

REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman of the Board, Lawrence Dolhof.

ROLL CALL:

Legislator Frost, Legislator Kalamas, Legislator Moser, Legislator Lyndaker, Legislator Nortz, Legislator Hanno, Legislator Leviker, Legislator Osborne, Legislator Nellenback, and Legislator Dolhof were present. There were 56 other people present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE:

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

MINUTES:

Chairman Dolhof declared the July 7, 2026, meeting minutes approved by general consent.

RECOGNITION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S):

A proclamation honoring B. Elizabeth Strong Memorial Library's 80th Anniversary was read by the Clerk of the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

At 5:03 PM Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearings for comments on the Introductory Local Law No. 4-2026 "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3-2019: The Re-Established Lewis County Trail System"; Introductory Local Law No. 5-2026 "The Amended Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code"; and Order for Demolition and Removal of Unsafe Structures and Filling of Exposed Foundation at 4119 Center Street, Village of Lyons Falls.

County Attorney Ian Gilbert offered to lead the discussion on the Order for Demolition and Removal by asking Director of Fire & Building Codes Jon Roes to summarize the circumstances surrounding the unsafe structure located at 4119 Center Street, Lyons Falls. Mr. Roes testified that, in his capacity as Director of Building Codes, he is responsible for enforcing the County's Unsafe Structures Law and protecting public safety. He explained that he became involved with the property in March 2026 after discovering a lengthy history of code enforcement actions related to a fire-damaged structure that had been ordered demolished several years earlier. While much of the damaged building had been removed, portions of the structure, an exposed foundation, and a secondary deteriorated structure remained on the property.

Mr. Roes stated that a Notice of Violation and Order to Comply was issued in April 2026, followed by a Notice of Condemnation posted in May 2026. He confirmed that he subsequently submitted a report to the Board recommending demolition pursuant to the County's Unsafe Structures Law. Based on his inspection, Mr. Roes testified that the remaining structures pose a danger to the public due to their deteriorated condition, proximity to the public sidewalk, risk of collapse, standing water within the exposed foundation, and the presence of unidentified tanks and debris on the property. He recommended that the unsafe conditions be corrected within 60 days, and no later than 90 days, to avoid further deterioration and complications associated with the upcoming winter season.

Property owner Victoria Marriott addressed the Board and stated that she intended to have the property cleaned up but needed additional time to secure assistance and a contractor to complete the work. Following discussion, the Board indicated its willingness to allow up to 90 days for the property owner to complete the cleanup. Chairman Dolhof advised that Mr. Roes would serve as the County's point of contact regarding the property's status and explained that if the work was not completed within the established timeframe, the County could proceed with demolition using its contractor. He further noted that County-performed work would be subject to prevailing wage requirements, resulting in higher costs, and that all demolition expenses would be assessed against the property and added to the property tax bill. The Chairman encouraged the property owner to complete the work through a private contractor as the more cost-effective option.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

The Finance and Rules Committee have met and recommend to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Jessica Moser
Jeffrey Nellenback
Herb Frost
Thomas Osborne
Barry Lyndaker

Dated: August 4, 2026

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof reviewed the rules for privilege of the floor. Anyone present can address the Board of Legislators on matters of the agenda. Speakers are limited to five minutes each and may not yield their time to someone else. Time may be adjusted by the chairperson depending on the number of individuals needing to speak. Speakers must clearly state their name and township for the record and we would appreciate it if you would spell it also. Speakers must direct all remarks to

the Board of Legislators as a body, not to a specific individual, staff, or member of the public. The purpose of addressing the Board is for the Board of Legislators to receive and listen to the public statements on issues of county government. It is not a forum for debate, question or answers, or discussion between members of the board and members of the public. If someone would like to have a dialogue with the Board of Legislators, they are directed to call the Clerk of the Board and set up an appointment. Repetitive or redundant statements are discouraged. Finally, disrespectful conduct will not be tolerated, and you will be asked to refrain from disruptive behavior or leave the meeting.

Harvey Ingersoll, a Village of Lowville resident and longtime volunteer with Lewis County Search and Rescue, addressed the Board regarding the organization. He provided a brief overview of the agency's history, noting its evolution from providing rescue and ambulance services to its current role as an ambulance service. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the organization has grown in both staffing and resources over the years and asserted that its current financial position is strong, indicating that concerns regarding the organization's financial stability are unfounded. He expressed support for the current leadership of Lewis County Search and Rescue and opposed County involvement in its governance, stating that such action could negatively impact volunteer participation within the organization.

Rick Hunkins, a resident of Beaver Falls and longtime volunteer with Lewis County Search and Rescue, addressed the Board regarding the organization's operations and the County's ongoing discussions related to emergency medical services. Mr. Hunkins provided a brief overview of the agency's transition from a primarily volunteer organization to one staffed largely by paid personnel and described recent changes to its Board structure intended to include community representation.

Mr. Hunkins outlined his perspective on recent events involving Lewis County Search and Rescue, including the County's EMS planning efforts, discussions with County officials regarding a coordinated EMS system, correspondence received from the agency's medical director, and meetings between the Search and Rescue Board and County representatives. He expressed the organization's support for its current management team, stated that the Board is committed to addressing concerns raised by its medical director, and voiced concern regarding the timeline and conditions presented during discussions with the County. Mr. Hunkins stated that the organization remains committed to working collaboratively with the County, the hospital, and other EMS providers to develop a sustainable, countywide emergency medical services system and welcomed continued negotiations and the establishment of reasonable performance expectations.

Donald Peavey, representing New York State Civic Affairs, addressed the Board regarding public safety and the importance of preserving local control of government. He expressed appreciation to those who had spoken on emergency

medical services and encouraged the Board to continue supporting efforts to strengthen public safety. Mr. Peavey also spoke in favor of protecting home rule, expressing concerns regarding increasing State involvement in local government affairs and urging the Board to continue advocating for local decision-making authority. He voiced support for the New York State Association of Towns' Bill of Rights and encouraged Lewis County to continue working with other local governments to advocate for greater local control.

Chairman Dolhof stated that the Board has continued to advocate on these issues at the State level. He encouraged Mr. Peavey and others to support those efforts by communicating with members of State Legislature.

Loretta Lepkowski addressed the Board in support of Lewis County Search and Rescue. Ms. Lepkowski shared that, through her research and conversations with current and former members of the organization, she gained a greater understanding of the agency's history, growth, and role in providing emergency services to the community. She highlighted the organization's evolution from its early beginnings into a professional and essential service and expressed appreciation for the dedication of those involved. Ms. Lepkowski encouraged the Board to recognize the importance of Lewis County Search and Rescue and the services it provides to residents during times of crisis.

