

REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 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 and there were 16 other people present.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m. on “The Local Law Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails or Other County Property and on Any Town Roads and Property Where the Town has Opted In.” Nicole Golash of Martinsburg, NY stated that she felt like the county and Towns are opening too many roads to ATVs. She and her family live on what use to be a quiet secondary road right in the Hamlet of Martinsburg but now due to both snowmobile and ATV’s traffic it is no longer safe. Her non-communicative autistic son must be watched constantly, and she is worried that he may get hit. During the winter her and her husband are constantly pulling out snowmobiles from the ditch.

Chairman Dolhof stated to Ms. Golash that she is not on topic for the current public hearing as it pertains to the Local Law on Event Permits, not opening roads to ATV’s and Snowmobiles. However, he did mention that the ATV Trail network closes the day after Columbus Day and he asked that Recreation, Forestry and Parks Director Jackie Mahoney meet with Ms. Golash to go over all her concerns in more detail to see what can be done.

Chairman Dolhof declared the August 5, 2025, meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

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

Signed by: Thomas Osborne
Jeffrey Nellenback
Herb Frost
Vincent Nortz
Barry Lyndaker

Dated: September 2, 2025

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee, reported that Lewis County Planning and Community Development partnered with the Tug Hill Commission, Northern New York Community Foundation, and Naturally Lewis to launch a non-profit bootcamp series aimed at providing tools and resources to current and future board members to ensure their success. Session 1 will be held on Thursday, October 2nd at the Lewis County-JCC Education Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be “Getting Started and Growing Your Non-Profit.”

Legislator Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee, gave a reminder to the Board that this Friday, September 5th is the first annual Lewis County OHV Trail Ride. If you would like to attend and haven't let Cassandra Moser know yet, please do so before Friday. The Lewis County ATV Trail System will be officially closed on Tuesday, October 14th, the day after Columbus Day, for the season. Area J – Bald Mountain closed on August 31st. Area F - Great Lot in West Leyden will be closed starting September 12th.

Legislator Moser, Chair of the Human Services Committee, reported that Lewis County Youth Bureau would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2025 National Night Out which is being held at the Lewis County Fairgrounds on Friday, September 5th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is free parking and admission, meet & greet with local law enforcement officers; demonstrations of K-9, Helicopter landing, drones, & more; raffle giveaway; dunk tank; community resource tables; and every attendee gets one complimentary hot dog & drink.

Lewis County Office For Aging is holding the annual Fall Fest and Public Hearing period on Friday, September 26th. There will be vendors on site and Lewis County Public Health will be there for a vaccination clinic. If you plan on attending the meal please make to RSVP by calling (315) 376-5300.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Throughout the month, the County will be sharing valuable information on their Facebook page about the efforts of the Lewis County Suicide Prevention Coalition to reduce stigma and raise awareness of local resources. If you or someone you know is in crisis, remember that free support is available 24/7, 365 days a year by calling (315) 405-0696. Additionally, if you or someone you know has been recently impacted by a sudden or traumatic loss, such as a death by suicide, the Lewis County Traumatic Loss Team is here to help. You can reach them at (315) 376-9735.

Legislator Nortz, representative on the Lewis County Health System Board of Managers, reported that they met on August 27th. There was a gain of \$129,509 versus a budgeted gain of \$433,807 for the month of July. The YTD loss is \$1,701,060 versus a budgeted loss of \$319,704. Acute admissions were 74, or 14% below budget; Observations were 86 or 34% above the budget; total ER Visits were 1,170 or 2% above the budget; Outpatient Visits were 6,289 or 9% below the budget; The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) occupancy was below the budgeted target for the month, at 64.8%; Physician office gross revenue was .5% less than the budget. The largest positive variances occurred in Women's Health, while the largest negative variances occurred in General Surgery and Family Practice; Clinic gross revenue was 4.2% less than the budget; and Purchased services were over budget due to traveling nurse staff. Dr. Ko, Podiatrist, will be starting in the coming weeks in the Orthopedic practice.

