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FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: October 31, 2025

The Board of Legislators will meet on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the 2nd Floor Legislative Board Chambers of the Courthouse, Lowville, NY for the regular monthly meeting. Enclosed are proposed resolutions for action. Any other business may be conducted. The County Manager’s 2026 Tentative Budget will be distributed at this Board Meeting.

The meeting will also be streamed live on the YouTube channel “Lewis County” listed as:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LewisCountyNY>

RESOLUTION NO. 212 - 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 \$2,959,879.07 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 __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 213 - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON
2026 TENTATIVE LEWIS COUNTY BUDGET**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with County Law Section 359, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby sets the public hearing for comments on the 2026 Tentative Lewis County Budget to be held in the second floor Legislative Chambers of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 State Street, Lowville, New York on the 18th day of November 2025 to begin at 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 214 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND TRANE BUILDING SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to renew an agreement with Trane Building Services for the purpose of providing maintenance services for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (“HVAC”) systems for the Department of Motor Vehicles and Board of Elections Building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the renewal contract with Trane Building Services to provide Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (“HVAC”) maintenance services for the DMV and BOE Building for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 at the following annual costs:

Year 1	1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026	\$13,320.00
Year 2	1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027	\$14,023.20
Year 3	1/1/2028 – 12/31/2028	\$14,768.59

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 __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 215 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY, INC., DBA PIVOT AND
LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board is responsible to provide the residents of the County of Lewis with alcohol and substance abuse prevention services directly, and/or by contract for the provision of those services by other units of local or state government, voluntary agencies, or professionally qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Department (“LCCSD”) entered into an agreement with Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, Inc., dba Pivot (hereinafter “Pivot”) to develop and service a Lewis County OASAS Substance Misuse Prevention program. This program and the services to be provided will focus to reduce substance misuse including underage drinking, the misuse of medications and gambling habits, and provide various primary prevention services, including the administration of the Bach Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in the five school districts of Lewis County, every other year; and

WHEREAS, LCCSD seeks to renew the agreement with Pivot to develop and service the program in Lewis County at a cost of \$314,902.00 per year, commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. State Aid funding of \$282,152.00 per year (pro-rated for 2025) will be provided by NYS OASAS toward the costs incurred by Pivot identified on its annual itemized expense form, and the local share cost of \$32,750.00 per year being provided by the County through Community Services from JUUL Settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, it is intended for Pivot to continue to occupy a portion of the County building located at 7714 Number Three Road, Lowville, NY, which is currently identified for provision of drug and alcohol prevention services in providing the program and services herein set forth, with Pivot paying a portion of the operational costs and expenses of the building and grounds to the County, i.e., the sum of \$2,594.00 per month commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030; subject to annual adjustment based upon actual operational costs of the occupied space; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize said agreements for these services and operational costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a renewal Agreement with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, Inc., dba Pivot, with offices at 167 Polk St, Watertown, NY to develop and service an OASAS Substance Misuse Prevention program tailored to and for Lewis County residents, including but not limited to professional services designed to reduce substance misuse including underage drinking, the misuse of medications and gambling habits, and provide various primary prevention services, including the administration of the Bach Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in the five school districts of Lewis County, every other year.

Section 2. The term of the agreement for the provision of the program and services at the Lowville location shall be at a cost of \$314,902.00 per year with \$282,152.00/year of the cost provided by state funding (pro-rated for 2025) and \$32,750.00 of the cost payable from JUUL settlement funds paid to Lewis County and managed by the Community Services Director. The term of the agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Section 3. The Agreement shall include provisions for Pivot pay a portion of the operational costs and expenses incurred by the County for maintenance, repairs, utilities and other amenities of the building and grounds occupied by staff and clients serviced by Pivot at the 7714 Number Three Road, Lowville, NY location at a cost of \$2,594.00 per month commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, subject to annual adjustment based upon actual costs associated with the occupied space.