Josh Levesque, Chief of Operations for Lewis County Search and Rescue, addressed the Board regarding the ongoing discussions surrounding emergency medical services and the future of EMS delivery within Lewis County. Mr. Levesque stated that his purpose was to provide transparency regarding the history of discussions and efforts related to EMS planning and to answer questions regarding the agency's operations.

Mr. Levesque provided an overview of Lewis County Search and Rescue's involvement in previous EMS initiatives, including participation in an ad hoc EMS committee, collaboration with County officials, and efforts to address future EMS workforce challenges. He highlighted the establishment of an EMT training program through BOCES, County financial support provided for EMS initiatives, and the agency's continued efforts to maintain and expand service capabilities.

Mr. Levesque discussed his concerns regarding the potential development of a County-operated EMS system and questioned what additional services or improvements could not be achieved through continued partnership and supplemental funding. He stated that Lewis County Search and Rescue remains committed to serving the community, maintaining its current operations, and working collaboratively with the County to address EMS challenges. He expressed support for establishing measurable performance expectations through agreements or contracts rather than restructuring the agency's governance.

Mr. Levesque addressed operational challenges, including staffing availability, ambulance coverage throughout the County, and the need for additional resources to support both emergency responses and hospital transports. He stated that additional funding could allow the agency to expand staffing and improve coverage where needed. He also expressed concerns regarding recent discussions related to the agency's leadership structure and the process by which those discussions occurred.

Mr. Levesque further addressed concerns related to communications from the agency's medical director and stated that the agency had taken steps to ensure continued compliance with EMS requirements. He reiterated that Lewis County Search and Rescue intends to continue providing emergency medical services and is willing to provide information and work with the County toward a cooperative solution.

Chairman Dolhof advised Mr. Levesque that comments during Privilege of the Floor are not intended for debate and noted that there are multiple perspectives regarding the EMS discussions. The Chairman stated that the County has expressed a willingness to work collaboratively with Lewis County Search and Rescue and explained that concerns raised by the agency's medical director created the need for the County to consider contingency plans to ensure continued EMS coverage should service disruptions occur.

Mr. Levesque responded that the agency understands the importance of maintaining medical direction and has taken steps to ensure continued compliance. He expressed concern regarding the timing and manner in which the medical director's concerns were communicated and stated that the agency remains committed to transparency, cooperation, and providing the information necessary to address outstanding issues.

Jamie Deines of Boonville addressed the Board regarding Lewis County Search and Rescue and local government authority. Ms. Deines expressed her support for Lewis County Search and Rescue, sharing her personal observations of the organization's response capabilities and stating that the agency provides valuable emergency services to the community. She commended the dedication, training, and commitment of Search and Rescue personnel and highlighted their role in assisting residents during emergency situations.

Ms. Deines also encouraged the Board to support Resolution No. 179 regarding home rule and local government authority. She expressed concerns regarding State-level decisions that impact local communities and advocated for preserving the ability of municipalities to make decisions regarding issues affecting their residents. She referenced discussions with officials in other communities, including the Town of Fenner in Madison County, regarding local concerns related to large-scale energy projects and the desire for greater local oversight. Ms. Deines

encouraged the Board to continue advocating for local control and thanked the Board for considering these issues.

CLERK OF THE BOARD REPORT:

There were three letters received from Lewis County residents urging Lewis County to join litigation against ORES to restore Home Rules and Citizen Referendum Rights. The Development Authority of the North Country (DNAC) submitted their annual report, which has been placed on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Leviker reported during last week's General Services Committee meeting, there was an update on the Rail Trail Master Plan Study from Creighton Manning Engineering, including the project schedule, public outreach efforts, and field work completed to date. Consultants reported that community engagement is ongoing through meetings, surveys, and stakeholder outreach, while preliminary evaluations have identified infrastructure, environmental, and property access considerations that will help guide future recommendations.

The Committee also received reports on the Oneida-Herkimer Recycling Center and the proposed GovWell online permitting platform. The recycling presentation highlighted regional collaboration, modern recycling operations, and the County's upcoming contract negotiations, while the Building and Fire Code presentation outlined the benefits of transitioning to GovWell, including enhanced permitting, reporting, and planning capabilities, with continued in-person assistance available for residents as needed.

Legislator Kalamas reported during last week's Human Services Committee meeting, there was a presentation from the Director of Human Resources regarding New York State's Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide (NY HELPS) Program and the County's proposal to adopt the program locally. The program allows qualified candidates to be appointed to eligible competitive class positions without first taking a civil service examination while maintaining all existing qualifications and civil service requirements.

The Committee discussed the local adoption process, which includes a public hearing and State approval of eligible titles. The program is intended to improve recruitment for hard-to-fill positions by providing a faster path to employment while serving as a temporary supplement to the traditional civil service examination process.

Legislator Moser reported during last week's Finance & Rules Committee meeting, there was an annual update from Naturally Lewis highlighting ongoing economic development, tourism, and business support initiatives. The presentation included updates on business grant funding, site development efforts, tourism

promotion, and entrepreneurial support, as well as continued collaboration with local and regional partners to promote economic growth throughout Lewis County.

Naturally Lewis also reported an estimated \$6.68 million economic impact over the past year through its Community Economic Development Program, along with continued growth in membership, leadership development, and services supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Legislator Nortz reported that the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers did not meet in the month of July. In lieu of a report, he recognized Gerald R. Cayer, Chief Executive Officer of Lewis County Health System, for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service to the organization and the Lewis County community. Legislator Nortz highlighted Mr. Cayer's guidance of the Health System through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, his efforts in successfully reopening maternity services in March 2024, and his leadership of significant capital construction projects that modernized facilities, enhanced patient care spaces, and strengthened the future of healthcare services in Lewis County.

Legislator Nortz acknowledged Mr. Cayer's commitment to strategic planning, community partnerships, and expanding access to healthcare. He also recognized Mr. Cayer's involvement in numerous community organizations and his service as a high school basketball and baseball official in Lewis and Jefferson Counties.

Legislator Nortz presented Mr. Cayer with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Lewis County Board of Legislators honoring his exceptional leadership, dedicated service, and lasting positive impact on Lewis County Health System and the community it serves. The certificate was signed by Chairman Lawrence Dolhof and County Manager Timothy Hunt and dated August 4, 2026.