Mr. Cayer, LCHS CEO touched on the budget figures and felt that the hospital is in a good position and welcomed questions. He then touched on the Comfort Care House presentation that he gave to the Board of Managers, which was received positively. The LPN program, through BOCES, graduated ten LPN's with their tuition paid in full by the Caring Gene Grant. This grant was applied for and received again, which is great news. The second class will start later in September. He voiced his concerns about upcoming changes in 2027 based on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Legislator Nortz, representative on the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, better known as Advocate Drum, reported that they have been around for almost 40 years and back in 2026 they completed a Strategic Plan and are in the process of updating that plan. The CEO moved to Croghan and is married to a Lowville native. They met with Lewis County and talked about how to create better communication and partnerships. One item was about expanding 911 so it can be reachable on base; Childcare was an item that was discussed, along with a potential for a shuttle service for events. The Alpine Express is a big win for both Fort Drum and Lewis County, which opens on September 22nd. Advocate Drum also thought there was potential to use their helicopter for medical purposes should the need ever arise.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Tim Hunt briefly introduced Joanne Witt, who is the new Executive Director of Naturally Lewis. He then reported that the Comfort Care House property that was decided on can only be transferred by legislation, which contacts in Albany are working on, but it will be a long process. He and Larry went to Albany for a day and met with the Deputy Commissioner of Energy to talk about the Green Energy Assessments and projects owned by NYPA. There are three projects in Lewis County that will be owned 51% by NYPA. The biggest concern about this is making sure that

there is clear writing as to what the community can expect in tax revenue from these projects.

TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler reported that the Sales Tax revenue is trending low but still ahead of last year. The Health Fund remains low with an increase in claims activity, but the NYS Shared Services funding should be coming soon and that will help the fund. The Health Advisory Committee which includes several people from different departments in the county met and they seemed focused on a few areas that have the potential for change.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 172 - 2025
AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$3,410,559.23 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 conflicts.

The resolution was then adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 2025
RESOLUTION AWARDED BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND BRONZE CONTRACTING LLC FOR
DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEANUP OF THE CONDEMNED PROPERTY
IN THE TOWN OF LEWIS
(1057 AMMON ROAD, WEST LEYDEN)

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution number 134-2025, the Board of Legislators directed the demolition, removal, and site cleanup of Tax Map No. 419.01-01-44.000, 1057 Ammon Road, West Leyden, Town of Lewis, as an unsafe structure and danger to the community, upon the owner's failure to remedy the unsafe structure. The owner has failed to take any action to remedy; and

WHEREAS, the County sent out an RFP for proper demolition and removal. Eight (8) bids were received and opened on August 13, 2025 at 2:30 pm. After careful review of the bids, the Director of Building and Fire Codes recommends that the Board award the contract to the lowest bidder, Bronze Contracting LLC of Remsen, NY, to provide the demolition and removal services at a cost of \$33,400.00 according to the terms and specifications as set forth in the RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an Agreement with Bronze Contracting LLC, with offices at 9188 State Route 12, Remsen, NY 13438, to provide demolition, proper removal and site cleanup for Tax Map No. 419.01-01-44.000, 1057 Ammon Road, West Leyden, NY, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP and all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, at a cost of \$33,400.00, to be paid out of the HAL Capital Reserve Fund.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said agreement to include all conditions, requirements and terms recommended by the County Attorney, with the services to be undertaken by and completed on or before October 31, 2025.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the County to pay the tipping fee costs for removal of the hazardous material and debris and any air monitoring testing expenses required for proper demolition and removal.

Section 4. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreements and any non-financial

amendments or change orders thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. The Treasurer is authorized to appropriate the funds from HAL Capital Reserve.

