

NOTICE

TO: Media

FROM: Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board

DATE: October 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 6, 2026

The Lewis County Board of Legislators will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Legislative Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Lewis County Courthouse, Lowville, New York.

There will be public hearings for comments on the following:

- Addition of approximately 0.9 miles, located in the Town of Osceola, to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.
- Introductory Local Law No. 6-2026 “Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-c (aka 2% Tax Cap) for the Lewis County 2027 Budget”
- Introductory Local Law No. 7-2026 “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”

Enclosed are the proposed resolutions scheduled for consideration and action. Additional business may be conducted as deemed appropriate.

The meeting will be live-streamed on the Lewis County YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LewisCountyNY>

RESOLUTION NO. 217 – 2026

AUDITING AND ALLOWING CLAIMS

Introduced by Legislator Jeffrey Nellenback, Vice-Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

RESOLVED that the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$2,724,111.30 be and each is hereby audited and allowed for the amounts claimed, and that the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw checks for the County Treasurer for the amounts claimed, in favor of each of the claimants or their assigns.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 218 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY AND TRANE U.S. INC. FOR
HVAC MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE NUMBER THREE ROAD BUILDING**

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

WHEREAS, Trane U.S. Inc. has offered to provide maintenance services for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") systems for the County-owned building at 7714 Number Three Rd. Lowville, NY 13367 (the "Number Three Road Building"); and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County 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 terms of the Connected Building Service Agreement proposal with Trane U.S. Inc. to provide HVAC maintenance services for the Number Three Road Building during the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029 at the following annual costs:

Year 1	1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027	\$8,452.00
Year 2	1/1/2028 – 12/31/2028	\$8,959.00
Year 3	1/1/2029 – 12/31/2029	\$9,497.00

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 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 219 - 2026

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
SHADY AVENUE BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County Public Health is currently leasing office space within the Lewis County Health System; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need to relocate Public Health in order to provide the hospital with additional space for future expansion; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to appropriate \$1,500,000.00 from the General Fund to complete the renovations required by the New York State Department of Health for the relocation of Public Health to the Shady Avenue property; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office shall establish a new Capital account line to track all project expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the appropriation of \$1,500,000.00 from General Fund balance to cover the cost of the Shady Avenue Property Capital project as follows:

Decrease:

A0 005990 Fund balance	\$1,500,000.00
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Increase Expenditure:

H0162900 499900 HPH Cty Shr Expenditures	\$1,500,000.00
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Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 220 - 2026

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY AND C&S ENGINEERS LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SHAVY AVENUE BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT FOR THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County is the purchaser/renter of the BOAK Building property at 5439 Shady Avenue, Lowville pursuant to a lease-to-own agreement between the County and Jefferson-Lewis BOCES.

WHEREAS, the County seeks to undertake renovations to the BOAK Building to support operations of the Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the County requires professional engineering services, including design and preparation of bid documents, to advance this capital project; and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc., a New York Business Corporation located at 499 Col Eileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13212, is listed on the New York State Department of General Services Approved Engineering Consultants list and is qualified to provide such professional services; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that C&S Engineers Inc. shall be retained as a professional services vendor without a formal competitive bidding process, consistent with the professional services exemption; and

WHEREAS, the County proposes to fund this engagement through Capital Project Account HPH, with payment to be rendered upon completion of work, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this professional services agreement to support the Shavy Avenue Building renovation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an agreement between Lewis County and C&S Engineers Inc., a New York limited liability company located at 499 Col Eileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13212, for professional engineering services including design and preparation of bid documents for the Shavy Avenue Building renovation project. The agreement shall be for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, with payment rendered as work is completed.

Section 2. Funding for this engagement shall be provided from Capital Project Account HPH. No additional budget action is required.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such agreement, together with the Department Head of Buildings & Grounds, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 221 - 2026

APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Contingency budget line for fiscal year 2026 has been fully expended as a result of several unanticipated costs that arose during the year; and

WHEREAS, additional unforeseen expenses have since been identified, creating a need for further financial resources to address these obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators recognizes the necessity to replenish the Contingency account to ensure continued fiscal responsibility and the ability to respond to emergent needs as they arise.

