

**SECOND DAY
ANNUAL SESSION
November 19, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present virtually by Zoom. There were 13 additional persons present virtually.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

At 5:08 p.m. Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearings on “Opening .8 miles of County Route 194 from the intersection of Corey Road, South West to intersection of the existing snowmobile trail in the Town of Pinckney, for snowmobile access” and the “2021 Tentative Lewis County Budget” for comment.

Scott Margeson, President of the Barnes Corners Sno Pals, submitted “This is vital for the connectivity to the snowmobile trail from Copenhagen to Barnes Corners and for the economic impact on businesses in Barnes Corners.”

Paulette Roes, MLS from the North Country Library System, submitted “On behalf of the libraries in Lewis County, I would like to thank the board of legislators for its continued support. The funding provided helps our libraries meet the technology needs of patrons each year. 2020 has shown just how important those needs are – and our libraries rose to the challenge. With public safety at the forefront, during the PAUSE order staff continued services through online book collections, virtual story hours, equipment loan, and free wi-fi. Throughout the remainder of the year, libraries have continued to adapt to safely offer services and meet community needs. All of this would not have been possible without the county's support. Again, thank you for supporting libraries in our county. We look forward to serving our communities in 2021.”

Clerk of the Board, Cassandra Moser read a proclamation commending Randall L. LaChausse for his service to Lewis County as the Legislative Representative for District #2.

Chairman Dolhof declared the November 2, 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

Dated: November 19, 2020

Phil Hathway

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

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

The following resolution was received from Essex County: A Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislative Leaders to restore Reductions to Counties Sales Tax.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Brian Mooney submitted the October Sealer of Weights and Measures activity reports which have been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator LaChausse voiced his admiration for the county team that has been handling the pandemic and their fantastic job. He reminded residents to be respectful of each other and together we can get through this time. He concluded by thanking his fellow legislators and that it has been an honor serving with them.

Legislator Chartrand thanked Legislator LaChausse for his time on the board and being the Chair of the Health & Humans Services Committee.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan Piche reported that there were 10 additional positive cases for November 19th as well as the 3rd Covid-19 death. Highway Superintendent Timothy Hunt started on Monday, November 16th and today was Warren Shaw's last day. Warren Shaw has been in public service for 27 years. He thanked Legislator LaChausse for his time as a member of the Board of Legislators and hopes he gets involved down in Cattaraugus County.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler did not have anything to report. Legislator Kulzer asked if he had moved forward with the new depository, Eric responded that he has started the paperwork process, citing that there is a resolution to be presented later tonight. Legislator Kulzer thanked him for the great job he has been doing.

RESOLUTIONS:

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 8 - 2020)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

**A LOCAL LAW RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 6-2020 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX
LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2%
TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET**

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

SECTION 1 TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “**A LOCAL LAW RESCINDING LAW NO. 6-2020 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET.**”

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Board of Legislators for the County of Lewis hereby finds and determines that the anticipated budgetary needs for fiscal 2021 will have Lewis County remain within the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law § 3-c, and more commonly referred to as the “2% tax cap”, as that term is therein defined and calculated.

SECTION 3. ENACTMENT AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to authority provided in section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York as well as the specific authority found in General Municipal Law § 3-c[5].

SECTION 4. OVERRIDE AUTHORIZATION NOT REQUIRED

The Board of Legislators has adopted a budget for fiscal year 2021 that does not exceed the “tax levy limit” as that term is defined and calculated pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law § 3-c, and therefore, the Board of Legislators authorize rescission of Local Law No. 6-2020.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 306 - 2020
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2020), COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on November 19, 2020 a proposed Local Law entitled "LOCAL LAW RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 6-2020 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on December 1, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, New York, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York to hear all persons for or against such local law.

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 Court House, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator Hathway, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 19th day of November, 2020.

Chairman Dolhof declared a recess until 5:40 p.m. in order to allow the necessary time for public comment on both hearings before closing them.

Chairman Dolhof called the meeting back to order at 5:42 p.m. and closed both public hearings as there were no further comments.