Section 6. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR BI-COUNTY OPERATION OF MOBILE CRISIS
PROGRAM THROUGH CHILDREN'S HOME OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Director received funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) to help support the development of behavioral health Mobile Crisis services in underserved communities. The State-Aid funding is in the amount of \$600,000.00, upon the county's development of a program plan for the resources to provide services pursuant to Mobile Crisis standards, and with encouragement for collaboration with neighboring counties to support a comprehensive approach to mobile crisis capacity; and

WHEREAS, the LC Director has collaborated with her counterpart in Jefferson County to coordinate provision of these actual services to be provided by the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) to operate the bi-county Mobile Crisis service for Jefferson and Lewis Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Lewis County Community Services has submitted a plan for this bi-county Mobile Crisis service to the Office of Mental Health (OMH), inclusive of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jefferson County to act as the lead county and contract with CHJC to operate the bi-county mobile crisis program specifically designed for the two counties; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides for Lewis County to pay \$370,000 of its state-aid start-up funding as Lewis County's share toward the contracted services provided by CHJC, together with other terms and provisions in this bi-county mobile crisis program development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to enter into this MOU and authorize the funding for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an MOU between Lewis County, by and through the LC Community Services Department and Jefferson County Community Services Department for a bi-county Mobile Crisis Program as outlined by the NYS OMH in its state aid funding provided to both counties for behavioral health mobile crisis services.

Section 2. The MOU shall provide for the LC Community Services Director to contribute \$370,000.00 from its state-aid start-up funds to Jefferson County as

Lewis County's share of the contracted services to be provided by CHJC in managing and operating the bi-county mobile crisis program for Lewis and Jefferson counties for a twenty-month period. This payment shall be made from the Community Services OMH Crisis Management Budget Line.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators together with the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal, and deliver such MOU, pending review and any recommended provisions by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 175 - 2025
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NYS OPWDD DECISION TO DECLARE
IT'S CHURCH STREET, CASTORLAND PROPERTY AS SURPLUS;
ALLOWING FOR POTENTIAL TRANSFER AND OWNERSHIP OF SAME
FOR A COMFORT CARE/HOSPICE HOUSE

Introduced by Legislators Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee and Jessica Moser, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis has been working with Lewis County Health Systems and Friends of Lewis County Hospice to identify a suitable location appropriate for a comfort care or hospice facility for Lewis County residents in the final stages of terminal illness; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) currently owns approximately 2.9 acres of land with a 4600 sq. ft. health service building on Church & High Streets, Castorland, NY, that of which the State secured by eminent domain in 1989, to serve as a housing and developmental center for those with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the County has learned that the State seeks to declare this appropriated property as surplus; allowing for the County, a local municipality, to request transfer of ownership of the property to the County for public purposes, and to utilize the Lewis County Health System's operational expertise to develop a viable model for conversion of the facility into a comfort care facility in partnership with the Friends of Lewis County Hospice; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to express its support of the State declaring this property as surplus in order for the County to explore its options to acquire same for the benefit of a comfort care operational facility for terminally ill residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby supports the NYS OPWDD decision to declare the approximate 2.90 acres of improved property it owns on Church & High Streets in Castorland, NY, Tax Map No. 127.17-02-11.100, as surplus property in order for the County to consider the acquisition of same for a public purpose, i.e., the potential use and operation of the property and building as a comfort care/hospice facility.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators supports further discussion and exploration of this potential site for this purpose in support of Lewis County residents who are terminally ill, and supports the Ad Hoc Committee to continue to develop a viable operational model for this intended, potential use if acquired.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 - 2025
**RESOLUTION INCREASING TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE
PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL
ROOMS AND ON AMUSEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE
TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

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

WHEREAS, a sales tax extender pertaining to the County of Lewis for the additional one percent (1%) rate of sales and compensating use taxes for a two year period ending November 30, 2027 was enacted by the State Legislature as Senate Bill No. S4858 (Assembly Bill No. A5514), and recently signed into law by the Governor (Chapter 272); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S4858 Section 1 reads: "Clause 36 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 259 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(36) the county of Lewis is hereby further authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes at a rate that is one percent (1%) additional to the three percent (3%) rate authorized above in this paragraph for such county for the period beginning June first, two thousand four, and ending November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-seven;"

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

Section 1. Section 4-A of Resolution No. 112-1981, enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis on August 24, 1981, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Section 4-A. Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional one percent rate of such sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2027. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes

imposed by such sections 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution No. 112-1981, enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis on August 24, 1981, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

(c) With respect to the additional tax of one percent for the period beginning December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2027, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this county prior to December 1, 2020.

