REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2022

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

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Burns who had been excused. There were 30 other persons present.

Chairman Dolhof asked Legislator Hathway for the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Dolhof declared the March 1, 2022, meeting minutes approved by general consent.

A proclamation was read commending Copenhagen Central School Varsity Girls’ Basketball team on their recent victory. Chairman Dolhof handed copies of the proclamation out to each member of the team as well as the coach and assistant coach.

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
Phil Hathway
Jeffrey Nellenback
Joshua Leviker

Dated: April 5, 2022

Legislator Chartrand made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. for comments on findings of the current CDBG Project No. 636CP77-20, Lewis County Housing Needs Assessment and Market Analysis Program. Planning Director, Casandra Buell commented that in March of 2021, Lewis County applied for $50,000 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program to complete a county-wide Housing Needs Assessment and Market Analysis. A public hearing was held on March 2, 2021, in preparation for the application and a second public hearing is being held today to provide residents with the opportunity to offer any comments on the accomplishments of the grant.

The County has utilized the CDBG Community Planning funds to conduct a county-wide Housing Needs Assessment and Market Analysis to not only confirm and investigate existing housing issues, but to define the appropriate solutions and address the county’s needs. Final recommendations from this study will provide public and private entities with the tools they need to leverage future grant initiatives and plan for future projects and development.
To date, the County, with its contracted consultants at LaBella, have held three stakeholder meetings, conducted interviews, completed a baseline housing initiatives report, demographic and economic profile, housing inventory, trends and needs assessment, as well as a housing market analysis. The final implementation strategies and recommendations are being finalized and are expected to be completed next month.

Carole Dunbar, representing the Jefferson-Lewis Board of Realtors thanked the board for their continued support for Fair Housing and spoke about how purchasing a home is an important event in one’s life. Fair housing laws prohibit all racial discrimination in the sale or rental of property. She spoke about the history of Fair Housing in New York State. She concluded by again thanking the board for their support.

Scott Gilbert thanked the legislators for their support of the Old Jail project, which will begin the last phase soon. The goal is to revitalize the building and use this project to create jobs in the community. Scott touched on his recent consulting work in Poland which was focused on hiring Ukrainian refugees as workers. He concluded by stating how grateful he has been for everyone’s support with this project.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators received copies of the Highway & Solid Waste Audit reports for March, as well as the Treasurer’s monthly report.

Brian Mooney, Director of Weights and Measurers has submitted the February report which has been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Osborne moved to approve the Insurance renewal package with Eastern Shore Associates through NYMIR for the period of April 5, 2022 through April 4, 2023 for a premium of up to $249,543.59, with an increased General Liability deductible of $250,000, and an increased Property deductible of $250,000, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator Osborne moved to approve adding the Glenfield Elementary School property to the county’s current insurance policy for an additional annual premium of up to $3,718.00 for replacement cost coverage of $5,000,000, seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.

Legislator Gilbert moved to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, Matt O’Connor to send out an RFP for mechanical services at the Glenfield Elementary School property, seconded by Legislator Leviker and carried.

Legislator Gilbert moved to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, Matt O’Connor to send out an RFP for mowing and plowing services at the Glenfield Elementary School property, seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.
Legislator Gilbert moved to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, Matt O'Connor to send out an RFP for cleaning services at the Glenfield Elementary School property, seconded by Legislator Leiker and carried.

Legislator Gilbert moved to authorize Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, Matt O'Connor to send out an RFP for electric and data upgrades at the Glenfield Elementary School property, seconded by Legislator Nellenback and carried.

Legislator Gilbert moved to award hot asphalt mix bids based on project location in accordance with the tabulation of all bids prepared by the Highway Superintendent and place on file with the Clerk of the Board, for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator Virkler mentioned that Thursday there is Mental Health Training at JCC, and anyone interested can sign up through Lewis County Public Health.

Legislator Chartrand sadly reported the recent passing of the P.A. from Delhi, whose wife had just given birth. There is a Go-Fund me page, or anyone can make a monetary donation to Mary Comet, who will make sure it gets to the family. The January Employee of the Month is Melissa Bush, Senior Food Service Helper and for February it was Pat Hellinger, LPN.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. James Garito reported that the monthly report was completed and delivered to the board, which included updates, budget, bid tabulations, schedule, photographs, and any changes. One change that has happened already was a change in the insulation which resulted in a credit. On the administrative side of things, the contracts with sub-contractors have begun. Mr. Nick Garito reported on the construction meeting, demolished cold storage, surveying site, and next week, there should be groundwork being done.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan reiterated that the first construction meeting was held last Tuesday and going forward they will continue to meet every other Tuesday. If change orders come up that need to be addressed quickly there are Zoom meetings penciled in on the opposite Tuesday’s. The first change order received resulted in a credit of $16,500.00. One thing that was discussed was the current policy of coming to the full board for any change order over $5,000.00. It was discussed that for the duration of the 2022 Facilities Improvement projects that this policy could be adjusted to reflect a minimum change order amount of $20,000.00 instead which seemed more realistic. It also made sense because there are a few legislators on the oversight committee.

