

**NOTICE**

**TO:** Members of the Lewis County Human Services Committee

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

**DATE:** January 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Human Services Committee Meeting

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The Lewis County Human Services Committee will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Board Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York.

Attached is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be live-streamed on the Lewis County YouTube channel at: [Lewis County - YouTube](#).

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cc: Community Services  
Lewis County Health System  
Office for the Aging  
Probation

Public Health  
Sheriff  
Social Services/Youth Bureau  
Veterans' Service Agency

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA – January 20, 2026**

**Call to Order:**

- Legislator Tom Kalamas, Chair.

**Roll Call:**

- Clerk of the Board records attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve minutes from November 18, 2025.

**Presentations / Discussion Items:**

- Temporary Assistance – Jenny Jones, Social Services Commissioner (10 minutes)
- Human Services Committee Goals – Tim Hunt, County Manager (20 minutes)

**Draft Resolutions / Motions:**

1. Appointing Caitlin Lawler of Watertown, New York, to the Lewis County Community Services Board and the Substance Use Disorder Subcommittee for a four-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2029.
2. Appointing Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone of Glenfield, New York, to the Lewis County Community Services Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. John Wat through December 31, 2028, and to the Developmental Disability Subcommittee to fulfill the unexpired term of Louise Fox through December 31, 2027.
3. Appointing Kirsten Lyndaker of Castorland, New York, to the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee for a four-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2029.
4. Appointing Tina Nortz of Glenfield, New York, to the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee for a four-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2029.
5. Reappointing Lyndsey Allen of Lowville, New York, to the Lewis County Community Services Board for a four-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2029.
6. Authorizing the use of Community Support Program (CSP) reserve funds received from the NYS Office of Mental Health in 2019 and 2020 to finance facility improvements at

7714 Number Three Road, transferring \$25,000.00 from the Community Services reserve to the Buildings and Grounds Department for related project costs.

7. Authorizing an agreement for Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) to use half of the 7714 Number Three Road Building for counseling and therapy services for Lewis County residents at a cost of \$2,403.00 per month, from March 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.
8. Appointing Sheila Callahan of Port Leyden, New York, as the District No. 10 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council for a three-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2028.
9. Appointing Barbara Carroll of Copenhagen, New York, as the District No. 3 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council for a three-year term effective February 4, 2026, through December 31, 2028.
10. Authorizing amendments to Preschool Special Education Provider agreements to update pay rates for various services such as therapy, nursing, interpretation, effective March 1, 2026.
11. Authorizing a short-term access/testing agreement with a potential long-term lease for Verizon Wireless to use space on the Montague 911 Tower for cellular service expansion, at \$2,200.00 per month with five-year renewal terms and rent escalations.
12. Authorizing an agreement with CorrecTek, Inc. to implement inmate health integration software for the jail, including installation, maintenance, and training from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with automatic annual renewals. There is a one-time cost of \$49,700.00; and \$1,375.00 per month plus additional charges for medication history and prescribing services.
13. Urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to immediately restore federal funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs, as these programs provide essential support for child care, welfare services, and safety net programs, and by withholding funds it destabilizes services for eligible families, increases fiscal pressure on counties, and shifts costs to local taxpayers.
14. Appointing Sarah Richardson of Copenhagen Central School to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board effective February 4, 2026 until high school graduation.
15. Appointing Sophie Dealing of Copenhagen Central School to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board effective February 4, 2026 until high school graduation.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**

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**Additional Information**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAITLIN LAWLER TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SUBCOMMITTEE**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Subcommittee shall have up to eleven members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Lawler, of Watertown, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Community Services Board and Substance Use Disorder Subcommittee to serve a four-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby appoints Caitlin Lawler of Watertown, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Community Services Board and as a member of the Substance Use Disorder Subcommittee to serve a four-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Caitlin Lawler for her willingness to serve and contribute to both the Community Services Board and the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Caitlin Lawler and to the Community Services Department.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. SHIRLEY TUTTLE-MALONE TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee shall have up to eleven members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone of Glenfield, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Community Services Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. John Wat on the Community Services Board and to fulfil the unexpired term of Lousie Fox on the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby appoints Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone of Glenfield, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Community Services Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. John Wat.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Section 3. The Board of Legislators hereby appoints Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone of Glenfield, New York, as a member of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee, to fulfill the unexpired term of Louise Fox.

