REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2020

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

Roll Call: All Legislators were present. There were 38 additional persons present.

Chairman Dolhof offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Dolhof declared the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

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

Signed by:  Thomas Osborne
            Ronald Burns
            Ian Gilbert
            Gregory Kulzer
            Phil Hathway

Dated: August 4, 2020

Legislator Burns made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and carried.

At 5:03 p.m. Chairman Dolhof opened up the public hearing on Microenterprise Grant Program, NYS CDBG Project #636ME181-18 and “A Local Law Regulating and Permitting Special Events on County Roads, Trails or Other County Property”.

Lewis County Industrial Development Agency Director Brittany Davis made the following comment regarding the Microenterprise Grant Program, NYS CDBG Project #636ME181-18: In July of 2018, Lewis County Applied for $200,000 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Lewis County Microenterprise Grant Program, and was awarded the grant on December 18, 2018. The first public hearing was held on July 3, 2018, in preparation for the application and a second public hearing is being held today to provide the public with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the grant. The CDBG Program requires two public hearings.

The Lewis County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) was contracted with by the county as the subrecipient of this grant and is the program and grant administrator. The funds are divided, with $170,000 being used for grants and $30,000 for program delivery and grant administration.
The primary goal of the program is to provide grants to eligible microenterprises, emerging and existing businesses that want to locate or expand within Lewis County. Grant awards range from $5,000 to $35,000 and can be used to purchase inventory, machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures or working capital for their new or expanding businesses.

In the application, there are specific business priorities for grant awards, which include dairy and value-added processing, tourism-based businesses, and businesses looking to locate in a downtown area. The IDA does review all business applications. In order to qualify for this grant, businesses must meet the following criteria: Must be a for profit business that has five or fewer employees including the owner; Owner must meet low-to-moderate income guidelines or will create at least one full time job to be made available to a low-to-moderate income individual; grants may not exceed 90% of project cost; a minimum of 10% owner equity must be contributed; and an owner must complete the Watertown Small Business Development Center Entrepreneurial Training Course.

All grant applications go through an extensive internal review process before awards are given. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis. The Lewis County Microenterprise Grant Program is currently midway, and we are working with current awarded and future applicants to disperse funds by the end of the year.

So far, there have been four grants awarded to Lewis County businesses, with an average grant of approximately $32,000 each, for items like value added food processing equipment, refrigeration, tables and chairs, kitchen equipment, and even the creation of a cell phone app to assist customers with ordering products. These businesses are located throughout the county, including the Towns of New Bremen, Osceola, Turin, and Village of Lyons Falls. These specific projects will work to provide 5 new jobs, to be made available to low-to-moderate income individuals in Lewis County.

The IDA is anticipating 2 to 3 more applications within the next month or two for new and expanding businesses, which will help to reach the goal of creating 7 new full-time jobs from this program as was stated in our original application. One of the greatest parts of this program is that these are grants, and the business owner does not have to repay. One of the biggest struggles is that it is hard finding businesses that meet the criteria as it is so specific. Also, the amount of time it takes for reporting to the state and requesting funds has not been easy over the past year due to IDA staff transitions. Overall, it is a great program for Lewis County businesses that have qualified, and the IDA looks forward to continuing the work within this program throughout the rest of the year.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Reverend David Mahayli addressed the board by reciting 10 NYCRR Subpart 66-3: is intended to codify, and assist in the enforcement of, existing Executive Orders mandating face coverings in public. Businesses, building operators and owners must deny entry and/or remove any person who fails to comply with face covering requirements. During a recent visit to the courthouse he noted at least 20 or 30 individuals not wearing face masks and who were in various offices walking around. The bulk of them were members of law enforcement.
Rev. Mahayli went on to speak about the two lengthy discussions he had with representatives from the NYS Department of Health regarding if Lewis County continues to allow large gatherings of people. Jefferson County had 26 people test positive for the virus after they attended a large gathering. Large gatherings should not take place under any circumstances.

He went on to state his opinion that there is no rule of law or equal justice under the law in Lewis County. He cited a statement that the Sheriff had made that he was underfunded and understaffed to deal with the rampant crime in Lewis County. There are 27,000 residents in the County with three law enforcement agencies. Rev. Mahayli stated that he was relieved to see that the Sheriff had a deputy parked in front of the Lowville Fire Hall for the sole purpose of issuing tickets, although he thought that due to the underfunded and understaffed Department that the Village of Lowville police might have been better suited to handle that location.

The Broome County Sheriff recently made a statement that he considers NYS to be the Wild, Wild West. What he failed to state is that there are law enforcement personnel that wear black hats and until they are willing to address the violation of law within their own ranks the tensions in this country will certainly continue. The law enforcement officers who do abide by the law and believe in equal justice will suffer because of the black hats in their profession.

Rev. Mahayli concluded by stating that he had the opportunity to talk to a number of people over the last month, which he described as the wringing of hands. He explained that each Legislator has before them a resolution that will only take one person to submit the resolution for discussion and then the public will really see which of them believes in the rule of justice and which of them doesn’t.

Chairman Dolhof began the employee recognition ceremony by stating that on March 15th, our vision for what we hoped to accomplish this year changed in an instant. Since then, the last six months have been a time of change, and for many, a time of difficulty. I want to start by saying how proud I am of our entire community for coming together during these difficult times. Our business community, our churches, our schools, our health care system – everyone has contributed to making Lewis County one of the safest communities in New York State thus far.

Though we are certainly not out of the woods yet, I think it’s appropriate to take a moment to recognize those in our organization, and our community, who have stepped up to make a difference. First, our County Manager will recognize those staff who have gone above and beyond their job duties during the pandemic response. Then, we will read a proclamation thanking the businesses and community organizations that have made significant contributions during the COVID-19 response.

County Manager Ryan Piche stated that today we are recognizing employees who have gone above and beyond in service to their community. But before we get to that, I would like to take a moment to thank the Chairman, and all of the County Legislators for all of your support over the last six months. I can’t tell you how proud I am of how our organization responded. From day one, I felt our mission and values were aligned from top to bottom, starting of course, with the Board of Legislators. You have been unwavering in your support of our staff, and unwavering in your advocacy for the people of Lewis County. Thank you.
Public safety is the most important job of government. It is in times like these that local government matters the most. During a pandemic, local services matter, local communication matters – public service really does matter. Almost without exception, every member of the County staff chipped-in to our disaster response. Some, however, did a little bit more. Every employee we will recognize tonight would probably say they were just doing their job – which is true. Showing up during a pandemic is what public servants do. But when you do your job exceptionally well, you deserve to be recognized. And that is what we are here to do tonight.

**Building and Grounds:** Richard Ross, Cleaner - Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been critically important that all our county facilities remain open and safe for workers and visitors. Rich came in early and was sure to wipe down every surface in the courthouse, keeping the building clean and safe at all times. Our administrative team worked in complete confidence knowing our workspace was clean and safe thanks to Rich’s diligence and attention to detail. Thank you, Rich.

**Department of Social Services:** Lisa Hurley, Computer Systems Assistant/ LAN Administrator DSS - In mid-March 2020 the County ordered people to go home to reduce office density as a protective factor for employees. It was a chaotic time trying to determine who had basic infrastructure at home such as; access to the internet, who had equipment, who had space; what about kids and spouses? Lisa worked tirelessly getting DSS staff functional to work from home. She had to educate and advocate all at the same time. Imagine the 1,000s of government employees trying to access a State network that was never designed to have people work from home. Without Lisa’s determination, diligence and ingenuity DSS could not have continued to provide our mandated services to our community. Thank you, Lisa.

