REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present. There were 14 additional persons present.

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

Chairman Dolhof declared the September 1, 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: October 6, 2020

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

At 5:03 p.m. Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 7-2020 “A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDEING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET”

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Sheriff Carpinelli gave a brief update on his Department by explaining that due to the diligence and hard work of the staff at the Public Safety Building including the Jail, Road Patrol, and Administration, there have been zero positive COVID-19 cases even though they put themselves at risk everyday doing their jobs. He thanked his staff for all their hard work and sacrifice during the pandemic.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

The following resolution was received from Greene County: A Resolution Opposing NYS Assembly Bill A.5630-A & NYS Senate Bill S.3923A Relating to Reforming the Statutory Short Form and Other Powers of Attorney for Purposes of Financial and Estate Planning; and to Repeal Certain Provisions of such Law Relating to Statutory Gift Riders. The following
resolution was received from Steuben County: A Resolution Urging the New York State Legislature to Terminate the Emergency Declaration Established to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators received copies of the Treasurer’s September report and 3rd Quarter Bed Tax report; the September Highway and Solid Waste Departments audit reports; and minutes of the September Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne made a motion to authorize Information Technology Director Conner Biolsi to send out an RFP for Lewis County Government phone services, second by Legislator Burns, and carried.

Legislator LaChausse thanked everyone in the county along with the Sheriff and his staff for all their hard work and putting themselves out there every day during this pandemic.

Legislator Chartrand reported that the August Employee of the Month was Stephanie Kirkbridge, C.N.A working in the Nursing home and the September Employee of the Month was Lorie Peters, Senior Keyboard Specialist. Both the monthly finances and year to date finances showed surpluses. Hospital Board of Managers member Mr. Steve Fuller resigned effective 10/1/2020 due to conflicts.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan reported that the 2021 Tentative Budget is almost completed, and a Budget Workshop will be given at the October 20th Committee meeting and then the final Tentative Budget will be presented to Legislator at the November Board meeting. There was a kickoff meeting earlier in the day with ECC and DANC for the Broadband Inventory mapping initiative and Market Survey. The Market Survey will allow them to reach out to Lewis County residents asking them what type of service they currently have, what type of service would they be interested in, and optimal price points.

There is not current update for the Budget Crisis in Albany and no news from the Governor about any proposed cuts in 2020 or 2021 which makes budgeting difficult. In response to Legislator Hathaway, Ryan explained that the Market Survey will take place in November 2020. Legislator King questioned if they would be listing who owns what infrastructure when they do the mapping portion and Ryan clarified that they would. Ryan further explained that after the inventory mapping is done, they will do the Market Survey which will allow them to cross examine what services they might already have in that area for the homeowner who may not be aware there are other options.
In response to Legislator Chartrand, Ryan explained that the October 20th Committee meeting will be an overview of each Department and to get feedback on the tax rate, but nothing will be finished enough to send information out beforehand. He is hoping to have something to hand out after the meeting.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric Virkler reported that he handed out a Summary of Key Financial Information. He noted that expenses throughout the year have been tracking lower than in previous years which is a good thing. Sales Tax update shows that we will be 13% higher than last year at this time. The tax auction will be completely online this year and will be held on November 2nd. Three+One has started the initial process of financial review and will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to review information with Eric.

Legislator Chartrand asked for clarification on what type of properties are being auctioned. Joan McNichol stated that they are vacant properties or abandoned properties which she had to verify before adding them to the auction list. Legislator Kulzer asked for the Sales Tax Collection to be reported in detail going forward so he can track each month.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof asked Mr. Cayer to address the Board with any updates from the Hospital. Mr. Cayer reported that they are working on their budget and should be caught up by the end of the week. He is working with Ashley Waite as well as the schools to put rapid testing in place. There have been two more analyzers obtained and 264 tests. There is a process in place for a facility or students to be tested in a timelier manner. The analyzer that the hospital bought back in the spring should have testing capabilities by the end of the month. This machine will be used for testing of surgical patients, emergency department, health system employees, and Nursing Home members. The asymptomatic individuals will still use the lab testing procedure through the state.

Legislator Gilbert questioned what the turn around time would be for a student who would have to get tested after being sent home from school with symptoms. Mr. Cayer responded by outlining the procedure in place which involves a visit to a physician’s office who writes an order for the rapid test with the test being given in the early afternoon, the results are produced in 15 minutes and go back to the physician and then on to the school Superintendent. In theory, if the test comes back negative the student should be able to return to school the following day.

Chairman Dolhof asked IDA Executive Director Brittany Davis to address the Board. She briefly explained the resolution supporting the IDA’s revised Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. The policy will be adopted at the IDA’s November meeting and they continue to look for comments from all the entities involved. She noted that they have received some positive feedback from several individuals on this policy.

