

**REGULAR MEETING  
November 18, 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, except Legislator Frost who was excused. There were 19 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 “2026 Tentative Lewis County Budget.”

Eileen Mathys from the Croghan Free Library discussed the critical support from Lewis County for local libraries, emphasizing their evolution in providing diverse resources beyond traditional books, such as food pantries. She highlighted the importance of funding for information technology, which allows libraries to offer essential services like public computers and high-speed internet. Additionally, Ms. Mathys noted the expansion of library collections to include e-books and audiobooks, ensuring accessibility for all community members, and reiterated that the primary goal of libraries is to provide access to these vital resources. She concluded by thanking the Lewis County Board of Legislators for their continued support.

There were no more comments, so the Chairman closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

**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  
Vincent Nortz  
Barry Lyndaker

Dated: November 18, 2025

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 238 - 2025**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**  
**FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND**  
**ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS**  
**AND EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

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

WHEREAS, the governing body has met and considered the 2026 Tentative County Budget and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 359 of the County Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Tentative Budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts as set forth in the "Adopted" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in Appendix D of that budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amount shown therein, or by employees' contract effective January 1, 2026.

Moved by Legislator Leviker, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Frost.

**RESOLUTION NO. 239 - 2025**  
**ASSESSING AND LEVYING AMOUNT OF TAX CALLED FOR**  
**UNDER THE COUNTY BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025**  
**AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER COUNTY LAW**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis by Resolution No. 238 - 2025 adopted on the 18th day of November 2025, a County Budget for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Legislators by Resolution No. 238 - 2025 adopted on the 18th day of November 2025, has made appropriations for the conduct of Lewis County Government for fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That there be, and hereby is, assessed and levied upon and against the taxable property of the County of Lewis liable therefore the sum of \$20,766,371.00.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Frost.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Nellenback moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and carried.