

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**

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

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Noah Latham 8217C South Lewis Ave., Fort Drum addressed the Board saying that over 3,500 signatures were gained in only a few short weeks to ask that Jefferson County be established as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. For many years people throughout the United States have witnessed rights afforded them through the Bill of Rights and the Constitution be eroded. Numerous demonstrations have been held throughout the country in the last few months in particular objecting to having their Second Amendment right tread upon. He said it is time for the people of Jefferson County to make this stand for their rights with conviction. He asked that legislators pass the ordinance contained in the petition making Jefferson County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County as that is the desire of the people.

Steven Byers, 17227 Cook Road, Watertown, expressed disappointment in Sheriff O'Neill's preemptive press release saying she did not support efforts to make Jefferson County a Sanctuary County. He spoke in favor of making Jefferson County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and felt it was important to fight for our constitutional rights locally because our freedoms face a much greater attack here in New York State than anything we are presently facing overseas. He relayed personal experience in the fact that people will leave Jefferson County and New York State because of taxes, regulations and things like the SAFE Act. He felt the New York State government has gone too far with their own agenda that targets the rights of its citizens, and strongly urged legislators to vote in favor of the petition as a first step in taking the State back for its citizens.

Jon Hall, 1381 Washington Street, Watertown, commended Sheriff O'Neill for reaffirming her Oath of Office in committing her Department will not pick and choose which laws they enforce, and ensure all laws are enforced to the best of their ability. Everyone has their own interpretation of the Second Amendment and the one that counts is the interpretation from our courts that law enforcement agencies have pledged to enforce. He said gun violence on a large scale can happen anywhere people gather, and the extreme ends of the gun control issue are the ones making all the noise; both banning guns or ensuring everyone has a gun is unrealistic and adds nothing to solving the gun violence issue. Realistic gun control measures will ensure everyone's safety, but when there is no positive engagement between opposing views, you get unilateral legislation like the NY SAFE Act, which he supports. Jefferson County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County would restrict engagement on the gun violence issue and would run counter to ensuring law enforcement has the ability to protect its citizens and defend the

Constitution that protects us all. He urged legislators not to approve Jefferson County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

James Pelletier, 705 Greensview Dr., Watertown spoke in opposition to the NY SAFE Act and hoped it is overturned by the Supreme Court. He also felt it was very important for Jefferson County to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. As a medical provider he felt Red Flag Laws are a very slippery slope as where do we draw the line on who is qualified to say if someone should own a gun or not. He advocated for looking at the big picture as there are inherent risks in everything we do. He expressed disappointment in Sheriff O’Neill’s position, but gave her credit for calling him back when he contacted her. He felt the Second Amendment was written in a time when people were afraid of their government and it gave them protections for their families and he is a firm believer in that.

Charles Kingsley, 8384 State Park Road, Three Mile Bay, spoke in favor of Jefferson County becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. He said we all need to be our own first defense and it is clear from the news media and legislation, that right is trying to be taken away. He added it is unfortunate that legislation, so many times, in all our effort to do a good thing, ends up punishing a large percentage of the population to correct one issue.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION**

The February Board Session minutes stand as presented, in the absence of objection or correction.

#### **PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Noah Latham delivered petitions containing 3,582 signatures from citizens asking that Jefferson County be named a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

#### **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 Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of January 31, 2020.

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

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for February, 2020.

The 2019 Annual Report was received from the County Clerk.

## **LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

Chairman Gray entertained a motion to waive the Standing Rules to permit the introduction of three additional resolutions for consideration that had not gone through the jurisdictional committee process. Such motion was made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried.

### **Resolution No. 92**

#### **Opposing Infringements on the Inalienable Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and Affirming Support for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Every person possesses inalienable rights, among these, life, liberty, property, the pursuit of happiness, and the right to keep and bear arms in defense of these inalienable rights, and

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence asserts, “it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish” “any form of government” that becomes destructive toward the people’s natural rights - including the right to keep and bear arms against all enemies, foreign or domestic, and

Whereas, Proposed legislation by the State of New York will infringe on the rights of the people of the state especially the right to keep and bear arms, and

Whereas, The 2013 New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act (NY SAFE Act), passed with a spurious message of necessity, with no public debate, and

Whereas, The NY SAFE Act criminalized standard-capacity magazines and added arbitrary and capricious regulations with the intent of discouraging compliance by implementing many onerous requirements, and

Whereas, The State enacted legislation passed in 2019:

- To legalize the confiscation of property without due process;
- To grant private information about citizen’s gun ownership to police agencies without a warrant or probable cause of the commission of a crime, and

Whereas, Certain members of the Senate and the Assembly have announced their intent to further infringe on the right to keep and bear arms with several proposed bills including:

