

**FIRST DAY
ANNUAL SESSION
November 7, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael A. Tabolt at the Harrisville Firehall.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Fawcett whom had been excused.

Legislator Hathway offered the Invocation, calling for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed. Chairman Tabolt then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

There were 21 persons present.

Chairman Tabolt declared the October 3, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by general consent after no corrections were noted.

The Clerk read a prepared statement to recognize Diana resident Chad Sullivan for his conscientious and goodwill actions that saved a man's life last November. Chairman Tabolt and Legislator Hathway presented the original document to Mr. Sullivan as those present applauded.

Chairman Tabolt thanked Legislator Hathway for arranging the tour at the Viking Cives plant, and for everything he had done on behalf of his constituents. Harrisville resident Kelly Ritz expressed gratitude to Legislator Hathway for his great representation of the residents and thanked the Board for their financial assistance with the Village of Harrisville dissolution study.

REPORT OF THE RULES AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

The Rules and Legislation Committee had met and recommended to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Lawrence Dolhof, Chairman
Craig Brennan
Bryan Moser

Dated: November 7, 2017

Legislator King made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Moser and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Carrie Tuttle of the Development Authority of the North Country distributed and reviewed summary reports on the Village of Harrisville Dissolution Study and alternatives compiled by the 10-local person panel. A NYS Department of State \$15,000 grant covers half of

the plan cost that will increase to 90% if dissolution is approved by Harrisville voters, augmented by up to \$5,000 from Lewis County toward the study.

After a year-long analysis of all services provided by the Village, a draft dissolution report indicates a 57% Harrisville property tax reduction, as well as a 2% reduction for Town of Diana taxpayers. An implementation plan will soon be put forth to the Village Board of Trustees. Pending their approval, a vote could be set, or the plan may be sent back to the panel for revisions. If the plan is outright rejected, Village residents may petition the Board to force a voter referendum.

Diana would be required to form a water district and consider forming a light district for continued services, while also assuming fire protection costs. Pending dissolution, the Town would be eligible for an Annual Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit estimated at \$109,376 that would be received in perpetuity and annually applied to reduce the tax levy.

Legislator Dolhof inquired the advantage to the State, citing the additional tax credits to be paid in perpetuity. Ms. Tuttle said, "There are a lot of layers of government in NYS that add costs". The programs are to incentivize entities to consolidate or reorganize service delivery to include water, sewer or fire districts, as well as courts or any services. The goal is to reduce administrative oversight, reporting and billing for all levels of government. The grants finance the studies in whole or in part, with ultimate applied incentives.

An example is mandatory County Real Property Tax administration to account for every municipality and special district tax levies and billings, and likewise at the State level that must track thousands of taxing jurisdictions. Although very small, some townships have several fire and rescue districts that have expanded over time, where consolidation would reduce the personnel burden for all government levels.

To Ryan Piche's inquiry as to whether the State could promise tax credits in perpetuity, Ms. Tuttle clarified that budget appropriations across the board are annually at the discretion and approval of the State Legislature and governor. However, considering the nominal comparative budget impact, the Department of State predicts that many other initiatives would be terminated before these local government tax credits. For instance, municipalities that dissolved twelve years ago continue to receive their tax credit appropriation. The tax credits are nominal compared to available State allocations, she concluded.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

The Town of Lewis Board, and the Essex and Warren County Legislatures have each adopted resolutions in support of Statewide Ballot Proposal Number Three that will create a land account for use by Towns, Villages and Counties having no viable alternative other than using Forest Preserve Land, to address public health and safety concerns.

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation informed they have listed the Talcottville Cemetery on the NYS Register of Historic Places and have nominated it to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C.

The Cattaraugus, Erie and Livingston County Legislatures have each enacted a resolution to support increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations.

The Erie and Greene County Legislatures have each adopted resolutions urging the NYS Congressional Delegation to preserve the Federal Income Tax Deduction for State and Local taxes.

The Cattaraugus and Orleans County Legislatures had also adopted a resolution to honor 2017 as the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Suffrage Act in New York State, which granted women the right to vote in State and local elections.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

The Clerk reported that Legislators had received copies of the 2018 Tentative County Budget, County Treasurer’s October report; the 10/18 and 10/24/17 Solid Waste and Highway Audit reports; and the minutes of the 9/21/17 and 10/19/17 Planning Board and 10/18/17 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meetings.

