

TO: Andrea Moroughan, Chair; Josh Leviker, Vice-Chair; Herb Frost; Tom Kalamas; and Jeff Nellenback.

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 10, 2025

SUBJECT: General Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the General Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators' Chambers. Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be streamed live at [Lewis County - YouTube](#).

Minutes:

Approve March 18th committee minutes if no amendments.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

1. Lewis County OHV Trail System Community Connections Initiative– Jackie Mahoney, Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks (10 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the purchase, acquisition, and acceptance of real property in the form of rights-of-way's adjacent to Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River in the Town of Diana and those payments for said property be charged against the Bridge Replacement project.
AYE ___ NAY ___
2. Urging Governor Hochul to oppose the New York Heat Act during the 2025 Budget Process and Legislative Session and work together to develop alternative energy policies that are affordable, sustainable, and mindful of the economic impacts on New York families and workers.
AYE ___ NAY ___
3. Declaring no significant environmental impact from the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review in adding the proposed addition of approximately 3.2 miles of County property and Robert & Jacqueline Aden property to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.
AYE ___ NAY ___
4. Authorizing the addition of approximately 3.2 miles of County property and Robert & Jacqueline Aden property to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.
AYE ___ NAY ___

5. Declaring no significant environmental impact from the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review in adding the proposed addition of approximately 678 feet of Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson property and Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca property to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.
AYE ___ NAY ___
6. Authorizing the addition of approximately 678 feet of Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson property and Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca property to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.
AYE ___ NAY ___
7. Adopting Local Law No. 1-2025 “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on Approximately 0.1 Miles of a Certain Portion of County Road 30 (Cemetery Road and Mill Street) in the Town of Martinsburg, to Connect the Existing OHV Trail System from the Town of Martinsburg Trail to and through the Franks-Lampson Property”
AYE ___ NAY ___
8. Adopting Local Law No. 2-2025 “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on Approximately 5 Miles of a Certain Portion of County Road 32 (Glendale Road) in the Town of Martinsburg, to Connect the Thisse Trail, the Gorczyca Trail, Whittaker Park, and the Franks-Lampson Trail”
AYE ___ NAY ___
9. Adopting Local Law No. 3-2025 “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on Approximately 0.3 Miles of a Certain Portion of County Road 80 (Glenfield Road) in the Town of Martinsburg, to Connect the Existing OHV Trail System from the Thisse Trail to and through the Glenfield School Trail”
AYE ___ NAY ___
10. Adopting Local Law No. 4-2025 “A Local Law Permitting All-Terrain Vehicle/Off-Highway Vehicle Operation on Approximately 1.1 Miles of a Certain Portion of County Road 53 (Mainstreet and Blue Street) in the Town of Martinsburg, to Connect the Existing OHV Trail System from the Pioneer Trail to the Glenfield School Trail and Field Day Trail”
AYE ___ NAY ___

Motions:

None.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel matter.

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Department reports are attached for your review.

If any committee member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Board of Elections

Highway

Buildings & Grounds
Code Enforcement/Junkyards
District Attorney
Fire & Emergency Management
Agriculture

Public Defender
Recreation, Forestry, & Parks
Recycling & Solid Waste
Weights & Measures

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**AUTHORIZING JUST COMPENSATION AMOUNTS
AND ACCEPTING REAL PROPERTY
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION PURCHASES
FOR THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT- (PIN 7753.99)
(MARSHEY ROAD OVER WEST BRANCH OSWEGATCHIE RIVER)
BY LEWIS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County Authorized the Superintendent of Highway to repair and replace the bridge known as the “Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River” in the Town of Diana, referred to as PIN No. 7753.99 under Federal and State funding; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the bridge requires the acquisition and the acceptance of real property of certain small parcels adjacent to the West Branch of Oswegatchie River in order to have right-of-way access. These necessary parcels have been identified, reviewed, and appraised by the right-of-way consultant, RK Hite & Co., Inc. as follows:

Map No.	Tax Parcel ID	Property Owner	Approved Appraisal Amount	Recommended Just Compensation
1 & 4	019.00-02-27	David J. Liberati and Mary E. DeJonge	\$700.00	\$700.00
2 & 3	20.00-1-14.1	Anthony Betrus, Ryan Betrus, Jonathan Betrus, William J. and Barbara Betrus (Life Estate)	\$700.00	\$700.00
5 & 7	020.00-01-16	Daniel M. Woodward	\$600.00	\$600.00
6 & 8	019.00-02-14	Charles R. Ripley & Catherine E. Ripley	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

WHEREAS, RK Hite & Co., Inc., has reviewed the appraisals, the NYS Eminent Domain Law, and the relevant portions of the Federal Highway Act and NYSDOT guidelines. The NYS Eminent Domain Procedure Law states that “In no event shall such amount be less than the condemnor’s highest approved appraisal”. The highest approved appraisals for these parcels by the County appraiser on this project, RK Hite & Co., Inc., are the amounts set forth above, and as more fully described and set forth in the detailed appraisal reports received on each parcel; and

WHEREAS, in recommending that Lewis County adopt the above amounts as just compensation for the acquisition of the above-referenced parcels, the County has also considered the Federal Highway Administration and NYSDOT guidelines of a maximum amount for a minimum payment is \$250.00 for right-of-way acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways requests that the Board of Legislators authorize the purchase, acquisition, and acceptance of real property of the above-identified parcels of land from the owners or their successors or assigns at the recommended just compensation amounts therein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby establishes and adopts the following amounts as just compensation to the owners for the acquisition of right-of-way parcels adjacent to “Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River” in the Town of Diana, referred to as PIN No. 7753.99.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators authorizes the purchase, acquisition, and acceptance of real property of the following parcels of land hereinafter referred to, from the owners or their successors or assigns, at the following amounts which the Board hereby deems to be just compensation:

Map No.	Tax Parcel ID	Property Owner	Approved Appraisal Amount	Recommended Just Compensation
1 & 4	019.00-02-27	David J. Liberati and Mary E. DeJonge	\$700.00	\$700.00
2 & 3	20.00-1-14.1	Anthony Betrus, Ryan Betrus, Jonathan Betrus, William J. and Barbara Betrus (Life Estate)	\$700.00	\$700.00
5 & 7	020.00-01-16	Daniel M. Woodward	\$600.00	\$600.00
6 & 8	019.00-02-14	Charles R. Ripley & Catherine E. Ripley	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

Section 3. The payments for said land/parcel acquisitions be charged against Marshey Road over West Branch Oswegatchie River Bridge Replacement, PIN 7753.99.

Section 4. The Superintendent of Highways is authorized to execute the Request for Determination of Just Compensation Authorization required by RK Hite & Co., Inc. in order to proceed with the acquisition of offers.

Section 5. The Chair of the Board or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary purchase agreements and

other required documents in connection with the advancement of the above just compensation determination and just compensation payment to the property owners identified upon review by the County Attorney.

Section 6. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO OPPOSE THE NEW YORK HEAT ACT DURING THE 2025 BUDGET PROCESS AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Introduced by Legislator Kalamas, District 2 Representative.

WHEREAS, the New York Heat Act (S.6853/A.8346) is a piece of proposed legislation that would dramatically impact energy costs and job security for families, workers, and businesses across New York State, especially in rural areas such as Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden of the NY Heat Act is of grave concern, as it could result in an additional \$800 per year in costs for New York families without providing any meaningful reduction in their energy bills; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the NY Heat Act, new gas hook-ups for homeowners would be prohibited, and individuals would be forced to bear the costs of electrification, with potential expenses ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000, further straining family budgets; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the “100-foot rule,” which currently requires utility companies to connect new homes or businesses to gas service at no cost if they are within 100 feet of a gas main, would have a disastrous effect on New York’s workforce; and