Chairman Dolhof called a brief recess at 5:26 p.m. before moving forward due to the Local Law public hearing needing to be open for 30 minutes.
Chairman Dolhof called the meeting back to order at 5:34 p.m. and the public hearing was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:
REPORT OF
FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE
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 $1,254,501.93 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.

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

Dated: October 6, 2020

Approved on motion by Legislator Burns, seconded by Legislator King, and carried.
RESOLUTION NO. 247 – 2020
AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

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

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of $1,254,501.93 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 Hathway, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
RESOLUTION NO. 248 - 2020
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 6–2020, COUNTY OF LEWIS

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on September 1, 2020 directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on October 6, 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 TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper designated by the County on September 30, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 7–2020), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2021 BUDGET”; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 6–2020, County of Lewis.

Section 2. That Local Law No. 6–2020, 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 _LaChausse_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020 pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
RESOLUTION NO. 249 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH STANFORD GREEN WASTE LLC FOR CLEAN UP OF RAUSCHER PROPERTY, ROUTE 26, WEST LEYDEN, NY UNDER LOCAL LAW 2-2007 AND LOCAL LAW 6-2017

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 6–2017, commonly referred to as the “Junkyard Law”, the Board of Legislators is empowered to take certain enforcement actions in regulating and controlling the storage or keeping of junk; and

WHEREAS, the premises known as Tax Map Parcel No. 411.00-01-05.200, 1419 State Route 26, West Leyden, NY, Town of Lewis, currently owned by John D. Rauscher (herein the “Owner”) is in continuing violation of the Junkyard Law, with unlicensed and unregistered motor vehicles, causing a public nuisance and a danger to the safety, health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in both identified Local Laws, and by Resolution Nos. 330 & 491 - 2019, the Board found and determined that the above parcel is in violation of said Local Laws, with the barn structure being unsafe and directing that it be demolished and removed; and with the numerous unlicensed and unregistered vehicles being in violation of the Junkyard Law; and

WHEREAS, the owner has failed to comply with the Board’s Order to demolish and remove the unsafe structure, causing the County to request quotes for the demolition and removal of the barn structure and its contents; and

WHEREAS, Stanford Green Waste, LLC, of Hiawatha Lake Road, Glenfield, NY (Stanford) submitted a quote to demolish the barn structure, and shred the wood on site. He will also separate scrap metals and place onto a trailer provided by Solid Waste for disposal. Stanford will place remaining debris in a dumpster for transfer to the land fill at his cost and expense. For these services, Stanford will be paid $18,900.00 by the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Laws, all costs and expenses incurred by the County for compliance with the Board’s Orders will be assessed against the owner’s property as additional taxes owing to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize an agreement with Stanford for such services;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with Stanford Green Waste LLC, of Glenfield, NY, to provide demolition and removal services at the Rauscher property located at 1419 State Route 26, West Leyden, NY, Tax Map No. 411.00-01-05.200, by the demolition and removal of the Barn structure located at said site which has been determined to be an unsafe and partially collapsed structure under Local Law No. 2-2007.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Department of Solid Waste shall assist by providing a trailer upon which the Contractor shall place scrap metals to be disposed of by Solid Waste.

Section 3. That the Contractor shall be compensated for such services in the amount of $18,900.00 and shall undertake these services on or about October 7, 2020 and complete same by November 2, 2020.

Section 4. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the Sheriff’s office provides protection and enforcement services at the site when the County personnel and its Contractor are present.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 250 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH
DEVINES ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR PLOWING OF THE ROADS TO EIGHT (8)
TOWER SITES IN LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE 2020-2021 SNOW SEASON

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to renew the agreement with Deveines Enterprises, LLC to provide snow plowing services at eight (8) Lewis County 911 Tower Sites located in Montague, Osceola, Denmark, Leyden, Turin, Diana, Lyonsdale and Croghan for the 2020/2021 snow season; and

WHEREAS, the location of the sites are Sears Pond Road (Montague), North Osceola Road (Osceola), Hayes Road (Denmark), Zeigler Road (Leyden), Brenon Road (Turin), State Route 3 (Diana), Marmon Road (Lyonsdale) and Long Pond Road (Croghan); 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 authorizes a renewal agreement with Deveines Enterprises, LLC to provide snow plowing services at eight (8) Lewis County 911 Tower Sites located in Montague, Osceola, Denmark, Leyden, Turin, Diana, Lyonsdale and Croghan.