Legislator Chartrand moved to adjust the current policy on change orders and increase the minimum threshold to $20,000.00 before requiring full board action to ensure that progress is not slowed down, seconded by Legislator Virkler. Legislator Gilbert questioned if this change was just for the current 2022 Facilities Improvement Projects or all projects, Ryan responded just for the 2022 Facilities Improvement Projects. The motion was then carried.
Ryan continued with his report stating that the county closed on the Glenfield Elementary School property. The county is working with Hand-In-Hand for some expanded childcare options in this building. There is a list of technology and physical needs to the building like phones, electrical outlets, etc. that will need to be handled before anyone is able to move to this location. The Buildings & Grounds staff has worked hard on getting things done, as well as County Attorney, Joan McNichol. The initial quote for moving expenses is $158,000.00, which is higher than the budgeted amount of $85,000.00. It might be better to send out an RFP for a local company to bid as the state contract seems high.

There will be a late resolution tonight for a contract with Atlantic Testing to make sure the project stays on track. The DMV and Board of Elections addition project is under way with initial drawings and concepts. The state budget has once again missed the deadline, but instead of a budget deficit being the issue, it seems a budget surplus and how to spend the money is holding things up. The state is looking to put $16 billion in a reserve account; $5 billion in tax cuts; $20 billion in increased spending; proposed removal of the local tax diversion known as AIM program and Distressed Hospital Fund; 11% increase in Early Intervention funding; and 30% increase in Foster Care rates. There are also three new Casino licenses being looked at for the update area, North of Westchester.

Brian Hanno our new purchasing director has started and hit the ground running. This week is Public Health Week, and they deserve a shout out for all they have done. The Highway department took down the cold storage building and did a phenomenal job making sure it came down quickly and without any issues. The Lewis County Health Systems ground-breaking ceremony will be on April 20th at 10:30 a.m., and the county will have theirs following, so hopefully everyone can make it out for that event.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Eric reported that sales tax collections are still strong. The annual audit process with Venesky was completed with them being on site for four days. Th State report is due by April 30th. The bonding process and bond bid sale was completed, and the winning bid was at 3.46% interest which is higher than anticipated. The annual increase due to a higher interest rate will be roughly $273,000, and the county portion of that will be around $98,000. The bond funding should come in a on April 20th, and the hospital will then be sent their portion. Legislator Chartrand asked if that money can be invested, Eric stated that it could, but it cannot exceed the 3.46% interest rate. Investing could mitigate some of the increase over the 20-year bond. Social Services will also cover some of the increase through reimbursement from the state.

At 5:44 p.m. Chairman Dolhof closed the public hearing with no further comments.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:
RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH QUALIFIED COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM BRIDGENY FUNDS FOR BRIDGE CULVERT LOCAL TOWN OF LOWVILLE PROJECT (PIN 775412) KNOWN AS GARDNER ROAD OVER TRIBUTARY TO DEER RIVER

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a BridgeNY Culvert Project known as Gardner Road Over Tributary to Deer River (PIN 775412) (the "Project") in and for the Town of Lowville is eligible for reimbursement costs from BridgeNY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of $100% Bridge NY funds and 0% non-BridgeNY funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by Resolution and Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lowville, is acting as Sponsor of the Project and desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs all phases of the Culvert work for the project or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has provided a BridgeNY Culvert Local Project Agreement for this PIN, identified as Contract No. D040463, with reimbursement fundings for costs capped at $952,083.00, to be executed by the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators as the project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis to pay 100% of the cost of the culvert work for this Project, or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from BridgeNY funding.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the sum of $952,083.00 is hereby appropriated from County general funds to Capital Bridge account and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above BridgeNY Culvert Project in and for the Town of Lowville, with costs of same reimbursed from BridgeNY funds.

Section 3. That in the event the full costs of the project 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 4. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby acknowledges that the Town of Lowville shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from BridgeNY pursuant to the IMA executed between the municipalities.
Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for costs of the project 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 the Project costs.

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

Section 7. 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 8. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __Virkler__, seconded by Legislator __Osborne__, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH QUALIFIED COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS FOR BRIDGE CULVERT LOCAL TOWN OF LOWVILLE PROJECT (PIN 775413) KNOWN AS O'BRIEN ROAD OVER TRIBUTARY TO MILL CREEK

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a BridgeNY Culvert Project known as O'Brien Road Over Tributary to Mill Creek (PIN 775413) (the "Project") in and for the Town of Lowville is eligible for reimbursement costs from BridgeNY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of $100% BridgeNY funds and 0% non-BridgeNY funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by Resolution and Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lowville, is acting as Sponsor of the Project and desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs all phases of the Culvert work for the project or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has provided a BridgeNY Culvert Local Project Agreement for this PIN, identified as Contract No. D040464, with reimbursement fundings for costs capped at $782,806.00, to be executed by the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators as the project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis to pay 100% of the cost of the culvert work for this Project, or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from BridgeNY funding.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the sum of $782,806.00 is hereby appropriated from County general funds to Capital Bridge account and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above BridgeNY Culvert Project in and for the Town of Lowville, with costs of same reimbursed from BridgeNY funds.