Section 2. The following budget appropriation is hereby approved to replenish the Contingency account line for the remainder of 2026 by appropriating General Fund balance as follows:

Decrease:

A0 005990 General Fund balance	\$250,000.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$250,000.00
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Section 2. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 222 - 2026

**AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET TO INCREASE THE OMH RESTORATION 730
EXPENSE LINE FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department has requested an increase to the OMH Restoration 730 expense line in the 2026 Lewis County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the requested increase in the amount of \$87,830.00 is to cover additional expenditures related to Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) Article 730 competency restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has been informed of this budget increase request; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this budget amendment to support the current Community Services Department's OMH Restoration 730 expense needs in the 2026 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2026 Lewis County Budget, increasing the OMH Restoration 730 Expense line by \$87,830.00, effective immediately.

Section 2. The 2026 Lewis County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease Expenditure:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$87,830.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0433900 499900 OMH Restoration 730 Exp	\$87,830.00
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Section 3. The Lewis County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary budgetary entries and transfers to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 223 – 2026

APPROPRIATING FUNDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The following appropriation is hereby approved within the Community Services accounts to reflect the receipt of additional State Aid for a targeted inflationary increase and supportive housing stipend.

Section 2. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to make all necessary budgetary adjustments within the Community Services accounts to account for the increased funding.

Increase Revenues:

A0431900 334903 THRIVE (OMH funds)	\$50,401.00
A0431900 334921 THRIVE (OASAS funds)	\$1,420.00
A0432200 334922 ARC	\$718.00
A0432400 334922 NRCIL	\$20,162.00
A0432500 334921 PIVOT	\$5,714.00
A0432700 334930 MHA Jeff	\$2,221.00
A0433500 334912 LCCS	\$916.00

Increase Expenditures:

A0431900 422800 THRIVE	\$51,821.00
A0432200 422800 ARC	\$718.00
A0432400 422800 NRCIL	\$20,162.00
A0432500 422800 PIVOT	\$5,714.00
A0432700 422800 MHA Jeff	\$2,221.00
A0433500 488105 LCCS	\$916.00

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 224 - 2026

**ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 – 2026, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on September 1, 2026, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2027 BUDGET” and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on September 15, 2026, 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, the public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and all parties in attendance were 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. 6 – 2026), County of Lewis, being “A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2027 BUDGET”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 6–2026, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 6–2026, 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 on the 6th day of October, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 225 - 2026

**CALLING FOR A TWO-YEAR DELAY OF
THE FEDERAL SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE AND BENEFIT COST SHIFTS
ENACTED UNDER H.R.1 AND CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE
TO HOLD COUNTIES HARMLESS
IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FAILS TO ACT**

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

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a vital source of food security for New Yorkers, serving approximately 2.7 million individuals in 1.5 million households, or roughly one in seven residents statewide, and delivering an estimated \$7.8 billion in federally funded benefits into local communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, New York is one of only ten states in which counties are required by state law to administer SNAP and to share its administrative costs, meaning that changes to the federal cost structure fall directly on County property taxpayers;

WHEREAS, H.R.1 of the 119th Congress, the "One Big Beautiful Bill," reduces the Federal Share of SNAP administrative costs from 50 percent to 25 percent effective October 1, 2026, and under current New York State Law the resulting increase in nonfederal share is borne entirely by counties and the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the administrative cost shift is estimated at \$168 million annually statewide, including approximately \$57 million for the 57 counties outside New York City, and is projected to grow as H.R.1 imposes new verification tracking, and reporting requirements and expanded work requirements that increase county workloads and staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual administrative cost shift to Lewis County alone is \$307,450.00; and

