

NOTICE

TO: Members of the Lewis County General Services Committee

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: August 20, 2026

SUBJECT: General Services Committee Meeting

The Lewis County General Services Committee will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 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:	Board of Elections	Highway
	Buildings & Grounds	Public Defender
	Code Enforcement/Junkyards	Recreation, Forestry, & Parks
	District Attorney	Recycling & Solid Waste
	Fire & Emergency Management	Weights & Measures
	Agriculture	

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA – August 25, 2026

Call to Order:

- Legislator Josh Leviker, Chair.

Roll Call:

- Clerk of the Board records attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes from July 28, 2026.

Presentations / Discussion Items:

- Local Solid Waste Management Plan – DANC Representatives Carrie Tuttle, Shawn Thorton, and John Phelps (20 minutes)

Draft Resolutions:

1. Authorizing a three-year renewal agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. for HVAC maintenance services at the Lewis County Courthouse for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029. Annual costs are \$41,480.00 for 2027, \$43,968.00 for 2028, and \$46,606.00 for 2029.
2. Authorizing an amendment to the 2026 Lewis County Compensation Plan to increase the District Attorney's salary from \$221,200.00 to \$225,600.00, as required by New York State law following the increase in County Court Judge compensation. The increase is effective and retroactive to April 1, 2026, with the County Treasurer directed to make the necessary payroll adjustments and issue any retroactive compensation due.
3. Authorizing the SEQRA review and determination for the proposed 0.9-mile addition to the Lewis County Trail System, located in the Town of Osceola on specified parcels owned by Frank L. Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller. Based on the Soil and Water Conservation District's environmental assessment and review by the Board, the proposed trail addition was determined to have no significant environmental impact, completing the County's SEQRA lead agency responsibilities for the project.
4. Authorizing the addition of 0.9 miles of trail in the Town of Osceola to the Lewis County OHV Trail System, located on parcels owned by Frank L. Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller. Following completion of the required SEQRA review and a determination of no significant environmental impact, the trail will be incorporated into the County Trail System, and the official trail maps will be updated accordingly.

5. Setting a public hearing for October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. regarding Introductory Local Law No. 7-2026, which would amend the County's law regulating and permitting special events on County roads, trails, and other County property, as well as Town roads and property where a Town has opted in. Notice of the public hearing will be posted and published in accordance with applicable requirements.
6. Authorizing increases to certain Lewis County Solid Waste transfer station fees, effective January 1, 2027. Municipal Solid Waste and Construction Debris fees will increase from \$110.00 to \$120.00 per ton, and Bulk Tires (20 inches or less) will increase from \$260.00 to \$300.00 per ton.
7. Adopting the Development Authority of the North Country's 2026-2035 Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) on behalf of Lewis County. The plan, prepared in accordance with NYSDEC requirements, provides a coordinated regional framework for solid waste management and will be implemented in cooperation with the Authority and other member counties, subject to final NYSDEC approval.

Unfinished Business:

- Railroad Easements: continues to be researched

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

**AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY AND TRANE U.S. INC. FOR
HVAC MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN COURTHOUSE BUILDING**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis desires to renew an agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. for the purpose of providing maintenance services for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") systems for the County Courthouse Building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to accept such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the renewal contract with Trane U.S. Inc. to provide Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") maintenance services for the County Courthouse Building for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029 at the following annual costs:

Year 1	1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027	\$41,480.00
Year 2	1/1/2028 – 12/31/2028	\$43,968.00
Year 3	1/1/2029 – 12/31/2029	\$46,606.00

Section 2. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Agreement, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**AMENDING 2026 LEWIS COUNTY COMPENSATION PLAN
TO INCREASE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, under New York State Judiciary Law §183-a, the full-time District Attorney salary in Lewis County is mandated to be the same as the County Court Judge's salary; and

WHEREAS, the New York State 2026 Budget and the New York State 2026 Office of Court Administration Budget includes an increase in the annual compensation for New York State Supreme Court Justices to \$237,300.00 and an increase in the County Court Judges' annual salary to \$225,600.00, effective April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this New York State budget change results in a mandatory increase to the Lewis County District Attorney's salary to \$225,600.00, effective and retroactive to April 1, 2026, representing an increase of \$4,400.00 from the current budgeted salary of \$221,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize an amendment to the 2026 compensation plan to comply with this state mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2026 compensation plan to increase the District Attorney mandated salary from \$221,200.00 to \$225,600.00, effective and retroactive to April 1, 2026.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators directs the County Treasurer to adjust the payroll to reflect this \$4,400.00 increase in salary, to pay any retroactive compensation owing from April 1, 2026 through the date of this resolution.