Section 2. That the term of this agreement shall be for the 2020/2021 snow season, at a cost not to exceed $25,000.00, payable in three (3) equal installments on or about October 15, 2020, January 1, 2021 and May 1, 2021.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon terms and conditions approved by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 251 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND TRANE BUILDING SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to renew an agreement with Trane Building Services for the purpose of providing maintenance services for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") systems for the County Courthouse Building; 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 renewal contract with Trane Building Services to provide Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") maintenance services for the County Courthouse Building for the time period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 at the following annual costs:

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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 LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 252 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Bus Operations Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Bus Operations Department accounts to recognize additional revenue earned through advertising sales.

Increase Revenue:
A0563000 327074 Bus Advertising $2,080.00

Increase Expense:
A0563000 490700 Bus Advertising exp $2,080.00

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 253 – 2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Clerk Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following 2020 budget transfer from Contingency is hereby approved in the County Clerk accounts for increased expenses due to the pandemic:

From:
A0199000 499900 Contingency

Amount
$6,000.00

To:
A0141000 430100 County Clerk Phone
A0141000 440100 County Clerk Postage

$2,300.00
$3,700.00

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

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 254 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Highway Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Highway Department to appropriate grant funds:

Increase Revenue:
D0501000 347850 CR Disaster Assistance Federal $22,000.00

Increase Expense:
D0511000 491040 CR Maintenance Road Items $22,000.00

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO.  255  -  2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Road Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section I. That the following 2020 budget transfer is hereby approved in the County Road Department accounts for the lease payment of a Mack truck and Viking plow, funds will be transferred from Project HAD Capital Equipment H0990100 499900, balance $374,289.02:

Increase Revenue:
DM513000 350310  General Fnd $51,618.35

Increase Expense:
DM513000 223300  Mach Vehic $51,618.35

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

RESOLUTION NO. 256 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
County Road Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following 2020 budget transfer is hereby approved in the County Road accounts for changes in expenditures to utilize CHIPS funding with revised 2020 work plan. Equipment purchased will include a Dump Truck ($162,000.00), Skid Steer ($99,913.40), Roller ($43,257.00), Truck Lifts (57,663.16) and Culvert Storm linings (58,278.00).

From:
D0550000 491520 Bridge Materials $421,111.56

To:
D0501000 290900 CR Misc Equipment $362,833.56
D0511000 491040 Maint Road Items $ 58,278.00

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. _257_ - 2020

RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Board of Managers’ representative.

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, to create the following positions:

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<td>Infection Control Nurse (1)</td>
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<td>$65,000 - $80,000/year</td>
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Section 2. That the above shall be effective and retroactive to October 5, 2020.

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 258 - 2020
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Board of Managers’ representative.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

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<td>Patient Account Coder (3)</td>
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Section 2. That the following positions are hereby abolished:

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<td>Physician Office Assistant (2)</td>
<td>Full-time</td>
<td>$16.43 - $21.55/hour</td>
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Section 3. That the within resolution shall be effective and retroactive to September 21, 2020.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 259 - 2020
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REVISED
UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY (UTEP)
PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY OF LEWIS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS IN LEWIS COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, the general policy of the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (IDA) in accordance with Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law is to grant financial assistance in the forms of real property tax abatements and exemptions from sales, use and mortgage recording taxes which will assist in economic development in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, New York State passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to achieve 100% zero emissions electricity by 2040. The IDA began working with the Lewis County Planning Department, Real Property Tax Service Department, Lewis County Soil & Water and local attorneys to understand the solar process to ensure that the IDA welcomes renewable energy development while preserving the County’s largest industry, agriculture, at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 225-2020 stating its support of and recommendation for the Municipal Solar Development Law template developed by the Development Authority of the North County and further customized by the Town of New Bremen, for adoption by all other municipalities in Lewis County pertaining to the development and regulation of solar energy projects. The Board of Legislators called upon the Planning Board to consider utility scale solar projects which come before the Board as having potential County-wide impacts, and to review such proposals in light of the potential impacts on agricultural land, watersheds, and visual impacts in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously, the IDA commenced revisions to its UTEP to include language and considerations involved in deciding to grant ‘payments in lieu of taxes’ (PILOT) for large scale solar projects in the County. Each project is considered on a case-by-case basis, with a goal to incentivize developers in the use of marginal agricultural land, versus prime, actively farmed agricultural land, as defined by USDA in the decision to grant a PILOT; and

WHEREAS, the IDA seeks the support of the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the IDA’s revised UTEP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby states its support for the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency’s proposed revisions of the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP) to include provisions which will incentivize the use of marginal agricultural land versus prime, actively farmed agricultural land in its decisions to provide financial assistance to solar developers seeking real property tax abatements (PILOTS) and exemptions from sales, use and mortgage recording taxes pertaining to large scale solar development projects in Lewis County.
Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Hathway, seconded by Legislator Burns.