- Assembly Bill A773 - which criminalizes the possession of a digitally-made firearm or magazine;
- Assembly Bill A1724 - which restricts the sale of ammunition for so-called “assault weapons”;

- Senate Bill S1038 - which restricts the sale of ammunition;
- Senate Bill S1413 - which requires social media and search engine reviews prior to gun purchases;
- Senate Bill S4868 - which requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance;
- Senate Bill S6716 - which prohibits the possession of unfinished receivers;
- Senate Bill S7762 - which prohibits the possession of unfinished receivers;

Whereas, In the words of Thomas Jefferson and Cesare Beccaria, “The laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... disarm only those who are neither inclined or determined to commit crimes ... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants ...”

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators encourages all people of Jefferson County to exercise their inalienable right to keep and bear arms, to obtain arms and ammunition, and to train to a level of proficiency, so that they may, in the words of Alexander Hamilton in Federalist #28, “stand ready to defend their own rights and those of their fellow citizens” and be it further

Resolved , That this Board of Legislators strongly supports the right to keep and bear arms and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and be it further

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators stands in opposition to any proposed legislation that would intentionally violate the inalienable rights of the people of Jefferson County and seeks the repeal of any state law, act, or regulation:

- Registering or tracking firearms, accessories, ammunition, or their owners;
- Forbidding or restricting the possession, ownership, transfer, or the constitutionally-guaranteed use of any type of firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by citizens of the legal age of eighteen and over, other than pursuant to federal law;
- Ordering the confiscation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition from citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be provided to Jefferson County’s State and Federal Representatives, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, and the Governor of the State of New York.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Legislator Jareo thanked all the people that took time to come to the meeting, he said it is good to see citizens exercising their right to redress their government, and he shares their concerns. He said the Second Amendment and Home Rule are cornerstones of our republic and State Government is jack hammering them. He added that we can not stand by and let this happen as our ancestors fought and died so we have the liberty that God intended, and it is our duty to maintain those rights. He whole-heartedly supported the resolution.

Legislator Montigelli stated that the New York State Governor, Senate and Assembly have

agreed to have certain rules and laws that infringe upon rights of people who do not live in urban areas. New York State has 62 counties and Jefferson County has a population of 114,000 people, Lewis County 25,000, St. Lawrence 50,000; there are five counties that make up New York City, there are three more that are in proximity to New York City, and those eight counties together are 13 million people; people can vote, vacant land does not vote. What is going on in Albany needs to change, but it only changes if people actually come together and elect people of like mind, and we would have more reasonable rules for people who are not in New York City. He acknowledged that the SAFE Act did get passed when the Senate had a Republican majority, however there needs to be a better balance of power in Albany in order for things to change.

Legislator Drake said he represents a very rural area that depend on firearms for protection for many reasons, and the State Legislation is faulty, very restrictive and the insurance provisions alone create a hardship for people in his district on the lower end of the economic scale. He agreed with background checks for guns and he supported banning assault rifles. As a teacher, early on in his career, guns could be found in the vehicles in the high school parking lot, now schools are on lock down and you have to be buzzed in, which he agreed with. His greatest fear is the shootings that happen in schools. Because of the provisions associated with assault rifles he was going to ask for permission to abstain from voting on the resolution, but agreed with about 90% of what it states.

Legislator Fitzpatrick said legislators are part of “the people” and represent everyone in the County including those who are present. Legislators do not always agree with the Governor either, and she does not agreed with him on this issue. The millions of people in New York City referenced by Legislator Montigelli are why New York is called a Democratic State, and there are approximately 57-60 Assemblymen and women in New York City vs. 3 for the North Country. She said even though most Board members are Republican, they don’t always vote the same. She did not agree with all of the resolution, but would support it because she agreed that we have the right to bear arms in Jefferson County.

Legislator Ferris said he has had a conceal to carry permit for a long time and went through the background check and registers all new weapons like he is supposed to so they can be added to his permit. He said people who say that there needs to be more strict rules on guns obviously do not live in New York State where it is pretty strict already. He was happy to see the resolution come forward and would support it as it is time to push back at what is being proposed.

Legislator Maxon said because the resolution did not go through the Committee process the text of it is not widely known, noting that copies were available as people entered the room. He felt it important to reference the fact that the resolution is designed to send a message to the government in Albany that certain rights, no matter what laws are past, are inalienable, inherent and God given, and the right to keep and bear arms against tyranny is important. This is not a law that has been passed, it is not a grant of a right from government, it is a restriction on government, the right to keep and bear arms can not be infringed upon as it is a defense against tyranny. He encouraged all the people in Jefferson County to exercise their inalienable right to keep and bear arms, to keep and obtain ammunition and to train to allow a level of efficiency so that they may, in the words of Alexander Hamilton “stand ready to defend their own rights, and

those of their fellow citizens". He was excited that so many people attended the meeting, had their voice heard, and the Board is able to respond tonight, and not refer it to a committee, to say we have spent time considering this, have heard your concerns, and are ready to offer what we can offer. He whole-heartedly expressed support for the resolution.