The October monthly report of Director of Weights and Measures James A. Richmire has been received and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The semi-annual mortgage tax report was submitted by the County Clerk and County Treasurer. The amounts to be apportioned to each of the Towns and Villages are as follows:

**APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX
April 1, 2017 through September 31, 2017**

	<u>KEY</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Town of Croghan		372,663,282	\$18,472.15
Village of Croghan	.025309389	18,863,760	<u>479.66</u>
			\$18,951.81
Town of Denmark		180,810,463	\$13,171.34
Village of Castorland	.043609913	15,770,257	680.47
Village of Copenhagen	.112265392	40,597,515	<u>1,751.74</u>
			\$15,603.55
Town of Diana		181,459,743	\$10,403.17
Village of Harrisville	.062799510	22,791,166	<u>697.09</u>
			\$11,100.26
Town of Greig		225,547,776	\$13,631.39
Town of Harrisburg		273,795,859	\$ 3,514.65

Town of Lewis		73,770,509	\$ 3,315.48
Town of Leyden		104,553,452	\$ 8,118.44
Village of Port Leyden	.078151279	16,341,972	<u>688.25</u>
			\$ 8,806.69
Town of Lowville		457,443,050	\$19,183.86
Village of Lowville	.283787520	259,633,257	<u>7,601.29</u>
			\$26,785.15
Town of Lyonsdale		113,066,613	\$ 6,079.44
Village of Lyons Falls	.039064790	8,833,847	254.22
Village of Port Leyden	.026734236	6,045,499	<u>173.98</u>
			\$ 6,507.64
Town of Martinsburg		400,790,483	\$ 9,752.16
Town of Montague		38,281,354	\$ 1,485.73
Town of New Bremen		178,085,304	\$23,020.21
Village of Croghan	.036286169	12,924,067	<u>866.77</u>
			\$23,886.98
Town of Osceola		51,748,372	\$4,223.26
Town of Pinckney		37,415,630	\$3,986.40
Town of Turin		79,246,117	\$4,910.92
Village of Turin	.077862320	12,340,573	<u>414.66</u>
			\$ 5,325.58
Town of Watson		210,412,592	\$15,327.54
Town of West Turin		141,217,808	\$ 8,693.44
Village of Constableville	.049130496	13,876,202	504.87
Village of Lyons Falls	.104875626	29,620,612	<u>1,077.70</u>
			\$10,276.01

GRAND TOTAL \$182,480.27

To County of Lewis

\$97,168.43

Philip Hathway, Chairman
 Bryan Moser
 Lawrence Dolhof

Taxation Committee

Dated: November 7, 2017

WARRANT

TO: The Treasurer of the County of Lewis

You are hereby notified by the Board of Legislators of Lewis County that the sum of \$182,480.27 from the tax on mortgages from April 1, 2017 through September 31, 2017 has been apportioned to the Tax Districts entitled to same and, you are hereby directed to pay the respective Supervisors the amount due to the Towns, to their Village Treasurers the amount due the Villages, and to the County of Lewis the amount stated, according to the foregoing schedule, pursuant to the provisions of Section 261 of the Tax Law.

Given under the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of Lewis County, and the seal of the Board of Legislators being hereto affixed on the 7th day of November 2017.

Michael A. Tabolt, Chairman
Teresa K. Clark, Clerk of the Board

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Philip Hathway, Taxation/Elections/Information Technology Committee Chairman, reported the Mohawk Networks contract had been fully executed so an analysis of all towers has begun to determine weight and wind loads for broadband expansion.

The new civil service software is working as predicted to reduce required personnel time. The State will purchase required personal computers for Social Services personnel for the newly implemented server-based virtual desktop information system. New software will also be acquired that will greatly assist assessors.

Legislator Hathway reported that Real Property Tax Director Candy Akin has obtained guidelines for solar projects and related PILOT agreements. There are 49 properties that have a veteran's exemption. Upon request from eligible persons, the State approved increased exemption from \$5,000 to \$7,500 will be applied. There are 22 identified parcels in Brantingham for possible 9-1-1 address changes. Ms. Akin will proceed as was done for changes in the Lake Bonaparte area.

