

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the meeting is being conducted under the extraordinary circumstance of a public health emergency (COVID-19), and under Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1; without permitting public in-person access to the meeting, authorizing the meeting to be held partially or completely with members appearing by remote conference call or similar service, and the meeting is being live streamed via the web and recorded, including the participation of the members appearing by remote link.

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present. (Legislator Montigelli was not present when Roll Call was done, but joined the meeting when Local Laws, Resolution and Motions were introduced.)

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Chairman Gray introduced Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. Congresswoman Stefanik updated the Board with regard to actions taken in Washington at the end of 2020 regarding the COVID-19 relief package. The package included:

- \$320 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and small businesses are eligible for the second draw if they meet certain requirements;
- \$5 billion in New York State alone for direct aid to K-12 schools that by law has to be awarded by the State in 2021;
- To date she has announced \$140 million to North Country higher education institutions including millions for JCC;
- Over \$140 million for hospitals across the District

Congresswoman Stefanik said they continue to have conversations with the new Administration as well as Canadian officials for a metrics based and more certain process when it comes to opening the border. She said they are identifying parameters and priorities for the border to open as soon as possible that include: CBP Officer vaccinations, prioritizing family reunification, property owners on either side of the border, and reciprocity for boating.

With regard to vaccine administration and allocation, Congress continues to provide millions of dollars of funds for those efforts, and the State has also allocated almost \$2 million. She said we need to push to make sure the State is covering the whole district in terms of accessibility, and she is advocating for prioritization of cancer patients to receive the vaccine. The current COVID package in Congress is \$1.9 trillion and includes partisan items such as \$15.00/hr minimum wage, and stimulus payments to illegal immigrants; republicans have introduced a \$600 million package that is focused on COVID relief and access to direct funds for counties and municipalities.

Chairman Gray asked if the FEMA reimbursement that is being used for NYS Covid vaccination sites cost reimbursement will be applicable to the County or its partners for the

collaborative site Jefferson County has set up at Jefferson Community College. Congresswoman Stefanik said FEMA made an announcement today that New York would receive those funds, and FEMA funds should be available to for reimbursement to counties for the same unanticipated expenses. She said if there is a county-specific question for FEMA her office can chase it down. Congresswoman Stefanik thanked the Board for the open line of communication, for giving her the opportunity to provide an update and encouraged legislators to contact her office if their constituents have any federal level questions. Chairman Gray thanked Congresswoman Stefanik for taking time to update the Board this evening.

### **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED**

Legislator Maxon requested that the minutes of the January Session be changed to reflect that the vote to Waive the Standing Rules and permit introduction of the resolutions was not unanimous, and that he voted nay on the motion. The minutes of the January Session stand approved with the foregoing correction made.

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence was received from NYS Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Bell approving the certified Agriculture District No. 2, as proposed.

### **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

The County Treasurer provided a report on Cash in Banks and Investments as of December 31, 2020.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of January, 2021.

2020 Annual Reports were received from the County Auditor, Board of Elections, Planning and Probation Departments

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

Chairman Gray announced that due to the format of the meeting Roll Call Votes will be done as a block for each jurisdictional committee that will cover all the resolutions that require roll call votes under that committee. He said if any one wishes to pull a resolution out for a separate vote, we can do that.

#### **Resolution No. 25**

#### **Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2021 Revenue from Fort Drum Residential Communities Initiative**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

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 \$139,713.50, which needs to be recognized and appropriated.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue			
01104500 91081	Payments In Lieu of Taxes		\$ 139,713.50
Transfers			
01995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund		\$ 139,713.50
20900600 95031	Transfer from General Fund		139,713.50
Expenditure			
20698900 02064	Property Acquisition/Improvements		\$ 139,713.50

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year Capital Plan is amended accordingly

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No 30.

**Resolution No. 26**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution**

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, The 2020 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 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue			
01104500 91110	State Sales Tax		\$3,970,058

Expenditures

01198500 04631

Distribution of Sales Tax

\$3,970,058

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 30.

**Resolution No. 27**

**Amending the 2021 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, Resolution No. 53 of 2020 amended the 2020 County Budget, and amendment of the 2021 County Budget is needed.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 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: Allen T. Drake

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 30.