Section 3. That in the event the full costs of the project 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 4. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby acknowledges that the Town of Lowville shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from BridgeNY pursuant to the IMA executed between the municipalities.
Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for costs of the project 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 the Project costs.

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

Section 7. 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 8. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator ___Virkler___, seconded by Legislator ___Osborne___, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 66 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID, OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGENY FUNDS FOR BRIDGENY LOCAL TOWN OF WATSON PROJECT (PIN 775410/BIN2220750) KNOWN AS BAILEY ROAD OVER INDEPENDENCE RIVER, BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a Bridge NY Local Project known as Bailey Road over Independence River, Bridge Rehabilitation (PIN 775410) (BIN 2220750) (the “Project”) in and for the Town of Watson is eligible for funding under Title 23 US code, as amended, and calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by Resolution and Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Watson, is acting as Sponsor of the Project and desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs all phases of the Culvert work for the project or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has indicated that 2021 BridgeNY (STBG-Off System) funds will be utilized for the Preliminary Design Phase of the project, identified as Contract No. D040461, with reimbursement fundings for this Phase of the project capped at $70,500.00, with an agreement to be executed by the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators as the project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the project and authorizes the County of Lewis to pay 100% of the cost of the Preliminary Design work for this Project, or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid or reimbursement from BridgeNY funds.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the sum of $70,500.00 be appropriated from County general funds to Capital Bridge account and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the in and for the Town of Watson.

Section 3. That in the event the full costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated and reimbursed from federal-aid, state-aid or BridgeNY funds, 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 4. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby acknowledges that the Town of Watson shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from all federal and state sources pursuant to the IMA executed between the municipalities.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for costs of the project 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 the Project costs, and permanent funding of the local share of the federal-aid and state-aid eligible project costs and all project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible.

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

Section 7. 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 8. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH QUALIFIED COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM BRIDGENY FUNDS FOR BRIDGE CLUVERT LOCAL TOWN OF WEST TURIN PROJECT (PIN 775411) KNOWN AS CROFOOT HILL ROAD OVER TRIBUTARY TO SUGAR RIVER

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a BridgeNY Culvert Project known as Crofoot Hill Road Road Over Tributary to Sugar River (PIN 775411) (the “Project”) in and for the Town of West Turin is eligible for reimbursement costs from BridgeNY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of $100% BridgeNY funds and 0% non-BridgeNY funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, by Resolution and Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of West Turin, is acting as Sponsor of the Project and desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs all phases of the Culvert work for the project or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has provided a BridgeNY Culvert Local Project Agreement for this PIN, identified as Contract No. D040462, with reimbursement fundings for costs capped at $1,000,000.00, to be executed by the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators as the project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Lewis to pay 100% of the cost of the culvert work for this Project, or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from BridgeNY funding.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the sum of $1,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from County general funds to Capital Bridge account and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above BridgeNY Culvert Project in and for the Town of West Turin, with costs of same reimbursed from BridgeNY funds.

Section 3. That in the event the full costs of the project 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 4. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby acknowledges that the Town of West Turin shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of
reimbursement available from BridgeNY pursuant to the IMA executed between the municipalities.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for costs of the project 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 the Project costs.

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

Section 7. 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 8. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 68 - 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF LEWIS TO ACCEPT REAL
PROPERTY OBTAINED BY NYS RELATIVE TO BRIDGE PROJECT KNOWN AS
CR 43 (EAST ROAD) OVER MOOSE CREEK (PIN 775389/BIN 3339700)

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County has a Bridge Replacement Project known as CR 43 (East Road)
over Moose Creek (PIN 775389; BIN 3339700) in the Town of Leyden, County of Lewis; and

WHEREAS, this project requires acquisition of real property which Lewis County requests
the NYS DOT Real Property Office to acquire as show on maps identified by NYS DOT under
this project as Map 1, Parcel 1; Map 2, Parcel 2; and Map 3, Parcel 3; and

WHEREAS, the County owns and maintains the affected portion of County Route 43; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York requests that the County agree to the accept the real
property when acquired by the State pursuant to Supplemental Agreement 1 to contract No.
D040264;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That upon completion of the County Route 43 (East Road) over Moose Creek
bridge project, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes acceptance of the real
property acquired by the State of New York for the project as described, and agrees to accept all
responsibility, maintenance and jurisdiction of the property.