Legislator Kulzer voiced his disagreement that this resolution should not be passed by this board because this policy is ultimately restricting the landowner on what they can and can’t do with their own land. He went on to explain that if the Solar Developer wants to develop a certain piece of property, they will end up going back to the landowner and offering them a much lower rate due to the increased PILOT. Legislator Kulzer feels very strongly that this will hurt local farmers who have been struggling the last several years. He went on to state that as an elected official he does not feel right going back to his constituents to tell them what they can and cannot do with their own land!

Legislator Hathway pointed out that this is a recommendation not a requirement to his knowledge. Legislator Kulzer disagreed stating that this will be a requirement of the PILOT and will restrict the Developer. Legislator Hathway disagreed. Legislator Kulzer stated that there will be a different PILOT for each type of land used in a solar project which solidifies his point that it is a requirement not a recommendation. Legislator Hathway pointed out that the resolution is only showing support for the policy not adopting it. Legislator Kulzer felt that if we show support all the Towns will end up adopting it, Legislator Hathway responded that it is up to the Town to choose to adopt it.

Chairman Dolhof clarified that this is an IDA policy and all it does is incentivize the developer to use marginal lands. In no way does it regulate the use of the landowner’s property. The landowner still has the choice to move forward with the project and it doesn’t prohibit the developer from moving forward. The only thing it does is incentivize the developer to use marginal land instead of prime farmland, protecting the counties prime farmland for its largest industry.

Brittany Davis stated the policy has been sent out to every taxing jurisdiction involved and asked them to provide comments and feedback so they can implement the policy in order to move forward with Smart Solar Development. The purpose is to move forward in a way that will not hurt our Agricultural Industry here in the county ensuring that it will be strong and still be here years from now. Most all of the comments received have been positive and their feedback has given the IDA things to think about to make this work for everyone involved.

Legislator Chartrand stated he would be interested in the positive feedback that the IDA is receiving from farmers because he has received a few calls from farmers, and they are not positive. He went on to ask to see how this policy affects the PILOT agreements because if it increases the payments too much, they won’t being able to afford to pay them. Legislator Chartrand concluded by stating that before he can vote on this resolution, he needs to know the affect on PILOTS.

The resolution was adopted 6 to 4 with Legislators Kulzer, Chartrand, and Moroughan opposed. Legislator Gilbert abstained.
RESOLUTION NO. 260 - 2020
RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE
TO END THE PRACTICE OF DIVERTING LOCAL SALES TAX
FOR STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York has recently implemented a practice of diverting local sales tax to supplant state funding for state designed and controlled programs that have been the responsibility of the state for decades; and

WHEREAS, local sales tax has become the number one source of revenue for an increasing number of counties. Local sales tax is the primary revenue source available to counties and other local governments to help offset property tax increases and to lower property taxes in many instances; and

WHEREAS, state elected leaders have made controlling and lowering property taxes a key priority in efforts to reduce the tax burden for homeowners and small businesses, and to lower New York’s ranking as one of the highest property tax-burden states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the state is diverting, or directing local sales tax be used for specific state purposes, taking away more than $484 million annually in locally raised revenues from counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC estimates for counties, the sales tax being diverted by the state will equal more than two percent of the total county property tax levy in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the county inflation factor for the state property tax cap is expected to be 1.5 percent or lower for 2021; and

WHEREAS, counties are experiencing record revenue losses from the COVID-19 pandemic, including record state reimbursement cuts and payment delays, with no reform of state mandated programs; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of local revenues for state purposes ultimately results in higher property taxes, further damaging New York’s economic competitiveness and harming homeowners and small businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators calls on the Governor and State Legislature to end the practice of diverting local sales taxes for state budget purposes.

Section 2. That the Board of Legislators urges the state to reverse the diversion of county sales tax to pay for state programs, and abide by the two-year sunset for the diversion of sales tax
that can be used to supplant state funding for distressed health care providers or go directly into the state general fund.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 4. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the leaders of the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 261 - 2020
RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO
MODIFY ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS IN STATE AID TO LOCALITIES TO
BALANCE THE BUDGET AND REPLACE IT WITH A BALANCED APPROACH

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

WHEREAS, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic caused monumental personal loss in
our daily lives, in addition to imposing significant economic hardships on families, individuals,
businesses, and governments at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the State closed a large SFY 2020-21 budget shortfall of $6.1 billion before
the full fiscal and economic impacts of the pandemic could be calculated; and