Lisa Hetzner, Staff and Workforce Development - In March when Governor Cuomo declared a State of Emergency everything changed, and the physical health of the county became paramount. The Lewis County Public Health Department quickly identified the need for additional help and called in retired people as well as recruited other county Departments to assist. Lisa stood up immediately and became the sentinel contact at DSS for Public Health. She worked with Public Health to create a call and quarantine system for DSS employees to use. She also was the first person called to assist Public Health and then used what she learned refine our system and educate DSS staff on the process. Jenny and Lisa have the privilege of working together and Lisa was on the phone with very worried county residents, setting them at ease, defining what was safe to do. She also delivered quarantine orders at a time when we were all hesitant and less educated. Lisa’s planning and organizational skills were tested, and they worked. Lewis County has a strong depth of contact tracers available at DSS due to Lisa’s hard work. Thank you, Lisa.

Ramona Carpenter, Senior Keyboard Specialist - In March when the State of Emergency was declared; OFA, DSS and the Strong Schools Strong Community program ramped up the Volunteer Delivery Program in an effort to keep our most vulnerable citizens out of public venues. Mona quickly engaged in taking phone calls, delivering items those people in need including those in isolation and in quarantine for the Health Department. As time went on Mona became the point of contact person for the program, sent referrals to schools, checked in with the volunteers and managed the day to day function on the DSS end. She should be commended for
stepping up and stepping out of her title and helping her community when most needed. Mona also volunteered to take phone calls to schedule appointments for the DMV 3 days a week during July. Thank you, Mona.

Jenny Jones, Social Services Commissioner - Jenny’s experience in human services as well as her familiarity with the Lewis County Community made her an invaluable asset to our COVID response team. Jenny created the volunteer database that delivered meals, supplies, transportation, and PPE to homebound residents of our community. Jenny also coordinated much of our mask collection and distribution effort. She could be found at public health assisting with contact tracing. Jenny is always one step ahead of me, and her efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Jenny.

Emergency Management: Jennifer Maracchion, Assistant - Outstanding efforts in record keeping and inventory control. Working late nights and weekends to insure receipt and dissemination of supplies. Utilizing personal vehicle to transport essential PPE to first responders. Building databases to ensure prompt contact with essential service providers and to propagate ever changing DOH protocols and information. Working with local schools staff and bus drivers to provide masks and sanitizer supplies so schools can seamlessly reopen. Thank you, Jen.

Information Technology: Doug Nagy and Brandon Bassett, Computer Assistants - Without a department head, Doug and Brandon stepped up to help solve the County’s unprecedented IT needs. They never missed a day and were integral to keeping the business of the county moving forward, even as people were transitioning out of the workplace, and into their homes. They set up dozens of chrome books, set up a google VPN account for the County, and rewired the board room so it could be used as a make-shift emergency operations center. They set up additional conference call lines, set up a county zoom account, and got every legislator on board for virtual meetings, which might be the biggest accomplishment of all! Thank you, Doug and Brandon.

Office for the Aging: Vicki Meyer, Nutrition Services Coordinator - As the Meals Program Coordinator at OFA, Vicki ensured that older residents of Lewis County remained in good hands throughout the quarantine. She coordinated the abrupt transition necessary when the six congregate meal sites were closed. March through May saw the addition of approximately 125 people to the home delivered meals program. She rolled up her sleeves and worked at meal sites, assisted with meal delivery, managed volunteers, distributed masks, and worked tirelessly from home solving problems. Thank you, Vicki.

Crystal Collette, Director of Office for the Aging - In her first few months on the job, Crystal stepped up to the plate to help coordinate various aspects of the County’s response. Crystal helped expand our in-home meal program for seniors and homebound. She coordinated much of our mask collection and distribution effort. She also assisted public health with contact tracing. She also brings a positive energy to our team that just seems to make everyone smile. Thank you, Crystal.
**Planning:** Sue Kulzer, Sr. Keyboard Specialist - For her dedication to the Planning Department and willingness to exceed her designated duties throughout this pandemic. From the beginning, she was more than willing to work beyond her 7-hour workday, whether she was in the office or at home, to make sure that all tasks were completed. When the situation created less than ideal conditions for much of our department’s daily tasks, she strove for nothing less than perfection. With her assistance in grant administration, PPE procurement and management, municipal public meeting coordination and mobility management, the Lewis County Planning Department was able to fulfill and exceed its mission. Thank you, Sue.

**Treasurer:** Taszden Newton, Deputy Treasurer - From the time the County decreased on site staffing until we re-opened the doors for regular business, Taszden was the steady influence for the Treasurer’s office. I do not think she missed a day of work from about mid-March to mid-May. Our department did reduce to 50% staffing to maintain social distancing, but Taszden was here to make sure everything that needed to get done, did get done. And, it was a critical time for preparation for our annual financial audit and submission of our NYS AUD report. Taszden was invaluable to the Treasurer’s Department in completing the work for those requirements. Thank you, Taszden.

**Public Health:** Marcia Ashline, Supervising Public Health Nurse - Marcia has been the lead in case investigation and contact tracing, putting in countless hours ensuring all cases are thoroughly investigated, all contacts are quarantined and all affected parties are well educated in the expectations of them during isolation or quarantine. She has been the sounding board for many questions and concerns. Marcia has brought organization, knowledge, and great leadership to this pandemic response. Her dedication and commitment to quality work has truly made our pandemic response a success. Thank you, Marcia.

Joe Austin, Public Health Planner - Joe has overseen logistics throughout this response. He has done an excellent job ensuring staff have all that is needed for response activities including personal protective equipment, testing supplies, computers, and cleaning supplies, just to name a few. His public health emergency preparedness knowledge has proven to be valuable throughout this response as he has provided a lot of great input to improve processes. Joe has been a monitoring supervisor throughout this pandemic, overseeing and assigning monitoring duties as well as monitoring himself. Joe has worked many long hours in ensuring this response is smooth, his hard work is greatly appreciated and he is the Village of Lowville Fire Chief. Thank you, Joe.

Cathy Dosztan, Service Coordinator for the Early Intervention program and the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Support Program - Cathy jumped to the front lines and immediately asked “What can I do to help?”. She has been reassigned COVID duties as a Lead Monitor for positive cases and quarantined contacts. Cathy has now implemented balancing both her Early Intervention world and her COVID world – she works nights and weekends without complaint. She has put her personal life on hold and has prioritized our COVID duties for the greater good of Lewis County. Thank you, Cathy.

Stephanie Houser Fouse, Service Coordinator for the Early Intervention program - She has been working part time the last few years. When COVID entered our world – she quickly
and selflessly put her part-time status aside and agreed to work full time. She has become a Quarantine Lead Monitor in her new assigned role and maintains daily contact with our positive cases and countless people under quarantine. She selflessly agreed to work nights and weekends without a complaint – always going above and beyond. Even when a family member had a significant medical event – Stephanie kept up her workflow. She now balances her Early Intervention work and her COVID duties without missing a step. Thank you, Stephanie.

Becky Kelly, Children with Special Needs Program Coordinator - Becky has truly embraced a leadership role during this response. She has been a monitoring supervisor from the start, she has trained staff as the guidelines have changed, she has embraced learning all of the intricacies of the new statewide contact tracing computer system and improved many processes as we have moved through this response. Becky has also helped with quarantining and educating individuals who have been exposed to COVID or may have COVID. Becky’s eagerness to help right from the start and countless hours she has put into this response are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Becky.