There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye except Legislator Drake who abstained.

### **Resolution No. 69**

#### **Payment of Legislators' Expenses**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

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 \$172.50, we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$172.50

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: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 70**

#### **Requesting Introduction of Legislation Extending the Authorization of a One Percent Increase in the County Sales and Compensating Use Tax in Jefferson County**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 135, and 169 of 2004, this Board of Legislators requested the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent (3/4%) through November 30, 2005, and following introduction of legislation concurred in and authorized the home rule request of the Chairman of this Board for its enactment; said legislation was subsequently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 32 and 114 of 2005, Resolution Nos. 31 and 115 of 2007, Resolution Nos. 32 and 95 of 2009, Resolution Nos. 48 and 104 of 2011, Resolution Nos. 97 and 138 of 2013, Resolution Nos. 80 and 116 of 2015, and Resolution Nos. 75 and 136 of 2017 this Board of Legislators requested the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of

three quarters of one percent (3/4%) through November 30, 2007, November 30, 2009, November 30, 2011, November 30, 2013, and November 30, 2015, and one percent (1%) through November 30, 2017, and November 30, 2020 respectively; and following introduction of legislation concurred in and authorized the home rule request of the Chairman of this Board for its enactment; and said legislation was subsequently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, and

Whereas, The County now requires the continuation of one percent of said sales tax revenue in order to continue to stabilize the property tax levy and retain important local government services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board hereby requests that Senator Patty Ritchie and Assemblymen Mark Walczyk, Ken Blankenbush and William Barclay introduce appropriate legislation in the New York State Legislature which would authorize Jefferson County to continue to impose an additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use tax through November 30, 2023, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith communicate the foregoing request of this Board to the aforesaid State Legislators.

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Legislator Montigelli pointed out that this is one of the things we have to ask permission from New York State to do every two years as it is Home Rule legislation and concern for rural areas just doesn't exist. Chairman Gray confirmed that it was and said it is the first step in a three step process to receive permission from the State for Jefferson County to continue charging one percent in sales tax. All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 71**

#### **Authorizing the Acceptance of Offers to Purchase Real Property Acquired By Tax Foreclosure But Not Sold at Auction.**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, By Resolution No. 115 of 2001, this Board authorized the County Attorney and Tax Enforcement Officer to dispose of certain real property acquired by tax foreclosure when special conditions restrict the marketability of such parcels at auction, and

Whereas, The County Attorney has offered the following parcels for sale to the adjoining land owners by sealed bid, and

Whereas, The highest bidder has been determined by the County Attorney as follows:

<b>Town</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Buyer</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>
Brownville	72.16-1-44.1	Jacquelyn Orvis	\$10.00
Philadelphia	46.00-2-1.2	Gregory V. Austin and Rae Ellen L. Austin	\$1000.00
Philadelphia	46.00-2-1.3 & 46.00-2-1.4	Daniel J. Hutchison and Kathy A. Hutchison	\$1.00
Rutland	75.15-1-69	Douglas E. Babcock	\$100.00
Theresa	34.19-1-10	Titus Martin and Luke Martin	\$200.00
Watertown	73.19-1-9	Cynthia M. Graham	\$1.00
Watertown	91.09-1-13.1	Mark Olig	\$101.00
Watertown	91.13-1-34	Margaret Harryman	\$100.00
Wilna	68.08-2-15.1	Nicolette M. Alfredson	\$715.00
Wilna	86.33-6-41.2	Kimberly C. Perrigo	\$107.00

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the offers to Purchase Real Property at the sales price set forth herein above, plus the cost of recording the said conveyances, be and hereby are approved by the Board of Legislators, and the County Attorney is directed to prepare and execute a quit claim deed in favor of the above buyers to be executed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board of Legislators; and it is further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary agreements and other documents constituting the contract of sale and conveyance documents, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 72**

#### **Authorizing Position in the Employment & Training Department**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec



Whereas, The Federal Farm Bill includes requirements for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - formerly known as food stamps) recipients to meet thresholds of work or participation in qualifying WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) activity preparing them for work, and

Whereas, The effort to assist the estimated 900 community members in participating activities and locating new jobs will be a significant additional workload to the Employment & Training Department, and