Section 3. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2025.

Moved by Legislator Frost , seconded by Legislator Moroughan .

Chairman Dolhof clarified that this is not a new tax, but a continuation for the 4% sales tax for the County. It has been this way for many years.

The resolution was then adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEWIS COUNTY TO APPLY FOR ROUND 2 NYSERDA
CLEAN MOBILITY PROGRAM FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT MICRO-TRANSIT PLAN
FUNDED IN ROUND 1 OF THE PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department desires to apply for up to \$3,000,000 in financial assistance to implement projects under the recently completed Micro-Transit Plan under Round 2 of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Mobility Program; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant requires a commitment of a 20% match from the County, which would be covered by a combination of Lewis County Public Transportation grants such as STOA or 5311 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department to submit the application for Round 2 NYSERDA Clean Mobility Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to implement projects identified on the recently completed Micro-Transit Plan.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application and, if awarded, to accept the funding, sign contract documents, appropriate the project funding to the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department's Bus Operations budget, and award a bid to the best value firm to assist with the project.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Move by Legislator Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2025
RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND C&S ENGINEERS, INC. TO ASSIST WITH
BROWNFIELD PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP seeking assistance for securing US EPA and potentially other federal or state grants for assessment, cleanup or redevelopment of brownfield properties in Lewis County and the implementation of environmental assessment, remedial planning, community outreach and other environmental or planning components of grants for which funding is secured; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bid proposals were opened on July 31, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Planning Department staff and the Purchasing Director carefully reviewed the bid submissions and assessed the criteria. After careful consideration, review, and interviews with the most qualified bidders and their references, and in the best interests of the County, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid and conditional contract to C&S Engineers, Inc. (C&S), 499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13212. C&S will assist the County with the development and submission of an EPA funding request at no cost to the County; and only if the County is awarded funds, to provide the services for implementation of the assessment, remedial cleanup and planning for redevelopment of identified brownfield properties in Lewis County as more fully described identified in the RFP and C&S' bid proposal, in an amount not to exceed the awarded amount anticipated to be \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid and conditional contract to C&S Engineers, Inc. for these project services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators awards the bid to and authorizes an agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc., 499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13212, to provide the environmental assessment services and scope of work outlined in the RFP with no costs associated with the application development and an EPA application funding request, and if awarded funding, provide services not to exceed \$500,000 (the anticipated award amount) to cover the full cost of C&S services for its implementation, as more fully set forth in their bid proposal.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement and any extensions or

modifications thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. If awarded funds, the Treasurer is authorized to appropriate said funds, if required, and pay said costs from the appropriate account.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Real Property

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the following 2025 budget appropriations to recognize revenue for Real Property Department charges to municipalities following RPTL 1537 for assessing and data collection services:

Increase Revenue:

A0135500 322110 Real Property Tax Assess and Collection Rev	\$27,000.00
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Increase Expense:

A0135500 490100 Real Property Professional Services	\$27,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 - 2025
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING
LEWIS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTOR

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

WHEREAS, the term of the Real Property Tax Director Candy C. Akin is due to expire on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint her for a successive six (6) – year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Candy C. Akin of Lyons Falls, New York, as Lewis County Real Property Tax Director, to a six (6) - year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective from October 1, 2025 and expire on September 30, 2031.