Mary Kimbrell, Nurse - She came out of retirement to not only work full time to assist in COVID response, but she also assumed weekend on-call responsibilities to lighten the load for the other nurses. She has since taken on the responsibility of testing essential employees weekly as well as testing 2 days/week at the hospital’s Drive-Thru Clinics. Mary’s willingness to help has provided much-needed assistance to the nursing team. Thank you, Mary.

Temperance Lyndaker, Account Clerk - She has been willing to fill the gaps when needed, accepting any new duty assigned, whether it was delivering orders to quarantined individuals, or monitoring quarantined individuals. Temperance has processed hundreds of employee release from quarantine letters, as well as handled many phone calls. Temperance has been flexible with new processes that at times changed daily. She is without a doubt a valued Public Health Team member and we are blessed to have her. Thank you, Temperance.

Lisa Overton, Clerk - She joined the Public Health team in January this year, just in time to begin responding to a pandemic! She has been the calm voice at the other end of 1000s of phone calls, during this pandemic. She has patiently answered & filtered multiple lines each day with speed and efficiency. She has tracked and recorded 1000s of test results into our online data base. Lisa is without a doubt a valued Public Health Team member and we are blessed to have her. Thank you, Lisa.

Aislinn Peck, Nurse - She has worked from day one with the hospital’s Call First Clinic to ensure tested individuals are appropriately quarantined while awaiting test results. She has also spent hours data entering case information into the state reporting system, and worked countless hours, many after hours, conducting case investigations, contact tracing, and quarantines, always with a smile on her face and a skip in her step. Thank you, Aislinn.

Anna Platz, Public Health Specialist - Anna has stayed up to date with the latest guidance from the governor’s office and the New York State Department of Health which at times changed by the day. She has worked with our local businesses to ensure they have the information they need to keep our community safe. She has taken hundreds of phone calls with
questions and concerns and responded to each with knowledge and empathy. She has also been an integral part of our quarantine team, providing guidance and education to individuals we are quarantining in the community. Anna’s latest responsibilities have included answering the many questions we receive around travel and quarantining the returning of travelers. Anna has graciously worked nights and weekends to accommodate the increased workload and share the burden with other team members. Thank you, Anna.

Nikki Reitema, Fiscal Manager - Nikki and her team have been in charge of responder health and safety throughout this pandemic, ensuring all staff took adequate breaks and had enough to eat and drink while working long strenuous hours. Nikki always sends out words of encouragement and has been a key piece in maintaining the positive morale we have at Public Health. Nikki has also been part of our quarantine team and assisted with training and implementation of a new computer system in the midst of a pandemic. Nikki has worked many nights and weekends and her willingness to help, flexibility and strong work ethic is appreciated. Thank you, Nikki.

Ellen Scanlon, Nurse - She has conducted case investigations, contact tracing, and quarantines, all while continuing to educate the community and medical providers on the importance of immunizations and childhood lead testing. She has scheduled many appointments for each program in between fielding calls for COVID, rabies, and everything in between. She has recently participated in COVID testing at the hospital’s Drive-Thru Clinics, always willing to work where her skills are needed. Thank you, Ellen.

Sarah Thomson, Administrative Assistant - She saw many changes this year and handled it with grace. She switched from a part time to a full-time schedule at a moment’s notice in order to meet the community’s need for information during this pandemic. She fielded thousands of phone calls as well as recorded thousands of test results into our online data base. Sarah is a valued Public Health Team member and we are lucky to have her. Thank you, Sarah.

Maryann Vargulick, Nurse - She has conducted case investigations, contact tracing, and quarantines, all while keeping up with rabies reports and other communicable diseases, including coordinating Hepatitis A vaccines for residents associated with an outbreak in a neighboring community. She has worked many late hours to ensure all individuals are reached and investigations are complete before she even thinks of shutting down for the day. Thank you, Maryann.

Angela Wayte, Public Health Specialist - Angela is also the agency’s Public Information Officer, this pandemic has proven just how important that role is. Angela has managed all Public Health Messaging and education that has gone out to community members. She has sent 129 press releases, organized and facilitated 24 Facebook Live Sessions, organized and promoted the #Iwearymasktoprotect campaign, and worked with other community partners around the importance of messaging during this pandemic. Angela has also been part of the monitoring team that monitors individuals who are quarantined on a daily basis. She has sacrificed nights and weekends with her family in order to meet the increased demands this pandemic has brought us. Thank you, Angela.
Melissa Zehr, Senior Account Clerk - As a relatively new employee, she came on board and graciously learned not only her normal duties but also took on extra COVID response duties. She has assisted with data entry into the NYS database, helped to answer phone calls, and has also assisted with monitoring quarantined individuals. She is a valued Public Health Team member and we are lucky to have her.

There are two more people that deserve an extra special recognition. The first is our Director of Emergency Management, Robert Mackenzie III. Bob is dedicated, it is unbelievable the number of hours he has put in and how he is always available when called upon. He is professional, helps ground our team and makes sure we are following the most up to date protocols. He is both humble and effective in the way he communicates with all fire and ambulance agencies in Lewis County. You have truly been unbelievable so thank you, Bob.

The last person being recognized tonight is Public Health Director Ashley Waite. It’s hard to even put into words what Ashley has done for this community over the last 6 months. Her intelligence is fierce, she is the one who keeps us grounded in science, but she is also understanding of state politics. She understands that sometimes we have to live in the gray area because that’s where we are. She is incredibly effective at her job.

I just want to point out that JCC did a survey in April 2020 asking residents of the North Country what is your satisfaction with, or confidence in, leadership during this pandemic? The Federal Government and Trump Administration: 50% said they had satisfaction or confidence; New York State Government and Cuomo Administration: 60% said they had confidence; The Center for Disease Control: 67% said they had confidence; Jefferson County Public Health: 63%; St. Lawrence County Public Health: 68%; and Lewis County Public Health: 75% of our residents said they had satisfaction or confidence in the Lewis County Public Health Department, that is by far the highest that anyone scored and I think that is because of Ashley and her leadership. Even though being in the spotlight is not her favorite thing she got in front of the camera and told the people what they needed to know about public health and how to keep our community safe. We are very grateful to have her on our team so thank you, Ashley.

Chairman Dolhof thanked everyone on behalf of the Board of Legislators not only for what they did above the call of duty but what they do everyday to keep this place running as efficiently as it does. He then read a proclamation commending local businesses, organizations and residents during COVID-19 pandemic. The public hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m. after no additional comments were made.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

The following resolutions were received from Cattaraugus County: A resolution supporting amendment to Electronic Equipment Recycling and Refuse Act; and a resolution opposing Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.52 requiring businesses licensed by the State Liquor Authority to serve an alcoholic beverage only if such alcoholic beverage is accompanied by a food item. Fulton County sent a resolution requesting APA to change policy for siting of Telecommunications Towers.
Legislators received correspondence from the following: Brian Patterson of Greig NY, voicing his support of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Law and his concern with the Board’s inaction; Stephen Foley of Catskills NY, regarding Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 203: NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative and two suggestions to ban unrelated questioning at routine stops and to ban or greatly limit consent searches; Jacquelyn Prashaw, owner of Rusty P’s, voicing her concern about Governor Cuomo’s mandates on bars and asking Legislators to stand up for small businesses.