Legislator Andrea Moroughan, as a member of the Social Services/Office For Aging/Youth Committee Chairman, reported the HEAP program would begin 11/13/17, and pre-approved applicants will receive a reverse 9-1-1 call to inform they do not need to apply or phone the office. Also, persons may phone the Office For the Aging for assistance with Medicare health insurance enrollment. There are many navigators in the area to assist with health insurance options. The furniture donated by the Development Authority of the North Country is available for eligible applicants through a voucher system.

Legislator Moroughan reported that she, Ryan Piche and Kraft Heinz employees had recently assisted OFA staff to package and deliver their donations of 130 shelf-stable meals to senior citizens.

Legislator Bryan Moser, County Officers/Junkyards/Veterans' Services/ Human Resources Committee Chairman, reported that of the total 450 veterans enrolled at JCC, 54 are Lewis County veterans or family members. Director Stephen Kilionski had apprised that the Veterans Administration has reduced wait times for veteran health visits by allowing those residing outside a 40-mile radius from a veteran clinic to be treated by their primary care physician. Congressional Acts have provided additional funding to enhance timely treatment and payments to providers.

Legislator Moser also cited his sponsored resolution to make a title change in the Social Services Department.

Legislator Jerry King, Courts and Law Enforcement/Fire & Emergency Services/Building Codes Committee Chairman, reported that both companies that submitted proposals for the Public Safety Radio System Interoperability Base Stations have been forwarded clarifying inquiries.

Legislator King reported that Director Robert MacKenzie and Ryan Piche traveled to Albany for Incident Command System training. He also reported the paging system is working well since the background noise was substantially reduced. They await delivery of two antennas to be placed on the No. 3 Road and Lyons Falls towers to optimize communication.

Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, Economic Development/Recreation, Forestry and Parks, Committee Chairman, announced the 11/14 Business Leaders' Breakfast to be held at the Maples Ranch Restaurant on Route 12 between Lowville and Copenhagen. All area schools had participating students for Manufacturing Day hosted at five local businesses, including 60 students at Viking Cives, to inform about employment opportunities.

Legislator Dolhof reported that the Lyons Falls mill redevelopment, Snow Ridge expansion and Village of Lowville wastewater system upgrade grant applications were chosen as priority projects by the Regional Council, and await official REDC grant announcements in December.

Legislator Dolhof informed the JCC annual telephonic community survey is underway encouraging everyone contacted to participate. Skewed Brewing has moved into the Trinity Avenue building and have made their initial payment to the IDA. Also, the IDA has received a counter-offer from the owner for purchase of the Climax Manufacturing building.

Legislator Craig Brennan, Ways and Means/Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman, commended Budget Officer Ryan Piche, Treasurer Patricia O'Brien and all Department Heads for holding the line on proposed spending encompassed in the 2018 Tentative Budget. He noted the challenge to attain the goal of \$4 million reserve in the health insurance

fund. The proposed budget equates an eleven-cent per thousand dollars of assessment increase, which remains within the 2% tax cap.

Legislator Brennan reported that maintenance personnel have completed the sally port repairs, roof repairs at the Highway sign shop, installed fans in the Court House lobby and assisted with the Highway diesel system filters and cleaning. Use of an alternative fueling system being installed by a local business is being explored for Highway vehicles, which would negate purchase and construction of a new fueling system.

Legislator Brennan commended Planning Director Frank Pace for his consistent reports to apprise the Board on the solar project progress. The transformers will be delivered when the inter-connectivity is ready, projected by the end of December.

Legislator Brennan was pleased to report that discussions continue with JCC representatives for curriculum development for the proposed Lewis County extension center.

Legislator Gregory Kulzer, Transportation/Solid Waste Committee Chairman, made a motion to authorize the County Superintendent of Highways to charge Towns within Lewis County a \$5.00 surcharge for each sign, effective November 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Legislator Brennan and carried.