Section 3. The Board of Legislators hereby confirms that the Director's salary is in accordance with and shall continue under the Exempt Employee Compensation Plan and schedule.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 181 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FORMER LYONS FALLS SCHOOL
PROPERTY (6832 McALPINE STREET, LYONS FALLS, NY) TO TOPVIEW
APARTMENTS LEWIS LLC FOR APARTMENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis obtained title to the former Lyons Falls School property, 6832 McAlpine Street, Lyons Falls, NY pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure issued by the Supreme Court, Lewis County on June 29, 2023 under Index No. CA2015-000373, and deed recorded June 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County secured the services of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for building assessments to determine its redevelopment and rehabilitation potential or its demolition, depending upon the environmental and structural analysis reports; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Planning and Community Development Department applied for and secured grant funding for this building and property to entice potential developers. Grant funds were secured from Restore NY (\$1,724,000), National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment (\$175,240) and NY Main Street Downtown Stabilization (\$500,000). In order to secure and abate the premises, the County expended all of the National Grid and NYMS funds and a portion of the Restore NY funds, leaving approximately \$ 1,022,000.00 available under Restore NY for a viable developer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved an MOU with the Lewis County Development Corporation (LCDC) to formulate and distribute a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for development of the property geared toward housing and/or other community uses and needs; and

WHEREAS, Tim Flanders, managing owner of TopView Apartments LLC and TopView Construction LLC, (TopView) Watertown, NY, contacted the Director of Planning and Community Development with a proposal to purchase the property in consideration of the payment of \$1,000 and development proposal to renovate and convert the building into approximately 20 medium to high end apartments (1, 2 & 3 bedroom apts). TopView has secured a term sheet and funding commitment from Northern Federal Credit Union of \$2.6 M for the project. In addition, the developer will have available for said renovations, the balance of the grant funds secured by the County, provided that the developer complies with all grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, TopView is prepared to commence this project upon Board approval, a signed purchase agreement and transfer of title, with completion

estimated to be no later than December, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to enter into a purchase agreement with this developer for the sale of the former Lyons Falls School property, in consideration of the payment of \$1,000 and the developer's commitment to renovate and remodel the structure into apartments as set forth in his proposal received August 14, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby finds and declares that the County's property located at 6832 McAlpine Street, Lyons Falls, NY, commonly referred to as the former Lyons Falls School property, identified as tax map parcel # 322.19-06-09.100, and comprised of approximately 4.5 acres with an historical building being approximately 16,000 sq ft is not necessary for the County's public use, and therefore desires to grant, sell, convey and transfer the same pursuant to Local Law No. 1-1991 and County Law §215.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves the sale of the former Lyons Falls School Property as identified above to TopView Apartments Lewis LLC, 215 Washington Street, Suite 002, Watertown, NY 13601 for the sum of \$1,000.00, together with the Purchaser's commitment to renovate and build approximately 20 apartments in the structure in accordance with its proposal.

Section 3. The transfer of title shall be by quitclaim deed, with closing on or before September 30, 2025, pursuant to the financial representations made by Purchaser in his proposal together with such other terms and conditions recommended by the County Attorney, including appropriate claw back and grant compliance provisions.

Section 4. The County Attorney is directed to negotiate and prepare a sale/purchase agreement with TopView, and to take all necessary steps for final closing and transfer of title.

Section 5. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the sale/purchase agreement, deed, recording documents and any other documents necessary to complete the transaction.

Section 6. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas , seconded by Legislator Nellenback .

Chairman Dolhof stated that the Village of Lyons Falls and the County have been trying to redevelop this for over 20 years. He explained the history of the school and then the various owners who had plans for the property that never came to fruition. He thanked Casandra Buell, Planning & Community Development Director, her staff, and Joan McNichol, County Attorney, for their diligent efforts in keeping this redevelopment process on track. Thank you to everyone else who has a hand in this as well.

