

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Deputy Clerk of the Board, Amanda Lawton.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present. There were 12 other persons present.

The Honorable Justice Merrell came forward and administered the Oath of Office to each Legislator.

The Deputy Clerk of the Board called for nominations for a Chair of the Board of Legislators for 2022. Legislator Chartrand nominated Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Osborne. There being no other nominations, Legislator Hathway made a motion for the deputy clerk to close the polls and cast one ballot for Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Chartrand. Legislators Gilbert and Burns escorted Chairman Dolhof to the podium.

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

REPORT OF THE RULES AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

Legislator Virkler made a motion to waive the Board's Standing Rule No. VI, to allow action on all resolutions presented this evening, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing at 5:13 p.m. for CDBG funding for community development, public infrastructure, housing, and economic development needs under program year 2022 NYS CDBG funding and program year 2020 CDBG-CV funding applications, in amounts not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Planning Director, Casandra Buell reported that Lewis County is looking to solicit public comments on the County's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2022 program year. Potential applications include up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG-CV Farmworker Safety Housing Grant Funds for various farms in Lewis County, up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG Economic Development funds, up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG-CV funds to purchase several emergency vehicles for our emergency service providers, \$324,665.00 in CDBG-CV Housing Funds for the rehabilitation of McNeil Park Apartments, and several additional applications relative to housing, community development and public facilities. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make approximately \$50 million dollars available in the 2022 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. This public hearing is also responsive to CDBG-CV funds from program year 2020 with an allocation of approximately \$127 million to

NYS. It should be noted that Snow Belt Housing is interested in managing the CDBG-CV grant for the rehabilitation of McNeil Apartments as a sub recipient. It is 15 unit, USDA subsidized property for senior citizens and residents who have disabilities of any age.

There was a comment received from Carthage Savings & Loan Association President Thomas Piche, supporting the counties application to the Office of Community Renewal for the purpose of making Environmental Improvements in Housing for Safe Shelter to benefit the low to moderate income residents of McNeil Park Apartments. They see a tremendous need for housing rehabilitation on a comprehensive basis throughout the County due to the age and condition of the housing stock and are aware of the limited selection of affordable apartments for Lewis County residents. They are pleased to offer their support for the county's application and encourage the Office of Community Renewal to fund the County of Lewis' proposed Environmental Improvements in Housing for Safe Shelter activity. If the county's application is successful Carthage Savings & Loan would be willing to assist the county by continuing to market the program to the community members, who are in need of safe and affordable housing.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

Legislators from all parties have indicated their wish to designate the Watertown Daily Times as their official newspaper for the years 2022 and 2023 which will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF LEWIS COUNTY:

The people of the County of Lewis being divided into various political parties, the undersigned Legislators of Lewis County elected by the Republican Party, pursuant to Section 214 of the County Law, hereby designate the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper circulated in Lewis County, State of New York, which newspaper fairly represents the Republican Party of said County, to publish the session laws, concurrent resolutions of the Legislature as required by law to be published, certificates of nomination, local laws of the Board of Legislators, election notices, official canvass, and any and all other matters that are or may be required by law to be published in the official newspaper of the County.

NAME/SIGNATURE

Philip Hathway
Lisa Virkler
Ronald J. Burns
Ian W. Gilbert
Richard Chartrand
Andrea Moroughan
Joshua Leviker
Lawrence Dolhof
Thomas A. Osborne
Jeffrey Nellenback

ADDRESS

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P.O. Box 102, Copenhagen, NY 13626
8634 Artz Road, Castorland, NY 13620
7563 Cedar Street, Lowville, NY 13367
6697 Pine Grove Road, Glenfield, NY 13343
6144 West Main Street, Turin, NY 13473
P.O. Box 308, Lyons Falls, NY 13368
6202 Pine Grove Road, Glenfield, NY 13343
4479 Mud Lake Road, West Leyden, NY 13489

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

All Legislators have received copies of the 4th Quarter Bed Tax Reports, the December Highway & Solid Waste Audit Reports, and an unsafe structure report from Senior Code Officer Ward Dailey on the property located at 6837 Higby Road in the Town of Greig.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chairman Dolhof announced the 2022 Legislative Committee assignments as follows:

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ian Gilbert, Chair
Richard Chartrand, Vice-Chair
Andrea Moroughan
Philip Hathway
Joshua Leviker

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Lisa Virkler, Chair
Andrea Moroughan, Vice-Chair
Jeffrey Nellenback
Richard Chartrand
Ronald Burns

FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE

Thomas Osborne, Chair
Philip Hathway, Vice-Chair
Ronald Burns
Jeffrey Nellenback
Joshua Leviker

Hospital Board of Managers Representative will continue to be Legislator Chartrand.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

County Manager, Ryan Piche reported that there would be a distribution on Saturday, January 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at all 15 firehalls across the county. The County has received 9,100 test kits, made up from 1,100 the state sent and 8,000 the county already purchased. Each test kit contains two tests. The state also sent 7,500 KN95 masks which will also be distributed. It is unlikely that all of the test kits will be taken so after Saturday if there is still some needed, depending on our inventory, arrangements can be made for additional distribution. Ryan encouraged all legislators to stop by their local fire department to check out the distribution. The Fire Departments stepped up to assist in distribution, so Ryan requested that a \$500 donation be sent to each one. It would be \$7,000 total to come out of the County Manager miscellaneous account line.

Ryan asked Ashley to give an update on the new Quarantine and Isolation protocol which is only due to the fact that Public Health has been able to stay on top of our cases here in Lewis County and kept everything inhouse. Public Health Director, Ashley Waite reported that the CDC has been tracking the omnicron variant and has seen that the amount of time an individual is infectious is shorter and therefore they have shortened the isolation and quarantine periods. The new guidance is that all individuals requiring quarantine, which are those that are not vaccinated or have not received their booster shot, would only have to quarantine for 5 days. Those individuals that are infected and have mild symptoms only have to isolate for 5 days, but are required to wear a well fitted mask for an additional 5 days after. Another change is that the only individuals that will be quarantined are household contacts. Cases are currently spiking rapidly, 265 cases currently with 140 of them being in the last two days. Public Health has been able to stay on top of case investigations thus far and with the changes it should be manageable even though cases are trending up.

The State, as well as many counties, have called the \$1 million for the mask mandate “enforcement money”. If you look at the actual guidelines by the state, the money doesn’t have to be used for enforcement and can be used for vaccine and testing. Ryan recommends that we submit a plan to utilize the funds in a way to support Lewis County Health System with further Covid-19 testing and supplies. The funds can be used for things as far back as December 27th through February 15th. Legislator Hathway questioned if the county could use that money for additional test kits, Ryan responded that it could possibly be used for that if the supply is available.

Chairman Dolhof made a motion to create a plan and apply for the \$1 million dollars from the state, with exception of anything regarding enforcement, seconded by Legislator Chartrand. Ryan stated that there are four categories of funding, two of them are more directly related to policing. The other two are more related to vaccine and testing which is where Lewis County’s interest lies. Legislator Gilbert thanked Ryan for his effort in finding out what the funds can be used for. The motion then carried.

Legislator Chartrand stated that he has had several small business owners approach him about how they have had to buy masks for their employees out of their own pocket. He went to Emergency Management Director Robert Mackenzie to get several boxes of masks to distribute and recommended that other legislators do the same as the small business owners really appreciated that gesture.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:


County Treasurer, Eric Virkler handed out his report. He reported that the sales tax revenue and bed tax has increased. Sales tax Revenue to date is \$14,779,000 for 2021, with one more payment pending which should bring it up over \$15,000,000. This has succeeded the budgeted amount for 2021 by at least \$2,000,000. The \$137,000 collected in 2021, which is about \$30,000 over last year and is due to registering about 80 short term rental properties.

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 \$ 713,819.56 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.



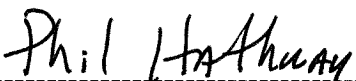
Thomas Osborne Committee



Ronald Burns Committee



Ian Gilbert Committee



Phil Hathway Committee

Dated: January 4, 2022

Approved on motion by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Attorney Joan McNichol reported on another Opioid Settlement of 200 million dollars that requires a participation agreement and requests that the Board authorize the chairman or our outside council to execute the documents after review by the County Attorney. Legislator Burns made a motion to authorize Chairman Dolhof or our outside counsel to execute any documents required for the participation agreement, seconded by Legislator Gilbert. Legislator Hathway voiced his opinion that some of these funds should be shared with the schools to help prevent future problems. Joan stated that it is dependent on the terms of what the funds could be used for. The motion was then carried.