**Resolution No. 28**

**Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (Jefferson LeRay, LLC; Northview/LeRay Associates, L.P.; Essex Evansdown Associates, L.P.; Conifer Realty, LLC).**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, Jefferson LeRay, LLC; Northview/LeRay Associates, L.P.; Essex Evansdown Associates, L.P.; Conifer Realty, LLC, commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the Town of LeRay, and

Whereas, The Town of LeRay has reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard the following tax map parcels, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund</u>
75.05-1-57 (25342-346 Virginia Smith Dr.)			
2017	\$5,307,100	\$5,000,000	\$3,174.83
2018	\$5,307,100	\$4,400,000	\$9,540.64
2019	\$5,307,100	\$4,300,000	\$10,763.45
2020	\$5,307,100	\$4,100,000	\$13,055.13
		Total	\$36,534.05

Whereas, the amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 29**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Employment & Training Department**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, The Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board has been awarded an additional \$32,516.82 in Trade Act Adjustment Assistance Program funds from Federal fiscal year 2020, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget must be amended to accept this New York State funding and appropriate it for clients training and relocation.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue

25634000 94616	Fed Aid Job Training	\$32,516.82
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Expense

25634000 046132	Clients Training	\$32,516.82
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution 30.

**Resolution No. 30**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Employment & Training Department**

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, The Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board has been awarded additional funding through the New York State Department of Labor in the amount of \$20,486.70 in Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker's Grant (ER-NDWG), and

Whereas, Employment & Training Clients Training account is incurring more expense.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant award for the period September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
25634000 94616	Fed Aid Job Training	\$20,486.70
Expense		
25634000 04611	Training on the Job	\$10,243.35
25634000 046132	Clients Training	10,243.35

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote (covering Finance & Rules sponsored Resolution Nos. 25, 26, 27, 29 and 30)

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

Resolutions passed.

**Resolution No. 31**

**Authorizing Appointment to the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, requires that there be established a local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to oversee local job training services and activities, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(a)(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the establishment, membership, and composition of the local Workforce Development Board, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the appointment and certification for local Workforce Development Board membership, and

Whereas, The Counties of Jefferson and Lewis seek to appoint individuals to the local Workforce Development Board who have interest and experience in the delivery of local workforce development services.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the following appointment to the Workforce Development Board for terms as indicated:

Member

Term to Expire

Jefferson County Representatives

David Zembiec, Jefferson County Economic Development

6/30/2021

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 32**

**Re-Appointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board**

By Legislator:

Pursuant to Section 11-0501 of the Environmental Conservation Law, this Board hereby approves the following reappointment by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Linda Sicley, Landowner Representative	12/31/22

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye except Legislator Maxon who abstained.

**Resolution No. 33**

**Re-Appointing Members to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The 1972 Legislature of the State of New York created the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, Pursuant to Article 18a of the General Municipal Law, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby reappoints Paul J. Warneck and Lisa L'Huillier for terms to expire December 31, 2024, as members of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 34**

**Appointing Director of Office for the Aging**



By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 204 of County Law and Section 66521.5 of Title 9 of the Official Compilation of New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations Kathleen Kazakoff be and is hereby appointed as Director of the Office for the Aging for a term to commence on February 8, 2021 and expire on December 31, 2021 to include 10 vacation days and 10 sick days, at Grade VI-A, (\$63,052) of the Management Schedule.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 35**

#### **Expressing Opposition to the Closure of New York State's Watertown Correctional Facility**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, A provision in the 2020-21 New York State Budget gives Governor Andrew Cuomo the authority to close state prisons with at least 90 days' notice, and

Whereas, Governor Cuomo announced on December 21, 2020 that the Watertown Correctional Facility will be closed by the end of March, and

Whereas, This action was taken before an adequate assessment of safety, without notice or opportunity for community input, and

Whereas, Closure of this correctional facility will serve to condense the prison population, jeopardizing the safety of those incarcerated in and employed by the prison system, and

Whereas, Northern New York communities have been struggling financially even before the onset of COVID-19, and

Whereas, The loss of over 300 jobs and abandonment of the facility will result in ongoing negative economic impact on Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The three state prisons which have closed in the North Country in the last decade (Camp Gabriels, Lyon Mountain, and Chateaugay Correctional Facilities) have remained empty since being closed, and