WHEREAS, the “100-foot rule” is essential in ensuring that utility connections are made safely and efficiently by highly-trained workers who specialize in the operation of natural gas infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, eliminating this rule would jeopardize the livelihoods of thousands of skilled union and non-union workers, putting them at risk of losing their jobs, while also negatively impacting the state’s economy by reducing the availability of these high-paying, stable jobs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis believes that any energy policy must prioritize both affordability for consumers and job security for working New Yorkers, especially those whose livelihoods are dependent on the natural gas industry; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Lewis County cannot afford to bear the additional financial burden imposed by the NY Heat Act, nor can they afford to lose valuable and well-paying jobs that support local economies and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators strongly urges Governor Kathy Hochul to oppose the New York Heat Act during the 2025 budget process and legislative session.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators requests that the Governor and the State Legislature work together to develop alternative energy policies that are affordable, sustainable, and mindful of the economic impacts on New York families and workers.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Walcyak, Assemblyman Blankenbush, and the New York State Association of Counties.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ADDITION
OF 3.2 MILES OF NEW TRAIL INTO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL
SYSTEM AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(County of Lewis, and Robert & Jacqueline Aden Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”) and multi-use trails, (as defined in Local Law No. 3-2019) is in the public interest and will enhance the recreational use of the natural resources available in the County, as well as encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators conducted an extensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a county-wide ATV and multi-use trail system pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures outlined in 6 NYCRR § 617.9, the Board of Legislators caused to be prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) and a Final GEIS (collectively the “GEIS”); on January 9, 2009, the Board of Legislators issued a written Statement of Findings setting forth the Board’s conclusions and determinations, based upon the facts and analysis contained in the GEIS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County Trail System by adopting Local Law No. 2 - 2009, **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, as subsequently amended and re-stated in Local Law No. 3-2019, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”** (herein, “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and the 2009 Statement of Findings contemplate future amendments to the Trail System through the addition of trails and/or the opening of interconnecting roads, and set forth procedures for making such amendments, and in particular, the procedures for amending the GEIS in compliance with SEQRA prior to amending the Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks has presented the Board of Legislators with a request to add a proposed addition of 3.2 miles to be

added to the Lewis County Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Greig which includes the following parcels:

Parcel No: 292.00-02-16.00 located on the property of Lewis County

Parcel No: 292.00-02-26.1 located on the property of Robert & Jacqueline Aden

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Legislators caused a site-specific environmental review of the proposed property, pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Statement of Findings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators received a report from the Soil and Water Conservation District detailing its investigations, findings, and conclusion of no significant environmental impact with respect to the trail on these properties. With the assistance from County staff and counsel, the Board has reviewed the same and compared it with the GEIS and Statement of Findings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators has reviewed the Report from the Soil and Water Conservation District and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact in adding this trail, on the identified parcels located in the Town of Greig to the Lewis County Trail System.

Section 2. Based upon its review and analysis of the data contained in the Report and the Specific Environmental Review and Assessment Statement pertaining to the trail on the properties, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The Report adequately sets forth the relevant and material facts necessary for the Board of Legislators to make a decision;
- b. The Report adequately describes the consultant's investigations and analysis as to any significant adverse impacts and necessary mitigations for the specific site;
- c. The Report's findings are consistent with the criteria identified and set forth in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings;
- d. The investigation and analysis of the described trail on Parcel No. 292.00-02-16.00 and Parcel No. 292.00-02-26.1 do not reveal any environmental impacts that were either not addressed or were not adequately addressed in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings.

Section 3. As a consequence of these determinations, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and declares that the addition of 3.2 miles of trail identified as Parcel No. 292.00-02-16.00 and Parcel No. 292.00-02-26.1 in the Town of Greig, to the Lewis County Trail System, will not result in a significant environmental impact.

