

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Reed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one present wished to address the Board.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the January Organizational Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Chairman Gray informing the Board that he has provisionally appointed Kristine Maloney as the Jefferson County Probation Director as of February 1, 2020.

A letter was received from Secretary of State Rossana Rosado that she has approved the Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria Joint Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).

2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference resolutions were received.

A note of appreciation was received from the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center Foundation Director Michelle Carpenter for the Board's donation in memory of Sharon Reed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees, and on Legislators expenses.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of December 31, 2019.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of January, 2020.

2019 Annual Reports were received from the following: Auditing, Dog Control, and Probation.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 49

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, This Committee to whom claims of the members of the Board were referred, has examined and audited such claims and finds the total to be \$ 3,736.25 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$ 3,736.25

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw checks payable to the claimants as audited.

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 50

Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2020 Revenue from Fort Drum Residential Communities Initiative

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Jefferson County authorized an amendment to the Community Development Agreement relative to Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes (FDMCH) Residential Community Initiative by Resolution 162 of 2013, which Agreement provides for FDMCH to make certain payments, and

Whereas, The county received \$139,713.60, which needs to be recognized and appropriated.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01104500 91081	Payments In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 139,713.60
Transfers		
01995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 139,713.60

20900600 95031	Transfer from General Fund	139,713.60
Expenditure		
20698900 02064	Property Acquisition/Improvements	\$ 139,713.60

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year Capital Plan is amended accordingly

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 51

Amending the 2019 County Budget Relative to Interest Earned on Unspent Bond Proceeds and Capital Plan Relative to Jefferson Community College

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 83 of 2016, this Board authorized transfer of interest revenue generated from unspent bond proceeds (relative to \$7,000,000 Public Improvement Bonds issued on June 3, 2015) as required to reduce associated debt service, and

Whereas, There are two completed College Capital Projects within the Campus Revitalization and Maintenance account and one complete College Capital Project comprising the Collaborative Learning Center account; all with remaining balances which should be brought to zero balance and closed, and

Whereas, It is necessary to recognize remaining interest earned on unspent Bond proceeds in the Capital Fund and transfer it to the Debt Service Fund.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
20900600 92401	Capital Interest & Earnings	\$ 310.52

Transfers		
20990200 09003	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$ 375.63
55915000 95031	Transfer from Capital Fund	375.63

Decrease:

55000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 375.63
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Revenue

20900600 92240	JCC Capital Chargebacks	\$ 52,379.17
20900600 93097	State Aid	52,384.23

Expenditure

20249000 02056	JCC Campus Revitalization/Maintenance	\$104,758.35
20249000 02059	Collaborative Learning Center	70.16

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 52

Amending the 2019 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, The 2019 County Budget must be amended to recognize additional sales tax for towns, villages and the City of Watertown.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01104500 91110	State Sales Tax	\$2,859,591.11

Expenditures
01198500 04631 Distribution of Sales Tax \$2,859,591.11

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 53

Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Samaritan Senior Village, Inc.

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 281 of 2011, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center, its subsidiaries or related corporations, providing for the transfer of the County's adult home residents of Whispering Pines to a new facility in consideration of a payment of \$5,000,000 for a term of ten years, and

Whereas, Said agreement with Samaritan Senior Village, Inc., among other clauses, specified that the \$5,000,000 payment was in consideration of replacing the services the County would have provided at the County Home for a period of ten years, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 290 of 2012, this Board amended its 2012 County Budget to appropriate the funds for the payment, and

Whereas, The County's outside auditors, with whom the County Treasurer is in agreement, recommend that the County amend its budgets beginning in 2013 and continuing for a ten year period, to reflect the value (\$500,000 per year), of the services rendered by the Samaritan Senior Village, Inc. facility, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 129 of 2014 this Board amended its 2013 and 2014 County Budgets, Resolution No. 48 of 2016 amended the 2015 and 2016 County Budgets, Resolution No. 54 of 2017 amended the 2017 County Budget, Resolution No. 226 of 2018 amended the 2018 County Budget, Resolution No. 47 of 2019 amended the 2019 County Budget and amendment of the 2020 County Budget is needed.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000
01603000 04422	Contracted Health Care	\$500,000