The resolution was then adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 182 - 2025
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEWIS COUNTY TO APPLY FOR ADIRONDACK PARK
COMMUNITY SMART GROWTH GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO COMPLETE A WINTER
RECREATION TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Recreation, Forestry, and Parks (“DRFP”) desires to apply for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYS DEC”) Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program to implement phase 1 of the winter recreational trail development plan in areas within the Adirondack Park boundary; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the department seeks to accept the award, up to \$125,000.00 in the NYS DEC funds, with no local match required. In order to increase the chances of an award, the Department will use administration as in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to apply for the grant and if awarded, to accept the funds and enter into the agreement for same, and authorize the Department of Recreation, Forestry and Parks to issue the appropriate RFPs once a fully executed contract is completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the DRFP to apply for up to \$125,000.00 in Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Program funding by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and if awarded, to authorize acceptance of the funds and enter into an agreement to implement phase 1 of the winter recreational trail development plan in areas within the Adirondack Park boundary.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said application and if awarded the grant to accept the funds and enter into an Agreement and any extensions or modifications thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The County Treasurer is authorized to appropriate the funds into the appropriate account if awarded.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 - 2025
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 – 2025, COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on August 5, 2025, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on September 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “THE 2025 AMENDED LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY AND ON ANY TOWN ROADS AND PROPERTY WHERE THE TOWN HAS OPTED IN”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on August 20, 2025, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 6 – 2025), County of Lewis, being “THE 2025 AMENDED LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY AND ON ANY TOWN ROADS AND PROPERTY WHERE THE TOWN HAS OPTED IN”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 6–2025, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 6–2025, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator Moroughan, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 184 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
HOMEMAKERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC. D/B/A CAREGIVERS
TO PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE AIDES/HOMEMAKER SERVICES
FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) desires to enter into an agreement with Homemakers of Western New York, Inc. d/b/a Caregivers (“Caregivers”), 2465 Sheridan Drive, Buffalo, NY 14240, to designate qualified Aide staff to provide personal care services to Medicaid eligible DSS clients in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the personal care services provided to DSS clients will be billed through Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize this 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, by and through the Lewis County Department of Social Services with Caregivers, of Buffalo, NY 14240, to designate qualified personal care aides to provide personal care services as defined in NYS Department of Health regulations for eligible DSS clients.

Section 2. The starting date of this agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Department of Health and shall continue for two years, and automatically renew annually unless terminated in writing, the cost to be billed to Medicaid.

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 185 - 2025
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TIPCO AUTOMATED
SYSTEMS, LLC AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT AI-
POWERED VIRTUAL ASSISTANT SOFTWARE**

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services seeks to improve efficiency, minimize human error, reduce the burnout of employees and improve job satisfaction by implementing AI Virtual Assistant software; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner recommends and requests that the Board of Legislators authorize an agreement with TipCo Automated Systems, LLC to design, configure, integrate, test, train, and deploy their EVA phone, EVA Companion, and EVA Interview Component AI Virtual Assistant software that will be tailored specifically to the needs and requirements of the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these services will not exceed \$45,800.00 (\$28,000.00 for EVA Phone; \$14,400.00 for EVA Interview; \$3,400.00 for EVA Companion) as set forth in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this software system will be provided under the Lewis County Social Services Department Computer line A0601000 221700.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes an agreement with TipCo Automatic Systems, LLC for AI Virtual Assistant software at a cost of \$45,800.00 (\$28,000.00 for EVA Phone; \$14,400.00 for EVA Interview; \$3,400.00 for EVA Companion) to design, configure, integrate, test, train, and deploy EVA Phone, EVA Interview, and EVA Companion that will be tailored specifically for the benefit of the Department of Social Services to be paid through the Department of Social Services Computer line A0601000 221700.