Whereas, The Director of Employment & Training has recommended a new position to meet this need.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators concurs with the recommendation and authorizes an Employment & Training Assistant position #37, at an annual cost of \$32,760, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Fund Balance			
25000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance		\$32,760
Expenditure			
25634000 01100	Personal Services		\$32,760

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 73**

**Appointing Director of Weights and Measures**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, A vacancy will soon exist in the position of County Director of Weights and Measures, and

Whereas, Section 180 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law requires that the

position of Director of Weights and Measures shall be in the competitive class of Civil Service, and

Whereas, The incumbent Assistant Director of Weights and Measures holds a competitive permanent appointment and is therefore eligible and qualified for a provisional promotional appointment to Director, and

Whereas, Following an interview involving three County Legislators and completion of a background check, the County Administrator has recommended the Assistant Director as a qualified individual to be appointed Director of Weights and Measures.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 180 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, Brian M. Mooney be and is hereby appointed as Director of Weights and Measures for the County of Jefferson, effective March 22, 2020 pursuant to provisions of Civil Service Law, and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 205 of County Law, the annual salary for the remainder of the year will be \$53,918 (Grade VIII, Step A).

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Legislator Maxon stated that this is a real service to the people of the County as this position serves both Jefferson and Lewis County and in so doing saves money for both counties. Legislator Doldo, speaking as a business owner, said outgoing Director Jim Richmire was always very professional and respectful when coming into businesses and thanked him for his service. He continued that he also has had experience with Mr. Mooney and he is just as respectful, he will do a great job, and he looks forward to working with Mr. Mooney. All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 74**

#### **Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative Funding and Authorizing Agreement**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, New York State has created the Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) to harden waterfront infrastructure and strengthen regional economies in flood prone regions, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded three road projects to be funded through the State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities grant program, and

Whereas, Jefferson County will receive \$7,690,250 from New York State designated for three road projects, requiring local match of \$404,750.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Grant Agreements, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
200000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 404,750
Revenue		
20900600 93591	State Aid - Highway Capital	\$7,690,250
Expenditure		
20511200 02750	CR 6 Tibbets Point	\$1,145,000
20511200 02730	CR 125 Point Salubrious	1,500,000
20511200 02761	CR 57 Point Peninsula	5,450,000

and be it further

Resolved, that the six year Capital Plan is hereby amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 75**

**Amending 2019 County Budget To Accept Increased Funding in Connection with  
New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 24 of 2019, this Board of Legislators accepted an award of \$ 69,612.00 through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation 2018-2019 Snowmobile Trails Grant-In-Aid Program, based upon a grant application submitted by the County in cooperation with the Winona Forest Recreation Association, Barnes Corners Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club, Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club, and Missing Link Snowmobile Club,  
and

Whereas, The County received an additional amount of \$4,676.85 for the program.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue:

01802000 93889	State Aid Snowmobile Trail	\$ 4,676.85
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Expenditure:

01798900 04600	Snowmobile Trail Improvements	\$ 4,676.85
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Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 76**

**Authorizing Agreements in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and Amending 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County has been notified by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation that it has received an award of \$79,284 through the 2019-2020 Snowmobile Trails Grant-In-Aid Program, based upon a grant application submitted by the County in cooperation with the Winona Forest Recreation Association, Barnes Corners Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club, Pulaski-Boylston Snowmobile Club, Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club, and Missing Link Snowmobile Club.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County does hereby accept the above referenced funding and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Legislators to execute such grant agreements and other documents as may be required to receive the funding from the State of New York, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chair of the Board is further authorized to execute agreements between the County of Jefferson, the Winona Forest Recreation Association, Barnes Corners Sno-Pals, Pulaski-Boylston, Thousand Islands, and Missing Link snowmobile clubs, upon the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, which provides for said organizations to conduct snowmobile trail development and maintenance consistent with the referenced grant application

and grant program requirements, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget be amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01802000 93889	State Aid Snowmobile Trail	\$79,284

Expenditure		
01798900 04600	Snowmobile Trail Improvements	\$79,284

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 77**

**Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Jefferson County is required to periodically update its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to assist in maintaining eligibility for Federal economic development public works funds, and

Whereas, The U.S. Economic Development Administration (USEDA) has approved a \$78,000 project including \$39,000 grant funds and requiring \$39,000 local match, to complete the CEDS update, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget currently includes a \$10,000 allocation for this project, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (JCIDA) will also provide \$7,500 in funds to this project, and

Whereas, The County CEDS Committee will conduct a Request for Proposals process to select a consultant to perform the CEDS update at a cost not to exceed \$56,500, and