WHEREAS, H.R.1 further establishes, for the first time since the inception of Food Stamps, now known as SNAP, a state cost-sharing requirement for SNAP benefits themselves tied to statewide payment error rates, effective October 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, prior to H.R.1's SNAP changes, eligibility and verification were already bureaucratically dense and thorough, and new requirements add multiple layers of new data analysis and conformity, verifications, additional staff

reviews, training and computer system upgrades to capture the new federal mandates with inadequate time to implement such expansive changes; and

WHEREAS, New York's payment error rate currently exceeds ten percent, and would be subject to the highest penalty tier, creating an estimated \$1.1 billion in additional exposure that the State may seek to shift in whole or in part to counties; and

WHEREAS, New York is not unique in having elevated error rates, with 40 states also having error rates high enough that they would be subject to federal fiscal penalties; and

WHEREAS, elevated SNAP payment error rates do not equate to fraud, waste or abuse and usually stem from minor paperwork errors or changes related to earned income, payment levels, or delayed filing of certain data; and

WHEREAS, taken together, the administrative and benefit cost shifts are projected to exceed \$1.3 billion in new annual SNAP costs for New York State and the 62 counties, representing one of the largest unfunded intergovernmental cost transfers in recent memory; and

WHEREAS, counties are among the units of government least equipped to absorb these costs, operating under New York State's property tax cap with limited revenue-raising authority, fixed mandated obligations, and no ability to run deficits, such that a cost shift of this magnitude can be met only with raising property taxes, reducing services, or both; and

WHEREAS, if these cost shifts take effect without delay or relief, Lewis County residents face the prospect of higher property taxes, reductions to essential to essential county services, and increased strain on the Department of Social Services at the very moment demand for food assistance is rising which risks delays and disruptions of the benefits upon which food-insecure households rely; and

WHEREAS, a delay in implementation would give Congress and New York State the time necessary to develop a responsible funding solution and would protect county taxpayers and SNAP recipients from an abrupt unbudgeted fiscal shock.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby calls upon the United States Congress to enact a two-year delay of the SNAP administrative cost shift, postponing its effective date from Federal Fiscal Year 2027 to Federal Fiscal Year 2029.

Section 2. Lewis County further calls upon Congress to enact a corresponding two-year delay of the SNAP benefit cost shift tied to payment error rates, so that neither State nor its counties are subjected to these new costs before a sustainable funding solution is in place.

Section 3. That in the event the federal government fails to delay these cost shifts, Lewis County calls upon the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Legislature to hold counties harmless by appropriating state funds to cover the administrative and benefit cost shifts, recognizing that counties are the units of government least equipped to absorb them and that the obligation to share these costs exists only as a matter of state law; and

Section 4. The Clerk of the Lewis County Board of Legislators is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the New York State Congressional Delegation representing Lewis County, to the United States Senators for New York, to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly representing Lewis County, to the Governor of the State of New York, and to the New York State Association of Counties.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 226 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH
TOPVIEW APARTMENTS LEWIS, LLC FOR
FAÇADE AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Lewis County entered into an Agreement with TopView Apartments Lewis, LLC ("Recipient") to provide Façade and Streetscape Improvement (FSI) Program grant money for the replacement of exterior windows at the property located at 6832 McAlpine Street, Lyons Falls, NY, to be completed no later than November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements of the FSI Program the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) must approve the window styles and materials prior to purchase and installation; and

WHEREAS, Recipient has indicated the project will not be able to be completed by November 30, 2026 due to SHPO's delays in approving the window specifications, and the parties seek to extend the term of the agreement through November 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an Extension Agreement with TopView Apartments Lewis, LLC, to extend the agreement through November 30, 2027.

