

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed the students present who were part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Student Government Program. He thanked the students for participating as they are the future of government, and said the exchange students who were part of the program represent 12 different countries.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Adsit.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Two students from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Student Government Program addressed the Board saying that they learned a lot about government in general and particularly local government and how it works over the four week program. They said the program was especially informative as some of them may be going into politics as a career, and because they will be voting in the near future.

Mike McDougal from Copenhagen School District said he was present as part of his government class at school and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend a meeting.

Dan Villa, 26130 County Route 57, Three Mile Bay, NY related that in the early morning hours of August 1, 2017 his house was burglarized while he and his wife were home. He thanked Detective House and the Sheriff's Department who did a wonderful job catching the individual who 13 months later, was found guilty and sentenced to 5 years as a repeat offender. On September 26, 2017 he filed paperwork to obtain a conceal carry pistol permit in Jefferson County and was told it would probably be about a year before everything was processed and he received his permit. To date he has still not received the permit. The home invasion has affected them deeply and having a pistol permit would give him and his wife a measure of comfort that they can protect themselves. He is a retired pharmacist, served 12 years on the Watertown School Board, 12 years on the SMC Board of Directors, 7 years on the JCC Board of Trustees, and is in his 9th year as a Town of Lyme Councilman, and at no other time has he had a problem with any of the services the County provides. He was told by the Sheriff's Department that it is a budgetary issue, there is not enough money in the budget, but he knows if it is a priority the money will be found. He requested that the Board please figure out a way to solve this problem as it is a service people pay for up front that is not being provided in a timely manner. He spends the winter in Florida and applied for and received his permit there within two weeks, but he can't buy a gun there because he can't bring it back to New York.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the March Session were approved in the absence of objection or

correction.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received from NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario acknowledging receipt of Board of Legislators Resolution Nos. 50 and 51 regarding NYS Election Law changes (early voting) and Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of February 28, 2019.

The County Administrator provided a report on budget transfers for the month of March.

The County Auditor provided a report on erroneous assessments for the month of March.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 69

Authorizing the Establishment of a Petty Cash Fund for the County Attorney's Office

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The County Attorney's Office, from time to time, requires funds on short notice to pay witness fees, filing fees, mileage fees, and other costs associated with representing the County in legal matters and the checks and balances of the County financial system precludes obtaining a check on short notice, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Attorney has requested the establishment of a petty cash fund in the amount of \$500.00 in order to have ready access to funds for the above purposes, and

Whereas, County Law § 371 allows the Board of Legislators to establish petty cash funds for individual Departments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to County Law § 371, (1) and (2) , the Board of Legislators hereby establishes a revolving petty cash fund in the amount of \$500.00 in the Office of the Jefferson County Attorney.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 70

**Amending 2019 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding From
NYS Department of Labor for Employment & Training Department**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, By Resolution 258 of 2018, this Board of Legislators accepted \$50,000 in NYS Department of Labor Trade and Economic Transition National Dislocated Worker (TET-NDWG) funding, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Employment & Training Department has until September 30, 2020 to expend the funds, and

Whereas, There remain unspent training funds that must be reappropriated for 2019.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

25000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 50,000
25634000 04611	Training On The Job	\$ 25,000
25634000 046132	Clients Training	25,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Montigelli, Maxon, Doldo, Peck, Cantwell, Johnson, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Fitzpatrick, Drake, Jareo, McBride, Reed, Gray

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 71

Funding Position in the Employment & Training Department

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, A vacant Employment and Training Coordinator position (#5) in the Employment and Training Department was not funded in the 2017, 2018 or 2019 County Budgets, and

Whereas, The Director of Employment and Training has recommended position modifications to reflect operational changes and facilitate efficiency including filling position #5, and

Whereas, The Department has experienced retirements in late 2018 resulting in funding available in the Personal Services account for the remainder of 2019.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators concurs with the recommendation to fund the Employment and Training Coordinator position #5, at an annual cost \$32,760, for which the prorated amount of \$24,570 is available in position #12.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 72

Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2019 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the FY18 New York State Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG)

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a FY18 NYS Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG) in the amount of \$4,100,000 for the period December 1, 2018 - November 30, 2022, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive these grant funds to enhance public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure, and