Section 3. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this resolution, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney, together with the County Treasurer.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**SEQRA REVIEW OF THE ADDITION OF
0.9 MILES OF NEW TRAIL INTO THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL
SYSTEM AND DECLARING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(Millers Trail)**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, 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. 4-2026) 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 most recently amended and re-stated per Local Law No. 4-2026, **“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2019: THE RE-ESTABLISHED 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 0.9 miles to be added to the Lewis County Trail System. The proposed trail is located in the Town of

Osceola, Tax Map Parcels: 384.00-01-25.00 and 384.00-01-8.1, owned by Frank L. Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller; and

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 Osceola 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. 384.00-01-25.0 and 384.00-01-8.1 does 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 0.9 miles of trail identified as Parcel No. 384.00-01-25.0 and 384.00-01-8.1 in the Town of Osceola, 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 on the 1st day of September, 2026.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**ADDING 0.9 MILES OF NEW TRAIL TO
THE LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM
(Millers Trail)**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, 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. 4-2026) 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 most recently amended per Local Law No. 4-2026, "**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2019: THE RE-ESTABLISHED LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM**" (herein, the "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 0.9 miles of trail in the Town of Osceola, Tax Map Parcels: 384.00-01-25.00 and 384.00-01-8.1 owned by Frank L. Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller to the Lewis County OHV Trail System; and

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 property in the Town of Osceola, identified as Parcel No. 384.00-01-25.00 and 384.00-01-8.1, owned by Frank L. Miller and Juanita Yerdon-Miller 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 0.9 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. 4-2026.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

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**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 7-2026)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND REPLACING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2022: THE AMENDED LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY AND ON ANY TOWN ROADS AND PROPERTY WHERE THE TOWN HAS OPTED IN

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “**THE 2026 AMENDED LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY AND ON ANY TOWN ROADS AND PROPERTY WHERE THE TOWN HAS OPTED IN**”.

SECTION 2. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This local law is enacted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law (“MHL”) § 10(1)(i), which provides that a county may adopt local laws relating to its property, affairs or government provided it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution or any general law.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Board of Legislators makes the following findings in support of this Local Law:

A. Planned special events include but are not limited to sporting events, concerts, parades, walking and running events, bicycle races, and motorized vehicle rallies. These types of events can have direct and indirect impacts on county/town properties, roads, trails. There are several events organized and held in Lewis County where county/town roads, county/town public rights-of-way, trails, parks, and lands are used for the event, or are adversely affected by the event activities because of road closure, traffic congestion, parking concerns, damage to town and county roads, etc.

B. The occurrence of such events as described and defined herein may place an unwarranted burden on the County/Town resources related to the provision of emergency services, law enforcement, health and sanitary services, road and property repairs, and similar items, depending upon the special event, its size, and the conduct of participants.

C. The purpose of this law and the requirement for a permit and fee for same, is to enable the county and town to be able to anticipate the impacts posed by the event and to coordinate efforts of various departments and other municipalities which may be affected by the special event; to take appropriate steps and measures to provide for the safety of event participants and residents; and to provide for the least impact on the county and town roads, trails, and lands.