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 54

Authorizing Software Maintenance Agreement for Board of Elections Software

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 225 of 1993, Jefferson County entered into a purchase and maintenance agreement, subsequently amended in 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2015 with NTS Data Services, LLC for election software, and

Whereas, Said agreement expired on December 31, 2019, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget reflects the maintenance costs of the NTS software, and

Whereas, It is desirable to enter into a five-year software maintenance agreement with NTS Data Services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a five- year software maintenance agreement with NTS Data Services which includes TEAM/Suite Voter Registration, PACETS Election Management and IMS Interface Messaging Systems for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024, at a cost of \$45,000 for 2020, \$47,580 for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 55

**Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Educational Support
Professionals Association of Jefferson Community College**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, A tentative employment agreement between the County of Jefferson, the Trustees of Jefferson Community College, and the Educational Support Professionals Association of Jefferson Community College for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2023, has been arrived at through collective negotiations between the Finance & Rules Committee, College Trustees, and the Educational Support Professionals Association.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Article XIV of the NYS Civil Service Law, this Board does hereby ratify and approve said tentative agreement and authorizes the Chairman of this Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Jefferson.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 56

**Authorizing the Abandonment and Conveyance of Unused County Highway Land
in the Town of Brownville to The Alvin J. Hasner Revocable Living Trust**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County acquired certain real property in the Town of Brownville for highway purposes, and which real property consists of a right of way along County Route 59, and

Whereas, Highway Law §118-a, provides for the disposition by the County of unused and unnecessary highway property upon the recommendation of the County Highway Superintendent, by the abandonment and conveyance of such land to the abutting owners, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent has recommended the abandonment and conveyance of a portion of the right of way along County Route 59 as identified and described in the attached description and map, to the abutting owner, The Alvin J. Hasner Revocable Living Trust, and

Whereas, Alvin J. Hasner, as Trustee of The Alvin J. Hasner Revocable Living Trust, has requested that said portion of unused county highway property, abutting the trust's property at Tax Map No. 71.18-1-25 in the Town of Brownville be conveyed to said trust.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That said portion of unused county highway property in the Town of Brownville be conveyed by quit claim deed to the abutting land owner, The Alvin J. Hasner Revocable Living Trust, for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), pursuant to Highway Law §118-a, said property conveyed is identified and described in the attached description and maps

incorporated as a part of this resolution by reference, and said property is declared unnecessary for highway purposes and is hereby abandoned, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the transfer of ownership as above described, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 57

**Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State
Septic System Replacement Program Funds**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 97 of 2018, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators accepted a New York State Septic System Replacement grant award, and

Whereas, By Resolution 27 of 2019, this Board reappropriated the balance of grant award funds remaining at that time, and

Whereas, There remains a grant award balance and it is necessary to reappropriate these funds in order to provide for the continuation of the program in 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 72,250
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Expenditure

01802000 04025	Septic System Replacement	\$ 72,250
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 58

Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program Funds

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County maintains grant award balances for both the CDBG and HOME Programs, and

Whereas, It is necessary to reappropriate these funds in order to provide for the continuation of both programs in 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
30000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,847,260.21
Expense		
30866800 04014	CDBG Housing Rehab	\$ 1,033,335.00
30898900 04001	HOME Program	1,801,367.00
30866800 04021	Community Development Expense	12,558.21

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 59

Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds Relative to the Public Defender's Department

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 251 of 2019, Jefferson County authorized grant agreement for statewide expansion of Hurrell-Harring, and

Whereas, Those funds included \$5,000 to be used for office furnishings and related equipment for new staff, and

Whereas, Said funds must be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,000
Expenditures		
01117000 04102	Office Furnishings	\$ 2,500
01117000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	2,500

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 60

Authorizing an Agreement for Provision of Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) funding with the Henry Keep Home

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging currently has a contract to provide Personal Emergency Response Systems with the Henry Keep Home, and