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Extension Agreement, and any related documents, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 227 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS COUNTY AND HEATHER AND JERRY HURD FOR
FACADE AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WORK**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Lewis County, by and through the Planning & Community Development Department, entered into an agreement with Heather Hurd and Jerry Hurd of Port Leyden, New York, for facade and streetscape improvements to the Opera House Cantina property located at 7083 West Main Street, Port Leyden, NY under the Round 5 - 2025 Facade and Streetscape Improvement (FSI) Program, with an original contract term of February 11, 2026 through November 30, 2026, and a contract amount of \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that an extension of the contract term is necessary to allow the vendors adequate time to complete the facade and streetscape improvement work, including exterior surface preparation and painting, granite stonework substitution, rear elevation improvements, window trim and surrounds, and signage and branding installation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize an amendment to the existing agreement with Heather Hurd and Jerry Hurd to extend the contract term by twelve (12) months, with all other terms and conditions of the original agreement remaining in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an Extension Agreement with Heather Hurd and Jerry Hurd, to extend the FSIP contract term by twelve (12) months, extending the completion date from November 30, 2026 to November 30, 2027, with the contract amount remaining at \$60,000.00, and all other terms and conditions of the original agreement to remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 228 – 2026

**AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF A PRIOR BUS STOP SHELTER EASEMENT
AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW BUS STOP SHELTER EASEMENT
IN THE VILLAGE OF LYONS FALLS**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis, on behalf of the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department, maintains bus stop shelters at various locations along the Lewis County Public Transportation Routes for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County previously obtained a temporary easement from Terry Dorrity for the placement of a glazed hip style aluminum bus stop shelter, measuring 5' x 10', upon property located at 4102 Center Street in the Village of Lyons Falls, New York, known as Tax Map Parcel No. 322.19-03-18.000 (the "Prior Easement"); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 4102 Center Street has requested that the County remove the bus stop shelter from that property, and the County has determined that the Prior Easement is no longer necessary for public use; and

WHEREAS, the County has arranged to relocate the bus stop shelter to property located at 6832 McAlpine Street in the Village of Lyons Falls, New York, known as Tax Map Parcel No. 322.19-06-09.100, owned by TopView Apartments Lewis LLC; and

WHEREAS, TopView Apartments Lewis LLC has agreed to grant the County a temporary easement for the placement, maintenance, and removal of the bus stop shelter upon its property, and to be responsible for snow removal and trash cleanup and removal at and around the shelter, upon the terms set forth in a proposed Easement (the "New Easement"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has the general care and control of the corporate real property of the County and is authorized to acquire and accept real property, including easements, for lawful county purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis hereby approves and authorizes the discharge and termination of the Prior Easement affecting Tax

Map Parcel No. 322.19-03-18.000 at 4102 Center Street in the Village of Lyons Falls, New York.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators hereby approves and accepts the New Easement from TopView Apartments Lewis LLC affecting Tax Map Parcel No. 322.19-06-09.100 at 6832 McAlpine Street in the Village of Lyons Falls, New York, for the placement, maintenance, and removal of a bus stop shelter, upon the terms and conditions set forth therein.

Section 3. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the County of Lewis, the discharge of the Prior Easement, the New Easement, and any and all other documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form.

Section 4. That the County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to cause the discharge of the Prior Easement and the New Easement to be filed and recorded in the Office of the Lewis County Clerk.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 229 - 2026

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PRECLOSING POSSESSION/LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY AND CORNERSTONE GROUP LTD FOR THE GLENFIELD SCHOOL PROPERTY

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Lewis County Board of Legislators, by Resolution No. 105 of 2023, authorized a purchase and sale agreement with Cornerstone Group LTD, for the county-owned Glenfield School Property located at 5960 Main Street, Glenfield, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, by Resolution No. 222 of 2025, modified said agreement to authorize prepossession by Cornerstone Group LTD; and

WHEREAS, the County and Cornerstone Group LTD executed a 2nd Extension/Modification of Pre-closing Possession/License Agreement effective July 1, 2026, extending closing to August 31, 2026 and requiring the payment of a \$70,000.00 earnest money deposit towards the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, due to delays in obtaining state tax credits for the project, delays in completing design, and inflation-related price increases, Lewis County and Cornerstone Group LTD have determined that another extension of the prepossession period and delay of the closing date is necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County will prepare the amendment to extend the prepossession agreement, with no change to the total agreement value, funding structure, or any other terms thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this amendment to the prepossession agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes an amendment to the prepossession agreement with Cornerstone Group LTD for the Glenfield School Property located at 5960 Main Street, Glenfield, New York, to extend the prepossession period to October 31, 2026, and to set closing to happen on or about that date, with no change to the total agreement value or funding structure.