D. When a person(s), corporation(s), organization(s), landowner(s), lessee(s) and others seek to conduct a special event on county roads and/or county property, town roads and/or town property of any town who opts into this law, provision must be made for adequate financial assurance to protect persons and property (both public and private) within the County. The Board of Legislators of Lewis County therefore finds and declares that it is necessary for government protection, order, conduct, safety, health and well-being of persons and county/town property, that certain rules and regulations be established for special events involving county roads, trails, parks and other lands, as well as town roads and other town property of any town who opts into this law and, further, that it is necessary to adopt under the police power of the County, a local law to regulate and license by permit the holding of such special events on or effecting access and use of County or Town roads, trails, parks and other lands.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS LOCAL LAW:

A. The word “person” shall be deemed to include any person, persons, firm, company, corporation, partnership, association, club, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, owner or lessee of real property, promoter, sponsor, or any other group or organization whether formalized or not.

B. The term “any Town who opts in” or “opted-in Town” shall mean a Lewis County town who executes an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the County in which the town agrees, *inter alia*, to adopt this Local Law for special events held on its town roads or other town property.

C. “Special motorized event” shall mean any outdoor gathering of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY or more participants involving vehicles, motorcycles, ATV/OHVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, or other motorized equipment, or any combination thereof which involve:

1. Any gathering or organized event taking place on County roads, trails or other property which may interfere, impede or obstruct the flow of traffic or which does not comply with normal traffic regulations or controls; or

2. Any event intended to include and/or to take place on the Lewis County Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail System.

3. Any gathering or organized event taking place on an opted-in Town road, trail or other property which may interfere, impede or obstruct the flow of traffic or which does not comply with normal traffic regulations or controls. Any ATV/OHV

event on Town roads SHALL will require users/participants to obtain a Lewis County OHV permit.

4. Any snowmobile events of 150 participants or more, even if held on private property, will require a permit where the event may interfere, impede or obstruct the flow of traffic or which does not comply with normal traffic regulations or controls on County roads or opted-in Town roads; or where the snowmobile activity or event on private property may result in damage to County roads or lands or roads and lands of opted-in Towns; or where the snowmobile activity or event requires placement of signage or pavement markings on County roads or Town roads for Towns who have opted into this law.

D. "Special non-motorized event" shall mean gatherings of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) or more persons and their activities on county-owned or opted-in Town-owned roads, trails or other properties.

SECTION 5. PERMITS

A. No person may organize, operate, promote, or conduct a special event as defined above on a County or opted-in Town road, trail, park or other land in Lewis County, without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Lewis County Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks (DRFP).

B. The Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks will consult with the County Superintendent of Highways, the Emergency Management Director, the Lewis County Sheriff, the Town Superintendent of Highways and Supervisor of the opted-in Town(s) that are the situses of the proposed event, and any other relevant County or Town Department(s), as the event may warrant in processing the permit application.

SECTION 6. PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS AND FEE

A. All applications shall be made to the Lewis County Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks, by submission of three (3) copies to the DRFP, or by online application, by the person(s) sponsoring or running the event involving County and/or opted-in Town roads, trails, park or other lands, or by the duly authorized agent or attorney thereof. The appropriate application fee, if required, as set forth in the fee schedule in effect for said event permit, must be submitted with the application along with all the other documentation required therein. No action will be taken upon any application until it is deemed complete by the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks, in consultation with the appropriate County and opted-in Town Departments.

B. 1. The non-refundable application fee charged for a special event permit shall be in accordance with the fee schedule set forth under Section 10 of this Local Law. The fee schedule may be amended from time to time, by Resolution adopted by the Lewis County Board of Legislators.

2. A permit application fee shall not be required for any special event that is otherwise licensed, sponsored or organized in whole or in part by the County or opted-in Town, or any other municipal government located within the County; but said municipality shall submit an application for the event.

3. The County Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks will have the discretion to waive the requirement of a permit fee depending upon the nature of the event (parade, wedding, etc.), consistent with the purpose of this local law and permit process to have County and local towns know when there are events which can cause disruption, safety concerns, and potential damage to life and property, with the need for emergency services.

