

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA – May 26, 2026

Call to Order:

- Legislator Tom Kalamas, Chair.

Roll Call:

- Clerk of the Board records attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes from April 28, 2026.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

- Social Media: Generational Impacts – Caitlin Lawler, Youth Services Coordinator (15 minutes)
- Lewis County Employment & Training and The Lewis County WorkPlace – Lisa Hetzner, Staff & Workforce Development Coordinator (15 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing budget adjustments within Community Services to reflect additional State Aid received from the Office of Mental Health and contract changes with THRIVE. The changes include a reduction of THRIVE revenue and expenses totaling \$39,743, along with increased revenues and expenditures for ARC, NRCIL, and Lewis County Community Services programs to support personnel, benefits, equipment, supplies, training, travel, and other operational expenses.
2. Authorizing the Lewis County Sheriff Department to apply for up to \$359,466.00 in New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services PSAP grant funding to support and enhance the County's 911 operations. The grant requires no local match and, if awarded, would authorize the County to accept the funding, execute necessary agreements, and appropriate the funds into designated 911 accounts.
3. Authorizing the Lewis County Sheriff Department to apply for up to \$1,146,942.00 in New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services SICG grant funding to improve the interoperability and operability of the County's communication systems. The grant requires no local match and, if awarded, would authorize the County to accept the funding, execute necessary agreements, and appropriate the funds into designated 911 accounts.
4. Authorizing an agreement between Lewis County and Venesky & Company to provide evolving technology services for the DSS Accounting Unit, including the Track with JACK

(TWJ) System, for a one-time cost not to exceed \$20,000 from June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with an ongoing annual maintenance cost of \$4,000 beginning in 2028.

5. Appointing Lonny Snyder of Lowville to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve a two-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.
6. Appointing Megan Marolf of Copenhagen to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve a two-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.
7. Appointing Sarah Elgallad of Lowville Academy & Central School as a student representative to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board. Her appointment will be effective June 3, 2026 and continue until her high school graduation or until she is no longer a full-time high school student.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

Additional Information

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

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 following appropriation is hereby approved within the Community Services accounts to reflect the receipt of additional State Aid from the Office of Mental Health and contract changes with THRIVE. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to make all necessary budgetary adjustments as follows:

Decrease Revenue:

A0431900 334903 Thrive Revenue \$39,743.00

Decrease Expenditure:

A0431900 422800 Thrive Expense \$39,743.00

Increase Revenues:

A0432200 334922 ARC Revenue \$182.00

A0432400 334922 NRCIL Revenue \$5,057.00

A0433500 334922 LC Com Serv Revenue \$159,393.00

Increase Expenditures:

A0 432200 422800 ARC Expense \$182.00

A0432400 422800 NRCIL Expense \$5,057.00

A0433500 110100 LC Com Serv Personnel Expense \$85,563.00

A0433500 801000 LC Com Serv Retire Exp \$5,609.00

A0433500 803000 LC Com Serv FICA \$3,460.00

A0433500 804000 LC Com Serv Workers Comp \$235.00

A0433500 806000 LC Com Serv Health Ins \$11,913.00

A0433500 807000 LC Com Serv Dental Ins \$613.00

A0433500 220100 LC Com Serv Office Furn \$5,000.00

A0433500 221701 LC Com Serv IT Capital \$2,000.00

A0433500 440700 LC Com Serv Supplies \$1,000.00

A0433500 450100 LC Com Serv Education and Training \$2,000.00

A0433500 450700 LC Com Serv Travel \$2,000.00

A0433500 490900 LC Com Serv Misc Exp \$40,000.00

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYS DHSES PSAP
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff Department, desires to apply for a NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) PSAP grant to enhance and sustain the County's 911 operations; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County can apply for up to \$359,466.00, with no match required; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application, and if awarded funds, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Lewis County Sheriff Department to submit a NYS DHSES PSAP Grant application for up to \$359,466.00.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to electronically sign and submit the application and any documents required under the application.

Section 3. In the event the County is awarded grant funds, the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the award, authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute any grant agreement and other documents required to accept the award, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funds into appropriate 911 accounts.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYS DHSES SICG
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff Department, desires to apply for a NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) SICG Grant to improve the interoperability and operability of the County's communication systems; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County can apply for up to \$1,146,942.00, with no match required; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this application, and if awarded funds, to authorize agreements and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Lewis County Sheriff Department to submit a NYS DHSES SICG Grant application for up to \$1,146,942.00.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to electronically sign and submit the application and any documents required under the application.

Section 3. In the event the County is awarded grant funds, the Board of Legislators authorizes acceptance of the award, authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute any grant agreement and other documents required to accept the award, upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and directs the Treasurer to appropriate the awarded funds into appropriate 911 accounts.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS
AND VENESKY & COMPANY FOR EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY FOR THE DSS
ACCOUNTING UNIT**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services seeks to enter into an agreement for evolving technology for the DSS Accounting Unit in order to support its accounting operations; and

WHEREAS, Venesky & Company, 6114 State Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039, will provide evolving technology services with detailed scope of work for the DSS Accounting Unit for a one-time payment in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the period from June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027. Starting January 1, 2028 there will be a \$4,000.00 annual cost for the Track with JACK (TWJ) System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with Venesky & Company to provide evolving technology for the DSS Accounting Unit, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the period June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027. Commencing January 1, 2028, there will be an annual cost of \$4,000.00 for the Track with JACK (TWJ) time allocation system, inclusive of end user licenses and cloud services as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators, be and the same is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**APPOINTING LONNY SNYDER AS A MEMBER TO
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, there has been a vacancy on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board since November 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lonny Snyder of Lowville, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for appointment to fill the vacancy and to be reappointed to serve a two-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Lonny Snyder of Lowville, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve a two-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Lonny Snyder for his 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 Lonny Snyder and to the Director of the Youth Bureau.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**APPOINTING MEGAN MAROLF AS A MEMBER TO
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, there has been a vacancy on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Megan Marolf of Copenhagen, New York, has been recommended by the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for appointment to fill the vacancy and to be reappointed to serve a two-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Megan Marolf of Copenhagen, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve a two-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Megan Marolf 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 Megan Marolf and to the Director of the Youth Bureau.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH ELGALLAD 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 Elgallad of Lowville Academy & 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 Elgallad of Lowville Academy & Central School as a student representative on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 2. The term of this appointment shall be effective June 3, 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 Elgallad 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 Elgallad 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 2nd day of June, 2026.