Legislator Kulzer reported a total of 91 bridges in the county, four of which are 3-Ton bridges, plus one historical bridge. Although 5.5% of the bridges are deemed structurally deficient, all are safe if posted limits are adhered. The State deems the County responsible for Town-owned bridges as well. The fueling depot being installed at Tops Plaza may be a viable alternative for larger equipment, which, as earlier noted by Legislator Brennan, would avoid substantial cost to replace the aged County fueling system.

Legislator Kulzer reported the Committee had approved to request bids for a replacement compactor box; and that recyclables and trash volumes both continue to increase.

As the representative on the Double Play Community Center Board, Legislator Kulzer reported that 36 middle school students and 14 high school students are enrolled in the South Lewis after school staffed program held at the church across from the school. There are also 7 students in the youth soccer program. None of the students are charged for these programs.

Legislator Kulzer termed the recent "Comedy Night" fund raiser event as very successful. Legislator Moser asked whether Double Play was tracking how many more youths are being served, considering the shorter commute to attend programs in the outlying southern and northern areas. He inferred those programs may cease, if a centrally located center becomes a reality. Legislator Kulzer is unaware of any intention to terminate the outreach programs, although efforts continue for a Lowville center.

Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Committee Chairman, announced the August employee-of-the-month was physical therapist Angela Millard, and certified nursing assistant Rebecca Mothersell for September.

Legislator Chartrand reported the facility is transitioning to Meditech 6.1 to help doctors with billing, and 2018 budget appropriations cover the \$1.6 million cost. There was a September gain of \$60,636 compared to a budgeted loss of \$161,000 with a year-to-date surplus of \$3,299,000. He then deferred to Hospital CEO Gerald Cayer, who was happy to relay that he and his family are Lowville residents.

Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Public Health/Community Services Committee Chairwoman, reported Director Penny Ingham had presented the third quarter Board of Health report, Improvement Plan Update, Quality Assurance and Corporate Compliance reports. The Public Health Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board in February 2018. She further reminded everyone to get their flu shot.

Legislator Moroughan made a motion to authorize motion to authorize Director of Community Services Patricia Fralick to fill the vacant part-time Keyboard Specialist position up to 17.5 hours/week, effective immediately, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.

Legislator Moroughan reported the Planning Department is assisting to mitigate transportation challenges for those seeking behavioral health and substance abuse treatment. Local groups continue to hold public forums focused on the opiate crisis, are establishing recovery self-help groups in outlying areas, as well as holding fund raisers to support their initiatives.

The NYS Department of Health first quarter 2017 statistics for Lewis County: 3 overdose deaths from heroin and opiate pain relievers; and 64 admissions to OASAS chemical dependence treatment programs. As of 11/1/17 there were ten confirmed deaths from opiate overdose and two pending results.

Legislator Moroughan reported that in response to the epidemic, the Credo Community Center is offering walk-in screening visits during business hours; NRCIL and the Recovery Center established an after-hours phone line that guides persons to support and treatment; and Mountain View Prevention Services is providing information to connect persons with appropriate services.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Chairman Tabolt was accompanied by Legislator Dolhof, Ryan Piche and Eric Virkler for the 10/11/17 Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) meeting and lunch at Stillwater Hotel followed by a tour of the Stillwater dam and power plant.

He had also attended the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting hosted by Hamilton County where a NYSAC representative gave an in-depth review of the Propositions on the upcoming November ballot.

If successfully approved by the electorate, Chairman Tabolt suggests a Constitutional Convention that would include three elected delegates from each Senatorial District would not

bode well for the North Country. During the last convention held in 1967 there had been a referendum for State takeover of Medicaid. However, the delegates chose to combine this issue with eight other proposals into one ballot. Owing to some of the coagulated controversial issues, delegates resoundingly defeated the ballot.

NYSAC representatives are exuding confidence with the supportive momentum from State representatives for UTV legislative bills.

Chairman Tabolt plans to attend the 11/16/17 Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting in St. Lawrence County. He was pleased they had taken his suggestion to plan a tour of the Curran Renewable Energy Pellet Plant.

Chairman Tabolt reported that he, Legislator Dolhof, Ryan Piche and Eric Virkler had a very cordial meeting with Fort Drum General Walter Piatt and Lt. Col. Polk to enhance our communications about future wind tower projects. General Piatt affirmed his substantial agreement with the Board's stance for a compromise as it relates to radar interference.

