General Services Committee
December 17, 2019

Legislative Committee Members present: Legislator King, Legislator Osborne, Legislator LaChausse, Legislator Burns and Legislator Moroughan. Other Legislators present: Legislative Chairman Dolhof and Legislator Kulzer.

Others present: County Manager Ryan Piche, County Attorney Joan McNichol, County Treasurer Patty O’Brien, Human Resources Director Caitlyn Smith, Building & Grounds Supervisor Matt O’Connor, Planning Director Frank Pace, Recreation, Forestry & Parks Director Jackie Mahoney, Fire & Emergency Management Director Robert Mackenzie III, Highway Superintendent Warren Shaw, Economic Development Director Eric Virkler, Probation Director Mary Jo Burkhard, Solid Waste Director Kip Turck, and media representatives Nick Altmire & Julie Abbass.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Legislator King.

Legislator LaChausse made a motion to accept the General Services Committee minutes from November 19, 2019 as recorded, seconded by Legislator Moroughan. Motion carried.

Special Use Permit Local Law Draft – Jackie Mahoney & Joan McNichol
The idea of a Special Use permit has been mulled over for a few years as a way to increase safety for events being held on County owned property. This permit will allow the county to know what type of event is being held, that the correct insurance is maintained, and that certain departments (Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Highway) are also aware of the event in order to maintain a high level of safety. If the County adopts this Local Law there may be several Towns that would also implement something along the same lines which would increase the level of communication and safety even more.

The application is extensive in an attempt to gather as much information about the size and type of event being held but can be adjusted before being finalized. The idea in presenting this as a rough draft and not an Introductory Law is so that it can be reviewed extensively and to gather feedback from the Committee members so it can be altered if necessary before setting the public hearing.

There would be a fee for the permit, which could possibly be waived for smaller events, and a fine for non-compliance. This Special Use permit is not a way to make money or to be “Big Brother” spying on every event that takes place but a tool to get a much better handle on what is happening and to be able to provide the coordination of safety to make the event successful. Legislator King asked about a damage clause in which Joan McNichol responded that there is one included but it may need to be changed to bring it up to higher standards.

Legislator King asked about the timeline for this Local Law and doesn’t feel that it needs to be rushed. Legislator Dolhof pointed out that if it is in place for moe.down and/or the SNIRT run it might be beneficial to alert those organizations in advance so they understand the process. Ryan would like to see the Intro Local Law come before the Board at the February Board meeting which allows for the public hearing to be scheduled in March or if changes are necessary in April.

EMS Volunteer Crisis – Robert Mackenzie (attached)
There is a real crisis in Lewis County when it comes to the shortage of EMS providers. There are currently only 80 providers and 8 ambulance agencies in Lewis County, several of them are being held together by one or two people and all are volunteers. One thought behind the decrease in providers are the education requirements which are time consuming and tough. Education hours vary with the lowest being 150 hours all the way up to 1200 and on top of that there are also clinical hours required. Every 3 years a person has to re-register which includes more time and hours of training. Advanced EMT’s and Paramedics have some of the same basic qualifications as regular physicians which is forcing the high levels of training.

In the past an EMS call might have been an hour or two at the most but now due to the paper work, the distance someone is being transported, restocking the ambulance and other tasks it can take several hours which is time consuming for volunteers. There are roughly 12 EMS calls to every 1 fire call. Legislator Dolhof was asked why after 13 years he decided to stop getting reregistered and he explained it was just from being burned out. Usually an EMS provider will last roughly 3 to 5 years before becoming burned out from all the requirements and time. Another reason is because of the high out of pocket expense for the training.

Legislator King would like to see more communication with the Towns to see if there are better solutions out there to handle calls, possibly having another paid EMS office in the Southern part of the County. He feels it is not sustainable to continue in the direction in which the county is headed. Legislator Osborne inquired about which parts of the county are in the worse shape to which Bob responded the Northern and Southern portions. Ryan pointed out that there is more tracking being done on what called are being scrubbed (which are missed or passed calls).

Bob urged everyone to go visit your local fire department and to get out and volunteer whether it be in Emergency Services or at another organization. The best outcome is to raise awareness of this issue in our local communities and excite people about the opportunities to volunteer. Volunteers are doing the best they can and are greatly appreciated!

**Solar Update – Frank Pace**

The spreadsheet handed out shows the last 18 months of solar savings/credits by quarters. The reason the savings are far less than originally estimated is because the rate decreased from 13.9 cents per kWh down to 10 cents. Our savings was estimated at 6 cents per kWh, which was the difference between the rate of 13.9 and the 7.9 cents that is paid to Greenskies per the executed agreement. Now the difference is only roughly 3 cents which is basically 50% of what was originally estimated. The county has met the production requirements that are stated in the contract. Frank Pace expects to see an upswing in rates over the next 5 to 10 years. Legislator Osborne questioned the negative figures for the 2nd Quarter savings/credits and it was explained that was due to the time of year being less daylight and less sunlight.