Section 2. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators
is hereby authorized and directed to enter into any agreements, or any other documents required
to carry out the intent of this Resolution, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __Virkler__, seconded by Legislator __Osborne__, and adopted on the 5th
day of April.
RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. D040264 BETWEEN NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PIN 775389) KNOWN AS CR 43 (EAST ROAD) OVER MOOSE CREEK

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement known as CR 43 (East Road) over Moose Creek (PIN 775389; BIN 3339700) (the "Project") in the Town of Leyden, 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 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, as provided for in the Agreement with NYS DOT, PE and/or ROW Incidental or ROW acquisition work performed by the municipality for the federal aid-eligible construction project covered by the agreement, the costs of such work that are approved in writing by DOT, applicable to the federal aid and Marchiselli aid construction work (excluding costs applicable to non-federally eligible or non- Marchiselli eligible project elements) shall be credited following FHWA’s construction phase closeout audit of the Project costs that are eligible for federal aid and Marchiselli aid; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis advanced the Project by its commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of project costs. NYSDOT now requires Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to add the Right-of-Way Acquisition phase and costs estimated to be $17,500.00, with the local 20% share being $3,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the project requires acquisition of real property and the County requests NYS DOT Real Estate Office to perform these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Agreement with NYS DOT for Bridge Contract No. D040264, known as CR 43 (East Road) over Moose Creek, PIN 775389/BIN3339700, to add a Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition phase and funding.

Section 2. That the total estimated ROW Acquisition Phase cost of $17,500.00 is hereby appropriated, with the local share cost deposit of $3,500.00, hereby made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the project. The following accounts shall be recognized to facilitate the funding of this project:
Increase Revenue:
H0512000 350310 Local  $3,500.00
Project HAQ

Increase Expenditure:
H0512000 499900  $3,500.00
Project HAQ

Section 3. That in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated, the Chairman shall convene the Lewis County Board of Legislators as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount upon notification from the NYS DOT.

Section 4. That the Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman of the Board, is authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 and all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with the NYSDOT in connection with this Project.

Section 5. 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 6. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2022
RESOLUTION AWARDING BID TO AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
WITH ACC TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE COUNTY’S
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKING EQUIPMENT/SYSTEM
UPGRADE PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized the IT Director to send out
a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase, installation and service support for Cisco Meraki
Network Switches and Wireless Access Points; new equipment necessary to replace outdated
equipment which connects the County to emergency communication systems; and

WHEREAS, the county received two (2) bids which were scored and analyzed by the IT
Director, in consultation with the County Attorney and 911 Operations Coordinator, according to
predetermined criteria and a point scoring system which included consideration of current
management of SAN, backups, virtual servers, firewall issues; a significantly lower hourly labor
rate for service consulting upon which the IT Department relies; and ability to respond timely to
assistance requests on site or remotely. The scoring system and best interest of the County
criteria and concerns favored ACC Technical Services as the responsible bidder in the best interest of the
County, with justification of said criteria and determination by the NYSDHSES Grant
administrators’ review of same; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and scoring analysis, the IT Director recommends
that the Board of Legislators award the bid to and authorize a contract with ACC Technical
Services, Inc., of Syracuse, NY 13220, for up to $158,883.93 in switches and equipment, plus
$135/hr for service consultation support, in accordance with the RFP specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators awards the IT bid to and authorizes
an Agreement with ACC Technical Services, Inc., PO Box 2787, Syracuse, NY 13220, to provide
the equipment, installation and technical consulting support services for Network Switches and
Wireless Point Access in order to upgrade the County’s communications network system as
outlined in the RFP, in an amount up to $158,883.93, plus $135/hr for consulting services.

Section 2. That the bid criteria and scoring analysis has been reviewed by the NYS DHSES
who confirm that the award and funds for said equipment are covered under the 911 radio
equipment grants, and therefore, the Lewis County Board of Legislators directs that the costs and
expenses for the contract shall be paid from the FY20 SICG Grant Budget Line for Equipment –
3020-291805.

Section 3. 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 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 5th day of April.
RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2022
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance and 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 Law (County Attorney) Department for the following:

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Section 2. That the within resolution shall be effective immediately.