Section 4. The Board of Legislators further finds and declares that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.10(d), a Supplemental Findings Statement need not be filed, and no further action need be taken with regard to the County's environmental review of the site herein identified and therefore, the Board has completed its lead agency responsibilities under SEQRA with regard to this trail addition.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO ADD 3.2 MILES OF
NEW TRAIL TO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM
(County of Lewis, & Robert & Jacqueline Aden Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators has heretofore determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”), (as defined in Local Law No. 3-2019) is in the public interest and will enhance the recreational use of the natural resources available in the County, as well as encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County Trail System (herein “Trail System”) by adopting Local Law No. 2 – 2009, **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, as subsequently amended and re-stated in Local Law No. 3-2019, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”** (herein, “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and the Statement of Findings contemplate future amendments to the Trail System through the addition of trails and/or the opening of interconnecting roads and set forth procedures for making such amendments, including a SEQRA review of any proposed addition to the Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks has presented the Board of Legislators with a request to add a proposed addition of 3.2 miles of trail on the following parcels to the Lewis County OHV Trail System:

Parcel No: 292.00-02-16.00 located on the property of Lewis County
Parcel No: 292.00-02-26.1 located on the property of Robert & Jacqueline Aden

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review under SEQRA with respect to the properties and trails identified above, and based upon an investigation and analysis conducted by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, found and determined that adding this property and trail to the Lewis County Trail System will not result in a significant environmental impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the trail located on the following properties in the Town of Greig, identified as Parcel No. 292.00-02-16.00, owned by Lewis County, and Parcel No. 292.00-02-26.1, owned by Robert and Jacqueline Aden as more fully described in the Statement prepared by

the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, is to be incorporated into and made a part of the Lewis County Trail System.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the addition of 3.2 miles of trail to the Lewis County OHV Trail System and authorizes amendment of the maps of the Lewis County Trail System as the same is published on the Lewis County website and elsewhere, to include the trail described herein, together with such other and further actions as may be necessary to administer and maintain such trail consistent with the Lewis County OHV Trail Plan, the GEIS and Statement of Findings, and Local Law No. 3-2019.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ADDITION
OF 678 FEET OF NEW TRAIL INTO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL
SYSTEM AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson and Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”) and multi-use trails, (as defined in Local Law No. 3-2019) is in the public interest and will enhance the recreational use of the natural resources available in the County, as well as encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators conducted an extensive evaluation of the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a county-wide ATV and multi-use trail system pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures outlined in 6 NYCRR § 617.9, the Board of Legislators caused to be prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) and a Final GEIS (collectively the “GEIS”); on January 9, 2009, the Board of Legislators issued a written Statement of Findings setting forth the Board’s conclusions and determinations, based upon the facts and analysis contained in the GEIS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County Trail System by adopting Local Law No. 2 – 2009, **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, as subsequently amended and re-stated in Local Law No. 3-2019, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”** (herein, “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and the 2009 Statement of Findings contemplate future amendments to the Trail System through the addition of trails and/or the opening of interconnecting roads, and set forth procedures for making such amendments, and in particular, the procedures for amending the GEIS in compliance with SEQRA prior to amending the Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks has presented the Board of Legislators with a request to add a proposed addition of 678 feet to be

added to the Lewis County Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of Martinsburg which includes the following parcels:

Parcel No: 243.03-03-3.000 located on the property of Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson

Parcel No: 243.00-01-9.000 located on the property of Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Legislators caused a site-specific environmental review of the proposed property, pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Statement of Findings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators received a report from the Soil and Water Conservation District detailing its investigations, findings, and conclusion of no significant environmental impact with respect to the trail on these properties. With the assistance from County staff and counsel, the Board has reviewed the same and compared it with the GEIS and Statement of Findings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators has reviewed the Report from Soil and Water Conservation District and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact in adding this trail, on the identified parcels located in the Town of Martinsburg to the Lewis County Trail System.