Legislator Hathway took grave exception to a Watertown Daily Times editorial he felt was disrespectful of the Board. He refuted its inference this Board would approve any wind tower project regardless of Fort Drum impact, while reiterating the Board's wholehearted support of Fort Drum, recognizing its regional value.

Legislator Chartrand stated the Board responded to the General's request by assuring that Fort Drum was listed as an involved party in the wind tower sighting process, and that we would consider any adverse affects with future projects. Fort Drum was appreciative and relayed these points to the other agencies that are spewing false accusations about our Board. He concluded his desire to see due diligence for all parties during the review process.

Legislator Moser urged that relative questions be posed to those who directly operate the radar and weather systems, being most knowledgeable, some that claim the known stationary towers pose less risk than an unknown flock of geese entering from any direction.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGET OFFICER REPORT:

Budget Officer Ryan Piche read his following 2018 Tentative County Budget Message:
Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the 2018 tentative budget for Lewis County. This year's challenge is to balance our commitment to conservative fiscal management against rising costs driven largely by personnel benefit increases. A budget is, above all, a plan, and with your input and leadership, I have little doubt that this plan will guide us through another successful year in Lewis County.

2018 Budget Summary

The 2018 budget proposes a 1.16% increase in spending, resulting in an increase in the millage rate from 7.23 to 7.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A property valued at \$100,000 will receive a tax bill of \$734, an increase of \$11 from 2017. Importantly, the tentative budget

proposes zero cuts to services, zero fee increases, and remains under the State-imposed property tax cap.

	2017 Adopted Budget	2018 Tentative Budget	Year-Over-Year Difference
Total Revenue	\$28,788,105	\$28,848,485	Revenues increase by \$60,380
Total Appropriations	\$44,946,294	\$45,468,424	Expenses increase by \$522,130
Balance Raised by Taxes	\$16,158,189	\$16,619,939	Net increase of \$461,750
Less Applied Fund Balance	\$820,000	\$820,000	No reduction in fund balance use
Real Property Tax	\$15,338,189	\$15,799,939	Net increase of \$461,750
Taxable Value	\$2,121,128,953	\$2,151,941,662	\$30.8M increase in taxable value
County Tax Rate	7.23	7.34	1.54% tax increase

The tentative budget proposal also continues the County’s commitment to our stated financial guidelines for long-term fiscal sustainability. The tentative budget:

- Continues to target a general fund balance of \$11M, or 10% of our combined hospital and County operating budget;
- Maintains our A+ credit rating; and
- Maintains current County service levels.

The budget, however, fails to reduce our year-over-year dependence on fund balance. \$820,000 of fund balance was used in 2017, and \$820,000 is recommended in 2018 as well. Our goal remains to reduce overall fund balance use to \$500,000 or less by 2021 to account for the loss of windmill revenue.

Closing the Gap

To operate exactly as we have in 2017, that is, without expanding a single service or adding a single position, the 2018 budget would exceed the property tax cap by \$1.4M. To get under the tax cap, our budget team deployed a variety of cost shifting and cutting.

First, we are recommending \$363,000 of one-time expenses requested for 2018 to be paid using 2017 year-end surplus.

One-Time Items to be Paid with 2017 Surplus	
Annual Highway Building Capital Contribution	\$200,000
Two Sheriff Dept. Cruisers	\$78,000
Highway Dept. Vehicle Equipment	\$59,461
Two Voting Machines	\$26,000
Total One-Time Items	\$363,461

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State Mandates

We are all aware of the impact of New York State mandates on the County budget, but in a year with a tax increase, a brief reminder is appropriate. In Lewis County, 77% of every property tax dollar goes directly to New York State for the following programs:

State Mandated Program	Budgeted Expense	County Share
Indigent Defense	\$404,200	\$404,200
Probation	\$582,551	\$464,752
Pre-K	\$1,785,795	\$707,619
Early Intervention	\$222,876	\$119,774
Medicaid	\$6,040,605	\$5,050,000
Pension	\$1,918,722	\$1,918,722
Foster Care	\$2,942,541	\$230,085
Safety Net	\$517,970	\$443,781
Youth Detention	\$91,778	\$2,100
IGT/Lewis County Support for LCGH	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Total State Mandated Costs	\$17,311,038	\$12,141,033
Total Tax Levy		\$15,799,939
% of County Share Supporting Mandated Programs		76.8%