Jerry Cayer, Lewis County Health Systems CEO reported that they are incredibly busy at the hospital and that he just received word that the Emergency Department is on diversion tonight because they are busting at the seams. Legislator Gilbert questioned what percentage of current cases are the omnicron variant, Jerry responded that he agrees with Ashley Waite that it seems that it is in the area. Chairman Dolhof questioned the percentage of residents vaccinated and Ashley responded that she didn't have the data for December yet.

Chairman Dolhof declared a five-minute recess at 5:40 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 5:51 p.m.

Jerry Cayer gave a brief update on the Hospitals construction project. Due to supply shortages the estimated cost of the project went up 24% which is roughly an increase of \$9,000,000. The key points of the project were reviewed, and it was determined that the majority of the basement will not be constructed, which will reduce the costs by \$9,000,000. This will require the hospital to submit a modified Certificate of Need, which is a much quicker process. The timeline for the project is that the bid will go out on January 17th, there will be a pre-bid walk through on January 26th, and February 14th the bid opening will occur. Jerry stated he was hopeful for a groundbreaking ceremony in March 2022 with a February 2023 completion date.

County Attorney, Joan McNichol requested that Resolution No. 14 - 2022 and 15 - 2022 be addressed after executive session.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 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 \$ 713,819.56 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 Virkler, seconded by Legislator Gilbert, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – 2022
RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDING RULES
OF THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF LEWIS COUNTY

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That this Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Standing Rules of the Board of Legislators as last amended on October 2, 2019, which be and hereby are adopted as the Standing Rules of the Lewis County Board of Legislators for the year 2022.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – 2022
RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO VICE-CHAIRMAN
OF LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Vice-Chairman shall have and execute all powers and duties of such Chairman over any meeting that he is called to preside over.

Section 2. That the Vice-Chairman shall execute and perform such duties during the absence of the Chairman from the County of Lewis and at such times when the Chairman is physically or mentally unable to perform such duties.

Section 3. That the powers and duties so authorized to said Vice-Chairman shall not be executed by the Chairman during the above designated time periods.

Section 4. That this Board of Legislators hereby appoints

LEGISLATOR THOMAS OSBORNE

to perform the duties of Vice-Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators for calendar year 2022.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – 2022
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM AND THE AMOUNT OF
A BLANKET UNDERTAKING COVERING OFFICERS,
CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES OF LEWIS COUNTY

Introduced by Legislator Ronald Burns, Member of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, County Law § 403 provides that the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer, as well as such county officers as shall be specifically required by law, must execute and file with the County Clerk an undertaking in such amounts as may be approved by the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law § 11(2) further provides that it is permissible with the consent and approval of the officer or governing body authorized to require the undertaking for the County to procure a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering officers, clerks and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby approves the blanket undertaking in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be obtained from a corporate surety company duly authorized to do business in the State of New York, for the purpose of covering all officers, clerks and employees of Lewis County and that such officers, clerks and employees will faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office, and all trusts imposed upon him or her by law by virtue of his or her office, including the duty of promptly accounting for and paying over all moneys or property received by him as such officer, in accordance with law, and that if the said officers, clerks or employees fail to perform any of the above-mentioned conditions or is in default thereof, that the said corporate surety will pay to said County and to the People of the State of New York, all damages, costs and expenses resulting from such default, not exceeding the sum specified above.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be affixed to a copy of the undertaking described herein and filed with the Lewis County Clerk's Office.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – 2022
RESOLUTION WAIVING THE NEED FOR A SURETY BOND
ON THE PART OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced by Legislator Ronald Burns, Member of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, County Law § 450 provides that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is to execute and file an undertaking with the County Clerk in such form and in such amount as may be required by the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has this date adopted a resolution approving a blanket undertaking covering the officers, clerks and employees of Lewis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby determines that separate undertaking for the Chairman of the Board of Legislators shall not be required and waives any further obligation on the part of the Chairman of the Board to obtain a surety bond for the faithful performance of his office, pursuant to County Law § 450.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 - 2022
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLERK OF THE BOARD
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law, the Board of Legislators appoints a Clerk of the Board to serve the Board of Legislators during the term of the elected Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to appoint Cassandra Moser to serve as Clerk of the Board and Administrator for the Workers Compensation Plan, and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of her service during said term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Cassandra Moser of New Bremen, New York, to serve as Clerk of the Board and Administrator of the Workers Compensation Plan.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an employment agreement to be negotiated by and between the County of Lewis and Cassandra Moser, setting forth the terms and conditions of her employment.