Section 4. The term of said appointment shall be effective February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Section 5. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Community Services Board and Developmental Disability Subcommittee.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Shirley Tuttle-Malone and to the Lewis County Community Services Department.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KIRSTEN LYNDAKER TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Kirsten Lyndaker of Castorland, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Community Services Board and Developmental Disability Subcommittee for appointment to serve a four-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Kirsten Lyndaker of Castorland, New York as a member of the Developmental Disability Subcommittee to serve a four-year term.

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective February 3, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Kirsten Lyndaker for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Kirsten Lyndaker and to the Community Services Department.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TINA NORTZ TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee shall have up to eleven members appointed by the Board of Legislators pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law § 41.11; and

WHEREAS, Tina Nortz of Glenfield, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Community Services Board and Developmental Disability Subcommittee for appointment to serve a four-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Tina Nortz of Glenfield, New York as a member of the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee to serve a four-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective February 3, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Tina Nortz for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Community Services Board Developmental Disability Subcommittee.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Tina Nortz and to the Community Services Department.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LYNDSEY ALLEN TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Board has recommended the reappointment of Lyndsey Allen of Lowville, New York, to serve another four-year term on the Community Services Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby reappoints Lyndsey Allen of Lowville, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Community Services Board.

Section 2. That the term of said appointments shall be effective February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators extends its appreciation to Lyndsey Allen for her continued commitment and valuable service to the Lewis County Community Services Board.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Lyndsey and to the Community Services Department.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
Community Service**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Community Services Department received Community Support Program (CSP) funds from the New York State Office of Mental Health in 2019 and 2020. These funds have been retained in a balance sheet reserve and are not subject to specific restrictions on use. The Department has identified necessary improvements at the facility located at 7714 Number Three Road and has requested authorization to utilize the CSP reserve funds to cover the associated project costs.

Section 2. The following appropriation is hereby approved to transfer funding from the Community Services reserve (Account A0 063101) to the Buildings and Grounds Department to support the identified improvements. The following revenue and expenditure lines shall be established and recognized accordingly:

Increase Revenue:

A0162800 334919 B & G #3 Road Revenue	\$25,000.00
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Increase Expenditures:

A0162800 490100 B & G #3 Road Prof Services	\$19,000.00
A0162800 460300 B & G #3 Road Bldg Repairs	\$6,000.00

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND CHILDRENS HOME OF JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR USE OF SPACE AT THE 7714 NUMBER THREE ROAD BUILDING TO PROVIDE COUNSELING & THERAPY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF LEWIS COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement with the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) to allow CHJC periodic use of the room, # 140 of the County's Human Services Building and premises in order for CHJC to assist in having additional counseling services available to residents in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) seeks to relocate to the 7714 Number Three Road Building in Lowville and will be responsible for providing a portion of the cost of operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, CHJC has agreed to pay the sum of \$2,403.00 per month for the use of half of the 7714 Number Three Road Building and its amenities, commencing March 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement between the County of Lewis and the Children's Home of Jefferson County, Watertown, NY, for use of half of the 7714 Number Three Road Building office space together with all the amenities provided at that building, in order to conduct professional counseling and therapy sessions with patients/clients from Lewis County at a cost of \$2,403.00 a month as its share of operational expenses, commencing March 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Section 2. The Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Agreement, upon such terms and conditions recommended by the County Attorney.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHEILA CALLAHAN TO THE  
LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council serves to advise and make recommendations on matters relating to the development and administration of programs and services for the aging population in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the position of District No. 10 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council has been vacant for the past few years; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Callahan of Port Leyden, New York, has been recommended by the Director of the Lewis County Office for the Aging, Carla Hellinger, for appointment to serve as the District No. 10 Representative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Sheila Callahan of Port Leyden, New York, as the District No. 10 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council to serve a three-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective from February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Sheila Callahan for her willingness to serve and contribute to the well-being of the aging population in Lewis County.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sheila Callahan and to the Lewis County Office for Aging.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