C. The application for a permit hereunder shall be made in writing or submitted online upon such form or forms as may be crafted by the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks (DRFP), and shall be submitted to the DRFP at least sixty (60) days prior to the first day such special event is anticipated to be held. Such application shall include the following information:

1. The applicant's name, age, and residence address; if the applicant is a corporation, partnership or association, the name of the entity, address for its principal office, together with the names and addresses of its directors, partners or associates. If the applicant is not a resident or have a place of business within Lewis County, the name of a natural person, over the age of eighteen (18) years of age who resides within Lewis County and who is authorized by the applicant and who shall agree by acknowledged statement to accept service of notices and summons on behalf of the applicant with respect to this application, the conduct of the outdoor public assembly or any other matter relating to the enforcement of this Local Law;

2. The proposed dates and hours of operation for the proposed special event, and a description of the event;

3. The expected minimum and maximum number of persons and vehicles/other equipment, if any, per day of the event to use the roads and/or property(s), if any, per day and collectively;

4. A description of the purpose for the special event and the activities to take place thereat, including without limitation, concessions, entertainment, vehicles, equipment, etc.;

5. The admission/participation fee to be charged, if any.

D. 1. After careful review and consultation with other County and/or Town Departments as may be required, the DRFP shall determine whether the permit application will be approved or denied. The DRFP shall communicate her decision on the application in writing, by issuing a permit with any and all conditions to which the applicant may be required to meet prior to and during the event. If denied, the DRFP shall indicate the reason for such denial.

2. Simultaneously with notification of approval/denial of a permit to the applicant, the DRFP shall notify the County Manager, Board of Legislators, any appropriate County Departments, and any appropriate Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent of the special event permit issued/denied, including any

conditions and information on the type of event, date, location, estimated size, and any other relevant information.

E. 1. Depending upon the activities and estimated size of assembly of persons and vehicles participating in the special event, the applicant shall be required to comply with any and all other applicable State and Local Laws, [including but not limited to NYS Department of Health rules and regulations pertaining to mass gatherings (assembly of 5,000 people or more), Public Health Law §225, and Lewis County Local Law No. 2- 1970 (mass assembly of 10,000 people or more)], with the application reviewed and approved by the Public Health Director, Emergency Management Director, Lewis County Sheriff, Superintendent of Highways, and any other relevant County and/or Town Department(s) requested by the DRFP.

2. In such cases, the DRFP will notify the applicant of the additional review before the application will be deemed fully submitted. The preliminary application may then be reviewed and commented upon by those appropriate Department to determine from the information supplied, the potential effect or impact the proposed special event and assembly will have upon the public health, safety, and welfare of the people and property of Lewis County.

F. The County, through the DRFP, shall have the right, in its sole discretion, at any time to terminate the permit, or any portion thereof, should it be necessary due to County and/or Town operations, conditions, or other circumstances which may arise. Any termination of the permit shall not constitute a breach of the permit, and no liability shall be incurred by or arise against the County and/or any opted-in Town, its agents and employees for loss of profits or any other damages.

SECTION 7. CONDITIONS OF USE AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Neither the County nor any opted-in Town affirms that the County-owned or Town-owned road/trail/site/property affected by or used for the special event has been designed, constructed, or maintained for the purpose of the activity/conduct of the event. The application shall state that the applicant and all its participants assume full risk and responsibility for the event, and shall hold the County/ opted-in Town harmless with respect to any claim by the event applicants and its participants. The applicant and its participants assume full risk and responsibility for planning and conducting a safe and orderly event that does not expose participants or the public to any unreasonable hazards, with minimal disruption to normal uses of the roads, trail system and municipal properties. The applicant bears responsibility for properly determining whether the County and/or Town site(s) is/are suitable for the purpose of safely conducting the event. The County makes no representations about the suitability of County roads or trails for the proposed use by the applicant/permittee and event participants.

B. The applicant shall exercise due care in its use of the municipal property and shall upon the expiration, termination or cancellation of the issued permit, surrender the municipal property/site in as good a condition as on the effective date of the permit. Depending upon the nature of the event and the anticipated number of participants, the issuance of a permit may be conditioned upon an undertaking, bond or guaranteed deposit, to guarantee restoration of the municipal property(s) to its previous condition.

C. The applicant/permittee agrees to notify the DRFP or any other municipal official designated to receive notification about any hazardous or unsafe conditions, and about any accidents that occur during the event immediately upon the discovery of such condition or accident.