Section 4. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators, together with the Community Services Director are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, inclusive of any terms and conditions as may be recommended by the County Attorney.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 216 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC., RUBENZHAL, KNUDSEN & ASSOCIATES,
AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board (CSB) is a local governmental unit established by the Lewis County Board of Legislators pursuant to the authority granted in Mental Hygiene Law § 41.05; and

WHEREAS, the CSB is responsible for providing local or unified mental health services and facilities directly and/or by contract for the provision of those services by other units of local or state government, by voluntary agencies or by professionally qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, the CSB has reviewed the proposals for the following providers of mental health services and has determined that these services are necessary to meet the needs of the community at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, CSB receives state aid funding for some of these services by providers, and may receive adjustments to the initial state aid funding for each named provider agency based upon a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (“COLA”) or other funding adjustment determined by the state; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board has met to consider the proposed agreements with the following service providers and requests that the Board of Legislators authorize one year renewal agreements with annual automatic renewals for the identified amounts, subject to annual modification in the amounts payable to the providers, including any COLA funding adjustment granted by the state for each year’s funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes renewal Agreements between the County of Lewis and the following providers for program services, in the amounts set forth for as the 2026 funding, plus any financial adjustment(s) made by the State to said annual amounts:

2026 FUNDING

CONTRACTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Coordinated Care Services, Inc.	Professional, Specialized Financial Management Services and Training	\$125.00 per hour (Not to exceed \$24,000.00)
Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Associates	Psychological Services	\$175.00 per hour for psychological exams \$200.00 per hour for court testimony Not to exceed \$1,400.00 without prior approval
Mental Health Association in Jefferson County	Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program	Annual sum not to exceed \$109,733.00. Paid at the beginning of each quarter after receipt from the Office of Mental Health

Section 2. The term of said Agreements shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with annual automatic renewal unless terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice prior to the end of the term, and modification based upon the annual funding awarded by the State, together with any annual COLA adjustment.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to adjust the appropriation upon receipt of any adjustment notification from the state.

Section 4. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreements and any modifications thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 217 - 2025

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee shall have nine members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11;

WHEREAS, member Ashley Waite submitted a resignation letter effective October 6, 2025, therefore creating a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board recommends the appointment of Paige Wiley of Watertown, New York to fulfill the unexpired term of Ashley Waite;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Paige Wiley of Watertown, New York as a member of the Mental Health Subcommittee to fulfill the unexpired term of Ashley Waite.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective November 5, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 218 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT WITH
COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. (CCSI) AND
LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
FOR SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis ("County"), acting by and through Lewis County Community Services entered into an agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. dated November 16, 2023 for professional, specialized financial management services for Fiscal Officer Support including but not limited to Ongoing LGU Management Services and Federal Medicaid Administration Cost Reporting and Consolidated Fiscal Reports at \$115.00 per hour, at a total annual cost not to exceed \$23,000.00 (200 hours); and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to authorize an amendment to the agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. to remit an additional payment of \$4,600.00 for the additional 40 hours of time and services rendered from October through December, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves an amendment to the agreement between the County and Coordinated Care Services, Inc. to remit an additional payment of \$4,600.00 for the additional 40 hours of time rendered from October, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for the professional, specialized financial management services for Fiscal Officer Support and required reports.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Amendment to the Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 219 - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
District Attorney**

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the following 2025 budget transfer to provide necessary funding for additional professional services costs in the District Attorney accounts:

From:

A0116500 110100 District Attorney Personnel Services \$50,000.00

To:

A0116500 490100 District Attorney Professional Services \$50,000.00

Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 220 - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
Highway**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the following 2025 budget transfer to provide necessary funding for higher-than-expected bridge material costs in the Highway accounts:

From:

D0501000 495152 CR Striping	\$ 22,400.00
D0522290 495222 CR Sign Shop Supplies	\$ 15,000.00
D0514200 490230 Snow Road Sweeping	\$ 2,240.00

To:

D0550000 491520 CR Bridge Materials	\$ 39,640.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 221 - 2025

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S
ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO
GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

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

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government

overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is requested to send certified copies of this resolution to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Section 4. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 222 - 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF THE FORMER GLENFIELD SCHOOL PROPERTY (5960 MAIN STREET, GLENFIELD, NY) WITH ROCHESTER'S CORNERSTONE GROUP LTD.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 288 - 2022, the Board authorized an MOU with the Lewis County Development Corporation (LCDC) to market the former Glenfield School Property for innovative economic development and re-uses by sending out a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the RFEI a formal proposal was received from Rochester's Cornerstone Group Ltd. ("Cornerstone"), of Rochester, NY for development of the property for a minimum of 50 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone's proposal was contingent upon *inter alia* its ability to obtain necessary governmental approvals, tax credits and funding awards to acquire, develop and operate its intended development of the property for a minimum of 50 affordable residential units, at a purchase price of \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 105-2023 the County authorized the sale of the property to Cornerstone pursuant to a Purchase and Sale agreement, but with closing and transfer of title not likely to close until on or about December 31, 2024, given the complex funding applications anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Cornerstone received tax credits and funding awards, but requested an extension to close title to in or about March/April, 2026; and