The following was received from Reverend David Mahayli: Lewis County Board of Legislators; Let it be resolved, that other than contractual expenses and obligations the 2021 Lewis County Sheriff Department’s budget shall remain at the same amount as the 2020 Lewis County Sheriff Department’s budget; Let it be further resolved, should the Sheriff decide to end services provided for in the budget, the board directs the County Manager to remove the funding for those services, including personnel if necessary.

Chairman Dolhof stated that with respect to Rev. Mahaylis’ resolution he would refer the matter to both the General Services Committee and the Finance & Rules Committee for further review.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators received copies of the Treasurer’s July report; the July Highway and Solid Waste Departments audit reports; and minutes of the July Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting. Real Property Tax Director Candy Akin and County Treasurer Eric Virkler have filed approved applications for 2020 corrected tax rolls for property owners: David H. Sessions; and David H. Sessions & Eva Sessions.

Brian Mooney submitted the June and July Sealer of Weights and Measures activity report which has been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Chartrand announced that The Lewis County testing clinics have administered 120 tests to date with zero positive results and will continue to offer free testing to anyone who is interested.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan reported that the 2019 Audit was received and commended the Treasurer’s office for an audit with no findings material or otherwise which is remarkable and speaks to our system here in Lewis County for checks and balances. The auditors will be here in August to present at the Finance & Rules Committee. The 2020 Budget is underway even though there is no new information form the federal or state governments. The situation with Federal Aid has been watched very closely, there have been calls and resolutions to push the Federal Government to act and support local government that have seen revenues plummet. The House of Representatives passed the HEROES bill which would have provided 187.5 billion dollars in aid to local
governments, however the Senate passed the HEALS act which provides 0 dollars. Not the best news because we are looking for federal assistance. The Governor stated that if there is no federal aid, programs would be cut by 20% but no information has been released about what programs. There are many county governments out there that will be in trouble without some type of federal aid.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric reported that it was good to have the audit completed. It is because of the systems we have in place and the staff in the Treasurer’s office. The NYS AUD has been filed and on the state website. The County Tax Auction is still on hold due to the county court system. If possible, it could be held in October but any later and it might be combined with next year. Legislator Kulzer asked if people are still paying on back due taxes to keep their properties and Eric responded that yes there have been people who have paid, and this reduces the number of parcels for the tax auction.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:
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ON THE EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

To:    The Honorable County Legislators

The Finance and Rules Committee reports that they have examined the claims presented
for payment in the total amount of $ 875,374.73 and recommend that they be audited and
allowed for the amounts claimed.

Thomas Osborne       Chair
Ronald Burns         Vice-Chair
Ian Gilbert          Committee
Greg Kutzer          Committee
Phil Hathway        Committee

Dated: August 4, 2020

Approved on motion by Legislator Hathway ____________, seconded by
Legislator ____________ King ____________, and carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 183 – 2020
AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Member of the Finance and Rules Committee.

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of $875,374.73 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 Burns, seconded by Legislator King, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Chartrand, Gilbert, Moroughan, Burns, Kulzer, LaChausse, Osborne, Hathway, King, Dolhof

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
RESOLUTION NO. 184 - 2020
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 – 2020, COUNTY OF LEWIS

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2020, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on August 4, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 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 REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper designated by the County, on July 27, 2020, 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 6–2020), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY” be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 5-2020, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 5-2020, 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.

Moved by Legislator _King_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Gilbert, Moroughan, Osborne, Hathway, King, Burns, Chartrand, Kulzer, Dolhof

NAYS: LaChausse

ABSENT: None
RESOLUTION NO. 185 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND DEVEINES ENTERPRISES LLC
FOR ACCESS DRIVeway REPAIR AT
FIVE (5) LEWIS COUNTY 911 TOWER SITES

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Buildings and Grounds Department recently sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to vendors to provide driveway/access road repair at five (5) of the County’s 911 Tower sites located in the Towns of Croghan, Leyden, Lyonsdale, Montague, and Turin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the RFP, the County opened the bids duly received on July 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the General Services Committee, along with the County Manager and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds considered the pricing responses in conjunction with the best interests of the County. The Department Head recommends awarding the bid to Deveines Enterprises LLC (“Deveines”), based upon “best value” criteria pursuant to Local Law No. 7-2013 and not the lowest bidder in this instance. Deveines, the second lowest bidder, is a local small business, provides snow removal and plowing at these tower locations, and knows the conditions of the driveways/roads to the extent of providing durability, efficiency and quality. The committee supports the recommendation of awarding the bid on the basis of “best value”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid based upon best value criteria and authorize a contract with Deveines Enterprises LLC, of Boonville, NY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to and authorizes an agreement with Deveines Enterprises LLC, of 3012 State Route 12D, Boonville, NY 13309, based upon best value criteria, to provide driveway/access road repair at the five (5) identified County 911 Tower sites, in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP, in consideration of the payment of $45,750.00, to be completed by December 1, 2020.

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

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 186-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH
J. ARTHUR SEALCOATING & CONTRACTING FOR
SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING OF THE LC-JCC ED CENTER PARKING LOT
FOR THE 2020-2021 SNOW SEASON

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis entered into an Agreement on December 4, 2019 with J. Arthur Sealcoating & Contracting for snow plowing and sanding of the LC-JCC Ed Center Parking Lot for the 2019/2020 snow season; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to authorize a renewal Agreement for the 2020/2021 snow season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal agreement with J. Arthur Sealcoating & Contracting, 7550 E. State Street, Lowville, NY, to provide snow plowing and sanding services for the Fall/Winter 2020 – Winter/Spring 2021 snow season for the LC-JCC Ed Center on East Road in the amount of $6,400.00, with any hauling and dumping of accumulated snow to be as specifically directed to do so by the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, at a cost of $95/hr for the contractor’s loader and $85/hr for his dump truck.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon such terms and provisions as approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 187 - 2020
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY CLERK

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the County Clerk’s Department of Motor Vehicle to:

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Section 2. That the County Clerk is hereby authorized to fill the Motor Vehicle Application Examiner position effective immediately.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 188 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
Elections

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfers are hereby approved in the Elections accounts for new ballot printers. The department has funds available in another account that will be moved to cover the cost.

From:
A0145000 490100 Election Inspectors $25,000.00

To:
A0145000 450000 Election General Primary $25,000.00

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 189 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LEWIS AND NYS DIVISION
OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR THE FY2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM FUNDING

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, through the Emergency Management Director has received notification of a FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S) program award in the amount of $10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) administers this funding on behalf of FEMA for emergency management agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the award funding and enter into an agreement for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis and NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept the award of $10,000.00 for the Lewis County Emergency Management Department under the FY2020 EMPG-S program for COVID-19 related activities.

Section 2. That the term of the performance periods under this supplemental grant funding is from January 27, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

Section 3. That the Director of Lewis County Emergency Management is directed to fill out any and all forms and documents required by DHSES in order for the funds to be delivered.

Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement and any other documents and/or extension/modification agreements required to give effect to this Grant award.