WHEREAS, closing this initial state fiscal gap was accomplished by a variety of reforms
to state programs and state reimbursement cuts that will require the counties outside of New York
City to absorb more than $210 million in new costs compared to the prior state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, after the budget was adopted the state acknowledged that the shortfall will
likely increase by another $13.3 billion by the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the state proposes to close the gap by cutting Aid to Localities state funding
by over $8 billion, requiring a 20 percent or more cut in this funding depending on implementation.
This 20 percent across-the-board cut in state aid to localities would cost the counties of New York,
outside of New York City, over $590 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the combined hit for counties, outside of New York City, is state
reimbursement cuts, or new required spending, of $804 million annually (unless this is partially
reduced by additional federal COVID disaster aid); and

WHEREAS, on average, about 70 percent of a county budget is mandated spending for
state and federal programs, meaning most of these cuts will have to be backfilled with county
revenues, potentially on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, replacing these state cuts is equivalent to a 14 percent increase in the statewide
county property tax levy and represents more than 10 times the allowable county property tax cap
inflation growth estimate of $83 million for 2021; and

WHEREAS, increases in local taxes of this size are not practical, nor sustainable, and will
only harm New York’s economic competitiveness and reduce opportunities to all New Yorkers;
and

WHEREAS, the state budget cuts are likely to become permanent if additional federal
assistance is not provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators calls on the Governor and State Legislature to modify the across the board cuts in Aid to Localities spending as the primary means to fill the state budget gap, and replace it with a more balanced approach that includes reforming state mandated programs, so they are less costly to state and local tax payers and sustainable even during economic downturns.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the leaders of the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 262 - 2020
RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO IMMEDIATELY COMPLETE ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS FOR COUNTIES

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

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the state-required county and New York City contribution is $7.6 billion annually; the statutorily-required share of Medicaid funding paid by New York (by localities) being the highest of any state in the country; and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York’s high local tax burden compared to other states; and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved the State of New York billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, the state is required to share these savings with counties and New York City based on the proportionate share localities pay of the nonfederal match; and

WHEREAS, the state has used a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue; with the balance of savings owed to counties to be reconciled annually to ensure these savings can benefit local budgets and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation was for state fiscal year 2015-16; leaving reconciliations more than three years behind, with hundreds of millions of federal dollars being withheld from counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, by not providing these federal funds, the State is requiring counties to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, forcing local taxes to be higher over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, in the years leading up to the last completed eFMAP reconciliation, counties were provided an estimate of their next year Medicaid costs by September, in time to incorporate the savings in their upcoming budget; a practice that ceased when regular reconciliations ended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators urges the Governor to immediately complete these unfinished reconciliations and to make appropriate adjustments in local weekly shares.
Section 2. That the Board of Legislators calls upon the State to renew its practice of providing timely notice to counties of coming year Medicaid costs so we can appropriately budget those savings for local taxpayers.

Section 3. That the Board of Legislators further states that if New York State is unable to provide timely notice and there is an increase in local Medicaid costs in the subsequent year, all of the increase should be exempt from the property tax cap calculation.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 5. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the leaders of the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 263 - 2020
RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND NYS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO LOOSEN VISITATION RESTRICTIONS AT NURSING HOMES DUE TO
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of our society,
government and the economy, unlike any other event in the past 50 years. One of the most notable
and heart-breaking negative impacts has been the restriction on visitation by family and friends
with loved ones in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County government, its employees and residents recognize the need to
adopt and abide by public health safety measures and precautions for the protection of all, but
safety precautions can be specifically crafted by our Lewis County Health System and its
Residential healthcare facility workers to allow for more visitation with residents of our nursing
home; and

WHEREAS, this pandemic has demonstrated that “one size does not fit all”; the same is
true for the Lewis County Residential Care Facility, with residents whose health is adversely
affected by loneliness and the stress of not being able to visit with loved ones; and

WHEREAS, a recent rally at the Lewis County Health System campus demonstrates that
our healthcare facility workers and management team are committed to providing a safe way for
the nursing home residents to visit with loved ones without an increase in exposure to this novel
virus by robust screening for visitors and staff, proper PPE, and designated spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to urge those at the State level
to reconsider its blanket restriction on nursing home visitation and allow local healthcare providers
to make that decision for its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators calls on Governor Andrew Cuomo
and Dr. Howard A. Zucker, Commissioner of Health for New York State to loosen the restrictions
on visitations at nursing homes, and allow local healthcare professionals to take the proper steps
to protect the residents of local nursing home facilities while they have the opportunity to be with
their loved ones.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Board shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor
Andrew M. Cuomo, to Dr. Howard A. Zucker, Commissioner of Health for New York State, to
the majority and minority leaders of the NYS Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and
proper.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.
Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 264 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
AND NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT
(CONTRACT No. C32523GG-3450000)