WHEREAS, due to the County's continued cost and responsibility of heating and maintaining the structure, the County seeks to enter into a modification agreement with Cornerstone to provide them with pre-closing possession and full responsibility and obligation for the property and building in November, 2025 so that the County will not have the obligation to maintain the building and premises through another winter; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Planning Department seeks to have Cornerstone provide an easement for placement of a bus stop shelter on the property near the road to service the people and residents in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a modification and extension agreement with Cornerstone to include provisions to provide Cornerstone with pre-closing possession of 5960 Main Street, Glenfield, NY, identified as tax map parcel # 259.04-04-08.100, and the full responsibility and obligation for costs and expenses of maintenance, repair and/or replacement of any equipment, fixtures, systems or structures upon execution of the modification agreement. In addition, the modification agreement will identify Cornerstone's agreement to enter into an easement for the placement of the Public Transportation System's bus stop shelter on the property along the main road.

Section 2. The County Attorney is directed to develop and prepare the terms and conditions of the pre-closing possession and liability modification agreement and the terms and conditions of the bus shelter easement, and establishment of the final closing date in 2026 for final transfer of title to Cornerstone.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the modification/extension agreement, pre-closing possession agreement, and bus stop shelter easement and any other documents necessary to give effect to same.

Section 4. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 223 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LONG TERM LEASES WITH PURCHASE OPTIONS
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LEWIS AND JLHO BOARD OF COOPERATIVE
EDUCATIONS SERVICES (BOCES) FOR THE JACK J. BOAK JR. ED CENTER AND
THE LC-JCC 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 presented an update to the Board of Legislators 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 long-term leases with intended simultaneous purchases of the respective properties between the parties as follows: 1) the lease and purchase option of the Boak Ed Center building and property, Shady Avenue, Lowville to and by Lewis County; and 2) the lease and purchase option of the County’s LC-JCC Ed Center building and property, East Road, Lowville to and by BOCES, based upon the appraisal values and other circumstances and conditions considered and agreed upon by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to enter into simultaneous, reciprocal ten-year lease and purchase option agreements of the their respective properties, with the intention to simultaneously purchase the respective properties based upon agreed upon appraised values of \$4.1 M for the LC-JCC Ed Center and \$2.77 M for the Boak Ed Center. Because of the difference in values, BOCES shall pay to the County the sum of \$1.3 M by crediting BOCES with annual lease payments of \$130,000 for a ten (10) year lease term, and a \$30,000 credit for the purchase of approximately 8 acres being a portion of Tax Parcel # 195.00-01-48.412 on East Road, Lowville. Any outstanding balance owing on the \$1.3 M due at the time of purchase and transfer of the properties within the ten year period will be paid at closing of title. The County shall pay rent of \$1 per year for the first ten-year lease term, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the lease and purchase option agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the lease and purchase option agreements will

provide for each party to be obligated for the operational costs and expenses associated with the property being leased, together with such other customary terms and conditions required under said lease agreements commencing July 1, 2026 and continuing through and including June 30, 2036, with the right to extend the term of the simultaneous leases for two (2) additional ten-year periods upon prior written notice; and