Section 2. Based upon its review and analysis of the data contained in the Report and the Specific Environmental Review and Assessment Statement pertaining to the trail on the properties, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The Report adequately sets forth the relevant and material facts necessary for the Board of Legislators to make a decision;
- b. The Report adequately describes the consultant's investigations and analysis as to any significant adverse impacts and necessary mitigations for the specific site;
- c. The Report's findings are consistent with the criteria identified and set forth in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings;
- d. The investigation and analysis of the described trail on Parcel No. 243.03-03-3.000 and Parcel No. 243.00-01-9.000 do not reveal any environmental impacts that were either not addressed or were not adequately addressed in the GEIS and the Statement of Findings.

Section 3. As a consequence of these determinations, the Board of Legislators hereby finds and declares that the addition of 678 feet of trail identified as Parcel No. 243.03-03-3.000 and Parcel No. 243.00-01-9.000 in the Town of Martinsburg, to the Lewis County Trail System, will not result in a significant environmental impact.

Section 4. The Board of Legislators further finds and declares that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.10(d), a Supplemental Findings Statement need not be filed, and no further action need be taken with regard to the County's environmental review of the site herein identified and therefore, the Board has completed its lead agency responsibilities under SEQRA with regard to this trail addition.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION TO ADD 678 FEET OF
NEW TRAIL TO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM
(Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson and Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca Properties)**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators has heretofore determined that the development of a county-wide trail system that can effectively and safely accommodate Off-Highway Vehicles (“OHV’s”), (as defined in Local Law No. 3-2019) is in the public interest and will enhance the recreational use of the natural resources available in the County, as well as encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators formally established the Lewis County Trail System (herein “Trail System”) by adopting Local Law No. 2 – 2009, **“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”**, as subsequently amended and re-stated in Local Law No. 3-2019, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2009 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM”** (herein, “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and the Statement of Findings contemplate future amendments to the Trail System through the addition of trails and/or the opening of interconnecting roads and set forth procedures for making such amendments, including a SEQRA review of any proposed addition to the Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks has presented the Board of Legislators with a request to add a proposed addition of 678 feet of trail on the following parcels to the Lewis County OHV Trail System:

Parcel No: 243.03-03-3.000 located on the property of Lynette Franks & Scott Lampson

Parcel No: 243.00-01-9.000 located on the property of Louis Jr. & Connie Gorczyca

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review under SEQRA with respect to the properties and trails identified above, and based upon an investigation and analysis conducted by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, found and determined that adding this property and trail to the Lewis County Trail System will not result in a significant environmental impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the trail located on the following properties in the Town of Martinsburg, identified as Parcel No. 243.03-03-3.000, owned by Lynette Franks and Scott Lampson, and Parcel No.

243.00-01-9.000, owned by Louis Jr. and Connie Gorczyca as more fully described in the Statement prepared by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, is to be incorporated into and made a part of the Lewis County Trail System.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the addition of 678 feet of trail to the Lewis County OHV Trail System and authorizes amendment of the maps of the Lewis County Trail System as the same is published on the Lewis County website and elsewhere, to include the trail described herein, together with such other and further actions as may be necessary to administer and maintain such trail consistent with the Lewis County OHV Trail Plan, the GEIS and Statement of Findings, and Local Law No. 3-2019.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2024

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 – 2025, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on April 1, 2025, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 30 (CEMETERY ROAD AND MILL STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE FRANKS-LAMPSON PROPERTY”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing to add a part of County Road Route 30 to the trail system was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on _____, 2025, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and with all parties in attendance permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 1–2025), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 30 (CEMETERY ROAD AND MILL STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE FRANKS-LAMPSON PROPERTY.”; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 1-2025, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 1-2025, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 – 2025, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on April 1, 2025, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 32 (GLENDALE ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE THISSE TRAIL, THE GORCZYCA TRAIL, WHITTAKER PARK, AND THE FRANKS-LAMPSON TRAIL”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing to add a part of County Road Route 32 to the trail system was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on _____, 2025, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and with all parties in attendance permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 2-2025), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 32 (GLENDALE ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE THISSE TRAIL, THE GORCZYCA TRAIL, WHITTAKER PARK, AND THE FRANKS-LAMPSON TRAIL”; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 2-2025, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 2-2025, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and

informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 3 – 2025, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on April 1, 2025, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 80 (GLENFIELD ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE THISSE TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing to add a part of County Road Route 80 to the trail system was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on _____, 2025, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and with all parties in attendance permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 3–2025), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.3 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 80 (GLENFIELD ROAD) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE THISSE TRAIL TO AND THROUGH THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL.” be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 3-2025, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 3-2025, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and

informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2025

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 – 2025, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on April 1, 2025, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 53 (MAIN STREET AND BLUE STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE PIONEER TRAIL TO THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL AND FIELD DAY TRAIL”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing to add a part of County Road Route 53 to the trail system was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on _____, 2025, and posted on the bulletin board of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York, at least five (5) days prior to such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and with all parties in attendance permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to make certain determinations based upon the information heretofore submitted to the Board as well as received during the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law (Introductory No. 4-2025), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 53 (MAIN STREET AND BLUE STREET) IN THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG, TO CONNECT THE EXISTING OHV TRAIL SYSTEM FROM THE PIONEER TRAIL TO THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL TRAIL AND FIELD DAY TRAIL”; be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 4-2025, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 4-2025, County of Lewis, with designation stated above, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and

informalities in the adoption thereof and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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March 2025

- \$100,000 was transferred from Solid Waste’s cash balance and put into a Money Market at Community Bank. This is the reason the expenditures outweigh the revenue this month.
- The following chart depicts the energy costs and consumption for Lewis County Solid Waste for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE ENERGY COSTS AND CONSUMPTION							
Energy Type	Total Expenditures 2022	Total Expenditures 2023	Total Expenditures 2024	Total Volume 2022	Total Volume 2023	Total Volume 2024	Unit of Measure
Gasoline (Unleaded)	\$ 1,270.98	\$ 1,189.04	\$ 1,048.54	359.75	361.24	347.46	gallon
Diesel Fuel (Over Road)	\$ 58,229.79	\$ 47,799.61	\$ 45,227.51	14,926.67	15,186.98	17,060.70	gallon
Diesel Fuel (Off Road)	\$ 18,447.77	\$ 14,394.52	\$ 12,857.02	4,325.80	4,452.50	4,746.80	gallon
Propane	\$ 3,527.76	\$ 2,721.56	\$ 3,651.56	1,966.40	1,889.40	2,665.90	gallon
Kerosene	\$ 369.39	\$ 842.23	\$ 949.67	78.24	174.45	257.82	gallon
Electricity	\$ 14,918.70	\$ 11,944.32	\$ 12,753.64	75,404.00	70,488.00	70,325.00	kilowatt-hour
Total	\$ 96,764.39	\$ 78,891.28	\$ 76,487.94	97,060.86	92,552.57	95,403.68	

FISCAL UPDATE	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
Revenues	\$156,772.26	\$490,476.88
Expenditures	\$225,781.34	\$695,181.42
Cash Balance	\$164,431.49	As of March 31, 2025

SERVICE UPDATE	MARCH
GARBAGE (MSW & C&D)	1,130.49 tons
RECYCLING	247.61 tons
RECYCLING Received from/ Owed to Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste	\$3,363.51–February

March 2025

- The Lewis County Winter Recreation Master Plan website can be found on the County website <https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/recreation-forestry-and-parks/winter-recreation-master-plan/> The first survey results are under review with plans for the summary being up for review in the next week. The next in person visit will be around the June Committee meeting.
- The Community Connections for the Martinsburg to Glenfield ATV Trail access has been reviewed by the Town of Martinsburg for opening Waters Road and working with Lewis County on the Parking area on the field days grounds that they own.
- Seasonal Staff will be returning this month, with lots of trail development planned. The 2025 OHV Maps are in and have been distributed to the point of sales. All permits previously purchased will be emailed a coupon code to be able to pick up a 2025 Map at any of the point of sales. The landowners have been mailed their trail permit applications and we hope to start opening trails in the next few weeks.
- With the sale of the Pine Grove north parcel, the Reforestation revenue will be \$48,183.00 over budget and we should still see revenue from the campsite reservations. Budget is on track.