D. At the time a permit is issued, the DRFP shall provide the applicant/permittee with a statement of responsibilities and obligations of the Applicant/Permittee. Said statement shall be signed by the applicant/permittee and returned to the DRFP forthwith. The statement of responsibilities and obligations shall include any insurance requirements specifically required under this local law, together with such other itemized non-insurance related responsibilities the DRFP may deem appropriate for the event. To the extent this local law requires insurance, the applicant/permittee shall provide the DRFP with proof of insurance prior to the commencement of the event, i.e., a certificate of insurance in full force and effect prior to and during the event which shall include but not be limited to the following coverage, if applicable:

1. Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance as required by New York State for any and all employees.

2. Automobile and/or other motorized vehicle insurance. The applicant shall maintain automobile, other vehicle and equipment policy(s) insurance against liability for bodily injury, death, damage to property and other coverages relating to the use, operation, loading or unloading of any automobiles, motorized vehicles and other equipment on and around the event site, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00. If the event involves participants' use of motorized vehicles (autos, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, etc.) it is the applicant/permittees' responsibility to ensure that all participants' motorized vehicles are properly licensed, registered and insured, as may be required under state law. Motorized vehicles that are not required to be licensed or insured under state law shall nevertheless be insured, carrying minimum limits of \$25,000 (per person)/\$50,000 (per accident) for injuries, \$50,000 (per person)/\$50,000 (per accident) for death and \$10,000 for property damage. Participants must carry proof of insurance with them at all times while riding. The DRFP may accept a written and signed acknowledgment from the applicant that all participants are insured as proof of automobile and/or motorized vehicle insurance.

E. In addition to the protection afforded to the County and any opted-in Town in which the event is occurring, by the insurance provisions hereinabove set forth,

neither the County or Town(s) shall be liable for any damage or injury to the applicant, employees, event organizers, volunteers, participants, or any other person, or to any of their property occurring during the event and/or on the event site covered by the permit. The applicant/permittee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Lewis, and its agents and any opted-in Town effected by this event from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and road damage, arising out of any claim for personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death associated in any way with the applicant's or participants' use of the permitted site/property, or in any way related to the event, no matter how caused. The County and Town make no representations as to the condition of the property for the use intended by the event participants and organizers.

F. The DRFP, (in consultation with the County Manager, County Attorney, County Superintendent of Highways and any other appropriate and relevant municipal official) will have the discretion to determine whether the applicant, any sponsors of the event, and any participants in the event may be required to execute indemnification agreements and waivers of liability benefitting the County and any Opted-in Towns.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

A. If after a permit is issued (but prior to the actual event), the County determines, through its lawful agent(s) and designees, that any of the items required as conditions under the permit are not adhered to or accomplished within the required time limits, then the permit may be immediately terminated by action of the DRFP, after notification to the County Manager, Board of Legislators, and the appropriate Opted-in Town Supervisor. Notice of such termination shall be in writing and delivered to the applicant at the mail address and e-mail address set forth in the application.

B. 1. Any person (as defined in this Local Law) who shall organize, promote, conduct or cause to be conducted a special event on County roads, trails, or other county property and/or on opted-in Town roads, trails, or other Town property as defined in this Local Law, without having a written permit in accordance with the provisions of this law, shall be deemed to have violated this Local Law.

2. Any person not applying for an event permit shall be subject to a civil penalty, enforceable and collectible by the County of Lewis in any court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Lewis as follows :

a. in the amount of \$50.00 - \$500.00 for holding a non-motorized event (250 or more participants), depending upon the nature, size, location and municipalities involved.

b. in the amount of \$500.00 - \$1,000.00, plus an additional \$5.00 per participant for holding a motorized event (150 or more), depending upon the nature, size, location and municipalities involved. The \$5.00/per participant fine fee for

failure to obtain the permit will be deposited into a special fund for distribution among participating municipalities affected by the event, pursuant to the terms of the IMA.