The Board expressed its appreciation for Mr. Cayer's contributions and acknowledged that his leadership, dedication, and accomplishments have created a strong foundation that will continue to benefit Lewis County Health System and the residents of Lewis County.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

County Manager Timothy Hunt reported that budget meetings have been ongoing and that 19 departments have completed their budget reviews. He commended the departments for their work and stated that the current process has provided a clearer picture of the County's budget outlook. Mr. Hunt advised that he anticipates providing the Board with an update during committee meetings regarding the status of the budget and next steps.

Mr. Hunt also addressed comments made during the meeting regarding local government authority and energy-related issues. He reported that Lewis County has been collaborating with other counties throughout Upstate New York on these concerns and has worked with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) to establish an energy committee focused on bringing counties together to address shared challenges. He noted that some areas of the State, particularly along Route 104 corridor in Western New York, are experiencing significant impacts from solar development. Mr. Hunt stated that the County is working collectively with other local governments to advocate for local interests and provide municipalities with additional resources, including assistance with zoning updates and other tools available to support local decision-making.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Deputy Treasurer Taszden Newton reported that the balance of the contingency fund, as at the end of July, was \$142,10150. If the proposed resolutions are adopted in today's meeting, it will be utilizing the remainder of that existing balance, so the contingency fund after tonight would be a \$0 balance.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Continued):

At 5:53 PM Chairman Dolhof closed all public hearings.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 171 – 2026

AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

Introduced by Legislator Jeffrey Nellenback, Vice-Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$3,344,852.22 be and each is hereby audited and allowed for the amounts claimed, and that the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw checks for the County Treasurer for the amounts claimed, in favor of each of the claimants or their assigns.

Moved by Legislator Nortz , seconded by Legislator Kalamas .

Legislator Moser recused herself from the vote, as several payments included therein are either made payable to her for services rendered as an assigned council or reflect vouchers she approved in that capacity.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 172 - 2026

**ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 – 2026, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2026, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2019: THE RE-ESTABLISHED LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised on July 21, 2026 in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 4-2026), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2019: THE RE-ESTABLISHED LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 4–2026, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 4-2026, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and compliance with all other requirements of law.

Moved by Legislator Leviker, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 2026

**ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 – 2026, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2026, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “THE AMENDED LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised on July 21, 2026 in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 5-2026), County of Lewis, being “THE AMENDED LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 5-2026, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 5-2026, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and compliance with all other requirements of law.

Moved by Legislator Hanno, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: Lyndaker.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2026

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH GOVWELL TECHNOLOGIES TO ENHANCE THE LEWIS COUNTY BUILDING AND FIRE CODE DEPARTMENT'S ELECTRONIC PERMITTING PLATFORM TOGETHER WITH MIGRATION, ANNUAL SOFTWARE PROGRAMS, LICENSING, AND SUPPORT

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Lewis County Building and Fire Code Department implemented an electronic permit management system to improve productivity and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Director of Code Enforcement and the Director of Planning and Community Development seek to enter into an agreement with GovWell Technologies, Inc., New York, NY, to add additional technology and features not available in the current platform, and with annual recurring software programs, licenses and support services as set forth in their proposal, at a cost of \$54,500.00 in the first year and recurring costs of \$38,000.00 each year thereafter, subject to annual increases of five percent (5%) after the initial term; and

WHEREAS, \$16,500.00 of the initial cost will be paid upon signing from Building and Fire Code Department's budget, and the remainder of the initial cost (\$38,000.00) will be paid in early 2027 out of the Capital budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with GovWell Technologies, Inc., to provide software programs, licensing and support services for the Building and Fire Code Department's electronic permitting platform at an initial cost of \$54,500.00 in the first year, and subject to recurring annual fees with 5% percent increases after the initial term.

Section 2. The Lewis County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$16,500.00 within the Building & Fire Code Department budget to provide funding for the GovWell software from unexpended funds, due to personnel changes, as follows:

Decrease Expenditure:

A0362000 110100 Codes Personal Services	\$16,500.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0362000 440901 IT Services Costs	\$16,500.00
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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 related documents upon such form and terms as may be recommended by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Hanno, seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 175 - 2026

**DIRECTING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL
OF AN UNSAFE BUILDING PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2007,
(VILLAGE OF LYONS FALLS)**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 2-2007, entitled, "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, UNSAFE EQUIPMENT AND COLLAPSED STRUCTURES," (herein "Unsafe Building Law"), the Board of Legislators is empowered to take certain actions in connection with the investigation and enforcement of buildings and structures that are deemed to be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of such Local Law, the Lewis County Code Enforcement Officer conducted an investigation of the premises known Tax Map No. 322.19-06-15.000, owned by Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott. The Code Officer determined that the burned, partial structure is unsafe with an open, exposed basement that is a danger to anyone who may attempt go near, and issued a report to the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer reported that the remaining burned structure is unsafe, in disrepair, and damaged. The structure lacks integrity, is unfit for human occupancy and is definable as unsafe. This building has burned, the initial demolition was incomplete, the foundation is exposed with an unsafe hole, and the structure in the back of the property is collapsed. All of these conditions pose a danger to anyone who may attempt to enter onto the premises. The Code Enforcement Officer condemned the structure and appropriately posted same; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer concludes in his report the remaining structures and exposed foundation are unsafe and dangerous as described in the Local Law; that they cannot be safely repaired; that all remaining structures should be demolished, and the open foundation should be properly cleared of all debris, including removal of any tanks, and properly filled in. All other debris on the premises should be removed and properly disposed of, together with any other service which may subsequently be deemed necessary for the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 153-2026, the Board of Legislators ordered and decreed that Frederick G. Marriott or his representative appear before this Board of Legislators on August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and Show Cause before the Board why it should not be Ordered for the owner, or any other interested party, to immediately demolish and remove the remaining partial structure and debris, the collapsed

structure on the back, and to appropriately fill in the exposed foundation located on parcel Tax Map No. 322.19-06-15.000, 4119 Center Street, in the Village of Lyons Falls, New York; and that in the event the owner or other interested party fails to comply with such Order or fails or refuses to demolish or remove said building, and related debris and to properly fill the foundation, that the Board of Legislators provide for the demolitions and removal and proper fill of the foundation, and assess all expenses thereof against the land on which it is located, and to commence a special proceeding to collect the costs of demolition, including legal expenses, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Owners were given due notice of the hearing before this Board by personal service on July 14, 2026, and by certified mail service. A Notice of the Hearing was securely affixed upon the unsafe building on July 20, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Owner or his representative did appear for the hearing before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on August 4, 2026, and the Board having heard the testimony of the Code Enforcement Officer and reviewed the documentary evidence submitted as Exhibits, and the argument of the County Attorney, the Board renders the following findings and determinations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby finds and determines as follows:

- (a) That Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott are the Owners of the premises known as Tax Map No. 322.19-06-15.000, located at and designated as 4119 Center Street, in the Village of Lyons Falls, County of Lewis;
- (b) That the Lewis County Code Enforcement Officer duly inspected said premises, condemned the remnants of the burned structure, as well as the second collapsed structure, and declared that the buildings located on said premises were unsafe and not repairable and should be properly demolished and removed, and the foundation properly filled and graded;
- (c) That the remaining burned structure is unsafe, in disrepair and damaged, and is unfit for human occupancy and a danger to anyone who may attempt to enter, and the structure in the back of the property is collapsed and unsafe;
- (d) That the Board of Legislators received the report of the Code Enforcement Officer dated June 9, 2026, and agrees with his findings;
- (e) That Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott have received due notice of these proceedings;

- (f) That the buildings located on the premises known as Tax Map No. 322.19-06-15.000, located at 4119 Center Street, in the Village of Lyons Falls, County of Lewis are unsafe, constitute a public nuisance and a danger to the safety, health and welfare of the community and must be immediately demolished and removed;

Section 2. By reason of such findings, it is hereby

ORDERED AND DECREED that Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott, Owners of premises known as Tax Map No. 322.19-06-15.000 and located at and designated as 4119 Center Street, in the Village of Lyons Falls, County of Lewis, shall immediately demolish and remove the buildings located thereon, and properly fill and level the foundation; and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED that Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott, shall immediately commence proper removal of the building and garage within thirty (30) days of service of notice of this order; and shall complete same within forty-five (45) days; and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED, that in the event that Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott fail or refuse to commence the demolition process in accordance with this Resolution, the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause such buildings to be demolished and removed, and the foundation properly filled and leveled, either by County employees or by contract, provided that any contract for demolition and removal of a building in excess of \$20,000.00 shall be awarded through competitive bidding; and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED, that in the event that the County provides for the demolition and removal of such buildings, and the filling and leveling of said foundation, all of the costs and expenses of same shall be assessed against the land upon which it is located; and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED that a certified copy of this resolution and orders shall be served upon Frederick G. and Victoria M. Marriott, Owners of such buildings by personal service, or alternative service if personal service fails after multiple attempts, and by certified mail to the last known address as shown by the records of the receiver of taxes.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Frost .

Legislator Dolhof moved to amend Resolution No. 175-2026 to allow up to 90 days for the owners to demolish and remove the buildings, and to properly fill and level the foundation, seconded by Legislator Hanno, and carried.

The amended resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND
JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR DESIGN, ADMINISTRATION, AND
ANALYSIS OF A TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HYGIENE SURVEY**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Community Services Department seeks to enter into an agreement for the design, administration, and analysis of a tri-county mental hygiene-focused survey to gather resident feedback for use in development of the 2028-2031 Lewis County Local Services Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Community College ("JCC"), through its Center for Community Studies, will design survey instruments and deploy the survey in Fall 2026, utilizing statistically reliable sampling techniques to obtain responses from adult residents across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties on topics identified by the Directors of Community Services. Upon completion of the survey, JCC will conduct a full analysis of the results and provide an executive summary of high-level findings; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is \$40,000.00, which is anticipated to be funded entirely through federal revenue received by the Lewis County Community Services Department, with no local funds required; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with JCC is contingent on Lewis County executing agreements with Jefferson County and St. Lawrence County for each county to reimburse Lewis County one-third of the cost of the study (\$13,333.33 from each county); 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 Jefferson Community College, through its Center for Community Studies, for the design, administration, and analysis of a tri-county mental hygiene-focused survey, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the period from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; contingent upon agreements with Jefferson County and St. Lawrence to reimburse the County \$13,333.33 each.

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 Lewis County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2026 Community Services budget by appropriating reimbursement funds received from Jefferson County and St. Lawrence County into the appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts as necessary.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas , seconded by Legislator Osborne .

Legislator Nortz inquired whether both Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties had agreed to participate in their respective portions of the project. Community Services Director Anna Platz confirmed that she had been in communication with her counterparts in both counties. She advised that the Jefferson County Board was scheduled to vote on its commitment that evening, while St. Lawrence County was expected to consider the matter in the coming weeks. Ms. Platz further stated that she had previously received verbal commitments from her counterparts in both counties.

The resolution was adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2026

**ACCEPTING FY2025 EMPG AND
SHSP GRANTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Director of Emergency Management submits annual on-line applications for grant funding provided by the US Department of Homeland Security, administered through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), and identified as Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG FY2025) and State Homeland Security Program grant (FY25 SHSP); and

WHEREAS, the Director received notification of awards under these two grants; i.e. \$13,309.00 under EMPG FY2025 Grant, and \$29,469.00 under SHSP FY25 Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the awards and appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators accepts the FY25 EMPG and SHSP grant awards, and authorizes the Chairman to execute any additional documents required to receive the funding.

Section 2. The Lewis County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget adjustments to record the receipt and appropriation of grant funds:

Increase Revenue(s):

A0454100 343701 FY25 SHSP	\$29,469.00
A0454100 343704 FY25 EMPG	\$ 13,309.00

Increase Expenditure(s):

A0454100 291701 FY25 SHSP Equipment	\$29,469.00
A0454100 499704 FY25 EMPG	\$ 13,309.00

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2026

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$63,781.00 from the Town of New Bremen and \$6,122.50 from the Lewis County General Hospital as reimbursement for engineering fees paid by the County to Barton & Loguidice for Countywide FEMA Assessment work, as follows:

Increase Revenue:

D0501000 326550 CR Minor Sales	\$69,903.50
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Increase Expenditure:

D0533390 495333 FEMA Materials	\$69,903.50
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Leviker , seconded by Legislator Hanno , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026, with Legislator Lyndaker voting in opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 – 2026

SUPPORTING THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BILL OF RIGHTS

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Legislators Thomas Kalamas and Herb Frost brought forth as co-sponsors of this Resolution to the Finance and Rules Committee for support and referral by the Committee to the full Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, local municipal governments provide services essential to the vitality of New York State, including but not limited to maintaining and repairing roads, protecting neighborhoods and businesses, guiding economic development, and serving as the first line of defense, communication, and safety for residents every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, the 933 towns of New York State are home to more than 9.1 million New Yorkers and are diverse in population, geography, and demographics, such that decisions affecting daily life are best made at the local level by the government that best understands each community's character, challenges, and needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town, Village and County governments of New York are partners in shaping the State's future, and a true partnership between the State and its local governments will propel the State forward to the benefit of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of Towns has adopted a *Bill of Rights* articulating the core principles that should govern the relationship between the State and its Towns; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County shares and affirms those principles, namely:

1. Protection and defense of municipal home rule, recognizing that local municipal governments, are best positioned to balance competing interests and make decisions that shape daily life;
2. Local control of land use and zoning, free from statewide zoning rules that override the voice of resident taxpayers and the officials they elect;
3. Freedom from unfunded mandates, so that local taxpayers are not made to bear the cost of orders imposed by State and federal authorities without the resources to carry them out;
4. Modernized transparency, accessibility, and engagement, including reform of outdated public-notice requirements that consume scarce municipal dollars on print notices often missed by the public; and

5. A meaningful voice in State decisions affecting the residents, so that Towns, Villages and County governments are treated as true partners rather than an afterthought or a hurdle to clear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby endorses the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights and affirms its commitment to the principles set forth therein.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to respect and uphold these principles in the enactment of legislation and the administration of State programs affecting local municipal governments.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the State Senator(s) and Member(s) of the Assembly representing the County of Lewis.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Frost, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 - 2026

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EASEMENT TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AND FRONTIER/CITIZEN AT THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) PROPERTY (5274 OUTER STOWE STREET)

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis is owner of property located at 5274 Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, NY, being a part of tax parcel No. 212.15-01-34.100, and known as the County's DSS Building; and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Project, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) seeks to install and maintain any necessary National Grid Electric Distribution Upgrades and National Grid Load Management System Upgrades within the County's land, including installing a new pole and ancillary equipment in an approximately 20-foot wide area considered the easement area on the County's property as shown on the sketch entitled WR#23-26-31277869, as a permanent easement area for the purpose of providing improved services to the County and others serviced in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement will not interfere with the County's uses of its property located thereon, and in fact, the grant of the easement to NMPC is necessary in order for the County to complete its EV Infrastructure Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to grant this easement request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the granting of a perpetual easement from the County of Lewis to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Frontier/Citizens on the County's property located at 5274 Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, NY, being a part of tax parcel No. 212.15-01-34.100, commonly known as the County DSS Building, for the purpose of NMPC to construct, reconstruct, relocate, extend, repair, maintain, operate, inspect, patrol, and, at their pleasure, remove any poles or lines of poles, supporting structures, cables, crossarms, overhead and underground wires, guys, guy stubs, insulators, transformers, braces, fittings, foundations, anchors, lateral service lines, communications facilities, and other fixtures and appurtenances (collectively, the "Facilities") upon, over, under and across approximately twenty (20) feet in width throughout the extent of the easement area as described on NMPC Easement Area sketch entitled "WR #23-22-31277869, for the County's EV Infrastructure Project.

Section 2. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such NMPC easement, and any other related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 181 - 2026

**APPOINTING ADAM MATTESON TO THE
LEWIS COUNTY FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 508-2016, the Lewis County Board of Legislators designated the Lewis County Planning Director as the Lewis County Fair Housing Officer and HUD Section 3 Coordinator, and authorized the Planning Director to engage in activities required to maintain compliance with HUD regulations and implementation of fair housing education and enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2016 report, fair housing education and enforcement resources were identified, *inter alia*, as areas to be improved upon in Lewis County, with the recommendation that not only the County Planning Director be named the local fair housing officer, but that also there should be established a fair housing task force comprised of representative members with affiliated interests in housing, (such as representatives from the office for the aging, mortgage lenders, real estate sales, non-profit housing, religious organizations, apartment rental agencies, housing construction industry, trade laborers); and

WHEREAS, the task force will assist in promoting fair housing choice for all persons in the County and reaffirm a commitment to equal opportunity for residents to live in safe, decent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Adam Matteson of Lowville, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Fair Housing Task Force.

Section 2. The said appointment shall be effective August 5, 2026 for an indefinite term.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 182 - 2026

**APPOINTING MICHAEL HANNO TO THE
LEWIS COUNTY FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 508-2016, the Lewis County Board of Legislators designated the Lewis County Planning Director as the Lewis County Fair Housing Officer and HUD Section 3 Coordinator, and authorized the Planning Director to engage in activities required to maintain compliance with HUD regulations and implementation of fair housing education and enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2016 report, fair housing education and enforcement resources were identified, *inter alia*, as areas to be improved upon in Lewis County, with the recommendation that not only the County Planning Director be named the local fair housing officer, but that also there should be established a fair housing task force comprised of representative members with affiliated interests in housing, (such as representatives from the office for the aging, mortgage lenders, real estate sales, non-profit housing, religious organizations, apartment rental agencies, housing construction industry, trade laborers); and

WHEREAS, the task force will assist in promoting fair housing choice for all persons in the County and reaffirm a commitment to equal opportunity for residents to live in safe, decent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Legislator Michael Hanno of Glenfield, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Fair Housing Task Force.

Section 2. The said appointment shall be effective August 5, 2026 for an indefinite term.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost , seconded by Legislator Moser .

Legislator Hanno recused himself due to the resolution involving his appointment.

The resolution was adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND
JEFFERSON-LEWIS-HAMILTON-HERKIMER-ONEIDA BOCES FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A MODULAR BUILDING FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION TRANSFER POINT**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Community Development Department seeks to enter into an agreement for the construction of a modular building with a climate-controlled waiting area, an ADA restroom, and a mechanical/utility room to serve as the Lewis County Public Transportation transfer point at the Human Services Building location on Outer Stowe Street; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES"), 20104 State Route 3, Watertown, New York 13601, has agreed to partner with the County of Lewis for the construction of said modular building for a total cost not to exceed \$49,999.00, for the period from July 9, 2026 through December 31, 2027, to be located at the New Transportation Transfer Point/Human Services Building, 5274 Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, New York 13367; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the construction project is anticipated to be funded through the NYSERDA Clean Mobility Program, subject to the execution of a funding agreement between the County of Lewis and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES for the construction of a modular building with a climate-controlled waiting area, an ADA restroom, and a mechanical/utility room to serve as the Lewis County Public Transportation transfer point, at a cost not to exceed \$49,999.00, for the period from July 9, 2026 through December 31, 2027, provided that the County first executes a funding agreement with NYSERDA for the project.