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

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Lewis County Public Health Agency (PH) received a multi-year (5) grant award from the New York State Department of Health (Contract Number: DOH01-C32523GG-3450000) in the amount of $155,250.00 for the purposes of conducting assessments, outreach and education activities to increase pediatric and adult immunization rates to reduce the occurrence of vaccine preventable disease; and

WHEREAS, NYS DOH recently advised PH that this contract is being amended to award supplemental funding in the amount of $13,566.00 to enhance and expand LHD influenza vaccine outreach, promotion and mass vaccination activities for the 2020-2021 flu season; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept this funding on behalf of PH and enter into any amended agreements under this Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby accepts the supplemental funding on behalf of the Lewis County Department of Public Health under contract number C-32523GG-34500, in the amount of $13,566.00 to enhance and expand LHD influenza vaccine outreach and activities for the 2020-2021 flu season.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any and all supplemental documents and amendments to the original contract, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Public Health Department accounts for supplemental grant funds.

Increase Revenue:
A0408900 334089 Immunization State Revenue $13,566.00

Increase Expense:
A0408900 490900 Immunization Miscellaneous $13,566.00

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 265 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
AND SYSTEMS EAST, INC.

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

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Board of Legislators authorized the Real Property Tax Services Department to enter into an agreement with Systems East, Inc. for the purpose of providing software licensing, support and maintenance services through 2020, and creation of a custom tax bill for its tax bill collection process to streamline property tax collection of Town and County taxes under the newly adopted tax installment payment Local Law; and

WHEREAS, this system requires continuation of annual application software, maintenance and support services which Systems East, Inc. will provide at a cost of $3,712.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services and enter into a contract for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators authorizes an agreement with Systems East, Inc. to provide application software maintenance and support services for the Tax Collection System for collection of county and town taxes, at a cost of $3,712.00 commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Directors is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, and any modifications/extensions thereto, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 266 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RYAN CHARBONNEAU LOGGING AND
LEWIS COUNTY RECREATION, FORESTRY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Charbonneau, dba Ryan Charbonneau Logging, PO Box 44, Boonville, NY 13309 owns and operates a logging business; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Charbonneau Logging has requested to use cleared area on the County’s property (area to be specifically designated by the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks) located on the Cronk Road, Town of Pinckney, Tax Map Parcel No. 137.00-01-22.000 as a timber landing site area associated with the timber harvesting he is undertaking by and for the adjacent neighbor’s property; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by and through the Lewis County Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department wishes to grant this request and enter into an Agreement with Ryan Charbonneau Logging to allow for the temporary use of a portion of the Lewis County property on the Cronk Road, known as tax parcel number 137.00-01-22.000 in the Town of Pinckney, as a timber landing site area for its timber harvesting on the adjoining property owner’s land; the agreement to provide for the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks to designate the exact site, for Ryan Charbonneau Logging to be properly insured, and for the Contractor to return the County’s property in the same condition in which it was found at the commencement of the temporary use and access; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize such agreement; and

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, by and through the Lewis County Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department and Ryan Charbonneau Logging, by its owner Ryan Charbonneau, to allow temporary access and use of the Lewis County cleared portion of property located on the Cronk Road, known as tax parcel number 137.00-01-22.000 in the Town of Pinckney, as a timber landing site area for the timber harvesting undertaken by Ryan Charbonneau Logging on the adjoining property owner’s land.

Section 2. That the Board of Legislators directs that the agreement will terminate on or before December 1, 2021, and shall provide for the Contractor to have proper liability and worker’s compensation insurance, with the County named as a primary additional insured on the general liability policy. The Contractor is to post a check made payable to the County in the sum of $2,500.00 to guarantee that the property will be returned to its original condition after this temporary use and access.
Section 3. That the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 267 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, FORESTRY & PARKS
AND BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) FOR
ACCESS TO COUNTY PROPERTY FOR FORESTRY STUDENTS AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR RECREATION, FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
TO PARTICIPATE IN BOCES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Recreation, Forestry and Parks ("LCRFP") is responsible for all Lewis County reforestation property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") provides an Internship Program for their students who are in a program in the field of natural resource management, conservation and forestry. The forests, fields and streams serve as their primary classrooms as they gain practical hands-on experience in the forest industry; and

WHEREAS, LCRFP desires to partner with the BOCES program by having LCRFP participate in the BOCES Internship Program for projects, including but not limited to various building, maintenance and forestry activities, under the terms and conditions of BOCES Internship Program. In addition, the LCRFP desires to grant BOCES access to the County’s reforestation property in order to provide its students with forests, fields, and streams to gain practical hands-on experience in the forest industry. Some of the projects may consist of building lean-to’s, building trails, and creating signs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such program and provide such authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lewis County Department of Recreation, Forestry and Parks and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to enable its students to gain hands-on field experience by providing access to County reforestation property to BOCES for management, conservation and educational experiences and activities by its students. The Director of LCRFP shall be provided with prior notice and shall authorize all dates, locations and scheduled activities by the students, who must be properly supervised by BOCES teachers and/or administrators at all times.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from September 1, 2020 and continue through August 31, 2021, with annual renewal upon mutual written agreement.