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

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 230 - 2026

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 186-2026 on August 4th authorizing for a budget transfer to cover additional invoices for the 18B Attorneys Assigned Counsel services; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to cover the estimated invoices through December 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes a 2026 budget transfer from Contingency to the Public Defender's accounts to cover estimated invoices for the 18B Attorneys Assigned Counsel services as follows:

Decrease Expenditure:

A0199000 499900 Contingency	\$104,187.00
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Increase Expenditure:

A0117000 493400 PD Prof Svc Assigned Cnsl	\$104,187.00
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Section 2. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 231 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH
ED & ED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY FOR A POSTAGE METER**

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

WHEREAS, Lewis County entered into a Product Lease Agreement with Ed & Ed Business Technology for a postage meter at a cost of \$70.94 per month (\$851.28 annually); and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to extend the term of the agreement for 18 months effective October 15, 2026 through March 14, 2028 at an annual cost of \$869.28 (\$1,303.92 total), fully funded by Article 6 State Aid; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize this lease extension to ensure the Department of Public Health has the necessary equipment to conduct its mail operations efficiently;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves an 18-month Lease Extension Agreement with Ed & Ed Business Technology, effective October 15, 2026 through March 14, 2028, at a cost of \$869.28 (\$1,303.92 total).

Section 2. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such Lease Extension Agreement, and any related documents, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 232 - 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 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 233 - 2026

**ADOPTING AND OTHERWISE TREATING
LOCAL LAW NO. 7 – 2026, COUNTY OF LEWIS**

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Legislators on September 1, 2026, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, to hear all interested parties on 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”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the *Watertown Daily Times*, the official newspaper designated by the County, on September 15, 2026, 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, the public hearing was duly held at such location and time, and all parties in attendance were 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. 7 – 2026), County of Lewis, being “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”, be and the same hereby is designated as Local Law No. 7–2026, County of Lewis.

Section 2. Local Law No. 7–2026, 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 on the 6th day of October, 2026, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 234 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING “I LOVE NY” CAMPAIGN MATCHING FUNDS
AND DESIGNATE NATURALLY LEWIS, INC.
AS THE COUNTY’S AGENT TO SUPERVISE
PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF THE CAMPAIGN**

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

WHEREAS, in order to enhance and promote tourism within New York State, the NY Empire State Development Corporation offers to match local municipality contributions to the “I Love NY” promotional and marketing campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to authorize and appropriate \$55,000.00 in matching funds to demonstrate its commitment to the “I Love NY” promotional campaign for 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to designate Naturally Lewis, Inc. (“Naturally Lewis”) as the agent to supervise the promotion and marketing of the “I LOVE NY” campaign, by the Chamber of Commerce and to market the benefits of Lewis County tourism with the utilization of the County’s 2027 matching funds as well as the State’s committed funds; and the Board seeks to enter into an Agreement with Naturally Lewis to provide such services by the Chamber of Commerce as the designated agent of the County under this State program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby commits to appropriate \$55,000.00 in matching local funds toward the 2027 “I LOVE NY” promotional and marketing tourism campaign in Lewis County.

Section 2. The Board of Legislators hereby designates Naturally Lewis, Inc. as the County’s agent to supervise and conduct the promotional and marketing programs by the Chamber of Commerce for Lewis County tourism under the 2027 campaign, with the utilization of the aforesaid County matching funds as well as the State’s committed funds to the campaign and endorses the application by Naturally Lewis for matching funds under the program.