WHEREAS, the reciprocal purchase options are conditioned upon the County's receipt of the Resolution approved by the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc. Board's consent and waiver of its restrictions and rights of first refusal/recovery of the County's Ed Center property with respect to this intended property transfer to BOCES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes simultaneous lease agreements between the County of Lewis (Lewis County) and Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton- Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) with reciprocal purchase options of the their respective properties (LC-JCC Ed Center and BOCES Boak Education Center, based upon agreed upon appraised values of \$4.1 M for the LC-JCC Ed Center and \$2.77 M for the BOCES Boak Ed Center. The lease and purchase option agreements shall include provisions for BOCES to pay to the County the sum of \$1.3 M by crediting BOCES with annual lease payments of \$130,000 for a ten (10) year lease term, but with any outstanding balance of the \$1.3M due at the time of purchase and transfer of the properties within the ten year period in order to equalize the valuation payments. In addition, the County shall be entitled to purchase approximately eight (8) acres of BOCES' vacant adjacent property on East Road, Lowville, NY being a portion of Tax parcel # 195.00-01-48.412 in consideration of a payment or credit to BOCES of \$30,000. The County shall pay rent of \$1 per year for both properties for the first ten-year lease term unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the lease and purchase option agreement.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs the County Attorney to negotiate all other terms and conditions of the simultaneous lease and reciprocal purchase option agreements, and to secure a copy of the Lewis County Agricultural Society, Inc.'s Resolution consenting to and waiving its rights to first refusals and recovery of the property intended to be transferred.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the lease and purchase option agreements and any other documents required to give effect to this Resolution, upon review and approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 224 - 2025

RESOLUTION TO SET 2ND PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEWIS COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM CDBG PROJECT #636HR300-23 ADMINISTERED BY SNOW BELT HOUSING

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

WHEREAS, All recipients of NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds must meet the citizen participation requirements at 24 CFR 570.486 and New York State's Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, which require recipients to follow a citizen participation plan for one public hearing prior to the submission of an application for funding, and one public hearing, if awarded to be held during the administration of the grant to solicit comments on the effectiveness of the program's administration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators duly held a public hearing on the 3rd day of January, 2023, regarding community development, public infrastructure, housing, and other possible development activities in preparation of a CDBG Application (Project # 636HR300-23) to be administered by Snow Belt Housing; and

WHEREAS, the County, through Snow Belt Housing as the sub-recipient, received an award of \$621,950 in Lewis County Housing Rehabilitation Program funds and the Board of Legislators of Lewis County seeks to hold a second public hearing to provide residents with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a public hearing to be held and set for December 2nd, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Board of Legislators Chambers, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, 13367 to provide residents of Lewis County with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the current CDBG Project # 636HR300-23 Lewis County Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 225 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND LABELLA ASSOCIATES FOR THE UPDATE OF THE
LEWIS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP to update its 2009 Comprehensive Plan pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-D; and

WHEREAS, 6 bid proposals were opened on October 6, 2025, at 10:00 am. Planning Department staff and the Purchasing Director carefully reviewed the bid submissions and assessed the criteria in accordance with the scoring sheet and criteria developed by the reviewing team. After careful consideration and review, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid and contract to LaBella Associates to complete the RFP Tasks at a cost not to exceed \$215,275.00, based upon the best interests of the County and the scoring of criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid and contract to LaBella Associates for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators awards the bid to and authorizes an agreement with LaBella Associates to complete the scope of work outlined in the Comprehensive Plan RFP at a cost not to exceed \$215,275.00, 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. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 226 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND PROVIDERS
FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Lewis County Public Health ("Public Health") is tasked with providing certain Preschool Tuition-Based and Related Services for children with disabilities defined in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the contracts may include itinerant and related services, evaluations and transportation for said students; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education requires a contract between the County and the Agency(s) who will be providing such services under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program is dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers, with rates set and approved by New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to approve and authorize said agreements with Milestones Children's Center and The Treehouse Hourly Child Care LLC, dba The Treehouse Child Care Center Administration and Evaluation Site. A student is already receiving services from Milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes agreements with Milestones Children's Center ("Milestones"), 16783 Ives Road, Watertown, NY 13601, and The Treehouse Hourly Child Care, LLC dba The Treehouse Child Care Center Administration and Evaluation Site ("Treehouse"), 1635 Ohio Street, Watertown, NY 13601 to provide services to the Preschool Special Education Program for children with special education and health care needs.

Section 2. Milestones contract period is retroactive to October 21, 2025 through October 20, 2026, and Treehouse's contract period begins January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Both agreements shall automatically renew each year unless the contract is terminated by either party and it must be upon a ninety (90) day written notice, at a cost in accordance with the rates set forth by the State Education Department dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers.