Whereas, The remaining local match funds will not be accounted for in the county Budget,

including \$10,000 that the Thousand Islands International Tourism Council (TIITC) will expend for a thorough assessment of its attractions and supporting tourism infrastructure, and also in-kind staff time of \$5,000 from the County, \$5,000 from JCIDA, and \$1,500 from TIITC, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize agreements with the USEDA, and selected consultant, as well as to amend the 2020 County Budget to accept and utilize the grant and the JCIDA funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements on behalf of Jefferson County with the USEDA for the \$39,000 grant and the selected consultant for an amount not to exceed \$56,500, subject to the review and approval of the County attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01802000 92320	Economic Assistance – Other Governments	\$ 7,500
01802000 94789	Fed. Aid, Other Economic Assistance & Support	\$39,000

Expenditure

01802000 04416	Professional Services	\$46,500
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Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 78**

**Authorizing Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and McFarland Johnson in Relation to Airport Baggage Claim Project and Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County's Watertown International Airport passenger usage has increased to the point that the existing Baggage Claim System is inadequately sized to efficiently distribute baggage to be claimed by passengers, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has received a grant from New York State Department of

Transportation (NYSDOT) under the Capital Assistance Program for the construction of a Baggage Claim System, in the amount of \$500,000, and

Whereas, Jefferson County anticipates additional grants from the Airport Improvement Program that includes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for \$190,000 and the NYSDOT for \$5,000, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is required to commit funds for the local share of project costs in the amount of \$5,000, and

Whereas, The County's airport consultant on this airport equipment project, McFarland Johnson, will assist in preparing bid documents, grant administration and equipment acceptance at a cost not to exceed \$114,511, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan must be amended to establish said projects.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with the FAA, NYSDOT and McFarland Johnson for said project, and that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements on behalf of the County, including any change orders as recommended by the Airport Manager, not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 94589	Fed Aid - Airport Capital Projects	\$ 190,000
20900600 93589	Airport - State Aid – DOT	505,000

Expenditure		
20561000 02088	Airport Terminal	\$ 700,000

**Decrease:**

20561000 02071	PFC Projects	\$ 5,000
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Reed thanked Senator Ritchie's Office for obtaining funding for this project as it will be an asset to the Airport and bring the baggage claim area into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 79**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 7/25 and Intersection rehabilitation Design Project**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 158 of 2018, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for Runway 7/25 and Intersection Rehabilitation Design Project at the Watertown International Airport in the amounts of \$533,168 and \$14,031 respectively, and

Whereas, By same Resolution, this Board authorized an agreement with McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the design and bidding of said project in the amount of \$553,230, and

Whereas, During the 2019 bid period no construction bids were received for the project, and

Whereas, The FAA has agreed to modify the project to make it more attractive to potential bidders, and

Whereas, A supplemental design agreement is necessary to re-package and re-bid the project, and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide additional funds due to the supplemental agreement for re-package and re-bidding for McFarland Johnson, Inc., for \$48,161 and to recognize anticipated additional federal and state revenue and local required share for this project.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 94589	Fed Aid – Airport Capital Projects	\$ 45,753
20900600 93589	Airport -State Aid – DOT	1,204

Expenditure		
20561000 02091	Runway 7-25	\$ 48,161

**Decrease:**



Expenditure  
20561000 02071                      PFC Projects    \$ 1,204

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator:    Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 80**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Facility Construction Project**

By Legislator:    Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 147 of 2019, This Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Facility Construction Project in the amounts of \$5,330,450 and \$140,275 respectively, and

Whereas, By the same Resolution, This Board authorized an agreement with D.C. Building Systems, Inc. for the General Construction of said project in the amount of \$3,295,000, and

Whereas, the following changes have been made to the contract:

- Change Directive 1: National Grid Work Order for installation of primary electrical service;
- Change Directive 2: Requested changes by National Grid for underground pullboxes and conduit;
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- Change Directive 3: Coordination of sanitary structures; and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide a Change Order for D.C. Building Systems, Inc., and to recognize anticipated additional federal and state revenues and required local share for this project.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 94589	Federal Aid – Airport Capital Project	\$ 74,023.62
20900600 93589	Airport -State Aid – DOT	\$ 1,947.99
Expenditure		
20561000 02079	Airport ARFF Building	\$ 77,919.60

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
20698900 02064	Property Improvements	\$ 1,947.99
and be it further		

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Legislator Reed said since the County took over the Airport there has been \$35 million in capital improvements through State and Federal grants, and the impact to the local tax payer has been close to \$0. He said the County has a good business plan out there that does not include going into debt, the Airport is becoming a popular destination to fly out of (free parking) and thanked everyone that patronizes it.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Montigelli, Grant, Ferris, Maxon, Jareo, Drake, Reed, Doldo, Mc”Bride, Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 81**

**Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, By Resolutions 158 of 2017, 191 of 2018 and 183 of 2019, This Board of Legislators recognized State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants for FY17, FY18 and FY19, respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolution 190 of 2018, This Board recognized Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program funding for the FY2017 Hazmat Grant, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 56 of 2018 and 54 of 2019, This Board re-appropriated unspent funds from SHSP and Hazmat grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY17, FY18 and FY19 SHSP grants and FY17 Hazmat grant that must be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2020.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditures:

01341400 02100	Equipment	\$ 16,000.00
01341400 02101	Computer Equipment	12,500.00
01341400 04111	Trackable Durable Items	49,261.26
01341400 04115	Telephone	5,229.76
01341400 04119	Computer Software	9,000.00
01341400 04218	Building Security	12,000.00
01341400 04416	Professional Fees	40,000.00
01341400 04428	Public Safety Services - Other Govts	14,000.00
01341400 04514	Uniforms & Clothing	16,471.84
01341400 04585	Operating Supplies	1,300.00

Appropriated Fund Balance:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$175,762.86
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Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 82**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the County Bridge Account**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The Superintendent of Highways has identified completed bridge project accounts with remaining balances, and

Whereas, These capital expenditure and related revenue accounts should be brought to zero balance and closed.

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

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
20511300 02828	CR 75 over Mill Creek (J017)	\$712,016.46
20511300 02897	CR 152 over Stony Creek (I004)	213,954.93
20511300 02914	CR 26 over Matoon Creek (C047)	176,620.80
Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$657,935.70
Fund Balance		
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$495,112.81

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 93592	State Aid Bridges	\$ 50,456.32

and be it further

Resolved, That the following capital accounts 20511300 02828, 02897 and 02914 are hereby closed, 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: Montigelli, Jareo, Grant, Nabywaniec, Drake, Doldo, Maxon, Cantwell, Peck, McBride, Reed, Johnson, Fitzpatrick, Ferris, Gray

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 83**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Recycling and Waste Management is experiencing mechanical problems with a rolloff truck and has been renting one in order to keep up with recycling pickups, and

Whereas, Funding is available in existing equipment accounts to purchase a new one.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
15816000 02409	Roll Off Truck	\$ 160,000
Revenue		
15910100 92665	Sale of Equipment	\$ 10,000

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
15816000 02480	Trailer	\$ 100,000
15816000 02502	Recycling Containers	50,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 84**

**Authorizing Agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services  
(Distribution #10)**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, In 2003, The State created the Indigent Legal Services Fund to assist counties in providing indigent legal services, primarily through reimbursing payments to attorneys representing indigent defendants, and

Whereas, This funding was contingent on a “maintenance of effort”, wherein each county needed to spend at least as much as the prior year to receive it, and

Whereas, In 2010, the State created the Indigent Legal Services Board, which now oversees the fund and in order to receive the maximum amount allowable, the County must enter into an agreement with the Board as it has in past years, and

Whereas, The proposal for "Distribution #10" has been accepted by the Office of Indigent Legal Services, which covers the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$194,358 (\$64,786 per year), and an agreement for it must be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the \$194,358 grant, and that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 85**

#### **Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate State and Municipal Facilities Grant Funds Relative to the Sheriff's Department**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 59 of 2019, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators accepted a NYS State and Municipal Facilities grant award for the purchase of an emergency response team vehicle in the Sheriff's Department, and

Whereas, During the 2019 bid period, no bids were received for this specialized vehicle, and

Whereas, The vehicle must be re-bid and it is necessary to reappropriate the grant funds in 2020.

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

#### **Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$100,000
Expenditure		
01311000 02401	Automotive Equipment	\$100,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 86**

**Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 62 and 120 of 2019, This Board of Legislators recognized FY17 and FY18 Operation Stonegarden Program grants respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolution 197 of 2018, This Board recognized FY18 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grant, and

Whereas, By Resolution 61 of 2019, This Board re-appropriated said grant funding for 2019, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY17 and FY18 Operation Stonegarden and LETPP grants that must be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2020.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditures		
01311400 01300	Overtime	\$ 37,483.13
01311400 02100	Equipment	90,700.00
01311400 02300	Technical Equipment	40,000.00
01311400 04119	Computer Software	3,991.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	4,077.69
01311400 04311	Gasoline & Oil	2,038.53
01311400 04428	Public Safety Personal Svcs - Other Govt	4,300.00
01311400 04585	Operating Supplies	10,000.00
01311400 08010	Retirement	6,168.95
01311400 08030	Social Security	5,164.82
01311400 08040	Workers Compensation	1,656.23
Appropriated Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$205,580.35

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Legislator Jareo said he agrees with the concerns expressed by members of the public who spoke tonight regarding their Second Amendment but that is not the only infringement he is concerned with. For several years he has objected to the Stonegarden grant which is part of this resolution. He said the grant is used by the federal government to encourage local entities to cooperate with border patrol. The problem with this cooperation is that in many instances across the nation, and even to our North in St. Lawrence County, it has been used to infringe on the Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights of our citizens, and we must vigilantly guard all of our rights. For those reasons, he could not support this resolution.