Section 3. That the LCRFP Department is authorized to participate in the Internship Program, provided there is no cost to the County.
Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators together with the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement and any renewals, upon approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 268 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY
FOR ISSUANCE OF A PROGRAMMING KEY FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis ("County") desires to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County ("Jefferson") to enable Jefferson County Emergency Management to be issued a "daughter" key to the Lewis County Interoperable Communications System ("LCICS") to be used for authorized radios deemed necessary for interoperable communication between the two Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County programming data and keys are in need of protection from misuse and dissemination to those not authorized to possess the data or key to modify radios used by the County on its 911 LCICS, while the ability for interoperable communication between neighboring counties is mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is aware of the strict requirements, conditions and limited authorizations Lewis County will demand of Jefferson in granting them the use of the programming key for restricted Interoperable Communications; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to enter into the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis to enter into an Agreement with Jefferson County to provide Jefferson with a "daughter" programming key for the Lewis County Interoperable Communications System developed by EF Johnson, to be used by Jefferson County Emergency management for the sole purpose of programming Jefferson responders’ radios approved by Lewis County to operate on the LCICS; said agreement to provide for all restrictions to use, authorized talk groups, authorized vendors and radios as Lewis County 911 demands.

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

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 269 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE
(COUNTY OF LEWIS TO SAMANTHA M. BABCOCK)

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

WHEREAS, Samantha M. Babcock executed a Mortgage in favor of the County of Lewis dated August 31, 2017, and recorded in the Lewis County Clerk’s Office on June 4, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-002728 to secure payment of a loan in the amount of $29,400.00 pursuant to a program administered by Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said loan has been paid in full and a Discharge of Mortgage is now warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sign a Discharge of Mortgage for the aforesaid Mortgage.

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 270 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE
(COUNTY OF LEWIS TO LEO ROGERS AND BETTE ROGERS)

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

WHEREAS, Leo Rogers and Bette Rogers executed a Mortgage in favor of the County of Lewis dated July 1, 2015, and recorded in the Lewis County Clerk’s Office on January 15, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-000324 to secure payment of a loan in the amount of $38,088.00 pursuant to a program administered by Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said loan has been paid in full and a Discharge of Mortgage is now warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sign a Discharge of Mortgage for the aforedescribed Mortgage.

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 271 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
LEWIS COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING
REGARDING HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("HEAP")

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services ("DSS") requires a service agreement with a qualified provider to comply with the Social Services Law of the State of New York and the rules and regulations of Title 18 NYCRR, specifically that the County of Lewis shall provide for a comprehensive program of assistance and care to supply the basic needs of those eligible individuals living within the county who qualify for need assistance and care; and

WHEREAS, DSS desires to enter into an agreement with Lewis County Office for the Aging to provide HEAP outreach and certification services to low-income residents of Lewis County, especially households with elderly and handicapped individuals, with provisions required by Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in order to be eligible for federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to approve such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services, and Lewis County Office for the Aging for the purpose of providing the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) outreach and certification services to low income residents of Lewis County, especially households with elderly and handicapped individuals.

Section 2. That the term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $6,000.00, with no local share cost due to the HEAP program being 100% federally funded.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 272 - 2020
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN OF COUNTY OF LEWIS WITH REFERENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Department of Social Services ("DSS") is tasked with providing a comprehensive program of assistance and care to supply basic needs of those eligible individuals living within the county who qualify for need assistance and care. One of those critical programs upon which many Lewis County residents depend is the Home Energy Assistance Program (" HEAP”); and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Commissioner of DSS relies upon temporary " HEAP” program examiners for six (6) months of the year in order to meet the needs of processing these applications for assistance in compliance with all Federal and State regulations for same. This is a Civil Service tested position which requires two years’ experience in examinations and claims, with no qualified applicants because of the minimum experience requirements for a temporary position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to assist DSS in meeting the large demand for HEAP benefits by approving the creation of a temporary Program Examiner Trainee position in order to allow for interested applicants to obtain the experience in examination and claims while serving in the position;

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 Department of Social Services to create the following annual, temporary position, effective and retroactive to September 16, 2020:

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Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _LaChausse_, seconded by Legislator _Kulzer_, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 273 - 2020
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Solid Waste Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following 2020 budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Solid Waste Department accounts to appropriate funds from Development Authority of the North Country for capital equipment reimbursements.