Whereas, The Henry Keep Home wishes to continue the service, and

Whereas, The related revenue is included in the 2020 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the Henry Keep Home for the period of 1/01/2020 - 12/31/2021 at the current funding rate of \$600 per month, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the County subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and

content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 61

**Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds and Accepting
Additional 2020 Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Funds for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program need to be reappropriated in the amount of \$152,500 to be used by the Mental Health Association and River Hospital for the period covering January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020- December 31, 2020, and

Whereas, Additional 2020 Office of Mental Health State Aid funding will be received in the amount of \$92,500 for this program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$152,500
Revenue		
01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health	92,500
Expenditures		
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	245,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 62

Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Federal Medicaid

Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution No. 238 of 2018 this Board recognized Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement, (CFDA Number 93.778 formerly Federal Salary Sharing) from the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 65 of 2019, the unspent funds were reappropriated to be used in 2019, and

Whereas, The remaining balance of these funds needs to be reappropriated so it can be used for mental health purposes including administrative costs, clinic deficits and community based services in 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$50,000
Expenditure		
01431000 04713	Contracted Mental Health Admin	\$50,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 63

Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate DSRIP Funding for Community Services Department

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution No. 75 of 2016 Jefferson County entered into a contract with North Country Initiative for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP), and

Whereas, By Resolutions No. 84, 115 and 189 of 2017, 104 of 2018, and 66 and 101 of 2019 DSRIP funding for Community Services was received and/or reallocated for training, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget needs to be amended so unspent funds can be reappropriated for training for the period of January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$592.99
Expenditure		
01431000 04613	Training	\$592.99

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 64

Authorizing Agreement with New York State Department of Health in Relation to Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Grant

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been notified by the NYS Department of Health of the re-award of funding for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) for the new period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025, with an annual amount of \$27,274.00 and 1-year renewals within that time period, and

Whereas, The purpose of the CSHCN is to provide information and referrals to patients and families for knowledge and use of health and related services and other insurance coverage, and

Whereas, The annual amount is already included in the 2020 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement with the NYS Department of Health, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 65

**Amending the 2020 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue
from the Auction of Unclaimed Property**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, On October 10, 2019 pursuant to Article 450 of the NY Penal Law, the New York State Police delivered to the County Commissioner of Social Services, unclaimed property, to be applied for the benefit of the poor of the county; the property consisted of a Play Station 4 and two (2) Bose Sound Systems, and

Whereas, The property received was sold at public auction for a total of \$520 which will be utilized for miscellaneous client incidentals.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01601000 92715	Proceeds of Seized and Unclaimed Property	\$520
Expenditure		
01610100 04624	Client Incidentals	\$520

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 66

**Amending the 2020 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Non-Custodial Parent
Employment Program Funding**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Department of Social Services (JCDSS) has received notification from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that JCDSS has been awarded TANF funds for the Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program in the amount of \$46,796, and

Whereas, This funding will be used to address underemployment and unemployment among noncustodial parents, promote timely and consistent payment of child support, and improve the financial stability of families to support better outcomes for their children through case management services and educational opportunities to noncustodial parents that are receiving Temporary Assistance.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01607000 93609	State Aid Dependent Child	\$46,796
Expenditure		
01610900 04600	Family Assistance Programs	\$46,796

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 67

**Authorizing 2020 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement
with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing
Contractual Youth Program Agreements**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the allocation of State Aid Funding for 2020 Youth Development Programs (YDP) to be operated and administered by various eligible organizations in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The following constitutes the list of endorsed State Aid allocations for 2020 Youth Development Programs which require an agreement between the County and the respective Agency or Municipality and provision for pass-through funding:

Youth Development Program (YDP)

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>State Aid Allocation</u>
ACR Health/The Q Center	10,000
Children's Home of Jefferson County/Sozo Teen Center	15,000
Hearts for Youth, Inc./Hearts for Youth	15,000
Lyme Central School/Summer Theater Institute	5,604
NCPPC/Babysitting Course with CPR and First Aid	4,396
PPNCNY/Peer Prevention Advocates	10,000
Resolution Center of Jeff. & Lewis Counties/Family Visitation Program (FVP)	2,900
Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County/Jefferson Empowering Teens Summit (JETS)	10,100
Jefferson County DSS/Recreation Scholarships	12,000

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the year 2020 which contains applications for State Aid funding for County Youth Development Program Administration and for the above listed Youth Development Programs, and be it further

Resolved, That upon final approval and execution of said Resource Allocation Agreement by the appropriate State officials, Jefferson County enter into agreements with the above Contractual Agencies/Municipalities for provision of Youth Development Programs for the youth of Jefferson County during 2020 and with Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$6,050 to provide support for the Youth Advisory Board for 2020-2021, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Resource Allocation Agreement and the various contractual Agency/Municipality Agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Gray entertained a motion to waive the Standing Rules to permit the introduction of an additional resolution for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried by the Board.