RESOLUTIONS (Cont'd):

RESOLUTION NO. 307 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF
A SECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 194 IN THE TOWN OF PINCKNEY
FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25.09 of the NYS Parks and Recreation Law, county highways within a town, outside of a city or village, may be designated as open to snowmobiles by the town governing body, provided that the County highway superintendent has issued a prior written approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Highway Department received a request from the Barnes Corners Sno Pals and the Lewis County Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks for .8 miles of County Route 194 to be open for snowmobile access due to a trail closure; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators set a public hearing for November 19, 2020 to consider the request to open a portion of County Route 194 to the snowmobile trail; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the trail is an opening of .8 miles of County Route 194 from the intersection of Corey Road, southwest to the intersection in the Town of Pinckney; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways examined the road and notes that the Town of Pinckney maintains this portion of the County Road, and that he has no objection to the opening of this section of County Route 194 to the Lewis County Snowmobile Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Superintendent of Highways has issued a written approval for the opening of this portion of the Road for snowmobile access; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators now seeks to approve this request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Highway Superintendent to review, and in his discretion, approve the opening of the following county highway or sections thereof subject to appropriate town and/or village action in opening such highways or sections thereof:

- .8 miles of County Route 194 from the intersection of Corey Road, southwest to the intersection in the Town of Pinckney

Section 2. That upon the approval of the Lewis County Highway Superintendent, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the opening of a section of County Road Route 194 in the Town of Pinckney as hereinabove described, for snowmobile access.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator King, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 19th day of November, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 308 - 2020
UPDATED DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR 2020

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

WHEREAS, Section 212 of the County Law and General Municipal Law Section 10 provide that the Board of Legislators shall designate one or more depositories for deposit of all monies received by the County Treasurer, and specify the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit in each depository; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of investment advisors, the County Treasurer requests the Board of Legislators to amend the 2020 authorized designation of depositories to include Chemung Canal Trust Company, of Elmira, NY, to the list of authorized depositories for deposit of County monies received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following named banks, banking associations or trust company be designated as depositories for County of Lewis monies up to the maximum amount as set opposite each named:

Community Bank N.A.	\$25,000,000.
Key Bank of Central NY N.A.	\$25,000,000.
Chase Bank	\$25,000,000.
Adirondack Bank	\$25,000,000.
RBC Wealth Management	\$30,000,000.
Chemung Canal Trust Company	\$25,000,000.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Board be and she hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the office of the Lewis County Clerk.

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse , seconded by Legislator King , and adopted on the 19th day of November, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 309 - 2020
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND
ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

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

WHEREAS, the governing body has met and considered the 2021 Tentative County Budget and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 359 of the County Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Tentative Budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts as set forth in the "Adopted" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in Schedule 5 of that budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amount shown therein, or by employees' contracts in effect on January 1, 2021.

Moved by Legislator Chartrand , seconded by Legislator King , and adopted on the 19th day of November, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hathway, Burns, Chartrand, Osborne, Gilbert, Moroughan, King, and Dolhof.

NAYS: Kulzer, and LaChausse.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 310 - 2020
ASSESSING AND LEVYING AMOUNT OF TAX CALLED FOR
UNDER THE COUNTY BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF
LEGISLATORS ON THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020
AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER COUNTY LAW

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis by Resolution No. 309 - 2020 adopted on the 19th day of November 2020, has adopted a County Budget for fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Legislators by Resolution No. 309 - 2020 adopted on the 19th day of November 2020, has made appropriations for the conduct of Lewis County Government for fiscal year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That there be, and hereby is, assessed and levied upon and against the taxable property of the County of Lewis liable therefore the sum of \$ 17,700,000.00.

Moved by Legislator Burns , seconded by Legislator Osborne , and adopted on the 19th of November, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chartrand, Gilbert, Moroughan, Burns, Kulzer, Osborne, Hathway, King, and Dolhof.

NAYS: LaChausse.

ABSENT: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

At 5:49 p.m. Legislator LaChausse made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Legislator Osborne and carried.