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 227 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARKING LOT LEASE
WITH BONNIE HODKINSON**

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

WHEREAS, Bonnie Hodkinson is the owner of certain real property, located on the intersection of New York State Route 177 and Seven By Nine Road (County Route 69), a portion of which is used as a public parking area for recreational users executed on December 22, 1998, by her deceased parents; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into a long-time lease with the owner to continue the designated area on her property as a public parking area for recreational users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves a lease between Bonnie Hodkinson and the County, through its Recreation, Forestry, and Parks Department for the purpose of using the following premises as recreational public parking, to commence upon execution of the agreement and continue for ninety-nine (99) years, unless terminated sooner by either party as set forth in the lease:

On a portion of the land owned by Bonnie Hodkinson located at the intersection of New York State Route 177 and Seven By Nine Road (County Route 69), identified as Tax Map No.: 171.04-03-11.1, and being approximately 1.1 acres.

Section 2. The Chair or the Vice-Chair be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such agreement upon such terms 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 228 - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF
RECREATION, FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
TO EXECUTE LANDOWNER ACCESS AGREEMENTS FOR PARKING LOTS
TO BE USED BY PUBLIC RECREATION USERS**

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

WHEREAS, outdoor recreational activities such as biking, hiking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ATV/OHV riding are of critical importance to the Lewis County economy and its developmental growth for residents and visitors alike. Snowmobile riding is a premier winter recreational sport in Lewis County, attracting snowmobilers from near and far; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide parking areas for recreational users, the Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department has taken over securing landowner agreements for year-round recreational parking lot access in order to have vehicle off the roads while users enjoy recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks seeks to have the Board authorize her to enter into landowner agreements/leases for year round parking areas open to the public for recreation uses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks to enter into land access lease agreements with landowners in order to establish parking lots for access and use by recreation users in Lewis County.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators directs that the Director work with the County Attorney to develop the terms and conditions of said agreements/leases. The Director shall also maintain copies of said executed agreements and develop a document to be provided to the County Attorney and Clerk of the Board containing all relevant information pertaining to landowner names, locations, site of parking lots, lease term and renewals, and any other information and data deemed appropriate.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 229 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
FLEX PLUS SOFTWARE & MAINTENANCE FOR THE SPILLMAN CAD SYSTEM,
RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & MOBILE DATA SOFTWARE SYSTEM
FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

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

WHEREAS, the County's emergency communications system for use by all emergency services includes Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management, and Mobile Data software systems which must be integrated and maintained on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc., (Motorola) has provided the Sheriff's Department with a detailed proposal and agreement dated August 1, 2025 for a five-year maintenance integrated software system, i.e., the "Flex Plus Subscription Software Suite" which consists of CAD, Records Management System (RMS) and Mobile software that references a centralized database, providing quick access to all data in the system, and which allows for entry, storage, and extraction of data in real time thereby reducing response time and increasing situational awareness in the field. During the five-year term of the subscription, the County's public safety system will receive continuous software maintenance, support and upgrades, at a price of \$65,000 per year (\$325,000 total) commencing May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2031, provided that the County agrees to same by December 15, 2025 in order to lock in the pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department will use the annual PSAP grant to cover the yearly fee of \$65,000, and requests that the Board of Legislators approve this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the agreement and purchase of Motorola's Flex Plus Subscription Software Suite and maintenance services for a five-year integrated software maintenance system for the emergency communications system including the CAD, RMS and Mobile Data system software as outlined in its terms and descriptive proposal dated August 1, 2025.

Section 2. The term of the five-year agreement shall commence May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2031, with annual payments of \$65,000 payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from Motorola at the commencement of each year of the subscription plan.

Section 3. Payment of the annual subscription fee shall be made from the Sheriff's Department annual PSAP grant.

Section 4. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon such form(s) as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 5. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 230 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING COUNCIL
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.**

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services of Lewis County is an authorized Social Services official responsible and designated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, insofar as funds are available for that purpose, to register and inspect family daycare and school-aged child care providers in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. ("CAPC") is qualified by its present established base in the community and is disposed to fulfill the required responsibilities of the Local Commissioner in fulfilling the obligation to inspect and register daycare providers. The Commissioner of Lewis County Department of Social Services ("DSS") desires to enter into an Agreement with CAPC to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize said agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes Agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services with:

A. New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the purpose of OCFS providing federal funding to the Lewis County Department of Social Services in the amount of \$10,567.50 quarterly (Maximum Funding Amount of \$42,270.00), for an acceptable level of compliance and performance as specified by the Division of Childcare Services for registration and inspection of child care providers.

and

B. Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the purpose of conducting registration and inspection of family day care and school aged child care providers in Lewis County, at an annual cost not to exceed \$40,157.00, payable in quarterly installments of \$10,039.25 upon receipt of a completed Quarterly Registration Review Report from the DCCS Regional Office, and upon receipt of funds from OCFS to DSS.