The following dockets were read:

1. Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Lewis and ABJ Fire Protection Co. to perform sprinkler and backflow preventer inspections at the LC-JCC Educational Center. The term of this agreement shall be January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with quarterly installments of $160.00, for a total cost of $640.00

   **YEA – 5   NAY – 0**
2. Resolution authorizing agreements between the Lewis County Highway Department, Lewis County Solid Waste Department, Lewis County Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department and Lewis County Buildings and Grounds Department with Lewis County General Hospital Occupational Medicine for the purpose of random employee drug and alcohol testing. This is for the term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 for the rate of $100.00 per employee. Additional fees will apply for “post-accident”; “reasonable suspicion”; and “follow-up drug and alcohol testing as well as onsite testing” as follows: DOT Drug Screen – $100.00; Breath Alcohol Test – $22.00; Breath Alcohol Confirmation Test – $22.00; Onsite Testing – $40.00 and after hours testing - $200.00.
YEA – 5 NAY - 0

3. Resolution authorizing a supplemental agreement between the County of Lewis and National Grid to participate in its energy conservation program to upgrade L.E.D. lighting for 42 additional lights in the Lewis County Jail, at a cost to the County not to exceed $401.53.
YEA – 5 NAY – 0

4. Resolution authorizing 3-year (2020-2022) renewal contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation to provide maintenance elevator equipment services for the four (4) elevators in the Lewis County Court House for annual payment of $13,614.14 and a 3-year total of $40,842.42.
YEA – 5 NAY – 0

5. Resolution to authorize agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County District Attorney’s Office, and the following various providers for services in the amounts herein set forth for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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<td>John A. Cirando</td>
<td>Provides Appellate Work</td>
<td>• $90.00 per hour (plus reasonable &amp; necessary disbursements as defined in the agreement)</td>
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<td>Mark Tuttle</td>
<td>Assist in Death Investigations</td>
<td>• $2,500.00 Installment payments of $1,250.00 by 6/1/20 &amp; 12/31/20</td>
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| Dr. Samuel Livingston   | Forensic pathologist Consultant & Performs Autopsies | • Not to exceed $28,500.00 Additionally, during the 2020 year:  
• If more than 20 autopsies, compensation is $1,335.00 per autopsy  
• If more than 12 external autopsies, compensation is $150.00 per external autopsy |
YEA – 5 NAY – 0

6. Resolution authorizing Agreement with Barton & Loguidice engineering firm with Highway Department for conducting a field survey and hydraulic analysis of the River Road over SB Kimberly Creek bridge for a fee not to exceed $8,500.00
YEA – 5 NAY – 0
7. Resolution authorizing Agreement with Barton & Loguidice engineering firm for the design and regulatory permitting of the County Route 51-West Road culvert replacement located just south of Snow Ridge Ski Center in the Town of Turin, for a fee not to exceed $25,000.00
   **YEA – 5  NAY – 0**

8. Resolution to authorize 2020 budget appropriation changes in the Highway Department accounts for Enterprise vehicle and other lease payments utilizing capital funds: and to adjust for retirement costs unaccounted for at budget time:
   - **Increase Expense**
     - DM513000 223400 (Enterprise) $109,284.72
     - DM513000 223300 (Various Annual Leases) $129,381.48
   - **From:**
     - DM513000 470100 Vehicle Repair
     - D0515000 495150 Paving Material
   - **To:**
     - DM513000 801000 Retirement $1,500.00
     - D0501000 801000 Retirement $34,000.00
   **YEA – 5  NAY – 0**

9. Resolution authorizing Agreement with McClusky Law Firm, LLC to provide conflict defender services in those instances where the primary public defense firm is authorized to act, but has an actual conflict of interest for period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The fee for said services shall not exceed $71,400.00. *Ryan Piche responded to Legislator Burns and explained that there are many times when there is a need for a conflict defender as there could be more than one person in the same family needing representation. This happens quite often in Family Court.*
   **YEA – 5  NAY – 0**

10. Resolution authorizing agreements between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department and the following providers for program services in the amounts herein set forth:

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<td>One Path Career Partners</td>
<td>Provides Mental Health Services to Inmates</td>
<td>• $3,000 per month which includes:</td>
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<td>• One (1) on site visit per month;</td>
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<td>• One (1) phone consultation per week;</td>
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<td>• Plus additional hourly charges as set forth in the agreement</td>
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<td>Black Creek Integrated Systems, Corp.</td>
<td>Computer Software Support for the Sally-Port Inmate Management System</td>
<td>$17,644.50 per year</td>
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<td>Transitional Living Services of NNY</td>
<td>Counseling Services for Inmates at Jail</td>
<td>$150.00 per hour</td>
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**YEA – 5  NAY – 0**

11. Resolution authorizing Lewis County to participate in the FY2018 Hazmat Grant funds awarded to Jefferson County as lead agency, with Lewis County participation in the award
funds in the amount of $13,000.00 earmarked for the Lewis County Emergency Management Department. The term of the contract period is from October 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