Whereas, Facilities in other regions are more costly to operate and would have more real estate value for potential reuse.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby expresses its strong opposition to the closure and requests that Governor Cuomo reconsider this decision,

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Cuomo, Acting DOCCS Commissioner Anthony Annucci, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabwywaniec

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 36**

#### **Supporting New York State Senate Bill 8466/Assembly Bill 10546 of 2020**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, On March 3, 2020 Chapter 23 of the Laws of 2020 amended Sections 20 and 29-a of the Executive Law to permit the Governor of the State of New York to issue by executive order any directive necessary to respond to a state of emergency including disease outbreak, and

Whereas, On March 7, 2020 the Governor declared a statewide disaster emergency to address the threat that the novel coronavirus COVID-19 poses to health and welfare, and

Whereas, The overriding concern is to slow the spread of the disease and not overwhelm the capacity and resources of the medical system in New York State, and

Whereas, The New York State state of emergency was first set to be in effect until September 7, 2020, and has been extended five times, the most recent on December 30th to be in effect until January 29, 2021, and

Whereas, The Governor has used emergency powers to execute non-emergency policy, and

Whereas, The Governor's broad response has come with great economic and social cost and has infringed on the basic freedoms of the people of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is home to free and responsible people who respect their neighbors and are making sacrifices in the name of safety, and

Whereas, The separation and balance of powers is one of the most fundamental principles of our government, and

Whereas, Legislative bills S8466/A10546 have been introduced proposing to amend the Executive Law in order to restore legislative checks and balances and reinstate local authority.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County supports legislation such as S8466/A10546 of 2020 to restore the balance of power and reinstate local authority, and be it further

Resolved, That the citizens of this great county are urged to continue to exercise common sense, prudence and recommendations for the good of the community, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Legislator Drake said he was opposed to this resolution and reiterated the concerns he expressed at Finance & Rules Committee; namely that he agrees with some of it, but doesn't believe now is the time for this resolution or to resume normal government operations, our response to the pandemic continues to be social distancing, masks, and vaccinations. He knew that people on the lower end of the economic ladder have been severely impacted and realized that mistakes are being made by Governor Cuomo, democracy has been taken away and that certain checks and balances are not there at this time at the State level. He further had the privilege to hear people talk about WWII and what they did on the battlefield and at home, limited travel, rights taken away and rationing and they talked about it with pride; and all were not Roosevelt fans but they did not have signs in their yards degrading him. He felt it was time to lower the temperature and we could lead by example with the generations below us.

Legislator Maxon spoke in favor of the resolution as he has read the three page Assembly Bill and said we live in a representative democracy and it is important for us to function that way, even during an emergency. He said it is important to note that the Senate and Assembly Bills do not end the emergency and do not resume normal government, they request that the Legislature is not completely allowed to abdicate their elected responsibilities and requires the Governor to check in with them every 30 or 45 days, and the Legislature must remain a part of the government in order for the government to operate, constitutionally. He also supported the resolution because it required specific reasons why the Governor ought to be allowed to impose by executive order or overrule laws specifically to cities and counties. This summer we saw very few Covid cases and fatalities and yet we had the same "draconian" restrictions that were in place for areas that were hot spots and we had to bear the brunt of it. There was no reason we should have had the same restrictions in place as Long Island or Brooklyn where the disease was rampant. Lastly, he supports the resolution because the Bills were not a partisan attack on the Governor, it is sponsored by the Republicans but it empowers the Democrats who control the Assembly and the Senate to have a seat at the table. He said it requires the elected officials to act like elected officials and not "phone it in" for an entire year allowing one person to rule. He said if the Executive Orders in place are such a good idea, the Legislature should pick them up and pass them as a law.

Legislator Jareo said Legislator Maxon spoke really well to his thoughts, and lowering the temperature was spoken about at the Committee meetings, but said there is nothing more important for us to do than support our constituents' basic rights and that is what this resolution does. He did not feel the language in the resolution has a high temperature and it could have actually been raised up a little. He said an important part of what legislators do is represent our

constituents and he did not think there was anything more important than ensuring their basic freedoms as part of that representation.

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Drake who voted nay.

