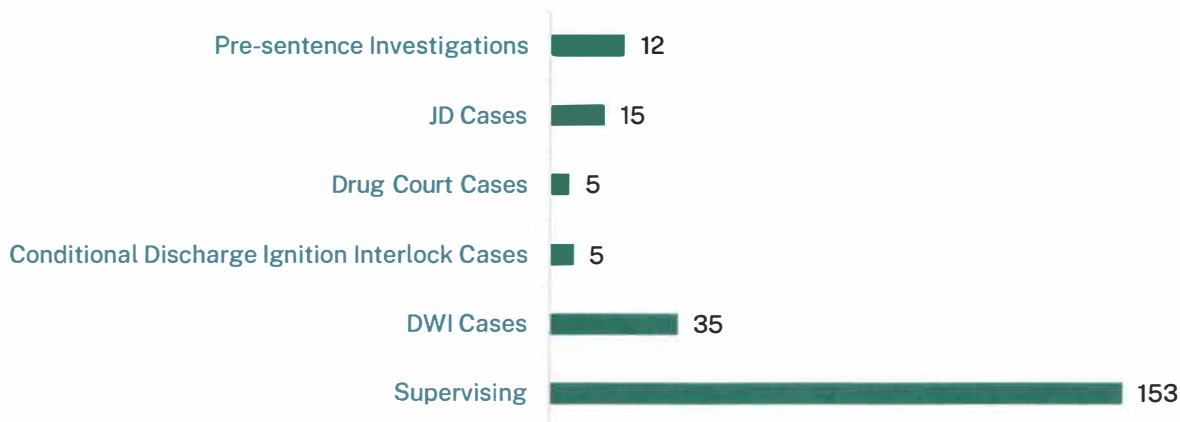
- One Marked UTV
- Two Marked Trucks
- Six Marked Patrol Vehicles
- One Drone "UAV"
- Fourteen Officers Over 24 hours

After the operation, the following data were collected.

- ATV/UTV Checked: 211
- ATV/UTV Accidents: 2 (one injury and one property damage only)
- Tickets Issued: 6
- Permit Violation Warnings Issued: 8
- Eight Townships Patrolled
- Rough estimate of ATV/UTV that day was 500-1000.

## April 2025

- Probation Department supervised cases remain virtually unchanged from the previous month.
- Lewis County Probation officers completed our annual firearms re-certification the first week of May. Probation officers travelled to Jefferson County to complete this required training with the Jefferson County Probation Department.
- In April, the Board of Legislators appointed the probation director to be the county lead for the Threat Assessment and Management team (TAM). The local Domestic Terrorism Prevention plan is required to be submitted to the state by June 1, 2025. I have attended numerous trainings, meetings, and working sessions to quickly get up to speed on TAM. On May 9, 2025, representatives from the NYS Division of Homeland Security Emergency Services Office of Counter Terrorism, Domestic Terrorism Prevention Unit (DPTU) travelled to Lewis County for a working session to assist with plan development. I am confident that we will soon be able to submit a copy of the Lewis County Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plan to the state in compliance with the grant.
- The probation department assisted the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force on May 7, 2025. Multiple vehicle stops were conducted throughout the county, resulting in multiple vehicle and traffic related tickets being issued. The inter-agency cooperation and collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and the probation department is something that we appreciate very much and are very thankful for.