Section 5. That $10,000.00 shall be appropriated and is hereby approved for the Emergency Management Department to appropriate funds for additional revenue and expenditures related to the Covid 19 pandemic:

Increase Revenue
A0341000 340006 EM FEMA Covid 19 EMPG-S $10,000.00
Increase Expense
A0341000 490905 EM Misc Covid 19 $10,000.00

Section 6. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 190 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BID AWARD AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND MJDNY LLC FOR DIESEL FUEL SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT AT COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE BUILDING

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Highway Department recently sent out a Request for
Proposals (RFP) to qualified vendors to provide Diesel Fuel System Replacement at the County
Highway Garage Building located at 7362 East Road, Lowville, NY; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the RFP, on July 15, 2020, the County
opened the bids duly received; and

WHEREAS, the General Services Committee, along with the County Manager, Highway
Superintendent and contracted engineer reviewed the bid proposals and considered the pricing
responses in conjunction with the best interests of the County, and recommend that the lowest
bidder, MJDNY LLC dba Docteur Environmental (“Docteur”), located at 33112 NYS Rte 12E,
Cape Vincent, NY 13618 be awarded the contract for only the base bid being accepted at this time
with no add or deduct alternates, in the amount of $441,900.00 for the services to be provided as
outlined in the RFP and addenda thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid and authorize a contract with
Docteur Environmental in accordance with its bid proposal in response to the County’s RFP for
base bid outlined services without any add or deduct alternates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the bid to and
authorizes an agreement with MJDNY LLC dba Docteur Environmental located at Cape Vincent,
NY 13618 to provide Diesel Fuel System Replacement services at the highway garage building,
in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP, in consideration of the payment of $441,900.00, and with said project to be completed by November 30, 2020.

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

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

Moved by Legislator _Chartrand_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the
4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 191 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Road

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfer take place in the County Road accounts to reflect changes in this year’s projects and funding sources given the Covid-19 pandemic. The annual project list has been modified to decrease paving projects and use available funding for equipment purchases and culvert replacement projects. To facilitate these changes, the following budget adjustments are proposed:

**Increase:**
- D0501000 290900 CR Misc Equip $637,310.40

**Decrease:**
- D0515000 495150 Paving Materials $637,310.40

**Increase:**
- D0511000 491040 CR Maint Road items $200,000.00

**Decrease:**
- D0515000 495150 Paving Materials $200,000.00

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 192 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 138-2020 AND AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PIN 775374) KNOWN AS CR 48 (HIGHLMARKET ROAD) OVER NORTH BRANCH SUGAR RIVER

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement known as CR 48 (Highmarket Road) over North Branch Sugar River (PIN 775374; BIN 3340360) (the “Project”) in the Town of West Turin, County of Lewis, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such a program to be borne at the ratio of 95% federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the Federal (95%) and Non-Federal share (5%) costs of the Construction & Construction Inspection Phases of the Project. These Phases will utilize Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds through the Bridge NY Program, and requires the execution of this Agreement to enable the County to receive reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the LC Superintendent of Highways was notified that the Construction Phases of this bridge project will utilize Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds through the Bridge NY Program and therefore requires an agreement with NYS DOT under Comptroller’s Contract No. D040145 with specific language in the Resolution to be eligible for covered costs; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators previously authorized this Bridge NY Local Project Agreement with NYS DOT in order to be in compliance with requirements for eligible costs under the Construction Phases of this bridge Project pursuant to Resolution No. 138-2020. The adopted resolution set forth that construction of the Project shall begin no later than eighteen (18) months after award and that the project shall be completed within THREE years of commencing construction. NYS DOT now requires that the agreement and authorizing Resolution provide for the Project to begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and that the construction phase of the Project be completed within thirty (30) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby rescinds Resolution No. 138 -2020.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the above-subject Project and authorizes the Bridge NY Local Project Agreement with NYS DOT under the Construction Phases of the CR 48 (Highmarket Road) over North Branch Sugar River Project, identified as Comptroller’s Contract No. D040145.
Section 3. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Construction Phases work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds.

Section 4. That the sum of $1,332,060.00 is hereby appropriated from County general funds, and made available in the Capital Bridge Program to facilitate the funding of costs of participation in the Construction & Construction Inspection Phases of the Project:

Increase Revenues:
H0512000 345970 FEDERAL $ 1,265,457.00
H0512000 350310 LOCAL $ 66,603.00
Project HAO

Increase Expenses:
H0512000 499900 CAPITAL EXPENSE $ 1,332,060.00
Project HAO

Section 5. That in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Lewis County Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

Section 6. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months.

Section 7. That the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid, and/or State-Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible.

Section 8. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project.

Section 9. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __Chartrand__, seconded by Legislator __Kulzer__, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 193 - 2020
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO
LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, member of the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis, with reference to the Lewis County General Hospital for the following:

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Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 194 - 2020

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $33,000,000 IN SERIAL BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SURGICAL PAVILION AND RENOVATIONS TO THE EXISTING MEDICAL UNIT AT THE LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 62-2020, the Lewis County Board of Legislators voiced its support in concept to the proposed design and construction of a new surgical pavilion and renovations to the existing medical unit at the Lewis County General Hospital campus located on N. State Street, Lowville, NY, known as the “LCGH New Operating Rooms and Clinic Addition Project”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 141-2020, the Lewis County Board of Legislators having reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared by the hospital’s engineer, the Board declared a finding of no significant environmental impact for this unlisted action under SEQRA, and declared itself as the lead agency under the SEQRA process; and

WHEREAS, the hospital CEO, CFO, Buildings & Grounds Director, together with the hospital’s professional engineering consultant presented an update on the project status and the projected costs for same at the committee meetings held on July 21, 2020, acknowledging that the funding stream for the project must be designated in order to obtain the “Certificate of Need” status from the NYS DOH; and

WHEREAS, the LCGH executive team seeks to have the Lewis County Board of Legislators confirm its commitment to this project and allow the hospital to submit the Certificate of Need designation to the NYS DOH by the Board authorizing up to $33,000,000 in serial bonds of the County to finance the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to set a public hearing to receive comment from the residents prior to the Board taking action on the funding for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby sets a public hearing to be held on September 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Legislative Chambers, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to provide residents of Lewis County with the opportunity to offer any comments on the County issuing up to $33,000,000 in serial bonds in financing the LCGH New Operating Rooms and Clinic Addition Project.

Section 2. That 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 ___Chartrand___, seconded by Legislator ___Kulzer___, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. _195_ - 2020
RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPENSATION POLICY
AND STEP SCHEDULES FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF LEWIS COUNTY

Introduced by Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for Exempt Employee Compensation.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Legislative body has worked for some time to develop a comprehensive compensation plan for exempt employees. Exempt employee classifications include Elected Officials (excluding the District Attorney), Appointed Officials, Management Exempt, and Management Confidential employee; and

WHEREAS, commencing in 2016 with the analysis and proposed exempt employee compensation range and grade system proffered by CITEC Business Solutions, four initial concerns identified in the study were highlighted: employees who believed their position was in the wrong grade/band; the establishment of a policy for all supervisors making less than subordinates; addressing specific individual employee salary situation; and establishing a method for the movement within the salary grade/band of a position; and

WHEREAS, the Board continued to wrestle with a management and exempt employee salary plan through the 2020 budget process, prompting the Chairman of the Board to form and appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study, report and make recommendations on exempt employee compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee has completed its evaluation of exempt employee compensation and submitted a report to the Board of Legislators along with a proposed Exempt Employee Compensation Policy, designed to achieve three major objectives: 1) to provide a system to establish salaries for the County’s managerial and confidential employees in a consistent and fair manner, free from favoritism, partiality, or discrimination for improper reasons; 2) to ensure equal salary levels for comparable work determined by an objective point-factor analysis of each job title and prevailing levels of pay for all job titles within the area labor market, as appropriate; and 3) to attract and retain competent managerial personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Committee requests and recommends that the Board of Legislators adopt the attached Exempt Employee Compensation Policy, inclusive of the step and longevity schedules appended thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts and adopts the attached Exempt Employee Compensation Policy, inclusive of the step and longevity schedules appended thereto, as submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Exempt Employee Compensation.