## **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA CARROLL TO THE LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council serves to advise and make recommendations on matters relating to the development and administration of programs and services for the aging population in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the position of District No. 3 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Carroll of Copenhagen, New York, has been recommended by the Director of the Lewis County Office for the Aging, Carla Hellinger, for appointment to serve as the District No. 3 Representative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Barbara Carroll of Copenhagen, New York, as the District No. 3 Representative to the Lewis County Office for Aging Advisory Council to serve a three-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective from February 4, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Barbara Carroll for her willingness to serve and contribute to the well-being of the aging population in Lewis County.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of this resolution to Barbara Carroll and to the Lewis County Office for Aging.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.



## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026

### RESOLUTION ADJUSTING PRESCHOOL PROVIDER SERVICES RATE WITH LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators is authorized to approve a rate list for Preschool Special Education Service Providers; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet the growing demand of children who need these services in the County, the changes are provided as such to make the rates competitive with the intention of enticing other providers to contract with the County to combat the waitlist of students. The former and proposed rates are as follows:

Service	Former Rate Individual	Proposed Rate per half hour Individual	Former Rate Group	Proposed Rate per half hour Group	Proposed Rate per half hour Group of 1
Aid 1:1	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$17.00
Audiology	\$177.50	\$177.50	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$177.50
Psychological	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Occupational Therapy	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Physical Therapy	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Physical Therapy Assistant	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$55.00
Speech Therapy	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Coordination	n/a	\$38.00	n/a	\$25.00	\$38.00
School Health Services/ NURSE	n/a	\$36.00	n/a	\$39.00	\$36.00
Interpreter	n/a	\$42.50	n/a	\$28.00	\$42.50
Orientation and Mobility	n/a	\$64.00	n/a	\$39.00	\$64.00
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	n/a	\$56.00	n/a	\$35.00	\$56.00

Teacher of the Visually Impaired	n/a	\$53.00	n/a	\$33.00	\$53.00
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WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health seeks to have the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorize and approve this list of approved rates for preschool related services, effective March 1, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes and approves an amendment to the Preschool Special Education Provider Agreements to change their pay rates, effective March 1, 2026.

Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF  
LEWIS AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D.B.A VERIZON WIRELESS, FOR LEASE  
SPACE ON THE MONTAGUE 911 TOWER AND SITE**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County has a ninety-nine year lease from the landowner for its 911 Tower and Equipment Shelter at 6588 Sears Pond Road, Montague, NY, ("Montague Tower"). The County has been approached by Verizon Communications, Inc. to obtain limited access to the Montague Tower and site to determine the feasibility of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon Wireless) leasing space on the tower in order to expand its cellular services in the area; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and 911 Coordinator have been in discussions and negotiations with Verizon representatives for temporary access and testing by Verizon and a potential final lease agreement, based upon the preliminary feasibility testing, including structural analysis required for the viability of adding Verizon equipment on the tower for expansion of its cellular services; and

WHEREAS, the parties are finalizing terms for a long-term lease agreement, pending Verizon's testing and preliminary feasibility studies, including a comprehensive structural analysis report to confirm that the tower can support the intended additions, without compromising the County's primary use and operation of the tower for emergency 911 services. The access and testing agreement and proposed long-term lease, with approval from the landowner, would allow for Verizon's installation of its antenna and related equipment at certain heights on the tower, for receipt and transmission of Verizon wireless communication signals, and ground space for its shelter; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the 911 Coordinator, County Attorney and its 911 engineering consultants will review all data, testing results, structural analysis, and probable long-term uses by the County in confirming that leasing specific, identified areas on the tower to Verizon, with specific provisions to guard against and protect the County's equipment and transmission of its 911 system, without interference or damage, is feasible before entering into a final lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize a short term (1 year) access and testing agreement with Verizon for a fee of \$2,200 for its limited and restricted access for testing, together with the obligation of Verizon to reimburse the County for any and all consultants costs and fees for review of all testing data and structural analysis; and

