
NOTICE

TO: Members of the Lewis County Human Services Committee

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: June 25, 2026

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Meeting

The Lewis County Human Services Committee will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 1:45 p.m. in the Legislative Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York.

Attached is a list of agenda items for the meeting which will be live-streamed on the Lewis County YouTube channel at: [Lewis County - YouTube.](#)

cc: Community Services
Lewis County Health System
Office for the Aging
Probation
Public Health
Sheriff
Social Services/Youth Bureau
Veterans' Service Agency

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA – June 30, 2026

Call to Order:

- Legislator Tom Kalamas, Chair.

Roll Call:

- Clerk of the Board records attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 26, 2026.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

- Veterans' Services updates – David Pavey, Director of Veterans' Services (10 minutes)
- Preschool Special Education 1:1 Aide Rates – Ashley Waite, Director of Public Health (5 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Appointing Ashley Waite of Brantingham, New York to the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers to fill an unexpired term following a recent vacancy. The appointment is effective July 8, 2026, through December 31, 2028, pursuant to Section 127 of the New York State General Municipal Law.
2. Authorizing an update to the Lewis County Public Health Department's approved rate schedule for Preschool Special Education service providers, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The amendment primarily increases reimbursement rates for 1:1 aide services, along with reaffirming existing rates for related therapy, coordination, and support services, in response to increased service costs and provider demand. The resolution further authorizes the Director of Public Health to amend provider agreements accordingly upon County Attorney approval.
3. Authorizing a two-year agreement with Frontier Communications for maintenance of the County's E911 phone system from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, at a total cost not to exceed \$77,827.50 (\$38,913.75 annually), funded through the PSAP grant.
4. Reappointing Michele Ledoux of Sackets Harbor, New York to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for a two-year term effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. The reappointment is made upon the recommendation of the Advisory Board to continue her service in supporting youth program development and coordination within the County.

5. Authorizing a budget transfer from the County Contingency Account in the amount of \$7,898.50 to the Youth Bureau Initiatives account to support additional program expenditures.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

Additional Information

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

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**APPOINTING ASHLEY WAITE AS MEMBER TO THE
LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, Section 127 of the New York State General Municipal Law provides for the establishment of a Board of Managers to oversee the general management and operation of county hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers plays a vital role in guiding hospital policy, ensuring quality patient care, and supporting the continued success and financial stability of the facility; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an experienced and engaged Board of Managers is essential to the effective governance and long-term strategic planning of Lewis County General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Karen Rennie recently submitted her resignation, causing a vacancy on the Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Waite of Brantingham, New York has been recommended to fulfill the unexpired term on the Lewis County Hospital Board of Managers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That pursuant to Section 127 of the General Municipal Law, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby appoints Ashley Waite of Brantingham, New York as a member of the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers:

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective July 8, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators extends its appreciation to Ashley Waite for her willingness to serve and contribute to the mission and operations of Lewis County General Hospital.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Ashley Waite and to the Lewis County Health System.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 7th day of July, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING PRESCHOOL PROVIDER SERVICES RATE WITH
LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators is authorized to approve compensation rates for Preschool Special Education Service Providers; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2026, pursuant to Res No. 41-2026, the Board approved rate increases in a number of categories in order to meet the growing demand of children who need these services in the County. These changes were necessary in order to make the rates competitive with the intention of enticing other providers to contract with the County to combat the waitlist of students requiring services; and

WHEREAS, the costs to the schools in providing one-to-one (1:1) aides for these preschool students has increased, necessitating an increase in the 1:1 aide services rates, which was not increased in the February adopted resolution. It is now proposed and requested that the Board increase the rates for 1:1 aide services payable by Public Health to the schools providing said services, as set forth in the first line item of the new rates authorized by the Board:

Service	Former Rate Individual	Proposed Rate per half hour Individual	Former Rate Group	Proposed Rate per half hour Group	Proposed Rate per half hour Group of 1
Aide 1:1	\$17.00	\$24.00	\$8.50	\$12.00	\$24.00
Audiology	\$177.50	\$177.50	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$177.50
Psychological	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Occupational Therapy	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$55.00
Physical Therapy	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Physical Therapy Assistant	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$55.00
Speech Therapy	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Coordination	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$38.00

School Health Services/ NURSE	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$36.00
Interpreter	\$42.50	\$42.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$42.50
Orientation and Mobility	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$64.00
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$56.00
Teacher of the Visually Impaired	\$53.00	\$53.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$53.00

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health seeks to have the Lewis County Board of Legislators re-authorize and approve this updated list of approved rates for preschool related services, now inclusive with the rate increase for 1:1 Aide services, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes and approves the aforesaid updated compensation rates for Preschool Special Education Providers through Lewis County Schools, effective July 1, 2026.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators authorizes and approves the Director of Public Health to amend any appropriate school provider agreements to reflect the identified rate increases, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 7th day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LEWIS AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE E911 PHONE SYSTEM

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County entered into a five-year Agreement with Frontier Communications in 2021 which included installation of replacement/upgraded E911 phone system equipment and continuing maintenance for the term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office seeks to enter into an agreement for continuing maintenance services for the County's E911 phone system for an additional two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, Frontier Business has proposed providing maintenance services for the E911 phone system for a two-year period, from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, at a total cost of \$77,827.50 (\$38,913.75 annually); and

WHEREAS, the cost of said agreement shall be funded through the PSAP grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement with Frontier Business, 401 Merritt 7, Norwalk, CT 06851, for maintenance of the County's E911 phone system for, for a two-year period from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, at a total cost not to exceed \$77,827.50, to be funded through the PSAP grant.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 7th day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**REAPPOINTING MICHELE LEDOUX AS A MEMBER TO
LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD**

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the Human Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board was established to advise and assist in the development, coordination, and evaluation of youth programs and services within the County; and

WHEREAS, Michele Ledoux of Sackets Harbor, New York, has been an upstanding member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board for the last two years; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board recommends the reappointment of Michele Ledoux to serve another two-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby reappoints Michele Ledoux of Sackets Harbor, New York, as a member of the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board to serve a two-year term.

Section 2. The term of said appointment shall be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators expresses its appreciation to Michele Ledoux for her continued service to the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Michele Ledoux and to the Director of the Youth Bureau.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 7th day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Kalamas, Chair of the General Services Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the following budget transfer is hereby approved in the Youth Bureau accounts for additional program expenditures:

Decrease:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$7,898.50
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Increase:

A0731100 490900 Youth Bureau Initiatives	\$7,898.50
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 7th day of July, 2026.