Section 2. The term of these Agreements shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The cost of these services are 100% federally funded.

Section 3. The Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the New York State Office of Children and Family Services agreement and any extensions thereto, pending review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. Agreement, and any extensions thereto provided the amount remains the same, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 231 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AND VARIOUS FOSTER CARE AGENCIES**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services wishes to enter into agreements with various foster care agencies to utilize their services of foster care, emergency respite care, post placement, residential, educational and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, the following agencies are authorized by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services, and the following agencies for the provision of foster care services, emergency respite care, post placement, and residential, educational and treatment services;

- Cayuga Home for Children – Located in Auburn, NY
- Children’s Home of Jefferson County – Located in Watertown, NY
- Elmcrest Children’s Center – Located in Syracuse, NY
- Hillside Children’s Home – Located in Rochester, NY
- House of the Good Shepherd – Located in Utica NY
- Northeast Parent & Child Society- Located in Albany, NY
- St. Anne Institute – Located in Albany, NY
- Together For Youth – Located in Canaan, NY
- William George Agency – Located in Freeville, NY

Section 2. The term of these agreements shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at a per diem cost not to exceed the Maximum Aid Rate established by the State. There is no local share cost until costs exceed the foster care block grant and then the local share is approximately 25% for residential foster care and is based on the eligibility of the client. The State share is approximately 25% and Federal share is approximately 50%.

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

Section 4. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 232 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIX-MONTH RENEWAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND
ICU SECURITY & PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS
FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT THE
SOCIAL SERVICES/ HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”), desires to renew the agreement with ICU Security & Private Investigations (“ICU”) for armed security guard services at the Human Services building located on Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, NY for a six month period commencing January 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2026 in order to have the term coincide with the prevailing wage amount set by the State for said public contracts on July 1 of each year. The Commissioner intends to negotiate annual renewals thereafter effective July 1st through June 30th; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing wage for armed security guard services in the North Country was increased from \$37.60/hr to \$50.71/hr due to prevailing wage adjustment July 1, 2025. The regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday on the days the DSS building is open or as the Commissioner may otherwise direct, with no and no more than 20 hours of overtime payable; and

WHEREAS, the security contract cost is 75% reimbursed by the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a six-month renewal agreement between the Lewis County Commissioner of the Department of Social Security and ICU Security & Private Investigations for armed security guard services at the Human Services building.

Section 2. The term of the Agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$50.71 per hour, all inclusive of taxes, insurance, disability, benefits, and any other costs and expenses associated with providing said service, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the days DSS and the human services building is open or as the Commissioner may otherwise direct. Any renewals thereafter will be based on an annual agreement

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 233 - 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY
OBO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND NRCIL
FOR THE WARMING CENTER FACILITY AND SERVICES FOR
THE 2025/2026 “CODE BLUE” SEASON**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized a contract executed on November 5, 2024 between the County of Lewis on behalf of the Lewis County Department of Social Services and NRCIL to obtain Warming Center Facility and Staffing Services to provide the homeless with a warm location overnight for up to 12 hours, 7 days a week, when the temperature is below 32 degrees, pursuant to NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance “Code Blue” mandate for the 2024/25 season; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to renew this Agreement commencing on November 1, 2025 at 7PM through 7 AM April 1, 2026, at a cost of \$134,744.71 for a five month period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal contract between the County o/b/o LC DSS and NRCIL to provide facility, amenities, and staffing services for a Warming Center for overnight stays by the homeless for up to 12 hours, 7 days a week, from November 1, 2025 through 7AM on April 1, 2026, at a cost of \$134,744.71 for the anticipated five month period.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement together with execution by the Lewis County Department of Social Services Commissioner, and any related and necessary documents or instruments, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 234 - 2025

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS

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

WHEREAS, since the Capital Building Project is completed and will have no further activity, the Treasurer seeks to close these identified accounts and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The listed Capital Account HAR (Capital Building Project) will be closed. The accounts listed below are the remaining balances and are adjusted to zero out each line item. The remaining balance of the fund totals \$396,601.05. This remaining balance will be reappropriated and transferred to the Capital Account HAC (Capital Building & Grounds) for use for future building or maintenance projects.