Section 3. That the term of said Appointment shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Section 4. That the annual salary for said position is established and retroactive to January 1, 2022 at \$ 62,050.00, with annual adjustment(s) to the salary during the remainder of her fixed term upon approval of the Board of Legislators pursuant to the management compensation plan schedule adopted by the Board.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Chartrand , and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law, the Lewis County Fire Advisory Board shall consist of the following members, who are hereby appointed to such Board for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to wit: Fire Chief of each Volunteer Fire Department in Lewis County, or a designated Assistant Fire Chief, all of whom shall be county officers and shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. That Lewis County Fire and Emergency Management Director Robert MacKenzie, III is hereby authorized to appoint up to six (6) Deputy Coordinators, who shall serve without compensation, and that said Director must submit a list of his appointees to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators as soon as appointments have been made.

Section 3. That the necessary expenses of the Lewis County Fire Advisory Board and the Deputy Coordinators shall be paid upon due audit as provided by law.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Chartrand , and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 – 2022
RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AUTHORIZATION TO
CANARX SERVICES, INC. AS
LEWIS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN VENDOR

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby extends authorization to participants of the Lewis County Health Insurance Plan to utilize CanaRx Services, Inc. as a vendor for prescribed medications.

Section 2. That CanaRx Services, Inc. is hereby approved as a vendor for a period of one year to commence January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – 2022
RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUDITOR OF
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS AND
SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Section 600 of the County Law of New York State authorizes the Board of Legislators to appoint a County Auditor and limit the duties thereof to the auditing of specific claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following individual is hereby appointed County Auditor with duties limited to the audit of claims against the various accounts of the Lewis County Highway Department and the Lewis County Solid Waste Department:

CASSANDRA MOSER

Section 2. That said appointment shall be in effect for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2021
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE
FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROGRAM
For 2021-2022 Season

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

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the following appropriations take place in the Snowmobile Trails account for the 2021-2022 Snowmobile Award:

Increase Revenue:

A0714100 338202 State Aid	\$285,444.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0714100 499900 Expense	\$285,444.00
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Section 2. That the funds will be passed on the Snowmobile Association when received.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Chartrand , and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF
RESOLUTION 289-2021 SHELTER FEES BY
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.
WITH LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Introduced by Chair Lawrence L. Dolhof, Member of the Board of Legislators

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 289-2021, the Lewis County Board of Legislators authorized an Agreement with Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc. and Lewis County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) for the purchase of shelter services at a cost of \$118.84 per person/per night; and

WHEREAS, DSS was notified by Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc. that the rate increased to \$122.32 per person/per night for the term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to authorize this increase and correct Resolution No. 289-2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby corrects Resolution 289-2021 to reflect an increase in the fee for the purchase of shelter services with Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc. and Lewis County Department of Social Services from \$118.84 to \$122.32 per person/per night for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 2022
RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 363-2021
AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS
FOR ANNUAL TOWN BUDGETS AND
CORRECTIONS TO TAX ROLLS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 116 of the Town Law, there has been presented to this Board of Legislators a duly certified copy of the Annual Budget of each of the several towns of the County of Lewis for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 363-2021, the Board of Legislators authorize the levying of taxes and assessment for the annual town budgets and corrections to the tax rolls, which had errors in the amounts pertaining to the Town of Montague; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to rescind Resolution 363-2021 and adopt the following Resolution in order to authorize the levying of taxes and assessments for the town budgets beginning January 1, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the taxable property situated in the following named towns the amounts indicated below as specified in the budgets of the respective towns as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Town-Wide</u>	<u>Outside Village</u>
Croghan	\$683,601.00	\$641,261.42
Denmark	639,172.00	306,884.00
Diana	662,590.00	
Greig	740,531.00	
Harrisburg	137,280.89	
Lewis	609,913.00	
Leyden	328,039.00	143,528.00
Lowville	672,852.00	212,584.00
Lyonsdale	367,428.00	188,598.00
Martinsburg	364,743.00	
Montague	204,660.00	
New Bremen	688,244.00	368,232.00
Osceola	358,494.00	
Pinckney	382,308.00	
Turin	479,722.00	108,427.00
Watson	1,104,217.00	
West Turin	483,949.00	174,854.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be, and hereby is, assessed and levied upon and collected from the real property liable therefor within the respective fire, fire protection, water health and electric light districts in the following towns indicated below, the following amounts for the purpose of such districts as specified in the respective annual budgets.