Moved by Legislator __Virkler__, seconded by Legislator __Osborne__, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2022
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED NYS LEGISLATION TO
REDESIGNATE EXISTING BIOMASS FACILITY AS
RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, since 2004 and the inception of New York’s renewable energy policy, the Public Service Commission considered biomass as a renewable energy resource; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the State passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), with its stated goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 100% by 2050, and with a 40% reduction in climate pollution by 2030 by investment in renewable energy systems. That legislation failed to recognize biomass energy facilities as falling under the renewable energies definition; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 legislation included the formation of the Climate Action Council, a committee to review and consider the viability and role of bioenergy under this new legislation, *inter alia*, large scale biomass energy systems, especially in upstate regions where biomass systems provide economic support and development to the region. The 2019 law and Council continue to take a very narrow approach and view of biomass energy facilities and a renewable energy definition to the detriment of the North Country economy; and

WHEREAS, Senator Patty Ritchie’s S-1861Bill and Assemblyman Kenneth D. Blankenbush’s co-sponsored, bipartisan Bill A-09127 are specifically geared as a carve-out to the 2019 law to address the viability and importance of continuing the biomass facility at Fort Drum as environmentally friendly and a renewable energy source by its conversion from coal-fired burning to biomass-fired electric generating, supplied by using sustainable forest management practices and guidelines outlined by the DEC. These Bills will also allow for Fort Drum to maintain its energy security, so critical at this time, by providing this important military installation with its own independent power source and grid; and

WHEREAS, the biomass facilities, including the one at Fort Drum, support the Lewis County local economy, with many of its residents’ economically dependent upon the biomass facilities in sustaining jobs related directly and indirectly to the wood industry and forests in the North Country; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, one of the first and leading counties to take concrete steps to reduce its carbon footprint, has invested responsibly and mindfully in wind, solar, hydro and biomass facilities and projects to enhance economic development with the resources afforded to us by our environment. Biomass facilities are environmentally friendly with a sustainable and manageable carbon lifecycle. Lewis County recognizes that “green energy” is not always 100% “clean energy”, and should include environmentally friendly, managed, and renewable resources and energy systems such as biomass; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will allow Fort Drum to continue its independent biomass facility, and will support the Lewis County economy for those dependent upon the Fort Drum
system for their livelihood. Furthermore, this first step carve-out legislation specifically for the Fort Drum military installation may encourage another look at investment in locally produced renewable and sustainable energy sources such as biomass to help reduce the state’s dependency on fossil fuels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby supports Senator Patty Ritchie’s NYS S-1861/A-6181 Bill known as the “Biomass Fired Exception Program”, and the Co and Bipartisan -Sponsored legislation in the Assembly by Assemblyman Kenneth D. Blankenbush under A-09127, which will allow Fort Drum to continue operation of its biomass-fired plant operated by ReEnergy Black River LLC, in providing all of the installation’s electricity and continued energy security and resiliency.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators calls upon all State legislators to support this legislation and to consider expansion of the definition of “renewable energy” to include biomass facilities that utilize wood or herbaceous matter harvested by sustainable forest management practices.

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

Section 4. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to NYS Senator Patty Ritchie, NYS Assemblyman Kenneth D. Blankenbush, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the State Legislature, and all others deemed appropriate by the Board of Legislators.

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2022
RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND HERITAGE MASONRY RESTORATION, INC.
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORK AT
7514 S. STATE STREET, LOWVILLE,
UNDER THE DOWNTOWN STABILIZATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Department sent out a Request for Proposals to
qualified vendors to perform roof repairs, elevator shaft construction, and façade repair for the
NYMS Downtown Stabilization Grant Project at 7514 South State Street, according to the terms
and specifications set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids received were opened on March 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm, with the
Director of Planning, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and the Community Development Specialist
present to open bids received in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, after detailed review and consideration of the proposals, the Director of
Planning recommends awarding the bid to Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc. ("Heritage"), of
Syracuse, NY, the lower bidder who met the qualifications and specifications set forth in the RFP,
with a bid of $184,986.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid to Heritage and authorizes an
agreement for the specified services to be provided in accordance with the RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby awards the general
construction bid and authorizes an Agreement with Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc., of 222
Midler Park Drive, Syracuse, NY 13206, to perform roof repairs, elevator shaft construction and
façade repairs and other construction required for the building at 7514 South State Street, Lowville,
NY under the NYMS Downtown Stabilization Project, in accordance with the specifications and
requirements set forth in the RFP.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said agreement to
include all conditions and requirements set forth in the RFP together with inclusion of any and all
additional terms and conditions recommended by the County Attorney, at a cost of $184,986.00,
with services to be completed by September 30, 2022, and with the property owner obligated for
all project costs and expenses above the NYMS grant award of $188,202.00.

Section 3. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby
authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement and any amendments thereto, upon
review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 4. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.
Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022. Legislator Gilbert abstained.
RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2022
RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS, INC. TO FURNISH AND INSTALL ELEVATOR FOR PUBLIC BUILDING UNDER THE NYMS DOWNTOWN STABILIZATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Department secured grant funding through the New York Main Street (NYMS) Stabilization Program to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings in the Village of Lowville; and

WHEREAS, renovations to the “Old Jail” building and property, 7514 South State Street, Lowville, NY are underway at this location pursuant to this Grant, which require a three (3) floor elevator service. The Planning Director sent out an RFP for a suitable elevator for its purchase and installation, as set forth in the specifications of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received, opened on February 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm, and considered by the Planning Director and staff, with a recommendation that the Lewis County Board of Legislators award the bid to the lowest bidder, Accessibility Solutions, Inc., of Syracuse, NY, in the amount of $57,856.00; and

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 Accessibility Solutions, Inc., PO Box 3122, Syracuse, NY 13220, to furnish and install an Orion, L.U.L.A elevator to serve three floors, to meet national elevator code and other local code requirements for public buildings at the downtown stabilization project building, 7514 South State St., Lowville, NY, in accordance with the specifications as set forth in the RFP.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes said agreement to include all specifications and requirements set forth in the RFP together with additional terms recommended by the County Attorney, at a cost not to exceed $57,856.00.