Whereas, The grant will fund microwave equipment already appropriated in the capital project and other interoperable items, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize an agreement with the State and to amend the 2019 County Budget to appropriate the funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 93397	State Aid Fire & Emergency Services	\$ 4,100,000
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Expenditure

20302000 02066	Interoperable Communications Grant Project	\$ 1,600,000
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Decrease:

Revenue

20900600 957105	Bonds E911 Communication System	\$ 2,500,000
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and be if further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is hereby amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Maxon, Drake, Ferris, Fitzpatrick, Peck, McBride, Nabywaniec, Reed, Cantwell, Montigelli, Jareo, Doldo, Johnson, Gray

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 73

**Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearing Related to the
2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Process**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County is in the process of evaluating grant opportunities in anticipation of a 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal, and

Whereas, The CDBG application process requires applicants to hold a public hearing to obtain the views of the general public on community development needs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Pursuant to Section 104(A)(2) of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, a CDBG public hearing shall be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson County Board of Legislator Chambers, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That notice of such public hearing shall be given in accordance with law, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute all necessary CDBG application documents, and the Department of Planning is hereby authorized as the County's agent to act in connection with the submission of any authorized application and to provide any supplemental information that may be required by the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 74

Authorizing Agreement for Development and Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the NYS Office for Community Renewal, and for Development and Administration of Grant Program

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County is eligible to apply for 2019 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the NYS Office for Community Renewal, and

Whereas, Through the professional services assistance of Avalon Associates, Inc, the County has received eleven annual CDBG awards since 2007 totaling \$7.65 million which have been used for housing rehabilitation activities for income eligible Jefferson County residents, and

Whereas, Jefferson County remains committed to pursuing feasible affordable housing resources to improve the quality of the County's housing stock and to assist low to moderate income County residents, and

Whereas, New York State has released the 2019 Notice of Funding Assistance with applications due April 26.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Avalon Associates will assist the County in developing a 2019 CDBG housing proposal and application for a sum of \$7,500, which reflects no increase from prior year and is contained in the 2019 Budget, and be it further

Resolved, that Avalon Associates, if a CDBG grant is awarded, will develop the 2019 program and assist in grant administration for a lump sum of \$15,000 (eligible grant expense with no increase from prior year); provide actual program delivery services (e.g., qualifying applicants; inspecting properties; preparing loan and construction documents) for \$2,250 per housing unit (eligible grant expense with no increase from prior year); and fixed general and grant administration services fees as authorized by the grant program (eligible grant expense), and be it further

Resolved, That the Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 75

**Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Watertown
Regarding FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance
Program and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The City of Watertown has been awarded \$13,050 in funds under the Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for law enforcement purposes, and

Whereas, The County will receive \$5,220 of these funds to be used for the purchase of tactical helmets and Tasers for the Sheriff's Department, and,

Whereas, Grant regulations may require an agreement between the County and the City, and

Whereas, Jefferson County wishes to approve the use of the funds for the program and amend the 2019 County Budget to accept and allocate said grant funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That if necessary, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the City of Watertown as required by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program for the purposes detailed above, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue			
01311000 94389	Federal Aid Public Safety		\$ 5,220
Expenditures			
01311000 04585	Operating Supplies		\$ 5,220

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peck, Reed, Johnson, Drake, Montigelli, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Ferris, McBride, Doldo, Cantwell, Maxon, Fitzpatrick, Gray

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 76

Authorizing Agreements for an Additional Allocation for The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee’s Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The New York State Stop-DWI Foundation has successfully coordinated and obtained Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grants for 44 counties throughout the state, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been notified of an additional allocation of \$5,000 to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, the NYS Park Police, and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, and

Whereas, Agreements must be authorized with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and the aforementioned agencies, and

Whereas, The 2019 County Budget must be amended to recognize said funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements as necessary to obtain and distribute funding as described above, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$ 5,000
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	2,000

Expenditure

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 2,000
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	3,000
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	2,000

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

For the sake of the students present Legislator Jareo voiced his objection to the resolution as he did at the Committee meeting, reiterating his ongoing concern that these funds are often used for what he considers to be unconstitutional measures such as road blocks, and therefore he would not support the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, McBride, Peck, Maxon, Reed, Cantwell, Montigelli, Doldo, Johnson, Nabywaniec, Ferris, Drake, Gray