Legislator Maxon stated that the citizens here this evening are expressing their desire to peacefully have government infringements on their Second Amendment rights rolled back; the Patriot Act, the SAFE Act and Red Flag laws are all examples of government infringements on their Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment rights. Stonegarden funds purchase surveillance equipment, weapons and advance training for law enforcement personnel to cooperate with Border Patrol to heighten security, and represent an infringement of these rights. He and Legislator Jareo have been speaking out about this for years to no avail, resolutions are passed and funds reappropriated. He offered an alternative tonight and moved that the resolution be amended to remove those funds and the County Administrator, Budget Officer, County Treasurer, and Sheriff be directed to return the unused Stonegarden grant funds to the federal government with our thanks. The motion was seconded by Legislator Jareo and defeated with Legislators Maxon and Jareo in favor and all other members present opposed to the amendment.

Legislator McBride asked if any of these funds can be used for the coronavirus issues in the future, and Administrator Hagemann said we may see funding coming for assistance with coronavirus, but it would be in a different area.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution No. 86

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

Nays: Jareo, Maxon

Resolution passed.

### **Resolution No. 87**

#### **Amending the 2020 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 269 of 2019, this Board of Legislators accepted \$19,700 in New York State Stop-DWI Foundation Crackdown Enforcement funding, and



Whereas, There remains \$9,704.37 unspent, to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department and the NYS Park Police, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget must be amended to re-appropriate said funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 9,704.37
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	4,452.68

Expenditure:

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 4,452.68
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	4,452.68
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	5,251.69

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Legislator Jareo said he will be voting against this resolution as well, and even though Jefferson County law enforcement does a great job at Stop DWI crackdown enforcement, the funds are used for road blocks that he believes are unconstitutional.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: Jareo

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 88**

**Authorizing Agreement with Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS)  
in Relation to Novel Virus Infection Outbreaks**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (named "Covid-19") that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and which continues to expand to the United States and other countries, and

Whereas, Outbreaks of novel virus infections among people are always of public health concern, and require implementation of measures to prevent or mitigate the outbreak including travel screenings, and

Whereas, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and/or the New York State Department of Health require travel screenings at the American/Canadian Border, including temperature recording and interpretation by the Jefferson County Public Health Service, and

Whereas, Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS) has agreed to complete the temperature recording and interpretation for the Jefferson County Public Health Service, and

Whereas, The cost of this service is \$150 per patient assessed or up to ten individual assessments in the event of a group assessed at the same time and place.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson county enter into an agreement with TIERS for the period of February 1, 2020, through January 31, 2022, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 89**

#### **Amending 2020 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Family First Transition Funding**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Department of Social Services (JCDSS) has received notification from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services that JCDSS has been awarded Family First Transition funding in the amount of \$35,365, and

Whereas, This funding was established by NYS in response to the federal Family First Preventive Services Act (FFPSA) enacted in 2018 with the primary goal of keeping children safely at home with their families and, when that is not possible, to utilize the least restrictive placement appropriate for the needs of the child, and

Whereas, The Family First Transition funding will be used to support, recruit, and retain current and prospective foster families, including kinship caregivers.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01601000 93610	State Aid Social Services Admin	\$35,365

Expenditure		
01610000 04117	Printing	\$ 5,365
01610000 04415	Advertising	10,000
01610000 04624	Client Incidentals	20,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 90**

**Supporting a Permanent Funding Floor Model for Community College Base State Aid Formula Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Under State Law, funding for community colleges is to be provided through state aid, a county sponsor contribution, and student tuition and fees, and

Whereas, The establishment and continued operation of a statewide community college system was based on an ongoing state aid funding commitment of up to 40% of community college operating costs, and

Whereas, The state funding amount is now well below its stated commitment level, and

Whereas, The Legislature and Governor have been providing modest increases in state aid the last few years, but that commitment remains far below the intended 40% commitment, and

Whereas, Community colleges serve nearly half of all undergraduates enrolled in the SUNY System along with nearly as many life-long learners through non-credit classes, and

Whereas, A level of predictability in State funding is essential to provide community colleges the ability to plan and budget accordingly and recognizes each college's annual fixed costs, and

Whereas, The language added to the community college funding model for fiscal year 2019-2020

providing for 98% of the previous year or \$100 increase per FTE, whichever is greater, was a step in the right direction and appreciated, and