Section 3. That this expense shall be paid from the NYMS Grant Funds.

Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement and any amendments or change orders thereto, upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Virkler, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022. Legislator Gilbert abstained.
RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2022
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Planning Department

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Planning Department to accept funding received from Tug Hill Artisan Roasters as their required private contribution for the Main Street Lowville revitalization grant. These funds will be appropriated to increase the amount available for expenditure on this project.

Increase Revenue:
A0802000 339021 NYS Main Street revenue $178,632.12

Increase Expenditure:
A0802000 495021 NYS Main Street expense $178,632.12

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

Moved by Legislator __Hathway__, seconded by Legislator __Virkler__, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2022
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CARES PROGRAM AWARD, DETERMINING CDBG PROJECT NO. 636CVHR50-22 CONSTITUTES A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND APPOINTING THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis applied for Community Development Block ("CDBG") Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES) Grant under the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) and the Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and received notice that $430,550 has been awarded for the Lewis County McNeil Apartments project which was submitted under the application as NYS CDBG Project No. 636CVHR50-22; and

WHEREAS, CDBG environmental regulations require that the County make a determination as to whether the project will have a significant impact upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, Casandra Buell, the Director of Planning and Community Development, designated as the certifying officer responsible for all activities associated with the CDBG project, reviewed the environmental review process outlined under the Grant regulations and considers the program to constitute a Type II action as defined by the regulations. The Director recommends that the Board conclude that the project will not have a significant environmental impact, and that as a Type II action, no further procedure under SEQRA is required;

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the Grant fund award for Project No. 636CVHR50-22; authorize an agreement for same, issue a negative declaration with respect to the project outline for the McNeil Apartments, and appoint Casandra Buell, Director of Planning and Community Development as the certifying officer as required under the Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby determines that the Lewis County CDBG CARES grant Project No. 636CVHR50-22 improvements at the McNeil Apartments as submitted with the CDBG application constitutes a Type II action as defined by the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) of the State of New York; that the project will not have a significant impact upon the environment, that there is no further procedure required under SEQRA, and hereby issues a negative declaration.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Casandra Buell, Director of Planning and Community Development as the certifying officer as required under the Grant.
Section 3. That the following budget appropriation is hereby approved in the Planning and Community Development accounts to appropriate grant funds from the CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act for the McNeil Apartments Project as follows:

Increase Revenue:
CL 868800 349103  $430,550.00

Increase Expenditure:
CL 868800 490100  $430,550.00

Section 4. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute, seal, and deliver the SEQRA Negative Declaration, the Grant Agreement and any other forms and documents related and necessary to give effect to this Grant, pending approval of the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 77 – 2022
RESOLUTION TO SET SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEWIS COUNTY MANUFACTURED HOUSING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UNDER NYS CDBG PROJECT # 636MH353-19

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

WHEREAS, all recipients of NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds must meet the citizen participation requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.486 and New York State’s Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, which require recipients to follow a citizen participation plan providing for one public hearing prior to the submission of an application for funding, and one public hearing, if awarded, to be held during the administration of the grant to solicit comments on the effectiveness of the program’s administration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators duly held a public hearing on the 2nd day of April, 2019 regarding a county-wide housing in preparation of all CDBG applications for the 2019 program year, including CDBG Application Project # 636MH353-19 for manufactured home replacement/repair program; and

WHEREAS, the County received an award of $510,000.00. The Lewis County Board of Legislators now seeks to hold a second public hearing to provide residents with the opportunity to offer any comments on the findings and accomplishments of the program to date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes a public hearing to be held and set on May 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Board of Legislators Chambers, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367 to provide residents of Lewis County with the opportunity to offer any comments on the findings of the current CDBG Project # 636MH353-19, Lewis County Manufactured Housing Replacement Program.

Section 2. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators, be and the same is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver any documents or writings as may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Resolution, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __Virkler__, seconded by Legislator __Osborne__, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2022
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO RECREATION, FORESTRY AND PARKS

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services 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 Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department for the following:

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Section 2. That the within resolution shall be effective immediately.