Resolution No. 68

Urging United States Department of the Army to Establish a Fourth Army

Corps Headquarters at Fort Drum, New York

By Legislator: Michael A. Montigelli

Whereas, The United States Department of the Army is desirous of establishing a fourth Army Corps Headquarters in the very near future to help fulfill its National Defense Strategy, and

Whereas, The location of this new Army Headquarters is yet to be determined but will be assigned to one of 31 military installations within the Continental United States, and

Whereas, This new Army Headquarters will maintain a rotating operational command post of approximately 200 soldiers overseas with approximately 630 soldiers being trained at headquarters to maximize flexibility to always support other combatant commands wherever needed, and

Whereas, Fort Drum, which is home to the United States Army's most deployed division in the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division, is ideally suited to become the home base for the soon to be established fourth Army Corps Headquarters, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and the entire "North Country" region has a long history of supporting and integrating Fort Drum with a community approach for quality education, state of the art health care services, easily accessible airport accommodations, a wide variety of newly constructed housing units, vast recreational opportunities and welcoming the members of the Army and their families as friends and neighbors.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators enthusiastically endorses the future stationing of the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters at Fort Drum, New York, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County stands ready to lend its continuing support to this important initiative for both Fort Drum and for the improved defense of our nation, and is confident that activation and stationing of the U.S. Army's Fourth Corps Headquarters can be accomplished by the desired October 2020 time frame, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be sent to the U.S. Department of the Army, Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblymen Ken Blankenbush, Mark Walczyk and Will Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

With regard to the recently attended NYSAC Conference, Legislator Montigelli advised that other counties were all concerned about the same kinds of things we are; the State Budget, Medicaid, criminal justice reforms, indigent defense, and he did not see any State Legislators in

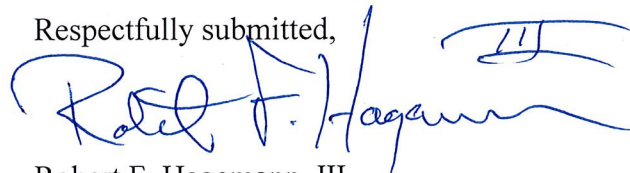
attendance. He said Dave Lucas, Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Relations for NYSAC did a very informative State Budget review presentation and legislators can find it online if they are interested. Chairman Gray added that the State wants to make counties responsible for more of the costs associated with Medicaid but there doesn't seem to be one agreed upon way of doing that. He said they are possibly looking to put a soft cap on Medicaid at 3%; anything over 3% growth (in programming and/or admin) may become the responsibility of the county, and if we exceed the tax cap any growth at all in Medicaid spending may become the county's responsibility. He said counties don't have any programming cost controls, or any voice at the table, we only administer the program for the State. Administrator Hagemann noted the one positive was that Comptroller DiNapoli acknowledged that the 4 billion deficit for Medicaid was not caused by counties.

Chairman Gray asked if any legislators were interested in imposing the 5¢ per paper bag fee after March 1st when plastic bags are no longer legal to use in certain instances. He advised that he told the media it was not on our radar but said he would entertain whatever legislators want to do, cautioning that we would essentially be collecting money as an agent for New York State as 60% of it would go back to the State. No legislators expressed interest in moving forward with the fee.

Administrator Hagemann reminded legislators that April 1st is Census Day and urged them to network with anyone they come in contact with to fill out and complete their census information, it is crucial that everyone is counted. He said there is a concern that with a population shift there may be the loss of a Congressional seat. The time frame for the census is early to mid March - July.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board