Section 2. 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 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 186 - 2025
RESOLUTION AMENDING SURCHARGE AND DIRECT HAUL FEES
FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law § 226-b and the County of Lewis Local Law No. 5-2025, the Board of Legislators is authorized to establish, by resolution, schedules of rates or fees to be charged for solid waste collection and disposal at transfer stations and for the Lewis County Surcharge for direct haulers to the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Solid Waste Department seeks to increase the **direct** haul surcharge rates charged to haulers at the Rodman Landfill (DANC landfill) and the fees at the Lewis County Transfer Stations at the following rates:

Lewis County Direct Haul to DANC Rates

Waste Type	DANC Charge per Ton	Lewis Co Surcharge per Ton	Charge to Haulers per Ton
C&D	\$61.00	\$30.00	\$91.00
MSW	\$61.00	\$30.00	\$91.00
Industrial Sludge (Beneficial)	\$31.00	\$24.00	\$55.00
Industrial Sludge (Non-Beneficial)	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$74.00
Industrial Waste	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$74.00
Sewage Sludge	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$74.00
Bulk Asbestos (Friable Asbestos/ Contaminated Construction Debris)	\$91.00	\$30.00	\$121.00
Friable Asbestos (one Ton minimum)	\$200.00	\$30.00	\$230.00
Contaminated Soil	\$31.00	\$10.00	\$41.00

LEWIS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION RATES

Waste Type	Charge to Haulers
C&D	\$110.00/ Ton
MSW	\$110.00/ Ton
Single Tire	\$6.00 each
Single Tire with Rim	\$8.00 each
Bulk Tires 20" or less	\$260.00/ Ton

WHEREAS, the Director of Solid Waste seeks to have the Board of Legislators authorize and approve these amended fee rates for the direct haul to the DANC landfill and the Lewis County Transfer Stations, effective January 1, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes and approves the amended surcharge and “tipping” fees by the Lewis County Solid Waste Department set forth above.

Section 2. The Director of Lewis County Solid Waste is authorized to amend its fee schedule to reflect these increases effective January 1, 2026.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 187 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE “I LOVE NY” CAMPAIGN MATCHING FUNDS
AND DESIGNATE NATURALLY LEWIS, INC.
AS THE COUNTY’S AGENT TO SUPERVISE
PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF THE CAMPAIGN

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

WHEREAS, in order to enhance and promote tourism within New York State, the NY Empire State Development Corporation offers to match local municipality contributions to the “I Love NY” promotional and marketing campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize and appropriate \$50,000.00 in matching funds to demonstrate its commitment to the “I Love NY” promotional campaign for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to designate Naturally Lewis, Inc. (“Naturally Lewis”) as the agent to supervise the promotion and marketing of the “I LOVE NY” campaign, by the Chamber of Commerce and to market the benefits of Lewis County tourism with the utilization of the County’s 2026 matching funds as well as the State’s committed funds; and the Board seeks to enter into an Agreement with Naturally Lewis to provide such services by the Chamber of Commerce as the designated agent of the County under this State program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby commits to appropriate \$50,000.00 in matching local funds toward the 2026 “I LOVE NY” promotional and marketing tourism campaign in Lewis County.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators hereby designates Naturally Lewis, Inc. as the County’s agent to supervise and conduct the promotional and marketing programs by the Chamber of Commerce for Lewis County tourism under the 2026 campaign, with the utilization of the aforesaid County matching funds as well as the State’s committed funds to the campaign and endorses the application by Naturally Lewis for matching funds under the program.

Section 3. The Board of Legislators authorizes an Agreement with Naturally Lewis to act as the County’s agent under the 2026 “I LOVE NY” campaign, and to perform the services of promoting and marketing the benefits of tourism in the County of Lewis with the funds so provided under the campaign, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Section 4. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby

authorized to execute, seal and deliver said Agreement and any and all other necessary papers and documents in connection with the application and program, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 7– 2025)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c (A/K/A “2% TAX CAP”) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2026 BUDGET

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

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “**A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c (A/K/A “2% TAX CAP”) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2026 BUDGET.**”

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Board of Legislators for the County of Lewis hereby finds and determines that the anticipated budgetary needs for fiscal year 2026 require that Lewis County adopt the appropriate legislation necessary to override the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law § 3-c, and more commonly referred to as the “2% tax cap”.