Nays: Jareo

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 77

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Bridge NY” Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (County Route 62 over Mill Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2019 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A Project for the County Route 62 over Mill Creek, J14, PIN 775344 (the “Project”) is eligible for Funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne by Federal funds (CFDA 20.205) and non-federal funds, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Construction and Construction Inspection Phases of the project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve said project in the Capital Fund, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Construction and

Construction Inspection Phases of the project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that Jefferson County shall be responsible for all costs of the project which exceeds the amount of the NY Bridge funding awarded to Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$861,366, which includes the Construction and Construction Inspection Phases, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02874 in the 2019 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the full federal and non-federal share of the costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated below, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators shall convene to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than eighteen (18) months after award and that the project shall be completed within three years of commencing construction, and be if further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal and State Aid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and substance, on behalf of the County of Jefferson with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs, and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefor that are not federal-or State-aid eligible, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure		
20511300 02874	CR 62 over Mill Creek (J14 & J15)	\$ 861,366
Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$ 818,297
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 43,069

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Maxon, Cantwell, Johnson, Jareo, Fitzpatrick, Nabywaniec, Ferris, Montigelli, Doldo, Peck, Reed, Drake, Gray

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 78

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 62 over Mill Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2019 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, A Project for the Replacement of CR 62 over Mill Creek, J15, PIN 775344 (the “Project”) is eligible for Funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 41 of 2015 and 257 of 2016, the County of Jefferson approved the above Project by making a commitment of \$380,000 for the cost of various phases of the project, and

Whereas, By Resolution and Adopted Budgets, the County has appropriated \$500,000 to the Project, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost of the Design and Construction/Construction Inspection Phases of the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the

Design and Construction/Construction Inspection Phases of the Project or portions thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$700,000, which includes the Design and Construction/Construction Inspection Phases of the Project, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02874 in the 2019 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the full federal and non-federal share of the costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators shall convene to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal and State Aid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and substance, on behalf of the County of Jefferson with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs, and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefor that are not federal-or State-aid eligible, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure		
208511300 02874	CR 62 over Mill Creek (J14 & J15)	\$ 580,000

Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$ 469,000
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	116,500

Decrease:

Revenue		
20900600 93592	State Aid Bridges	\$ 5,500

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year Capital Plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peck, Reed, Ferris, Montigelli, Johnson, Maxon, McBride, Drake, Nabywaniec, Fitzpatrick, Doldo, Cantwell, Jareo, Gray

Absent: Adsit

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 79

**Amending 2019 County Budget Relative to Mental Health Programs
and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, It is necessary to redistribute Office of Mental Health State Aid to better align with current mental health needs of Jefferson County based on mental health clinic census, and

Whereas, The 2019 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect these changes and local contracts amended accordingly.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01432000 04707	CMHC Outpatient	\$ 7,211
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Programs	34,945
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	12,096
01432000 04728	Samaritan Medical Center	5,642

Decrease:

01432000 04702	Credo Foundation	\$37,312
01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	22,582

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Community Services Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary amended agreements relative to these changes, with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 80

Authorizing Agreements with NYS Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the NYS Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the Board of Education of local school districts to require placement in such special education programs, and

Whereas, The New York State Commissioner of Education has approved a number of providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, In conjunction with the operation of the Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with approved services providers at said established rates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service providers:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Benchmark Family Services	Evaluations Integrated Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center	Evaluations Integrated Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Milestones Children's Center	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching

and be it further

Resolved, That the need for such special education services is to be determined by local School Boards of Education, at rates established by the NYS Commissioner of Education as certified by the Director of the Budget of the State of New York, and shall be in a form and contain such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the NYS Commissioner of Education, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and substance, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby directed to send a letter notifying local School Boards of Education of the rates of each of the special education service providers and the percentage of local share of such cost.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 81

**Authorizing Agreements and Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services
in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities provides a variety of related services to children aged three to five years with certain disabilities, such services to be provided in the least restrictive environment, be it home or agency based, and

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with each of the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Benchmark Family Services	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy

	Occupational Therapy
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Special Programs, Inc. D.B.A. Little Lukes Childcare Center	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
The Rowland Center, Inc.	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist are hereby established as follows (rates reflect a 5% increase from the last contract):

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 36.00	\$ 62.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$ 51.00	\$ 77.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 26.00	\$ 41.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 41.00	\$ 57.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by Certified Occupational Therapy and Licensed Physical Therapy Assistants are hereby established as follows (rates reflect a 5% increase from the last contract):