HAR – Capital Building Project

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>		
H0162000 324010 INT	\$	191,400.60
<u>Decrease Expense:</u>		
H0162000 499900 CONTRACT	\$	21,229,578.37
<u>Increase Expense:</u>		
H0141000 499900 DMV	\$	2,880,089.99
H0141000 490100 DMV - PROF SVC	\$	126,826.60
H0601000 499900 DSS	\$	5,412,511.34
H0601000 490100 DSS - PROF SVC	\$	4,512.50
H0601000 440700 DSS - SUPPLIES	\$	114,903.52
H0162000 499900 GLEN	\$	522,505.85
H0162000 490100 GLEN - PROF SVC	\$	200.00
H0162000 460100 GLEN - REPAIRS	\$	13,846.84
H0162000 440700 GLEN - SUPPLIES	\$	5,083.33
H0162000 430300 GLEN - UTILITY	\$	112,627.45
H0601000 221700 GLEN/DSS - COMP	\$	83,057.42
H0601000 460300 GLEN/DSS - REPAIRS	\$	5,371.67
H0601000 440700 GLEN/DSS - SUPPLIES	\$	14,085.27
H0511000 499900 HWY	\$	11,157,671.42
H0511000 490100 HWY - PROF SVC	\$	17,563.13
H0511000 460600 HWY - REPAIRS	\$	2,929.98
H0511000 440700 HWY - SUPPLIES	\$	200,301.15
H0162000 499900 MAINT	\$	744,483.35
H0162000 440700 MAINT - SUPPLIES	\$	2,408.16

Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 - 2025

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT
IN RECOGNITION OF VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
AND THOSE IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE**

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Lewis County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, and other community agencies; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military Personnel made while defending freedom, and believes specific recognition be accorded them to demonstrate the honor and support they deserve and have earned; and

WHEREAS, in advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, and as part of the National Association of Counties collaborative initiative known as “Operation Green Light”, the Lewis County Board of Legislators encourages its citizens to focus attention on America’s service men and women by displaying a green light for Veterans in the windows of their places of business or residence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. In observance of Operation Green Light, the Lewis County Board of Legislators encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those whose immeasurable sacrifices help to preserve freedom, and to let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported by displaying an interior or exterior green light in their business or residence from November 4 – 11, 2025.

Section 2. With designation as a “Green Light for Veterans and Military Service County”, Lewis County hereby declares November 4 – 11, 2025 as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and those transitioning from Active Service.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that an exterior green light be displayed at the Lewis County Courthouse Building and any other County buildings capable of such lighting for the period of November 4, 2025 through November 11, 2025.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 236 -2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KRAFT HEINZ AND THE NORTH COUNTRY
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S APPLICATION FOR
THE NEW YORK STATE ACHIEVE GRANT**

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

WHEREAS, the North Country Regional Economic Development Council (NCREDC) is applying for the New York State ACHIEVE Grant to promote sustainable economic development and strengthen key industries throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Kraft Heinz, a global leader in food manufacturing, has demonstrated a strong and ongoing commitment to the North Country through its investment in the Philadelphia Cream Cheese plant located in Lowville, New York; and

WHEREAS, the dairy industry remains a critical economic driver for New York State, supporting thousands of farmers, haulers, producers, and related businesses; and

WHEREAS, Kraft Heinz's proposed project, supported through the ACHIEVE Grant, seeks to modernize and expand the Lowville plant by adding two new production lines and upgrading on-site infrastructure, ensuring long-term operational sustainability and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, this investment will safeguard more than 500 local jobs, stimulate additional private investment, and strengthen the economic resilience of the North Country region; and

WHEREAS, the proposal aligns with New York State and NCREDC priorities to stimulate economic growth, advance manufacturing innovation, and preserve the vitality of the dairy sector; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the project will enhance regional partnerships, reinforce New York's leadership in the dairy industry, and secure continued growth opportunities for both large employers and small agricultural producers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby expresses its strong support for the North Country Regional Economic Development Council's application for the New York State ACHIEVE Grant and for Kraft Heinz's proposed modernization and expansion project at the Lowville Philadelphia Cream Cheese plant.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators recognizes Kraft Heinz as a valued partner in strengthening the North Country's economy and encourages favorable consideration of this proposal by New York State.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.