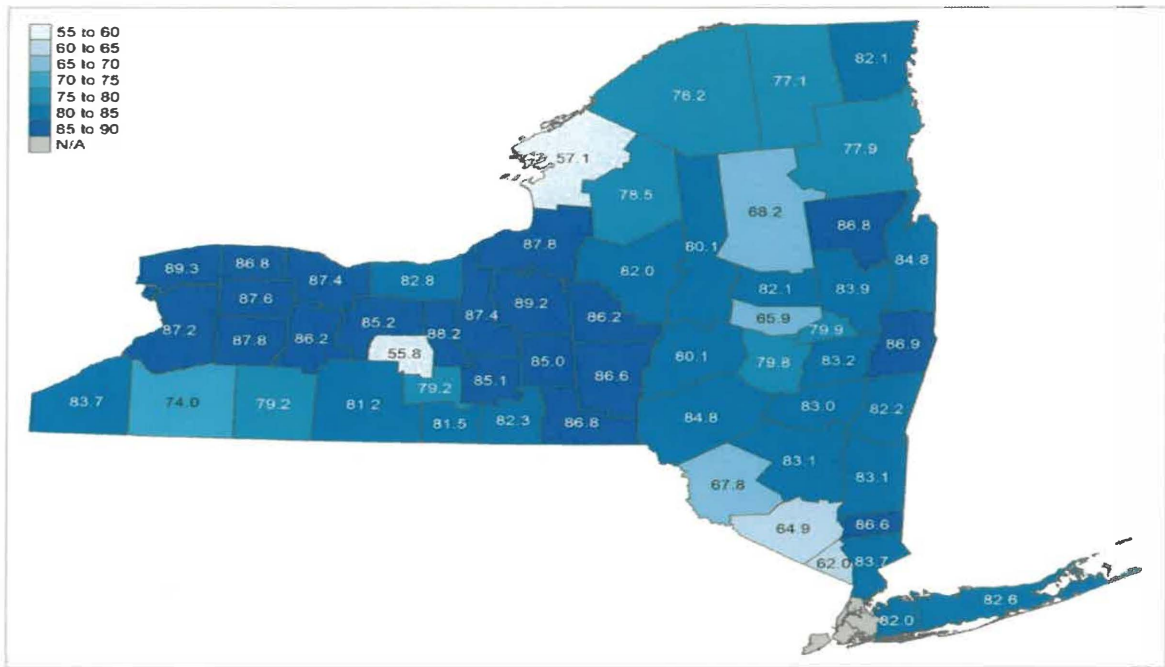
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- The Youth Bureau announced the availability of \$15,000 in County Project Funds. More information can be found on the Youth Bureau Website:
- <https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/youth-bureau/>
- 5 families with 12 children are currently on the waitlist for Child Care Subsidy payments. April subsidy payments equaled \$54,765. Although a waitlist is established, we encourage families to continue to apply in order to show the need for additional funding.
- The DSS Rent Supplement Plan was approved by NYS OTDA and funded at \$100,000 for the period of 4/1/25-3/21/26.
- The Evening and Daytime Warming Centers closed on May 1; with 8 individuals using the evening center during the month of April. Also, during the month of April, DSS housed an additional 19 individuals for a total of 270 nights of stays. April shelter payments exceed \$26,000 with varying levels of reimbursement.
- The weekly share payment for Medicaid increased to \$100,072 due to a reduction in enhanced Federal Medicaid Participation, this is within budget.

Program Area Update	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
Child Protective Reports Received	34	40	42
Children in Foster Care	10	14	14
Visitor Total DSS	1185	1339	1399
Visitor Total One Stop	176	211	187
Child Care Subsidy Cases	62	59	53
Temporary Assistance Applications	40	38	42
Temporary Assistance Undercare	79	78	79
Homeless BedNights	248	340	205
SNAP Applications	68	78	68
SNAP Undercare	1585	1599	1607
Medicaid Applications	36	59	35
Medicaid Undercare	1773	1782	1778
Applications HEAP	351	264	64
Total Case Denials	91	106	64
Total Case Transactions	1736	1628	1210
Fraud Referrals	27	39	18
Child Support Petitions Filed	28	22	35

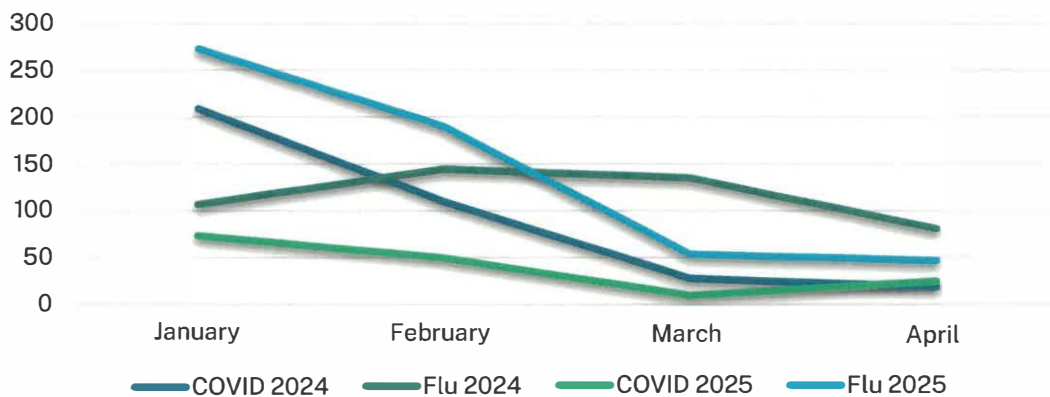
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- On April 2<sup>nd</sup> the New York State Department of Health released a Measles Travel Advisory for all New Yorkers. This was to increase awareness of Measles outbreaks in several states in the United States and Ontario, Canada. In addition to awareness, the purpose of the advisory was to also inform residents to make sure they are fully vaccinated and to watch for symptoms of Measles after travel. Public Health monitors the outbreak and informs residents of proper precautions to take. Below is a map showing immunization rates for 2-year-olds throughout New York State. Lewis County 2-year-olds are 78.5% immunized.