Capital Expenditures

Absent from the 2018 spending plan are any large capital improvement projects. Basic maintenance of the Courthouse and other facilities is included, but our larger capital improvement needs are not addressed. With the results of the BCA Strategic Facilities Plan expected early in the new year, 2018 will be a good time to plan a concrete capital improvement program. Lewis County has done well to reserve funds for specific projects, and maintain an appropriate fund balance, but few can doubt that our physical plant has some serious needs. Over the next five years, we need to make necessary investments in capital improvement projects. A million-dollar project today will cost \$1.2M five years from now. Where else can we put our savings and earn a 20% return over five years? Even though 2018 does not propose any large capital projects, we need to begin preparing for large expenses in the near future.

Conclusion

Proposed is a responsible spending plan given the State-imposed property tax cap. Unfortunately, this plan fails to address several departmental requests, and doesn't provide the flexibility the Board of Legislators may be used to in regard to contingency funds. This is unfortunate, but it is the reality of budgeting under an arbitrary spending cap. It's important that we don't confuse the pressures of the tax cap with the County's overall financial health. The tax cap is an arbitrary, State-designed mechanism with little applicability to the operational needs of individual counties. We should be more focused on providing long-term value to our tax-payers than meeting arbitrary regulations established in Albany. Despite this year's challenges, the County remains in an excellent financial position, and there is no reason that will change in 2018.

On a personal note, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our budget team. Our department heads are professional and reasonable, and they have been a pleasure to work with throughout this process. Thank you to the Ways & Means Committee for providing guidance and feedback as the budget was coming together. Thank you to Terry Clark and Cassandra Moser for their organization and support. And most of all, thank you to Patty O'Brien; without her expertise and patience this plan would not be possible.

The 2018 Lewis County budget is respectfully submitted for public comment and approval.

Ryan Piche
Budget Officer

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Patricia O'Brien reported the current fund balance of the Special Legislative Contingency Fund - \$388,154.14; Contingency Fund-\$271,572.27; Capital Data Processing Fund-\$116,643.30 and Capital Equipment Fund - \$269,819.70, of which \$7,379.85 is the Highway portion, year-to-date sales tax revenues are above budget at \$8,418,280.17; and current Hospital debt is on schedule at \$1.4 million.

The recent Inter-governmental Transfer (IGT) receipt for the Hospital was \$600,000 less than anticipated, resulting cost saving for the County.

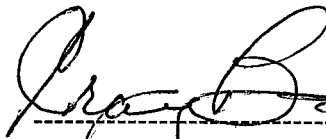
The 9/30/17 Internal Service Fund balance of \$1,962,314.84 reflects a decrease of \$277,851.55.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

**REPORT OF
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ON THE EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS**

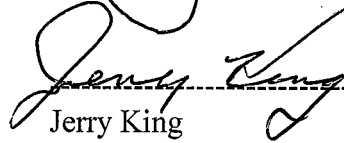
To: The Honorable County Legislators

The Ways and Means Committee reports that they have examined the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$ 1,356,902.04 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.



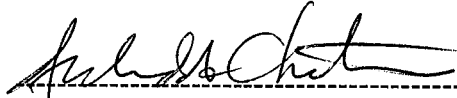
Craig Brennan

Chair



Jerry King

Committee



Richard Chartrand

Committee

Dated: November 7, 2017

Approved on motion by Legislator Moser, seconded by

Legislator Brennan, and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Clerk announced Chairman Tabolt's appointment of Brien Tabolt to the Lewis County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board as an Organization Representative for a term to expire 12/31/2018.

Legislator Moser had confirmed with Congresswoman Stefanik the validity of an invitation to the White House on 11/16/17 to join local community leaders from across the country to discuss tax reform. He is considering attending the event and asked his colleagues to relay their opinions and/or concerns.

At 7:04 p.m., Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Dolhof and carried.