Section 2. The cost of the construction project in an amount not to exceed \$49,999.00 is hereby accepted as funded through the NYSERDA Clean Mobility Program, contingent upon the execution of a funding agreement between the County

of Lewis and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

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 related documents, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost, seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 184 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY AND
NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION FOR
ROUND 5 REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS UNDER SEPTIC AND CESSPOOL
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (a grant program to counties), to allow for participating counties to reimburse eligible property owners for a portion of costs of replacing cesspools and septic systems that impair or threaten waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded \$85,000.00 and \$190,000.00 in prior rounds under this program. Under the terms of the agreement, the County can seek reimbursement from EFC for up to 50% of the costs of eligible septic/cesspool improvements/replacements; and

WHEREAS, the County has received notification of an award under the program under Round 5 providing an additional \$150,000.00 in reimbursable funds to be included with funds previously awarded, with the program anticipated to be extended for an additional five-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept the additional award and agreement for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes an updated agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, to accept the Round 5 award of \$150,000.00 under the State Septic System Replacement Grant Fund Program.

Section 2. The additional \$150,000.00 award shall be administered by the Planning and Community Development Department for an anticipated additional five-year term.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators, together with the Director, is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such updated Agreement, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Nortz, seconded by Legislator Hanno, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 185 - 2026

**AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
LEWIS AND LABELLA ASSOCIATES, D.P.C. TO PREPARE A CDBG-FUNDED
VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY INVENTORY**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP for countywide Vacant and Blighted Property Inventory, funded through the CDBG Community Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bid proposals were opened on July 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Planning Department staff and the Purchasing Director, recommend that the County award the bid and contract to LaBella Associates, D.P.C., Syracuse, NY, the lowest responsible bidder and highest scored, to complete the RFP Tasks at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid and authorize an agreement with LaBella Associates, D.P.C.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to and authorizes an agreement with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. for a countywide Vacant and Blighted Property Inventory, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, to be implemented and completed from August 4, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

Section 2. Payment for said services shall hereby be made from federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost , seconded by Legislator Leviker , and adopted on the 4th day of August 2026, with Legislator Lyndaker voting in opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 186 - 2026

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a 2026 budget transfer from Contingency to the Public Defender's accounts to cover additional invoices for the 18B Attorneys Assigned Counsel as follows:

Decrease Expenditure:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$82,101.50
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Increase Expenditure:

A0117000 493400 PD Prof Svc Assigned Cnsl	\$82,101.50
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Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Leviker, seconded by Legislator Hanno.

Legislator Moser recused herself due to her role as the Administrator of the 15B Attorneys Assigned Counsel Panel.

The resolution was adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 187 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A SIX FOOT PULL BEHIND
SNOW GROOMER WITH GRANT FUNDS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, was awarded New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC") Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program funding towards the purchase of equipment for the Lewis County Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP for the purchase of one (1) six-foot pull behind groomer for tracked UTV; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bid proposals were opened on July 7th, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department staff and the Purchasing Director carefully reviewed the bid submissions and assessed the criteria. After careful consideration and review, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid to ALM2 LLC (Tidd Tech) of Spooner, WI, the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of one (1) six-foot pull behind groomer for tracked UTV not to exceed \$10,194.19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid to ALM2 LLC (Tidd Tech) for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to ALM2 LLC (Tidd Tech) for the purchase of one (1) six-foot pull behind groomer for tracked UTV, at a cost not to exceed \$10,194.19.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any documents required to complete the approved purchase, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to appropriate (if necessary) and pay for this equipment purchase from the NYS DEC Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program Round 8 funding.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Frost , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 188 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A POLARIS RANGER CREW XP 1000
WITH GRANT FUNDS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, was awarded New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC") Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program funding towards the purchase of equipment for the Lewis County Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP for the purchase of one (1) Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 or Equivalent; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bid proposals were opened on July 7th, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department staff and the Purchasing Director carefully reviewed the bid submissions and assessed the criteria. After careful consideration and review, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid to Countryside Polaris of Liberty, NY, the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 not to exceed \$40,645.67; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid to Countryside Polaris for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to Countryside Polaris for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000, at a cost not to exceed \$40,645.67.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any documents required to complete the approved purchase, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to appropriate (if necessary) and pay for this equipment purchase from the NYS DEC Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program Round 8 funding.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Nortz , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 189 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 24-FOOT ALUMINUM ENCLOSED TRAILER
WITH GRANT FUNDS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, was awarded New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC") Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program funding towards the purchase of equipment for the Lewis County Non-Motorized Winter Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department, in consultation with the Purchasing Department, sent out an RFP for the purchase of one (1) 24-foot aluminum enclosed trailer; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bid proposals were opened on July 7th, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department staff and the Purchasing Director carefully reviewed the bid submissions and assessed the criteria. After careful consideration and review, this team recommends that the Board of Legislators award the bid to Verde, Inc. of Lakes Wales, FL, the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of a Forest River Lightning 24-foot car hauler not to exceed \$17,995.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to accept this recommendation and award the bid to Verde, Inc. for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to Verde, Inc. for the purchase of a 24-foot Forest River Lightning car hauler, at a cost not to exceed \$17,995.00.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any documents required to complete the approved purchase, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to appropriate (if necessary) and pay for this equipment purchase from the NYS DEC Adirondack Park and Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program Round 8 funding.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Hanno, seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 190 - 2026

**FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDITION
OF 0.9 MILES TO THE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM
(Millers Trail)**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on September 1, 2026, a proposed addition of approximately 0.9 miles to the Lewis County OHV Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Osceola, Tax Map Parcels: 384.00-01-25.00 and 384.00-01-8.1 owned by Frank L Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held on September 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed addition of approximately 0.9 miles to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

Section 2. At least five (5) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator Frost, seconded by Legislator Nellenback, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING SNOWMOBILE TRAIL 2026-2027
GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT CONDITIONS TO THE
OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR TRAIL
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES IN LEWIS COUNTY**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) provides grant-in-aid financial assistance in maintaining snowmobile trails included in the statewide trail system upon submission of an application and an agreement to the conditional terms of the Grant by the Local Sponsor/Authorized Local Official; and

WHEREAS, under this grant, if funds are sufficient (accumulated in the Statewide Trail Fund based upon projected registrations), the County, as the Local Sponsor Applicant, may receive a sum not to exceed the prorated amount based upon total trail mileage in the County previously established by OPRHP; and