Moved by Legislator Vinkler, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. _79_ - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTH LEWIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HARRISVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF LEWIS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DURING THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the South Lewis Central School District (SLCSD) and Harrisville Central School District (HCSD) each request continuance of the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO) from the County by and through the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department for the 2022/2023 school term (September, 2022 through June, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to provide for this SRO service to each of the named school districts for another year under certain contractual considerations, conditions and understandings, including but not limited to: 1) each school district shall reimburse the County for 85% of the full year cost of the Deputy assigned as SRO (including actual salary, overtime, contractual items and obligations, fringe benefits); 2) each school district shall provide the County Manager with the school calendar and weekly logs and other documentation of the SRO’s work hours, days worked, days requested to be off, days school not in session, classroom assignments for each week, school incidents and/or matters in which the SRO is involved, and any other relevant data the County may request; 3) the County will expect the SRO to provide recreation patrol services for the remainder of the annual deputy sheriff hours during any non-school hours from September through June, and all of July and August. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SRO shall be available to the Sheriff’s Department at any time during the year for specific emergency(s) which pose a clear and present danger to the public (not for staffing due to vacations, sick time, etc. of road patrol), upon notice to the County Manager and Chairman of the Board; 4) the County expects that the Deputy will devote 75% of the non-SRO time to trail enforcement and 25% of the non-SRO time to marine patrol; with the further expectation that recreation patrol services will be undertaken on Wednesdays through Sundays which are the busiest recreation activity days, except for Monday holidays; and 5) the Sheriff’s Department will provide the weekly schedules of the SRO Deputy and his activity logs, CADS, incident reports, and other relevant data to the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the above described conditions and understandings are set forth in order for SLCSD and HCSD to understand that the agreement will provide for the County to have the unilateral right to immediately terminate the contract in the event the SRO is not performing County recreational enforcement services as set forth above during non-school days; and

WHEREAS, SLCSD and HCSD shall each be obligated to pay to the County 85% of the full year costs of the SRO assigned to its District (September, 2022 through August 31, 2023), with the County responsible for 15% of said full year costs. Adjustments to the financial compensation amount payable by each school district to the County shall be made during and after the contract term in order to account for actual costs and any contractual increase obligations during the term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes one-year Agreements between the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Sheriff's Department, and the South Lewis Central School District and with the Harrisville Central School District to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2022/2023 school term, i.e., September, 2022 through the end of the school term in June, 2023, at a cost payable by each school district to the County of Lewis representing 85% of the actual costs of the SRO assigned, including but not limited to salary, overtime, contractual benefit items and obligations, and fringe benefits.

Section 2. The Agreement shall also include, but shall not be limited to the following terms and conditions: 1) each school district shall provide the County Manager with the school calendar and weekly logs and other documentation of the SRO’s work hours, days worked, days requested to be off, days school not in session, classroom assignments for each week, school incidents and/or matters in which the SRO is involved, and any other relevant data the County may request; 2) the County will expect the SRO to provide recreation patrol services for the remainder of the annual deputy sheriff hours during any non-school hours from September through June, and for all of July and August. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SRO shall be available to the Sheriff's Department at any time during the year for specific emergency which poses a clear and present danger to the public (not for staffing due to vacations, sick time, etc. of road patrol), upon notice to the County Manager and Chairman of the Board; 3) the County expects that the Deputy will devote 75% of the non-SRO time to trail enforcement and 25% of the non-SRO time to marine patrol; with the further expectation that recreation patrol will be undertaken on Wednesdays through Sundays which are the busiest recreation activity days, except for Monday holidays; and 4) the Sheriff’s Department will provide the weekly schedules of the SRO Deputy and his activity logs, CADS, incident reports, and other relevant data to the County Manager the school term in the case of emergencies; and 5) the school district is to provide the County Manager with monthly logs and documentation of the SRO’s work days, assignments, school incidents and/or matters in which the SRO was involved, and any other relevant data the County may request.

Section 3. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or Vice-Chairman in his absence, and the Lewis County Sheriff, are hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreements upon such form and terms as may be approved by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE
AND WITH LEWIS COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES, INC. TO SERVE AS
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION

Introduced by Legislator Lisa Virkler, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services of Lewis County is an authorized Social Services official responsible and designated by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), to participate in the 2021-2022 NYS Rental Supplement Program (RSP) and is eligible to receive an allocation of $100,000.00 to provide rental assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or imminent loss of housing and for administrative costs for the RSP plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has identified Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., (LCOI) as a local non-profit organization who can administer this program and funding, and receive $15,000.00 from the allocation to do so, in accordance with an agreement to be entered between LCDSS and LCOI. LCOI currently administers Section 8 vouchers, a program similar to the one now offered by OTDA; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with LCOI will provide that in consideration of receiving this funding, LCOI will follow the program plan developed by the Lewis County Commissioner and the guidance and regulations established by OTDA, including but not limited to: register interested parties, identify eligibility and amounts available to each eligible participant in accordance with the requirements established by OTDA, pay out the funds to landlords, and provide LCDSS with quarterly invoices and reports to monitor amounts expended for each eligible household; and