Increase Revenue:
ES816000 327700 SW Op Misc $66,655.00

Increase Expense:
ES816000 223300 Equip - Vehicles $66,655.00

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

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 274 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE
AND SYSTEMS EAST, INC.

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

WHEREAS, Systems East, Inc. wishes to enter into a renewal agreement with the Lewis County Treasurer’s Office for the purpose of providing software support and maintenance services for its tax collection system, including software application enhancements, revisions, web and cloud based hosting for the Department’s data processing plan; 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 approves a renewal agreement with Systems East, Inc. to provide software support, maintenance services, web and cloud based hosting services for the Treasurer’s data processing plan and tax collection system, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $8,184.00.

Section 2. That Eric Virkler, Lewis County Treasurer, 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 LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 275 – 2020
RESOLUTION HONORING
“GOLD STAR FAMILIES”
IN LEWIS COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, under Section 111 of Title 36, US Code, the last Sunday in September is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day”, approved June 23, 1936 under Joint Resolution of the US Congress; and

WHEREAS, the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces, but except for Gold Star Mothers’ Day, there is no known formal dedication to the families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, is an inspiration to all individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to honor all Gold Star Families by recognizing the sacrifices made by the families of the members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators encourages the residents of Lewis County to honor Gold Star Families by performing acts of kindness, service, and good will in their local communities, and to remember the Gold Star families in our Lewis County communities whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We herein identify Lewis County Gold Star Families known and honor them and all others who may not have been identified:

Judy L. Hoffman and Danny T. Gudridge
Dianne E. Cannan, Jennifer A. Cannan, and James L. St. Lewis
Floyd L. Arthur and Rose E. Arthur Hanno

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator LaChausse, seconded by Legislator Kulzer, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 276 - 2020
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRIVATE CONTRACT OF SALE
AND TRANSFER OF A DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSED PARCEL

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

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 1166 (RPTL §1166) authorizes the County, to sell and convey real property it acquires by virtue of a foreclosure proceeding brought pursuant to Article 11 of the RPTL upon approval by a majority of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the County became vested with the title to a vacant parcel in the Town of Diana, New York, identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 013.18-02-11.200 by judgment dated September 24, 2020, as a result of the County’s tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes on vacant and/or abandoned properties owing in 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 6-2004, the County Board of Legislators may exercise its discretion on a case-by-case basis to sell a delinquent tax foreclosed property by private sale instead of by public auction by Board resolution based upon best interest of the County, and after consideration of the recommendation of the Real Property Advisory Board (RPAB); and

WHEREAS, the County received a request from the Harrisville Christian Church ("HCC") to purchase the above identified vacant parcel which adjoins its property on Route 3, Harrisville, NY, with the intention to expand their parking lot behind the building. The RPAB reviewed the information and location of the parcel and recommend that the Board authorize the private sale of this parcel to HCC in consideration of the payment of $2,700.00 (assessed value), inclusive of all outstanding taxes, penalties, fees and charges, interest owing and including the 2020 School taxes due September, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis seeks to approve this private sale to HCC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the private sale by Quitclaim Deed, of the foreclosed vacant parcel known as Tax Map Parcel No.: 013.18-02-11.200, Town of Diana, County of Lewis, to Harrisville Christian Church for the sum of $2,700.00, and other valuable consideration to be set forth in a Contract for Sale to be drawn by the County Attorney. All outstanding taxes, interest, penalties, recording fees and charges shall be paid from said amount.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Treasurer is directed to pull this parcel from the tax auction, anticipated to be scheduled on or about November 5, 2020.

Section 3. That the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said agreement and Quitclaim Deed, together
with all other required documents, upon said terms and provisions approved by the County
Attorney.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _King_, seconded by Legislator _Burns_, and adopted on the 6th
OTHER BUSINESS:

There was brief discussion on changing the scheduled November meeting due to Election Day. Legislator Osborne made a motion to schedule the next Board of Legislators meeting for Monday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator King, and carried.

The Clerk of the Board announced that the Second Day of the Annual Session would be scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m. and this meeting will be the Public Hearing on the Tentative 2021 budget; the Final Day of the Annual Session will be scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m. and this will close out business for the year. She also asked for input from Legislators on whether to hold the Annual Christmas luncheon with Department Heads due to the pandemic. Chairman Dolhof asked to leave it undetermined at this time and as it approaches a decision will be made.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Legislator Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Gilbert, and carried.