WHEREAS, the application requires that the authorized Official for the County of Lewis execute the conditions of the grant agreement and certify that grant funds received will be managed and expended in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations and program guidelines for submission to the OPRHP Director of the program. The Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks filled out the grant application and requests the Board authorize the Chairman to execute same and the conditions of the grant agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the submission of the 2026-2027 Snowmobile Trail Grant-In-Aid Program Application through the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute the Local Sponsor Signature Form Application, the Conditions of the Grant Agreement, and any other documents related to same. If awarded grant funds, the Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer as the County's Chief Fiscal Officer, to execute the state aid voucher required to accept and receive such funding and to disburse the funds in accordance with the grant program requirements.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas , seconded by Legislator Hanno , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 192 - 2026

**REPEALING THE INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND
ADOPTING THE LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FUNERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 141 of the New York State Social Services Law, counties are authorized to provide assistance for funeral and burial expenses for eligible individuals when no other legally responsible person or resources are available to pay such expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services has reviewed its existing Indigent Burial Policy and Procedures and determined that revisions are necessary to ensure compliance with current State law and regulations, improve administrative efficiency, clarify eligibility requirements and payment procedures, and provide consistent guidance to funeral service providers and applicants; and

WHEREAS, the revised Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedures establish eligibility criteria, define allowable services and reimbursement rates, outline the responsibilities of applicants and funeral firms, specify payment procedures, and provide for limited exceptions as approved by the Commissioner of Social Services or the Director of Economic Supports; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators finds that adoption of the revised Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedures is in the best interests of Lewis County and will provide a clear and uniform process for the administration of funeral assistance benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby repeals the existing Indigent Burial Policy and Procedures, together with any amendments thereto, effective August 4, 2026.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Lewis County Department of Social Services Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedures, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to govern the administration of funeral assistance provided pursuant to New York State Social Services Law §141, effective August 4, 2026.

Section 3. The Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to administer the Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedures, interpret and implement the provisions

thereof, establish administrative forms and procedures consistent with the policy, and approve exceptions as specifically authorized within the policy.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Social Services shall periodically review the Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedures and may recommend amendments to the Board of Legislators as necessary to ensure continued compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative guidance.

Moved by Legislator Nellenback, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

Funeral Assistance Policy and Procedure

Purpose: To provide clarity and information to Funeral Directors regarding funeral assistance payments from the Lewis County Department of Social Services.

Policy: When a family member or interested 3rd party requests payment for funeral assistance through the Department of Social Services Funeral Assistance program, the funeral firm is required to contact DSS within 24 hours of death or the next business day.

- Contact: **Funeral Assistance Worker at 315-376-5400** during normal business hours; Monday through Friday 8:30AM-4:30 PM

Procedure: The Department of Social Services will determine eligibility for funeral assistance.

Information regarding eligibility:

- If there is a legally responsible relative (spouse of the deceased or parent of a deceased minor child) who are, or have been responsible for his or her support, the relative will be responsible for the burial expense to the extent that they are able to pay in whole or in part.
- If there is no surviving legally responsible relative: the applicant can be any other family member or friend that is arranging for the burial. This person is not responsible for the funeral expenses.
- Eligibility will be determined based on the resources declared in an active Department of Social Services case file such as Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, or SNAP. If there is no active Social Services case, the decision will be based on the information reviewed and submitted from the eligibility interview. Depending on the information available, establishing eligibility can take up to 5 business days.
- The Department of Social Services will take all legal actions needed to recover the cost of Funeral Assistance provided and will pursue reimbursement from the deceased's estate.
- If there is a surviving legally responsible relative, the agency must determine eligibility based on the decedent's resources and income as of the date of death, and those of the legally responsible relative.
 - If there are no resources and the legally responsible relative's income does not exceed the NYS guideline, the Funeral Assistance payment will be approved.
 - If there are available resources and/or the legally responsible relative has income that exceeds the NYS guideline, the Funeral Assistance payment will be denied and the family notified that they will need to take responsibility for burial payment.

The following terms and conditions apply for the payment for Funeral Assistance by the Lewis County Department of Social Services:

Funeral Home Charges and Necessary Third-Party Charges: For funeral services rendered to eligible individuals by a licensed New York State professional services provider, including personnel, vehicles, and equipment, use of funeral facilities, merchandise, livery and cash expenditures to necessary third parties, the Department will pay to the Funeral Firm the sum stated in the following schedule:

Services	Charges	Notation
Direct Burial / Funeral and Burial	\$3,350	The policy does not specify what services are provided for a “funeral”. It is the discretion of the funeral director based on the needs of the family to define what services to provide (graveside service, calling hour(s), funeral service at a church or the funeral home, or combination).
Direct Cremation / Funeral and Cremation	\$2,250	
Stillborn Burial	\$600	20 weeks gestation or greater and fetal death certificate issued.
Anatomical Donation	\$1,300	Funeral home to receive fee from research facility.
Cemetery	Not to exceed \$800	Includes burial plot and opening and closing of grave; funeral home will provide invoice from cemetery to DSS.
Crematory	Actual cost	DSS to reimburse actual cost. Funeral home will provide invoice from crematory to DSS. The county will not reimburse for the burial of created remains or burial plots.
Oversize Casket	Actual Cost	Oversized casket and liner at the extra cost of the difference between the standard casket/liner and oversized casket/liner, Funeral home to provide invoice.

These are minimum requirements, and a funeral home or funeral director may go above and beyond for a family at their own discretion and expense.

Services performed without prior authorization by Lewis County Department of Social Services shall not be reimbursed.

Supplementation: Supplementation by a non-legally responsible party is allowed, but not compulsory, for additional services, merchandise and third-party expenditures with a total cap of \$1,500. Patient Incidental Accounts (PIA) are not to be used for supplementation. Legally responsible relatives are not allowed to supplement funeral services and would result in the application being denied.

The Department of Social Services is the last resort for payment of funeral services; any solicitation by family or friends for monetary donations through crowdfunding

sites such as GoFundMe or Facebook, will result in denial of Funeral Assistance payment.

Winter Deaths: When the death occurs during the winter season and burial is elected, and the selected cemetery is unable or unwilling to perform the burial due to winter conditions, the Department shall authorize payment for the applicable winter vault storage fee.

Death Notice: The funeral firm selected may publish a free Death Notice; however, the Department of Social Services will not authorize payment for a published obituary.