**YEA – 5 NAY – 0**

12. Resolution to appropriate $13,000 Hazmat Grant funds for period 10/1/2019 to 8/31/2021.

**YEA – 5 NAY – 0**

13. Resolution Agreement with E. F. Johnson Company to provide remote maintenance and support services for radio communications system at a cost not to exceed $30,409.00 described more fully in Exhibit A of the Maintenance Agreement; and with Aviat Networks to provide remote maintenance and support services for radio communications system with access to Aviat Networks customer online technical support site, repair services and remote technical support at a cost not to exceed $1,620.00 for the term commencing February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

**YEA – 5 NAY – 0**

14. Resolution to approve and authorize an Agreement by and between Lewis County and Albany Medical Center for the provision of morgue facility and laboratory services on behalf of the Lewis County Coroner, as and when requested, and in accordance with the current revised morgue and laboratory fee schedule in effect at AMC.

**YEA – 5 NAY – 0**

Ryan Piche explained to the Committee that Stantec had sent a contract for their services. The overall Budget was $500,000.00 and Stantec’s fees were estimated at 10%, however the actual contract has a 10% cost for Design and other additional fees that equate closer to 20%. Warren and he will be reaching out to Stantec to talk with Barbara Wagner on this increase before moving forward.

The Solid Waste Renovation proposal from Barton & Loguidice was received just prior to the meeting so it will be reviewed and sent out to Committee members for their input.

Legislator LaChausse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Burns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Legislators
More than a Horizontal Taxi

LEWIS COUNTY AMBULANCES PICTURED:
*BEAVER FALLS*HARRISVILLE*LEWIS COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE*
*LYONS FALLS*CONSTABLEVILLE*PORT LEYDEN*
*LEWIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & LCSR FLY CAR*
*ABSENT FROM PHOTO: TURIN AND WEST LEYDEN*
Class Time

- **National Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)** will be the NYS CFR with some modifications.
  - Estimated hours = 48 - 60
- **National Emergency Medical Technician** will be the NYS EMT with some modifications.
  - Estimated hours = 150 - 190
- **National Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)** will replace the NYS Intermediate.
  - Estimated hours = 160 – 200
- **National Paramedic** will be the NYS Paramedic.
  - Estimated hours = 1000 – 1200

Easy right?
Clinical Hours Required (minimum)

- CFR/BLS EMT
- 10-12 hours of Ambulance ride time
- 8-10 hours of Emergency Room time
- IS-100 Introduction to ICS 2 hours
- IS-5.A Introduction to Hazmat 2 hours
- IS-700 Introduction to NIMS 2 hours
- AEMT above plus...
- 24 Hours Ambulance ride time
- 12 hours Hospital time
- Paramedic above plus ...
- 48 additional hours ambulance ride time Stage 1, 2 and 3
- 24 hours additional Hospital time plus...
- 8+ hours ICU, Burn Unit, Triage, Dispatch, Elective and Operating Room
Cool... You’re an EMT, What do you do?

- EMT-Duties include but are not limited to: opening and maintaining an airway; ventilating patients; administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including use of automated external defibrillators; providing pre-hospital emergency medical care of simple and multiple system trauma such as: controlling hemorrhage, treatment of shock (hypo perfusion), bandaging wounds, immobilization of painful, swollen, or deformed extremities, immobilization of painful, swollen, or deformed neck or spine; providing emergency medical care to: assist in emergency childbirth, manage general medical complaints of altered mental status, respiratory, cardiac, diabetic, allergic reaction, seizures, poisoning behavioral emergencies, environmental emergencies, and psychological crises. Additional care is provided based upon assessment of the patient and obtaining historical information. Searching for medical identification emblems as a guide to appropriate emergency medical care. Assisting patients with prescribed medications, including sublingual nitroglycerin, epinephrine auto-injectors and hand-held aerosol inhalers. Administration of oxygen, oral glucose and activated charcoal. Reassuring patients and bystanders by working in a confident, efficient manner. Avoiding mishandling and undue haste while working expeditiously to accomplish the task.
What does a Paramedic do?

- Advanced cardiology arrhythmia recognition and pharmacologic intervention in the pre-hospital environment.
- Management of hemodynamically unstable patients (High or Low)
- Hypoglycemic or hyperglycemic management.
- Cardiac arrest pharmacology interventions according to ACLS standards (same as physicians and nursing staff)
- Pediatric medical and trauma interventions according to PALS standards.
- Seizure patient management, with appropriate benzodiazepine therapy, with working knowledge of all.
- Complicated child birth and neonatal resuscitation.
Drop them at the hospital and go home right?

- Gone are the days of the paper Pre-Hospital Care Report (PCR)
- Regional mandates for Electronic PCR (e-PCR)
- This has added .5 to 2 hours on every ambulance call.
- Cleaning and re-stocking post call.
- Maintaining confidential paperwork per HIPAA standards.
- Billing paperwork (if applicable)
- Oh Yeah... and the fundraising...
- Calls for EMS to Fire Calls average twelve to one for most fire based agencies in Lewis County.
EMS in the community

- Recreational Accidents
- Community Education
Jim Deavers First EKG

Questions ?