Section 2. That this exempt employee compensation policy supersedes and negates any prior management and/or exempt employee compensation/salary grade plan previously adopted by the Board of Legislators.
Section 3. That the County Manager is directed to make adjustments to the exempt employees compensation plans as outlined in this policy, in the preparation of the 2021 County Budget.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
Exempt Employee Compensation Policy

The policy shall establish guidelines for compensation-based decisions related to salary increases, cost of living, and longevity for exempt employees of Lewis County. This policy shall apply to administration, department heads, elected officials, political party appointees, management, and management confidential employees with the exception to the District Attorney.

This plan has been designed to achieve the following major objectives:

1. To provide a system to establish salaries for the County’s managerial and confidential employees in a consistent and fair manner, free from favoritism, partiality, or discrimination for improper reasons.
2. To ensure equal salary levels for comparable work as determined by an objective point-factor analysis of each job title and prevailing levels of pay for all job titles within the area labor market, as appropriate.
3. To attract and retain competent managerial personnel.

Annual Salary

All management employees covered by this policy are placed in graded salary schedules which have been adopted by the Board of Legislators as seen in Appendix A, Management Salary Grades, and Appendix C, Management Confidential Salary Grades. Each job title is assigned to a salary grade based upon wage study data as determined by an objective point-factor analysis.

Elected Officials/Political Party Appointed Positions

Salary for elected and political party appointed positions, with exception to the District Attorney whose salary is determined by New York State, will be set by the Board of Legislators by January 1 of an election year, providing candidates timely salary information prior to the opening of petitions. The salary for each position will be determined by using the points assigned to that position.

Step System

The salary plan for the management titles consists of five salary grades, Appendix A. Each salary range includes 13 steps as seen in Appendix B, Management Compensation Plan. Eligibility to move through the steps will be based on a successful performance evaluation completion in each year. Years 1 – 4 will require an Effective evaluation for an increase each year, Years 5 – 10 will require a Highly Effective evaluation with an increase bi-annually, and Years 11-13 will require an Outstanding evaluation for an increase each year.

New hires, both internal and external, will be able to negotiate their starting salary upon hire which will place them on the step scale accordingly. They will then be eligible for the next step based on meeting the criteria assigned to that step.

The salary plan for the management confidential employees consists of three grades, Appendix C. To mirror their Union counterparts, the steps system includes seven salary steps as seen in
Appendix D. Employees are eligible to receive the next step in their grade after receiving an effective or higher rating on the annual performance evaluation.

Step increments can take effect only on the first day of January. An employee must work six months before he/she is eligible to an increment.

**Performance Evaluation**

Performance evaluations will be given on an annual basis to all employees, with the exception of elected and political appointed officials, using the uniform Employee Performance Evaluation form. Evaluations are to be based on job related performance factors and shall serve as an opportunity to provide an overall assessment of performance from the previous year, including any concerns that were addressed and recognition for accomplishments. The review meeting will allow the employee the chance to provide any input or feedback on their job performance, scope and responsibilities.

The County Manager, supported by the Human Resource Director, will conduct annual performance evaluations of department heads. Each department head, supported by the Human Resource Director, will conduct annual performance evaluations of their management staff. The County Manager, supported by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, will conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Human Resource Director. The Board of Legislators will conduct the annual performance evaluations of the County Manager, County Attorney, and Clerk of the Board.

**Cost of Living**

Cost of living adjustment (COLA) for management and management confidential employees is typically tied to the increase set under the CSEA contract but may be set independently by the Board of Legislators to be determined and adopted with the annual budget.

**Longevity**

All full-time salaried employees, with the exception of elected and politically appointed officials, who have been compensated for full-time and uninterrupted service for the County, shall in addition to their regular compensation schedule, be entitled to an additional increment or increments of $500 annually effective on the first day of the fiscal year following the completion of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service. See Appendix E, Longevity.

If an employee has worked full-time and continuous for at least six months of his/her first year, it shall count as one complete year. Vacation time, sick leave time, and approved leaves of absences without pay shall not be considered as interrupted service or as uncompensated service for the purpose of this section.
RESOLUTION NO. 196 - 2020
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the recent vacancy of the Senior Keyboard Specialist position shared between the Human Resources and Community Services Departments prompted a review of the duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this review of the duties and responsibilities being performed identified typical work activities which are more appropriately classified as an Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS, the review of duties and responsibilities further led to a reallocation of hours per department; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Civil Service supports a reclassification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby amends the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the Human Resources and Community Services Department to:

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Section 2. That the Human Resources and Community Services Directors are hereby authorized to fill the shared Administrative Assistant position effective immediately.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 197 - 2020
RESOLUTION INCREASING TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND ON AMUSEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Clause 36 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the Tax Law, as added by Chapter 47 of the Laws of 2004 and as further amended by chapter 251 of the laws of 2011, authorized and empowered the County of Lewis to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing an additional three quarters of one percent (.75%) rate of sales and compensating use taxes for the period beginning June 1, 2004 and ending November 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 353 of 2013 further amended Clause 36 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the Tax Law to authorize the County of Lewis to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions to impose an additional one percent (1%) rate of sales and compensating use taxes for the period beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the Tax Law to authorize the County of Lewis to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions to impose an additional one percent (1%) rate of sales and compensating use taxes for the periods beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2017; and beginning December 1, 2017 and ending November 30, 2020; were amended by Chapter 186 of 2015 and Chapter 61, subpart W of 2017 respectively; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax extender pertaining to the County of Lewis for the additional one percent (1%) rate of sales and compensating use taxes for the period beginning December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2023 was included in the Article VII portion of the Transportation Economic and Environmental Conservation budget bill and passed as Senate Bill No. 7508-B; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-7508-B reads: Clause 36 of subparagraph (i) of the opening of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of subpart W of part A of Chapter 61 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(36) the County of Lewis is hereby further authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes at a rate that is one percent (1%) additional to the three percent (3%) rate for the period ending November 30, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis as follows:

Section 1. Section 4-A of Resolution No. 112-1981, enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis on August 24, 1981, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:
Section 4-A. Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional one percent rate of such sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning December 1, 2020, and ending November 30, 2023. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution No. 112-1981, enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis on August 24, 1981, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

(c) With respect to the additional tax of one percent for the period beginning December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2023, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this county prior to December 1, 2017.

Section 3. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2020.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 198 - 2020

RESOLUTION URGING APA TO CHANGE POLICY FOR SITING OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK

Introduced by Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, cell phones are an important tool used by emergency response personnel,
including forest rangers, police, fire and ambulance services to receive reports of incidents,
provide life-saving instructions, and to locate lost or injured people through triangulation or the
location feature on their phones; and

WHEREAS, life threatening incidents have occurred in the Adirondack Park during
which the lack of cell phone and emergency radio service have led to delays in response, and to
worse outcomes for the people involved, including deaths; and

WHEREAS, cell phone service is currently unavailable in many areas of the Adirondack
Park, including parts of the Park in the County of Lewis; and

WHEREAS, many communities are now calling for the Adirondack Park Agency (APA)
cell tower policy to be amended to promote improved cell phone and emergency radio
communications; and

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Local Government Review Board and Adirondack region
communities have suggested a more flexible standard for tower siting rather than the current
APA Standard of "substantially invisible";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators urges the APA Board of
Directors review and modify its tower policy and adopt "not readily discernible" as the new
standard required for siting, and also consider the following incentives and exceptions for
specific sites:

- Encourage vertical collocation of carrier's antennas, by offering a height incentive of 10
to 15 feet above the tree height.