WHEREAS, if all terms and conditions are met for use of the tower space by Verizon after all County required testing and analysis, a long term lease agreement with Verizon Communications Inc. for the use of identified space on the Montague Tower site, 6588 Sears Pond Road, is approved at a monthly rate of \$2,200.00 upon commencement of the first five year initial term; with automatic five-year extension terms (up to eight), with an increase in the monthly rent by 8% over the applicable rent in effect during the previous five (5) year term. Pursuant to the County's lease agreement with the landowner, the monthly rent received by the County will be shared with the landowner on a 50/50 basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County to enter into a short term access and testing agreement with Verizon Communications Inc, through its subsidiary, Cellco Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless, and its named subcontractors for testing and structural analysis as the County may require, at Verizon's sole cost and expense, to determine the feasibility of Verizon renting specified space on the tower and ground on the 911 tower located at 6588 Sears Pond Road, Montague, NY (Montague Tower) with proper structural supports for Verizon's transmission of wireless communications signals without, interference to the County's 911 system and equipment. The fee for this short term testing access is \$2,200.00.

Section 2. Upon the County's expert consultant's review and approval of the proposed structural analysis and testing requirements for placement of Verizon equipment on the Tower without any interference with the County's 911 systems and upon Verizon's decision during the short term testing access period to move forward with a long term lease, the Board of Legislators authorizes the County attorney to finalize a lease agreement with Verizon to lease a portion of the ground space and tower location for an initial 5 year lease term at a monthly rate of \$2,200.00, with automatic five-year extension terms (up to eight), with an increase in the monthly rent by 8% over the applicable rent in effect during the previous five (5) year term; together with all other terms and conditions to protect the County's Emergency 911 system and services provided by this Tower.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair is hereby authorized to execute, seal and deliver said Short Term and Long Term Lease Agreements, Consent, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement, and Memorandum of Lease, if any, and any other documents and forms required to give effect to same, upon such form and content as approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND CORRECTEK, INC. FOR INMATE HEALTH  
INTEGRATION SOFTWARE IN THE LEWIS COUNTY JAIL**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis on behalf of the Sheriff's Department seeks to enter into an agreement with CorrecTek, Inc. for software to integrate platforms from the Jail Management System (Black Creek), the pharmacy interface (Health Direct) and laboratory interface (Lewis County General Hospital) that streamline inmates medical, dental, and behavior health records into a single unified patient chart; and

WHEREAS, CorrecTek, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide installation, maintenance and training as set forth in the service agreement, commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with annual automatic renewals. The total one-time up-front cost of \$49,700.00 includes the software license fee and interface fees. There is a monthly recurring fee of \$1,375.00 for tech support and advantage plan services plus any additional monthly billing for Surescripts Medication History Queries at \$3.00 per patient and Surescript prescribing at \$125.00 per prescriber as more fully set forth in CorrecTek's proposal dated November 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize such Service Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes software, maintenance and training agreement with CorrecTek, Inc., 2929 Broadway, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 to implement software to streamline inmates medical, dental, and behavior health records into a single unified patient chart commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with annual automatic renewals. The total one-time up-front cost of \$49,700.00 includes the software license fee and interface fees. There is a monthly recurring fee of \$1,375.00 for tech support and advantage plan services plus any additional monthly billing for Surescripts Medication History Queries at \$3.00 per patient and Surescript prescribing at \$125.00 per prescriber as more fully set forth in CorrecTek's proposal dated November 18, 2025.