WHEREAS, the RSP funding allows payments up to and including 85% of the Fair Market Rate (FMR) established by HUD and based on income of the participant. If rent is above 85% of FMR, Lewis County will be required to supplement the difference up to 100% of the FMR, if applicable. This additional funding is not in the DSS 2022 budget, is unknown at this time, but estimated to be $15,000 - $25,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize an agreement with OTDA for the $100,000 allocation in accordance with the Plan submitted by the Commissioner of LCDSS, and for an agreement with LCOI to administer the program on behalf of LCDSS, and to appropriate the funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement between the County, by and through the LC DSS and NYS OTDA to receive the RSP allocation of $100,000.00 based upon the Plan submitted by the Commissioner of Lewis County DSS.
Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes an agreement between the County of Lewis, by and through the Department of Social Services and Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., to serve as the local agency to administer the program on behalf of LCDSS.

Section 3. That the Agreement with LCOI shall provide for LCOI to receive $15,000.00 from the allocation for administrative services, including but not limited to register interested parties, identify eligibility and amounts available to each eligible participant in accordance with the requirements established by OTDA, pay out the funds to landlords, and provide LCDSS with quarterly invoices and reports to monitor amounts expended for each eligible household. The term of the agreement shall be April 6, 2022 through April 5, 2023, with annual renewals based upon continued funding from OTDA under this program.

Section 4. That the Lewis County Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Agreement and any extensions or modifications thereto, pending review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 5. That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver the Agreement with Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., for administrative services under this program, and any extensions or modifications thereto provided the amount remains the same, pending approval by the County Attorney.

Section 6. That the $100,000.00 is hereby appropriated, to be tracked in the following accounts:

**Revenue Accounts:**
A061600 336401 – DSS NYS Rental Supplement
A061600 327048 – CF Rental Supplement

**Expenditure Accounts:**
A061600 499900 – Program Costs
A061600 490900 - Admin Fee

Section 7. That the within Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _Virkler_, seconded by Legislator _Osborne_, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2022
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 $1,696,245.31 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 Moroughan, seconded by Legislator Virkler, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.

AYES: Hathway, Chartrand, Leviker, Osborne, Virkler, Gilbert, Moroughan, Nellenback, and Dolhof.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burns.
RESOLUTION NO. 82 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY AND ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES, LTD FOR SPECIAL
INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ENGINEERING AND TESTING
SERVICES UNDER THE 2022 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, seeks to have a professional inspection and testing company available for the 2022 Facilities Improvement Project at the Highway Garage and Department of Social Services building to perform various required soil, concrete, masonry, fireproofing, hot mix asphalt, structural steel, wood, fire-resistant joints, air monitoring and sampling testing and laboratory services as outlined by the project engineer and resident project representative; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Testing Laboratories, LTD (ATL) has provided professional specialized testing and analysis services for the County on other projects at the Highway Garage as well as at the Solid Waste facility; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Testing Laboratories submitted a proposal to perform these specialized professional testing and analysis services which outlines the scope of services to be performed together with the itemized fee schedule for the costs of particular testing, and technical professional personnel required for various inspections and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, this professional service was listed in the project costs, and the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to accept the proposal and authorize an agreement to provide these professional testing and inspection services;

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 Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Ltd with offices at 26581 NYS Route 283, Watertown, NY 13601, for the purpose of performing special inspections and construction materials engineering and testing services required under the 2022 Facilities Improvement Projects at the Highway Garage and Department of Social Services building and locations, as more fully set forth in its proposal dated March 18, 2022.

Section 2. That the Agreement shall commence upon a fully executed agreement and continue through March 31, 2023.

Section 3. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or the Vice-Chairman be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Agreement and any modification or extension thereto, upon such form as may be acceptable to the County Attorney.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
Moved by Legislator __Osborne__, seconded by Legislator __Chartrand__, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022.
OTHER BUSINESS:

Ryan Piche handed out a document showing what the management staff came up with for our vision, mission, and values on the retreat with Christy Anderson-Nakano back in January. Our Vision is: Lewis County, building and supporting our community to live better for generations to come. Our Mission is: We are a team, unified in our commitment to provide professional services, support the needs and growth of our County, and improve quality of life. Our Values are Excellence, Innovation, Fiscal Responsibility, Collaboration, Service, Respect, and Integrity. Ryan asked the board to review it, have input and then adopt them.

A proclamation was read declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. A second proclamation was read declaring April 2022 as Fair Housing Month.

Legislator Chartrand moved to enter executive session for an update on pending litigation after a brief 5-minute break, seconded by Legislator Osborne and carried.

At 6:11 p.m. Legislator Chartrand moved to enter regular session and adjourn the meeting with no other business to come before the board, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.