New York State Department of Health declared Flu season over April 28, 2025.

### Respiratory Virus Cases in Lewis County



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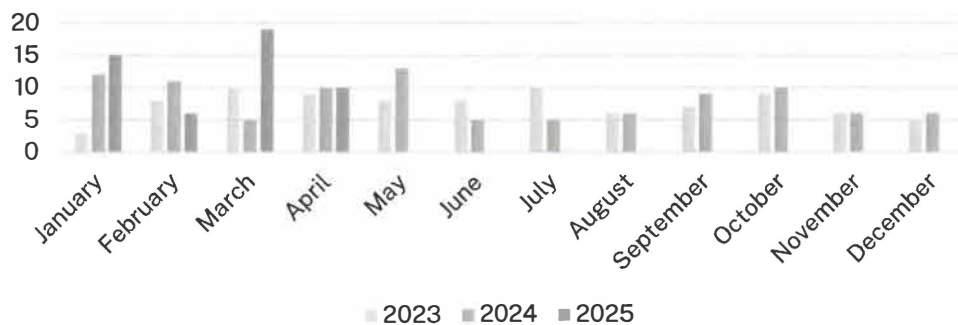
- Shawna Berry joined the department as the Mental Health Services Coordinator on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of dividing roles and responsibilities among the department’s two positions.
- Participated in several planning sessions with the North Country and Tug Hill Directors of Community Services and New York State Office of Mental Health in preparation for Community Engagement Sessions on May 7 & 8 at the Lewis County JCC Education Center.
- One individual has been sent to a New York State Psychiatric Center Facility, where they will receive restoration services.

## Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) 730 Evaluations

Year	730 Evaluations	Average Days Spent in Restoration	Total Spent on Restoration
2023	3	58	\$205,467.14
2024	1	91	\$144,557.14
2025	1 (to date)	To be determined	To be determined

\*Daily rate ranges from \$1,151.61-\$1,642.41/day. Counties are responsible for 100% of restoration costs.

## Single Point of Access/Entry (SPOA/E)\* Referrals



\*SPOA/E is a process, led by a SPOA Coordinator, that provides for the identification of individuals most in need of services and manages service access and utilization.

## April 2025

- Prepared four (4) County Planning Board technical reviews for the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:  
Zoning Text Amendments: T/Greig | V/Lowville | V/Turin | T/West Turin
- Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Law Developments:
  - Working with the Village of Port Leyden to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Plan that can be used as the foundation for establishing zoning in the near future.
  - Continuing to work with the Village of Croghan Zoning Commission to finalize proposed zoning regulations to present to the Village for adoption. We expect a final report will be provided to the Village for adoption by August 2025.
  - Continuing to work with the Town of Watson and Diana on comprehensive zoning law revisions alongside the consultant, LaBella.
  - Continuing to work with the Town of Greig on an updated Comprehensive Plan alongside the consultant, LaBella.
- Grant Developments & Updates:
  - Downtown Lyons Falls Small Project Fund (DLFSPF) has launched; a public information session was held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Lyons Falls Free Library. Applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Submitted two (2) applications; one (1) for Lewis County to complete a Flood Resilience Study and LiDAR Mapping, and one (1) for the Town of New Bremen to replace the southern Erie Canal Road Bridge.
  - Received NYSDEC ZEV Infrastructure Grant award for two (2) DC Fast Chargers at the DSS Facility and LC JCC Ed Center, twelve (12) Level 2 Charging Ports for the Village of Lowville, one (1) DC Fast Charger for the Town of Diana, and two (2) Level 2 Ports for the Village of Constableville.
- Three (3) new full-size buses, purchased with Federal 5311 and NYS ATC Funds, have been received and will work into fleet operations in the coming months.
- LCPT will once again offer the seasonal Old Forge Route throughout Summer 2025 from June 11<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day.