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

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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## **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

### **RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF), AND SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG) PROGRAMS**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs provide critical support to vulnerable children, working families, and individuals across New York State by funding child care assistance, cash assistance, child welfare services, child protective services, and other essential safety net programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs are administered at the local level by counties, using a combination of federal, state, and county taxpayer dollars, with counties responsible for determining eligibility, delivering services, and ensuring program integrity; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notified New York State that it would withhold federal funding for TANF, CCDF, and SSBG as part of a broader action affecting several states, resulting in the freezing of more than \$10 billion in funding nationwide; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, the TANF block grant is an entitlement to states, established through federal welfare reform legislation, and was designed to ensure continuity of assistance to eligible families while allowing states flexibility to design and administer their own programs in compliance with federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Block Grant is funded entirely with federal dollars and supports essential county-administered services, including child welfare, child protective services, and child care, which cannot be easily absorbed by county property taxpayers in the event of a prolonged funding interruption; and

WHEREAS, a blanket withholding of federal funding threatens to destabilize essential services relied upon by hundreds of thousands of eligible New York families, exacerbate the state's affordability crisis, disrupt child care access for working parents, and shift significant costs onto county-funded Safety Net Assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, New York counties already face significant fiscal pressures, including billions of dollars in new costs resulting from recently enacted federal



legislation that shifts additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative expenses and Medicaid-related costs to counties; and

WHEREAS, counties share the federal government's commitment to program integrity, fraud prevention, and accountability, and support the investigation and prosecution of any verified instances of fraud through established oversight and enforcement mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, withholding funding from entire states or programs punishes innocent children and families who are fully eligible for assistance, undermines local service delivery systems, and creates collateral harm that far exceeds any isolated instances of alleged fraud; and

WHEREAS, New York State and in particular, the Lewis County maintains robust eligibility verification and oversight systems for these programs and work diligently to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used appropriately and in compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby calls upon the United States Department of Health and Human Services to immediately restore full funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs to ensure continuity of services for eligible children and families.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators urges the federal government to work collaboratively with New York State and its counties to address any fraud concerns through existing federal and state oversight, audit, and enforcement mechanisms, rather than through blanket funding freezes

Section 3. Lewis County calls upon New York State to maintain consistent communication with counties regarding the status of the federal funding freeze, provide regular updates on litigation and contingency planning efforts, and offer technical and financial support to ensure counties can maintain continuity of operations and services to eligible families.

Section 4. The Lewis County Board of Legislators support enforcement efforts that are targeted at specific bad actors, where appropriate, and not by the imposition of broad punitive measures that harm eligible families, local taxpayers, and county governments.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, New York's Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, the New York State Attorney General, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and any other deemed appropriate.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH RICHARDSON TO THE  
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board was established to advise and assist in the development, coordination, and evaluation of youth programs and services within the County; and

WHEREAS, the participation of student representatives provides valuable perspective and insight to the Youth Bureau Advisory Board, ensuring that the interests and needs of young people in the community are effectively represented; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Richardson of Copenhagen Central School, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve as a student representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Sarah Richardson of Copenhagen Central School as a student representative on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. The term of this appointment shall be effective February 4, 2026 and shall terminate either on the date of her high school graduation or upon ceasing to be a full-time high school student, whichever occurs first.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Sarah Richardson for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Sarah Richardson and to the Director of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - 2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SOPHIE DEALING TO THE  
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board was established to advise and assist in the development, coordination, and evaluation of youth programs and services within the County; and

WHEREAS, the participation of student representatives provides valuable perspective and insight to the Youth Bureau Advisory Board, ensuring that the interests and needs of young people in the community are effectively represented; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Dealing of Copenhagen Central School, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for appointment to serve as a student representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Sophie Dealing of Copenhagen Central School as a student representative on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. The term of this appointment shall be effective February 4, 2026 and shall terminate either on the date of her high school graduation or upon ceasing to be a full-time high school student, whichever occurs first.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses appreciation to Sophie Dealing for her willingness to serve and contribute to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Sophie Dealing and to the Director of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator \_\_, seconded by Legislator \_\_, and adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.