- Offer general permits for cell carrier antennas on existing tall structures such as water
towers, hotels, ski lift towers, church steeples and on government buildings, provided
they meet certain specified conditions.

- Allow cellular service carrier antennas of some height, such as 20 feet above existing
structures within the APA Hamlet classification.

- Offer a height bonus of 10 to 20 feet above the tree canopy for new towers serving
currently unserved areas.
• Add a requirement to its policy that staff and commissioners ask cell tower applicants for information, including a map, showing how a higher tower would expand coverage and benefit residents and travelers, which would enable APA commissioners to weigh the visibility cost against the public safety benefit.

Section 2. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 3. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Adirondack Park Agency, the Adirondack Local Government Review Board, all counties in the Adirondack Park, NYSAC, and the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 199 - 2020
RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY IN
EDUCATION PLANS OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR REOPENING

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, District 4 member of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Lewis County is home to about 4,000 children currently enrolled in local public schools, and many others in private and parochial schools and homeschool co-ops;

WHEREAS, area schools provide an important educational foundation for children, and the interruption of their schooling may have a long-term deleterious effect on the scholastic progress of an entire generation;

WHEREAS, area schools also provide nutrition services, psychological and behavioral development services, and protection and accountability for vulnerable children;

WHEREAS, the negative impacts of continued school closure will be felt most severely by socially and economically disadvantaged families who rely on the public-school system for more than just the educational benefits;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued guidance that "strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school."

WHEREAS, the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by students, staff, and family members, while a very real danger, is one that can never be entirely neutralized, only mitigated through appropriate measures such as masking, daily temperature screening, and social distancing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows,

Section 1. The State must move with all haste to approve education plans for local schools, or make specific recommendations that can be implemented under the tight timeframe to allow for schooling to commence in accordance with the regular fall schedule and for parents to make fully informed plans in the best interests of their children.

Section 2. State and local officials must consider all relevant factors with respect to reopening, including but not limited to the risks of exposure to COVID-19 and the economic, psychological, and developmental impact of continued closure on children.

Section 3. Given the diversity of New York’s schools and regional demographic profiles, the State should entrust the greater share of decision-making authority to school administrators and elected members of the various boards of education, these individuals being in the best position to properly evaluate the risks and best practices for their own particular faculties and students, in addition to the needs of the public.
Section 4. The County of Lewis is determined to provide all available resources and expertise to local schools with respect to testing, distribution of personal protective equipment, and coordination of informational services in the coming school year.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 6. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to send certified copies of this resolution to NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, NYS Education Department Interim Commissioner Shannon Tahoe, Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Superintendent Stephen Todd, local school district superintendents, and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

Moved by Legislator _King_, seconded by Legislator _LaChausse_.

Legislator Hathaway stated that he had forwarded a copy of this proposed resolution to the Superintendent of Harrisville Central School, who was appreciative. Legislator Hathaway thanked Legislator Gilbert for putting this together.

Legislator Gilbert stated that after talking with several school personnel he felt it was necessary and clarified that the resources offered in the resolution would be at the same level that have been offered to other local entities.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 200 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND
BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES

Introduced by Legislator Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Public Health Agency ("County") desires to enter into an agreement with Beaver River Central School District ("District") for the provision of related services to preschool children with a disability residing within the District and attending the District’s preschool program pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York authorizes, directs and charges the County to provide payment for related services by a county approved provider to an eligible preschool-aged child with a disability, as recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education of the child’s school district, and indicated within the child’s Individualized Educational Plan ("IEP"); and

WHEREAS, approval by the Board of Education from the child’s resident school district, with said services to be provided by the appropriately certified and/or licensed professional(s) consistent with the law and regulations is also required; and

WHEREAS, the County has a scarcity of qualified speech language therapists to meet the needs of all preschool students residing in the County who require said services; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the benefit to its school age students to have received speech language services as a preschool child to the extent indicated in the eligible preschool student’s IEP; and

WHEREAS, the District employs speech language therapist(s) certified and/or licensed by the New York State Education Department and is willing to provide speech language therapy to preschool children residing within the District and attending its preschool program in consideration for payment for said services by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to approve and authorize said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement through Lewis County Public Health Department with the Beaver River Central School District to provide certified and/or licensed speech language therapists and related services for preschool children residing within the District and attending its preschool program for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, at a cost in accordance with the rates set forth by the New York State Education Department’s Program Services Reimbursement Unit.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __Chartrand__, seconded by Legislator __Kulzer__, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 201 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY AND
HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Introduced by Legislator Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Lewis County Public Health is tasked with providing certain Preschool Related Services and Evaluations for children with disabilities defined in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education requires a contract between the County and the Agency(s) who will be providing such services under the Program. Lewis County Public Health desires to enter into an agreement with Harrisville Central School to provide these preschool related services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program is dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers, with rates set and approved by New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to approve and authorize said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with the Harrisville Central School to provide Preschool Special Education related services, special education itinerant teacher (SEIT) and evaluations for preschool children with disabling conditions set forth in Section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, for the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, at a cost in accordance with the rates set forth by the State Education Department dependent on the number of children assigned to contracted providers by the Preschool Municipality Representative and the school district’s Committee on Special Education.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator _Chartrand_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 202 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 182-2020 AND
AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND E. F. JOHNSON
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF THE E911
RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis seeks to enter into an Agreement with E. F. Johnson Company ("E. F. Johnson"), for the implementation of Phase 2 of the E911 Radio Emergency Communications System, for two (2) frequency pairs at all nine (9) towers with the addition of a frequency pair at the Gomer Hill tower site for snowmobile/ATV trails coverage along the back side of the tower site; and

WHEREAS, E. F. Johnson, the original vendor for the E911 system, has submitted a revised quote proposal for Phase 2, to provide eighteen (18) ATLAS 4500 UHF Phase 2 Trunk Simulcast Repeaters with power cords, nine (9) ATLAS 8200 Advanced Trunked Site Interfaces (TSNI), which includes services to stage, install and commission system equipment, etc., as set forth in its proposal, with the addition of the installation of one frequency pair at the Gomer Hill tower site for coverage of snowmobile/ATV trails on the back side of the tower site. This additional feature and service is offered by EF Johnson at a cost of $159,000.00; and

WHEREAS, at the July meeting, the Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with EF Johnson for implementation of Phase 2 under its original proposal (without the frequency pair at the Gomer tower for snowmobile/ATV coverage), at a cost not to exceed $1,328,057.92. Under the revised proposal dated July 15, 2020, and additional negotiated discounts, EF Johnson will provide the Phase 2 equipment and services including the installation of the additional one frequency pair at the Gomer Hill tower for coverage of snowmobile/ATV trails, at a total cost of $1,388,057.92; an increase of $60,000.00 from the original proposal for this extra service and equipment for the E911 Radio System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to rescind Resolution No. 182 - 2020 and authorize an Agreement with E. F. Johnson to provide equipment and services as outlined in its revised proposal for Phase 2 of the E911 Radio System dated July 15, 2020, inclusive of the addition of the installation of one frequency pair at the Gomer Hill tower for snowmobile/ATV trails coverage, for a total cost of $1,388,057.92;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby rescinds Resolution No. 182 -2020.