	On-site	Off-site
Up to 59 min.	\$ 26.00	\$ 41.00
Over 60 min.	\$ 36.00	\$ 49.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 23.00	\$ 36.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 33.00	\$ 46.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps and execute such documents as may be necessary to secure approval of the rates established herein by the New York State Education Department.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Gray announced that he is creating an Ad Hoc Committee in conjunction with the commencement of litigation referenced in Resolution No. 68 adopted by the Board on March 5th that authorized the County Attorney to retain counsel and move forward to recover costs incurred by Jefferson County taxpayers for health services and benefits for opioid abuse and addiction. Of those that supported the resolution he has not heard any feedback concerning the merits of the case that would pause the process. Earlier this week the NYS Attorney General, who previously filed a lawsuit, amended their lawsuit to include more litigants and their lawsuit is for the sole purpose of recovering State taxpayer funds; our lawsuit is to recover local funds. The Ad Hoc Committee will work with the County Attorney as a liaison to the Board and will proceed forward in selecting a law firm. Ad Hoc members are Legislators Peck, Montigelli and Cantwell, and they will report back to the Board in terms of the law firm that is selected and any information subsequent to the selection of a law firm. He noted it will not be the Cicala Law Firm as they declined. Legislator Jareo suggested that someone from the other side of the fence on this issue should be named to the Ad Hoc Committee too and asked the Chairman to reconsider. Chairman Gray said that is not a problem he will reach out to someone.

Legislator Maxon said he was glad the students were here to witness a citizen, Mr. Villa, coming before their government for a redress of his grievances, and said it was unconscionable that he would be waiting this long for a pistol permit, especially when the whole process took two weeks in Florida. He hoped the permit would be issued soon, but said this problem has existed at the Sheriff's Department for some time and doesn't seem to be getting any better. He suggested contacting the Sheriff to see if there was any way the Board could help in this effort.

With regard to the New York State Budget that was passed, Chairman Gray reported that counties are going to be responsible for funding AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) Aid for the towns and villages that was cut from the Budget, and it will be coming out of the new internet sales tax revenue. The NYS Comptroller will graciously take it off of the top of our collections before distribution, and will pay the towns in December, 2019, the Villages in May, 2020; and the State will start collecting internet sales tax in June, 2019. So the first year will definitely cost the County money because revenue would have only been collected for half of the year, but then the question is whether there is incremental revenue enough annually to cover the Aid.

Chairman Gray expressed grave concern that the State is using a fiscal miss match in taking a fixed cost and using a volatile revenue to pay for it. Also, AIM is a program that is between the State and the towns and villages, it has nothing to do with counties, yet the State is dipping into county sales tax money to pay for it. He remains deeply concerned about where the

overarching reach of the State into the County's revenue streams will end.

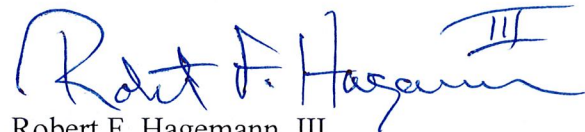
Administrator Hagemann reported that funding for counties relative to new Election Law requirements for early voting was added to the NYS Budget at the last minute. Chairman Gray said it is a total of about \$14.7 million, it will be appropriated by registry and a portion of it is for electronic books.

Chairman Gray said another issue the County may have to deal with is the plastic bag ban, but the specifics of opting in or out and what will be required remains to be seen. He said there is also a lot going on with Indigent Legal Defense, which the State is providing a considerable amount of funding for. Mr. Hagemann added that the no bail requirement for certain crimes will also affect the County greatly, it is a work in progress that will take effect later on in the year. Chairman Gray said our inmate numbers are down now and will be down further because of this. The Chairman also reported that the 2% tax cap is permanent, and Indigent Defense is not subject to overriding the cap, but Raise the Age is. Mr. Hagemann added that all other procedures regarding the cap stay the same as past years.

Legislator Montigelli pointed out that the changes in the budget seem to have more of an impact on rural counties, and for perspective - of the 63 senators in the State, 39 come from three downstate counties and New York City; there are towns a villages within those three counties but those receiving AIM are the most in need, which are probably not in that part of the State. Point being, the urban part of the State just does not recognize that there is a rural part of the State with need.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by ~~Legislator Maxon~~ seconded by Legislator Peck an unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board