Account	Budget	Available
798900 Revenue	(\$125,300.00)	(\$125,258.66)
798900 Expenditures	\$471,800.00	\$421,435.88
799000 Revenue	(\$310,190.00)	(\$292,563.47)
799000 Expenditures	\$355,284.00	\$228,922.07
871100 Revenue	(\$194,407.00)	(\$139,426.84)
871100 Expenditures	\$195,527.00	\$170,186.06

ATV Bank Balance: \$70,073.92

March 2025

- We mailed our MOU's (memorandum of understanding) to all five schools for their upcoming elections to be held on May 20, 2025
- We programmed the election in E-Pulse (election software) for the Village of Lowville election which was held on March 18, 2025 at our office
- We created a new election district for the Village of Castorland, who has joined our November election cycle
- The following "Claim for Payments" were mailed out for grant reimbursement:
 - TIER Grant \$35,603.50
 - 24GE Grant \$16,504.33
- Continue working on certifying required documents for the upcoming elections and early voting; and working on additional grant funding

March 2025

- Maintenance
 - Cutting trees
 - Mowing brush
 - Repairing signs
- Repairing Bridge Rails and Guiderails from winter damage
- Servicing Equipment preventive maintenance
- Planning for 2025 Road Construction and paving
- Painting and cleaning Equipment to be sold
- Plowing and maintenance of roads and county parking lots
- Pulling winter's roadside markers
- FEMA Site reports along with DEC Permits
- Installing a Flagpole out front of the Highway Department
- Patching Potholes
- MSHA Safety Training Classes
- Preparing for May 6th Safety Days at our Highway Facility
- Working on Complete Streets Projects

March 2025

- The FY2022 TAM Team grant was transferred to Probation, this is a better fit as this is a Law Enforcement based grant.
- The next Mask Fit testing for interior firefighters is scheduled for April 17, 2025, at Lowville Fire Station for Lowville Firefighters. Basic Exterior Firefighter class begins March 25th and registration is now running with 18 students.
- The first Lewis County EMS Education Day for all the active EMS providers that serve Lewis County hosted at 3 Willows Event Center was completed with 38 EMS providers in attendance. Ongoing meetings with Lewis County General Hospital regarding patient transfers from the facility.
- Bob has had several meetings to help create the Jefferson/Lewis County Regional Hazardous Materials Response plan with a stakeholder meeting in West Carthage on March 27th.
- Bob will be instructing at and attending the NCEMS Spring Fling Regional EMS Conference as well as attending the NYSDHES ILO and NYS Fire Coordinators Conference.

Thank You For the privilege of allowing me to assist the gracious Volunteers of Lewis County who give un-forgivingly of their time! It's the volunteers that keep this county safe!!!

March 2025

During the month of March, the Office of Building and Fire Codes has:

- Issued (35) Permits
- Project values of \$2,724,400 dollars.
- Responded to (7) complaints.
- Issued (27) Certificates of Completion / Occupancy
- Conducted (84) construction inspections.
- Conducted (25) junkyard site visits
- Cited (19) New York State Property Maintenance Violations (PMV)
- PMV resolved. All individuals cited have acknowledged receipt of Notice of Violation.

March 2025

- There were **66** work orders during the month March
- We have been working with highway to install a new flagpole at the highway garage.
- Crews have been working to get lawn equipment ready for the season.
- We are sweeping driveways and lawns as they start to dry up.
- Waiting to receive bids for Sealing & Striping of the JCC parking lot.
- Sprinkler inspection renewal contract with Associated fire protection