SECTION 3. ENACTMENT AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to authority provided in section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York as well as the specific authority found in General Municipal Law § 3-c [5].

SECTION 4. OVERRIDE AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2026 that exceeds the “tax levy limit” as that term is defined and calculated pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law § 3-c.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 188 - 2025
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 7 -2025), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators, a proposed Local Law entitled "LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2026 BUDGET."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing for the above proposed Local Law will be held on October 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, New York, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York to hear all persons for or against such local law.

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 Nellenback , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 189 - 2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPERT FEE FOR THE
COMMERCIAL APPRAISALS OF THE LC-JCC ED CENTER AND
JACK J. BOAK JR ED CENTER, LOWVILLE, NY

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

WHEREAS, the County and the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") have a continuing interest and cooperative relationship in developing and expanding educational and skilled learning and training for residents of Lewis County through various programs offered by BOCES at the LC-JCC Ed Center (Lowville), the Jack J. Boak Jr Ed Center (Lowville), and the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center (Glenfield); and

WHEREAS, BOCES administrative staff recently presented an update on its various programs and intended expansions in Lewis County based upon growing student need and populations; and

WHEREAS, BOCES seeks to expand its use and presence in the LC -JCC Ed Center by proposing the transfer of its Boak Ed Center building and property within the Village of Lowville to the County, and with the County transferring its interest in the LC-JCC Ed Center to BOCES, based upon values and terms and conditions pertaining to same; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider the viability of these potential transfers, the County Attorney secured the services of DGM Coon & Company, Watertown, NY to have both properties and buildings appraised by a certified commercial appraiser, at a cost of \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the appraisals have been completed, with the recommendation of the County Attorney to have the fee/invoice from DGM for expert services paid from the Legislative Special Contingency Account while the Board continues to explore the possibilities of these potential property and building transfers for the entities' respective public purposes and needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes payment of the \$7,500.00 appraisal services fee of DGM Coon & Company for the commercial appraisals performed and completed on the LC-JCC Ed Center and Jack J. Boak Jr Ed Center.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs the Treasurer to pay the appraisal fee from the Legislative Special Contingency account.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 190 - 2025
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows: NOA#PY-25-1

Section 1. The following funds are authorized to be appropriate for Program Year 2025 for the period April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 for the Youth Employment programs per the Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA), dated April 1, 2025 through the New York State Department of Labor.

Increase Revenue:

CD629300.347910	WIOA Revenue	\$ 28,420.15
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Increase Expenses:

CD629000 110100	WIOA Youth Personal Serv.	\$ 20,594.00
CD629000 499900	WIA Youth Expenditures	\$ 2,360.18
CD629000.801000	WIA Youth Retirement	\$ 2,020.11
CD629000.806000	WIA Youth Health	\$ 3,348.74
CD629000.807000	WIA Youth Dental	\$ 97.12

Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 - 2025
RESOLUTION SETTING 2026
WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPORTIONMENT
FOR LEWIS COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the importance to foster an overall safety culture by emphasizing workplace safety and injury prevention; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that philosophy the Board of Legislators allocates a proportionate assessment based on reported claims experience for employer accountability; and

WHEREAS, as a standard industry practice, a portion of the assessment shall be based on the ratio of payroll for each participating entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That this Board of Legislators hereby sets the computation for the 2026 workers' compensation participant assessments of the Lewis County Self-Insurance Plan; et al 50% of the assessment shall be apportioned to claims experience based on actual expenses in 2022, 2023 and 2024, hereby capped at \$50,000 for any one claim per annum; 30% shall be based on proportionate 2024-2025 gross payroll figures, and the remaining 20% shall be computed on proportionate full property valuation.

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 2nd day of September 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Nellenback moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Osborne, and carried.