Section 2. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis and E. F. Johnson Company for the implementation of Phase 2 equipment and services for the E 911 Radio System as outlined in its Revised Quote Proposal dated July 15, 2020.

Section 3. That the agreement shall provide pricing which includes equipment identified as needed for the successful completion of the project. Services shall include internal program
management, system and application engineering (includes equipment installation), internal equipment staging and limited ongoing support activities including the first year of equipment warranty. That the cost, including the additional services for the frequency pair at Gomer Hill for snowmobile/ATV trail coverage along the back of Gomer Hill, shall not exceed $1,388,057.92. Funding for this contract and services under Phase 2 shall be under the Interoperable Communication Radio Grant, with no County share.

Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon such form(s) as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator ___Chartrand___, seconded by Legislator ___Kulzer___, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 203 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION/MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS, BY AND THROUGH THE LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE A SRO DURING THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Sheriff's Department and the Harrisville Central School District (HCSD) entered into an Agreement dated October 3, 2018 to provide HCSD with a School Resource Officer (SRO) during the school term ending June 30, 2019, in consideration of HCSD compensating the County in the amount of $55,000 toward the annual cost and expense of a Deputy Sheriff so assigned, plus a one-time payment of $10,000 toward the training costs of a Deputy. The agreement allows for renewal, modification and/or extension of same for additional school year periods upon written agreement; and

WHEREAS, an extension agreement was entered into on September 17, 2019 for the 2019/2020 school term with a School Resource Officer, to cover the period of September 3, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in payment of the sum of $59,200 for said services; and

WHEREAS, the HCSD requests an extension of the Agreement to have a Deputy Sheriff assigned as an SRO to HCSD for the 2020/2021 school term; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to provide the SRO to HCSD for the period on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in consideration of the School District paying to the County the sum of $60,680 for a Deputy Sheriff to provide SRO services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to provide an extension/modification agreement for this SRO service to HCSD in consideration of reimbursement to the County for the aforesaid costs, and for the HCSD to be responsible to reimburse the County for any overtime pay incurred for the SRO during said term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby approves an Extension/Modification Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Sheriff and the Harrisville Central School District to provide for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the period commencing on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a cost of $60,680, plus any overtime pay incurred for the SRO during said term, payable by the HCSD to the County toward the compensation expenses of the Deputy Sheriff thereto assigned.

Section 2. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, or Vice-Chairman, and the Lewis County Sheriff, are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Extension/Modification Agreement upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.
Section 3. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __Chartrand__, seconded by Legislator __Kulzer__, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 204 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR SRO
BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS, ON BEHALF OF THE
LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SOUTH LEWIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department, and the Board of Education of South Lewis Central School District (“South Lewis”) entered into an Agreement dated March 31, 2017 to provide South Lewis with a School Resource Officer (“SRO”) during the school term 2017/2018 through school year 2020/2021, pursuant to the four (4) year grant funding awarded to South Lewis for these services. In consideration of South Lewis reimbursing the County the sum of $58,673 per year toward the costs and expenses of a Deputy Sheriff, the County and Sheriff agreed to designate a Deputy Sheriff to provide SRO services to South Lewis for the term commencing September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with annual renewals/extensions through school year 2020/2021; and

WHEREAS, an extended agreement was entered into on September 17, 2019 for the 2019/2020 school term with a School Resource Officer, to cover the period of September 3, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in payment of the sum of $58,673 for said services; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to extend the agreement to cover the 2020/2021 school term with a School Resource Officer, to cover the period on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in payment of the sum of $58,673 for said services, plus reimbursement for any overtime pay by the SRO during said term; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to extend the agreement with the Board of Education of South Lewis Central School District for the 2020/2021 school term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an addendum to extend the term of the agreement for a School Resource Officer for the period on or about September 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021 by and between the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department and the Board of Education of South Lewis Central School District in consideration of South Lewis paying the sum of $58,673 to the County, plus any overtime pay incurred by said SRO during said term.

Section 2. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or the Vice-Chairman and the Lewis County Sheriff be and the same are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Addendum upon such form as may be acceptable to the County Attorney.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 205 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
HAND IN HAND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Introduced by Legislator Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services wishes to purchase day care services through Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center for eligible recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby approves the contract with Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 at the Day Care market rate established by Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center and pursuant to the DSS Fair Market Rates as established by the State. The cost for eligible recipients is approximately 1% for the County and 99% federally reimbursed.

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- AM SACC - In the event of a school closure, rates are $25.00 if picked up by 11:00 a.m. or $47.00 for a full day rate.
- Children who are enrolled for five (5) days per week will receive a reduction in their weekly tuition fees.

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- There is a one-time registration fee of $55.00 per child
- A key fob fee of $7.50 for each fob needed to enter the building
Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. _206_ - 2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
ENTERPRISE VEHICLE LEASE

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfers are hereby approved in the Solid Waste accounts for new vehicles under lease through Enterprise. The department has funds available in another account that will be moved to cover the 2020 lease costs.

Increase Expense:
ES 816000 223400 Solid waste vehicle Lease $4,800.00

Decrease Expense:
ES 816000 470100 Solid waste Oper vehicle repairs $4,800.00

Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _Chartrand_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 207 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced by Legislator Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Service Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following funds be appropriated for Program Year 2020 for the period April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 for Youth per the Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA), #PY20-1, received June 15, 2020 through the New York State Department of Labor, in the amount of $72,101.20.

Increase WIOA Revenue:
CD 629300 347910 WIA $ 72,101.02

Increase WIOA Youth Expense:
CD 629000 110100 Wages $ 25,000.00
CD 629000 801000 Retirement $ 2,106.00
CD 629000 803000 FICA $ 1,600.00
CD 629000 804000 Comp $ 400.00
CD 629000 806000 Health $ 6,000.00
CD 629000 807000 Dental $ 1,000.00
CD 629000 490900 Contractual $ 400.00
CD 629000 499900 Misc. $ 35,595.02
$ 72,101.02

Section 2. That the within shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 208 - 2020
RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

Introduced by Legislator Randall LaChausse, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints the following high school student representative to serve on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board:

Adah Simpson – Beaver River Central School District
Castorland, NY 13620

Section 2. That the term of said appointment shall be effective August 5, 2020 and shall terminate either on the date of her High School Graduation, or upon ceasing to be a full-time high school student.

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

Moved by Legislator __Chartrand__, seconded by Legislator __Kulzer__, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 209 - 2020
RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director, County Manager and Finance and Rules Legislative Committee members conducted interviews of potential qualified candidates to fill the open position of Director of Information Technology, and recommend the appointment of Conner J. Biolsi by the Board of Legislators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Conner J. Biolsi, of Carthage, New York as the Lewis County Director of Information Technology, effective August 31, 2020.

Section 2. That the annual salary for the appointee to this position is hereby established at $74,285.00.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Hathway, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 4th day of August, 2020.
OTHER BUSINESS:

The Clerk of the Board read a proclamation commemorating August 2nd through August 8th as Census Week in Lewis County. County Manager Ryan Piche showed a map of Lewis County with each district’s number of completed census surveys to date, and asked each Legislator to reach out to their constituents and encourage them to complete the survey so we can reach our goal of at least 75% rate of completion.

Legislator Hathway took a moment to thank Building & Grounds Director Matt O’Connor for putting up the “In God We Trust” lettering in the Legislative Board room.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.