Croghan:	
Fire Protection District	\$151,265.00
Beaver Falls Fire District	60,205.63
Beaver Falls Light District	6,000.00
Relevied Water and Sewer	51,716.43
Denmark:	
Castorland Fire Protection District	66,300.00
W Carthage Fire	24,300.00
Copenhagen Fire	40,000.00
Relevied Sewer	646.96
Diana:	
Fire Protection District	138,622.00
Natural Bridge Fire District	3,252.00
Natural Bridge Light District	225.00
Diana Water	13,231.53
Diana Light	18,000.00
Greig:	
Fire Protection District – 3G	79,114.00
Brantingham Water Control	1,800.00
Harrisburg:	
Fire Protection District	27,124.13
Lewis:	
Fire Protection District	42,254.00
Leyden:	
Fire Protection District & Ambulance	29,775.00
Lowville:	
Fire Protection	38,893.00
Water/Sewer Relevy	60,749.80
Agriculture Conversion Penalty	2,693.79
Lyonsdale:	
Lyons Falls & Port Leyden Fire Protection Districts	38,655.00
Lyonsdale Light	1,050.00

Martinsburg:	
Fire Protection District	111,204.00
Glenfield Light District	5,800.00
Martinsburg Light District	4,800.00
Martinsburg Water	4,222.12
Water/Sewer Relevies	19,359.74
Montague:	
Fire Protection	9,345.00
New Bremen:	
New Bremen Fire District	78,000.00
Beaver Falls Fire District	45,294.37
New Bremen Fire Protection District	17,088.00
Lighting District	10,799.36
Water Relevy	4,079.86
Osceola:	
Fire Protection District	45,500.00
Library	7,500.00
Pinckney:	
Fire Protection District & Ambulance	15,000.00
Turin:	
Fire Protection	42,951.00
Watson:	
Fire Protection	52,675.00
Watson Light	3,299.94
Water District	19,453.80
West Turin:	
Turin Fire Protection	17,054.00
Constableville Fire Protection	41,819.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be, and hereby is, assessed and levied upon and collected from the real property tax all corrections to Tax Rolls as authorized by the Board of Legislators by the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Director.

Croghan	\$ 644.30
Denmark	\$1,564.18

Diana	\$ 99.21
Greig	\$ 506.43
Harrisburg	\$ 0.39
Lewis	\$ 258.77
Leyden	\$ 313.51
Lowville	\$ 551.13
Lyonsdale	\$ 208.35
Martinsburg	\$ 111.04
Montague	(\$.20)
New Bremen	\$ 319.73
Osceola	\$ 338.43
Pinckney	(\$ 0.04)
Turin	(\$ 0.08)
Watson	\$ 753.42
West Turin	\$ 112.90

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such taxes and assessments when collected shall be paid to the Supervisors of the several towns in the amounts as shown in this resolution for distribution by them in the manner provided by law.

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Chartrand , and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - 2022
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LEWIS COUNTY ATTORNEY
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §500, the Board of Legislators must appoint a County Attorney to serve during the term of the elected Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint Joan E. McNichol as County Attorney and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of her service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Joan E. McNichol of Lowville, New York 13367, to serve as Lewis County Attorney, pursuant to County Law § 500.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a renewal employment agreement to be negotiated by and between the County of Lewis and Joan E. McNichol, setting forth the terms and conditions of her employment as Lewis County Attorney.