3. Any person and/or participant in a special motorized event who rides outside of the designated travel areas for the event on a County or Town road/trail/property (*for example*, riding on the road shoulder, drainage ditches, etc.) shall incur a fine of \$1,000.00.

4. In addition to the above penalty(s), the County of Lewis or a Town who has opted into this local law, who is directly adversely affected by the special event, may maintain an action or proceeding in a Court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or to restrain by injunction, the violation(s) of this local law, and to seek recovery of any and all damages incurred as a result of noncompliance with this local law.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 10. FEE SCHEDULE

A permit application fee of \$ 20.00**, made payable to Lewis County, shall apply, unless waived by the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks, in her sole discretion. This permit fee amount will remain in effect until amended by the Lewis County Board of Legislators by an adopted Resolution.

** If the event involves 10,000 or more participants, applicant is subject to permit fees set forth under Local Law No. 2-1970.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall become effective immediately after filing with the office of the New York Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 7-2026), COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators, a proposed Local Law entitled "THE 2026 AMENDED LOCAL LAW REGULATING AND PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, TRAILS OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY AND ON ANY TOWN ROADS AND PROPERTY WHERE THE TOWN HAS OPTED IN."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing for the above proposed Local Law will be held on October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, New York, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York to hear all persons for or against such local law.

Section 2. At least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Court House, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**INCREASING FEES ON CERTAIN ITEMS AT
LEWIS COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS FOR THE
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYS County Law § 226-b and Lewis County Local Law No. 5-2025, the Board of Legislators is authorized to establish, by resolution, schedules of rates or fees to be charged for solid waste collection and disposal at transfer stations, and the Lewis County Surcharge for direct haulers to the DANC landfill; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to amend its fee schedule to increase the fee for Municipal Solid Waste (residential and commercial) from \$110.00 per ton to \$120.00 per ton, the fee for Construction Debris from \$110.00 per ton to \$120.00 per ton, and the fee for Bulk Tires (20 inches or less) from \$260.00 per ton to \$300.00 per ton; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Solid Waste Department seeks to have the Board of Legislators authorize and approve these increases effective January 1, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby amends the Solid Waste fee schedule to reflect an increase in the fee for Municipal Solid Waste (residential and commercial) from \$110.00 per ton to \$120.00 per ton, the fee for Construction Debris from \$110.00 per ton to \$120.00 per ton, and the fee for Bulk Tires (20 inches or less) from \$260.00 per ton to \$300.00 per ton.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves these increases for Lewis County Solid Waste Department effective January 1, 2027.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. __ - 2026

**ADOPTING THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY
2026–2035 LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Introduced by Legislator Joshua Leviker, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lewis County Legislative Resolution No. 325, adopted in 2010, the County designated the Development Authority of the North Country (the "Authority") to serve as the Planning Unit responsible for preparing, implementing, maintaining, and updating the County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) in cooperation with the other member counties of the regional Planning Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared the 2026–2035 LSWMP on behalf of the Planning Unit in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 366; and

WHEREAS, throughout the development of the 2026–2035 LSWMP, the Authority provided draft materials and progress updates to the member counties and other Planning Unit stakeholders for review and comment through meetings, presentations, correspondence, and other outreach efforts, and incorporated appropriate feedback into the final Plan; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the LSWMP is approvable, contingent upon adoption by each member county of the Planning Unit; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature recognizes the importance of maintaining a coordinated regional approach to solid waste management and supports the continued implementation of the LSWMP through the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Authority 2026–2035 LSWMP, with such adoption to become effective upon approval of the LSWMP by the NYSDEC.

Section 2. The Lewis County Board of Legislators agrees to implement and maintain the solid waste management system described in the approved LSWMP in cooperation with the Authority and the other member counties of the Planning Unit.

Section 3. The Lewis County Board of Legislators agrees to participate in and support the preparation and submission of biennial LSWMP updates, as required by

6 NYCRR Subpart 366-5.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and certify this Resolution and to provide a certified copy to the Authority for submission to the NYSDEC as part of the Planning Unit's request for final approval of the 2026–2035 LSWMP.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 1st day of September, 2026.

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