Whereas, This new funding floor model should be set in State statute at 100% of the previous year or \$100 increase per FTE, whichever is greater.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County fully supports the proposal that New York State change the base state aid formula allocation for each community college to be permanently set at 100% of the previous year or \$100 increase per FTE, whichever is greater, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County in concert with both SUNY & NYSAC calls on the Governor and State Legislature to make every effort to restore the floor funding model for community college operating costs established in fiscal year 2019-2020, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution should be sent to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, Jefferson Community College, SUNY, NYSAC and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Legislator McBride asked for clarification on the resolution. Chairman Gray explained that before last year, JCC funding from New York State was based on a full time equivalent (FTE) model for student enrollment with a three year rolling average and a percentage assigned each year. He said funding for JCC comes from three sources State Aid, Sponsor share (County), and student tuition. Last year the State Legislature enacted the floor model so that if enrollment dipped, the funding level would only go down to 98% of the previous year so the largest loss would be 2% annually. This floor model was not proposed in the Governor's budget, and in this resolution we are asking the State Legislature to put it back in the budget in order to create some consistency in community colleges budgeting so there is not such a roller coaster, as is the case with the FTE model.

Mr. Hagemann added that if the floor model is not added back into the State budget then JCC stands to lose \$660,000 in State Aid. Legislator McBride questioned what the College will do to make up the funds. Chairman Gray stated that the difference would have to be made up of additional aid from the Sponsor, raising tuition, budget cuts, or a combination of all of those. He said when enrollment is down making cuts is difficult as you want all programming to continue, and any programming changes are made by the JCC Board of Trustees. Legislator Peck added that at a recent meeting at the College they provided a graph that clearly defined the issue in terms of State Aid which has the College on par now with aid received in 2007 before enrollment declined. It outlined the swing of the FTE model and how the floor model is justified and will help buoy the finances as they continue to offer the same programming to all students including non-traditional, not just the FTE students.

Legislator Montigelli commenting in line with his earlier comments about the balance of power,

said he attended a State Budget presentation made by the Governor’s representative, Executive Director Matt Discoll recently here in Watertown who stated that Community Colleges’ will receive an increase. When asked by Legislator Montigelli about JCC receiving a decrease of \$600,000 in aid Mr. Driscoll said he was not aware of that and would need to get back to him, and he has not heard back as of yet. There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye, except Legislator McBride who voted nay.

**Resolution No. 91**

**Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Consolidated Funding Application for a Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant with the Empire State Development**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a \$65,952 Empire State Development Grant for Census 2020 Complete Outreach Grant, which will assist with education and outreach to the County’s residents to ensure that all residents of the County are counted in the 2020 Census, and

Whereas, The Grant requires that Counties work with nonprofits, and

Whereas, The Watertown Jefferson County Complete Count Committee has been working with the North Country Library System (NCLS) to utilize their facilities and connections in the communities, and

Whereas, Jefferson County as recipient of the grant will contract with the NCLS to conduct Census 2020 activities and provide Census material to educate residents and encourage Census participation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County accepts the grant, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute agreements on behalf of Jefferson County with Empire State Development, and with the North Country Library System for services to promote the 2020 Census, subject to the review and approval of the County attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved that the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01801000 93089	State Aid - Other General Government	\$65,952
Expense		
01801000 04415	Advertising	\$13,000

01801000 04416

Professional Fees

52,952

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Roll Call Vote

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

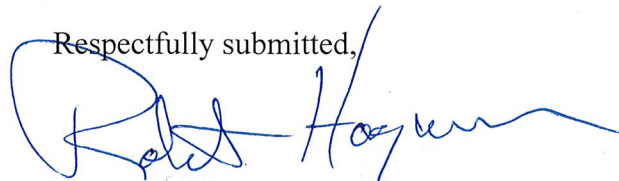
Resolution passed.

Legislator Reed thanked Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin for the background work she did in putting together a letter to our federal representatives concerning the cormorant issue on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River which helped to kick off the public comment period for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Management Service. He said the comment period ends on March 9<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged anyone that has a strong opinion on the ever-increasing cormorant population and how it is decimating the fisheries and people's property, log in and leave comments on their website. Legislator Jareo reiterated Legislator Reed's comments and encouraged anyone that fishes to get online and leave public comment about the problems/issues with comments and be heard.

Legislator Maxon thanked those present for coming to the meeting and expressing their views. He said that the County handles many and various issues that are generally boring from cormorants, waterfront redevelopment, waterfront high water to the Department of Social Services that do things that affect peoples everyday lives, and spend \$265 million a year and no one comes to the budget meetings. He said the Board has meetings almost every Tuesday evening and encouraged people to attend and make their views known.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board