Section 3. That the term of said Appointment shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Section 4. That the annual salary for said position shall be established and retroactive to January 1, 2022, by approval of the Board of Legislators, with annual adjustment(s) to the salary during the remainder of her fixed term pursuant to the management compensation plan schedule adopted by the Board.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

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

Moved by Legislator Virkler , seconded by Legislator Burns .

Legislator Virkler made a motion to amend Section 4 of the resolution to read “That the annual salary for said position shall be established and retroactive to January 1, 2022 at \$121,468.00, by approval of the Board of Legislators,...”, seconded by Legislator Osborne and carried.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2022
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LEWIS COUNTY MANAGER
AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore established the position of County Manager pursuant to Lewis County Local Law No. 4-1987, whose function it is to serve as the chief administrative officer, as well as the budget officer, on behalf of the Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to re-appoint Ryan Piche as County Manager and to enter into an employment agreement to provide for the terms and conditions of said appointed position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby re-appoints Ryan Piche of Lowville, New York 13367 to the position of County Manager pursuant to Local Law No. 4-1987, to perform such duties and responsibilities as described therein and as may be delegated from time to time by the Board of Legislators.

Section 2. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Employment Agreement to be entered into by and between the County of Lewis and the County Manager, setting forth the terms and conditions of his employment as County Manager.

Section 3. The term of said Appointment shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Section 4. That the annual salary of said position is established and retroactive to January 1, 2022, by approval of the Board of Legislators, with annual adjustment(s) to the salary during the remainder of his fixed term pursuant to the management compensation plan schedule adopted by the Board.

Section 5. That the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms of said Agreement and to make, execute, seal and deliver said Agreement.

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

Moved by Legislator Moroughan, seconded by Legislator Chartrand.

Legislator Osborne made a motion to amend Section 4 of the resolution to read "That the annual salary of said position is established and retroactive to January 1, 2022 at \$121,468.00, by approval of the Board of Legislators,...", seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.

The resolution was then adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2022
RESOLUTION AWARDBING BID AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND MJ'S CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC. FOR
LEAD/ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORK AT 7514 S STATE STREET, LOWVILLE,
UNDER THE DOWNTOWN STABILIZATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Department sent out a Request for Proposals to qualified vendors to perform lead and asbestos abatement work at 7514 South State Street, Lowville, NY, as part of the Downtown Stabilization project and grant, according to the terms and specifications set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2021 at 2:05 pm, the Director of Planning, County Attorney, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and the Community Development Specialist were present to open bids received and considered the three (3) responses to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, after detailed review and consideration of the proposals, the Director of Planning recommends awarding the bid to MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., of Waterville, NY, the lowest bidder who met the qualifications and specifications set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to award the bid to MJ's Contracting Services, Inc. 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 authorizes and approves an Agreement with MJ's Contracting Services, Inc., with offices at 379 N Stafford Ave, Suite 3, Waterville, NY 13480 to perform lead/asbestos abatement work and disposal services, 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 \$ \$85,200.00, with services to be completed by June 30, 2022.

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 Burns, seconded by Legislator Virkler, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022. Legislator Gilbert abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 2022
RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN
WITH REFERENCE TO LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Legislator Richard Chartrand, Lewis County Hospital Board Member.

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:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Nursing Scheduler (1)	Full-time	\$15.50 - \$20.96/hour
Custodial Worker (2)	Full-time	\$14.01 - \$18.25/hour

Section 2. That the following positions are hereby abolished:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Cleaner (2)	Part-time	\$12.86 - \$16.70/hour
Custodial Worker (3)	Part-time	\$14.01 - \$18.25/hour

Section 3. That the within resolution shall be effective immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and adopted on the 4th day of January, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS (Continued):

Chairman Dolhof closed the public hearing at 5:59 p.m. with no other comments being offered.

At 6:00 p.m. Legislator Virkler made a motion to enter executive session for discussion on employment agreements, seconded by Legislator Leviker and carried.

At 6:23 p.m. Legislator Virkler made a motion to re-enter regular session, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned on motion by Legislator Burns, seconded by Legislator Virkler and carried.