Transportation Charges: Allowable transportation charges for remains are paid at the rate of \$1.85 per loaded mile and shall include but not be limited to:

- The removal from place of death, morgue or other location to the funeral home
- Transportation to the cemetery, mausoleum or other final resting place of the deceased.
- Transportation to and/or from a crematorium
- In the rare instance of transportation necessary by a common carrier, it shall first be approved by the Commissioner of Social Services, or the Director of Economic Supports, and shall be billed by the funeral firm to the Lewis County Department of Social Services, at cost, plus \$50 to cover administration expenses to arrange for the same.
- Transportation of the deceased to an authorized hospital or medical center for the purposes of a coroner/medical examiner-ordered autopsy or other postmortem examination shall follow the County of Lewis policy per Resolution 266-2024. Should the decedent be eligible for DSS funeral assistance the Lewis County District Attorney's office shall send the invoice for transportation to Lewis County DSS for consideration of reimbursement.

Payment: Itemized bills for approved burials should be sent to:
Lewis County Department of Social Services
Funeral Assistance Unit
PO Box 193
Lowville, New York 13367

Special Considerations:

1. Exceptions to this policy may be made if approved by the Commissioner of Social Services or the Director of Economic Supports.

Reference:

Reference Funeral Assistance Policy Resolution No. 192-2026 attached to this fact sheet.

Adopted by the Lewis County Board of Legislators:
August 4, 2026, Resolution No. 192 -2026

RESOLUTION NO. 193 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND TIPCO
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS FOR SUPPORT FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES EVA PHONE, R & R, AND COMPANION SYSTEMS**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis previously entered into an agreement with Tipco Automated Systems to implement EVA, an AI-powered virtual assistant, for the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires continued maintenance and support for the EVA Phone, EVA Interview (previously known as EVA R & R), and EVA Companion systems in order to maintain ongoing departmental operations, and seeks to enter into an agreement with Tipco Automated Systems, for a total cost not to exceed \$31,500.00 (\$9,450.00 County funding, \$11,025.00 State funding, and \$11,025.00 Federal funding, depending on the program);

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby approves an agreement between the County of Lewis and Tipco Automated Systems for maintenance and support of the EVA Phone, EVA Interview (EVA R & R), and EVA Companion systems for a one-year period, from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, at a total cost not to exceed \$31,500.00.

Section 2. The said agreement shall be funded through a combination of County funding in the amount of \$9,450.00, State funding in the amount of \$11,025.00, and Federal funding in the amount of \$11,025.00 based on program.

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 related documents, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Hanno, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 194 - 2026

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS
SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an appropriation within the Social Services Department accounts to recognize the receipt of additional non-Medicaid funds from the Lewis County Health System, as follows:

Increase Revenue:

A010000 327009 Hospital Debt Repayment	\$1,540,001.50
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Increase Expenditure:

A0610200 461300 DSS MMIS IGT	\$1,540,001.50
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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Frost , seconded by Legislator Moser , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 195 - 2026

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND L & S EXCAVATING, INC. FOR
DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEANUP OF THE CONDEMNED PROPERTY
IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG
(6585 OLIVER PLACE, GLENFIELD)**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution number 114-2026, the Board of Legislators directed the demolition, removal, and site cleanup of Tax Map No. 259.04-01-23.000, 6585 Oliver Place, Glenfield, Town of Martinsburg, as an unsafe structure and danger to the community, upon the owner's failure to remedy the unsafe structure. The owner has failed to take any action to remedy; and

WHEREAS, the County sent out an RFP for proper demolition and removal. Seven (7) bids were received and opened on July 31, 2026 at 10:00 am. After careful review of the bids, the Director of Building and Fire Codes recommends that the Board award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, L & S Excavating, Inc. of Fulton, NY, to provide the demolition and removal services at a cost of \$21,200.00 according to the terms and specifications as set forth in the RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an Agreement with L & S Excavating, Inc., with offices at 43 Kelly Rd, Fulton, NY 13069, to provide demolition, proper removal and site cleanup for Tax Map No. 259.04-01-23.000, 6585 Oliver Place, Glenfield, Town of Martinsburg, NY, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP and all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, at a cost of \$21,200.00, to be paid out of the HAL Capital Reserve Fund.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said agreement to include all conditions, requirements and terms recommended by the County Attorney, with the services to be undertaken by and completed on or before October 31, 2026.

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

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

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

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

Section 6. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Moser , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 196 - 2026

**TRANSFERRING \$60,000 FROM CONTINGENCY
INTO ELECTRIC ACCOUNT LINES
DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN ENERGY COSTS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Director has requested additional funds in order to meet the substantial increases in electric costs from National Grid, which were not anticipated in his 2026 budget. The Director anticipated the need for an additional \$275,000 to cover the increased electric energy costs for the entire 2026 year; and

WHEREAS, in April the Lewis County Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 81-2026, in which \$92,000.00 was appropriated from the 2026 Fund Balance into Building & Grounds various electric account lines; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, in consultation with the Deputy Treasurer, indicates that additional funding is needed, and recommends that the sum of \$60,000.00 be transferred for Third & Fourth quarter anticipated increases (August thru December), with review of the costs on a monthly basis and the ability of the Department to request further funds if necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes the Lewis County Treasurer to transfer \$60,000.00 from Contingency into Building & Grounds account lines to cover the increased Third & Fourth quarter electric bills for the County buildings:

Decrease Expenditure:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$ 60,000.00
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Increase Expenditure(s):

A0162000 430300 B&G Courthouse Electric	\$45,000.00
A0162900 430300 Shady Ave Electric	\$ 15,000.00

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Kalamas, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Attorney Ian Gilbert expressed his appreciation to his colleagues in the County Attorney's Office for their support during his first three weeks in the position. He recognized Caitlynn Finster, Dennis Kuhl, and Assistant County Attorney Matt Goettel for their efforts in helping ensure a smooth transition. Mr. Gilbert also expressed his gratitude to his predecessor, Joan McNichol, for leaving the office in excellent condition, and thanked the Board of Legislators for the opportunity to serve as County Attorney.

EXECUTIVE/ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE SESSION:

At 6:09 PM Chairman Dolhof moved to enter executive session, after a 5 minute recess, to discuss contingency plans for the provision of emergency medical services in the County in the case of a state of emergency, as such public disclosure would imperil public safety. He invited the County Attorney, County Manager, Deputy County Manager, Clerk of the Board, Director of Fire & Emergency Management, and Mr. John Morssey, to remain for the executive session, seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried.

At 6:51 PM Legislator Moser left the meeting.

At 7:42 PM Deputy County Manager Casandra Buell left the meeting.

At 7:44 PM Legislator Frost moved to return to regular session, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Legislator Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, seconded by Legislator Hanno, and carried.