Section 3. The Board of Legislators authorizes an Agreement with Naturally Lewis to act as the County’s agent under the 2027 “I LOVE NY” campaign, and to perform the services of promoting and marketing the benefits of tourism in the County of Lewis with the funds so provided under the campaign, for the period from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Section 4. That the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute, seal and deliver said Agreement and any and all other necessary papers and documents in connection with the application and program, pending approval by the County Attorney.

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 - 2026

**AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS AND
TRANSFERS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the need to amend the 2026 Lewis County Budget to provide additional appropriations and authorize transfers within the Solid Waste Department to address increased operational costs and revenue adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has identified the necessity to increase revenue accounts to reflect additional refuse and invoiced revenue, and to increase expenditure accounts for refuse operations, vehicle repair, and fuel expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators seeks to authorize the budget amendments and fund transfers as detailed herein to support the continued operations of the Solid Waste Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby amends the 2026 Lewis County Budget as follows:

Increase Revenue(s):

ES816000-321300 Refuse Revenue	\$125,000.00
ES816000-321302 Invoiced Revenue	\$175,000.00

Increase Expenditure(s):

ES816000-490290 Refuse Expense	\$250,000.00
ES816000-470100 Vehicle Repair	\$15,000.00
ES816000-430400 Fuel Expense	\$35,000.00

Section 2. The funds for the expenditure increases authorized in Section 1 shall be derived from the revenue increases identified in Section 1, with the Treasurer to reconcile all account codes and confirm final allocations.

Section 3. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such documentation as may be necessary to effectuate these budget amendments, upon such form as may be approved by the County Attorney, together with the Director of the Solid Waste Department.

Section 4. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 236 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
FROM SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds in the total amount of \$25,575.00, representing proceeds received from the online auction sale of miscellaneous County equipment and property as follows:

Increase Revenue(s):

H0990100 350310 County Share Revenue HAD	\$ 2,450.00
ES816000 326650 SW Oper Sale of Equipment	\$23,125.00

Increase Expenditure(s):

H0990100 499900 HAD Capital Expenditures	\$ 2,450.00
ES816000 223300 SW Oper Vehicles/Equipment	\$23,125.00

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

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 237 - 2026

**AUTHORIZING INCREASES TO
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE PLAN YEAR
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027**

Introduced by Legislator Jessica Moser, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, Lewis County Government has a self-funded health insurance program known as the Lewis County Health Plan (“Plan”), with premiums that support coverage of claims for County (including LCHS) employees, spouses, dependents, and retirees eligible for health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Treasurer, in their capacity as the Health Plan Administrator, holds periodic meetings with the health insurance committee which includes the County Manager, HR Director, Administrators from LCHS, along with GKG, the county consultants for plan design in an effort to make recommendations that are reasonable and assist to maintain the fund at a sustainable balance; and

WHEREAS, the health insurance committee has been monitoring the health insurance fund balance, with an indication that the current fund balance under the current premiums will not sustain the fund. Health claim costs continue to exceed current premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Milliman firm, the county’s actuarial consultant on the Plan, is tasked with annual review and assessment of the financial health of the plan’s fund balance, and an annual recommendation of a range for appropriate premium equivalent for Plan participants in order to sustain the benefits and payout of claims under the Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon continued review and analysis of the plan and fund balance, and upon the recent analysis and projections of Milliman, the Plan Administrator and County and Hospital management teams recommend that the Board of Legislators increase the health insurance premiums by 6.00 % for the three (3) plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves the Plan Administrator’s and County and Hospital management teams’ recommendation and thereby increases all health insurance premiums for all three (3) plans (excluding Medicare eligible retirees) effective January 1st, 2027 (reflected in December 2026 paychecks) by 6.00% in order to attempt to cover claims and expenses and to stabilize the health insurance fund balance.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator __, seconded by Legislator __, and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2026.