**Resolution No. 37**

**Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Unified Court System  
for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Counties are required by law to furnish and maintain adequate court facilities for use by State Courts, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Chapter 686 of the Laws of 1996, New York State was designated with fiscal responsibility for managing interior cleaning and minor repairs within court facilities, and required to contract with counties for such maintenance, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 28 of 2019, Jefferson County entered into an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for the provision of cleaning and maintenance services to the local courts during the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023 in consideration of reimbursement by the NYS Unified Court System to the County for actual costs for cleaning and maintenance, and

Whereas, The maximum compensation for the 2020-2021 period shall be \$215,405.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for the provision of cleaning and maintenance services to the local courts for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 in consideration of reimbursement by the NYS Unified Court System to the County for actual costs for cleaning and maintenance in the amount of \$215,405, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 38**

**Authorizing Agreement for Janitorial Services for Jefferson County Office Buildings**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The Arc Jefferson St. Lawrence (The Arc)/DOHL Development Corporation (DOHL) is currently providing janitorial services to Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Renewal of said contract will provide the County with necessary janitorial services, while also providing training and work experience for the clients of The Arc/DOHL.

Whereas, Both The Arc/DOHL and Jefferson County wish to renew the custodial services agreement for an additional one year term (1/1/21 - 12/31/21), with rates to take effect on January 1, 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the award of a contract to The Arc/DOHL for janitorial services for County facilities in accordance with the County's specifications and at a cost not to exceed \$391,018, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board be and is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Legislator Peck left the meeting due to an emergency and did not return.

### **Resolution No. 39**

#### **Changing the Membership and Terms and Appointing Members to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law and Resolution No. 57 of 1950, the County established the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-b of the County Law and Resolution No. 197 of 1995, the County established the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services Board, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions No. 83 and 99 of 2006, the County changed the memberships of these boards to make them identical in order to act with one voice in advising the County on matters pertaining to either, or both services, and

Whereas, Due to the increasing demand and changes on each of the fire and EMS services, the combined Board recommends separating the current Fire and EMS Advisory Board back into two separate boards, and

Whereas, This Board of Legislators concurs with said recommendation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the membership of the Fire Advisory Board be 13 people to include five from the fire service, five from the general public, and three legislators, and be it further

Resolved, That the positions of all members be established as two year terms to run coterminous with terms of the legislator appointees, and be it further

Resolved, That all vacancies will be filled for the balance of the unexpired term during which vacancy occurs, and be it further

Resolved, That the following are appointed to the Fire Advisory Board for terms to expire on 12/31/2021, effective immediately:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Anthony Doldo	Legislator
William Johnson	Legislator
Philip Reed	Legislator
Robert Simpson	Fire Service
Steven Mott	Fire Service
Lawrence Girard	Fire Service
Joseph Wargo	Fire Service
Jason Omarra	Fire Service
Barry Waite	General Public
William Griffith	General Public
Kathleen LaClair	General Public
Gerald Kostyk	General Public
Justin Taylor	General Public

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye except Legislator Doldo who voted nay.

#### **Resolution No. 40**

#### **Implementing a Mattress Fee for Solid Waste Transfer Station**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Jefferson County Solid Waste Transfer Station has started participating in a household mattress and boxspring recycling program initiated by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to promote recycling and save landfill space, and

Whereas, The County is charged a fee by DANC to haul and dispose of the mattresses and boxsprings, and

Whereas, County staff expend time and effort handling the mattresses and boxsprings, and

Whereas, There is currently no separate fee charged county residents to cover the costs of the transfer service, and

Whereas, It is appropriate to more accurately capture the costs of solid waste administration by charging a \$10 fee per unit.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That effective March 1, 2021, there will be a \$10 fee per mattress and/or boxspring implemented to users of the transfer station.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 41**

#### **Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (County Road 87 (Sandy Creek Rd) over Lindsey Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A Project for County Road 87 over Sandy Creek, PIN 7753.85 (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 80% Federal funds (CFDA 20.205) and 20% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, By Resolution 90 of 2019, the County of Jefferson approved the above project by making a commitment for the cost of Design and Right of Way Incidental Phases of the project, and authorizing \$162,000 to cover the cost of these phases, and

Whereas, The County has allocated funding through the Adopted Budget, 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 costs of the Final Design phase of the project, and

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

Resolved, That the sum of \$150,000, which includes the Final Design Phase, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02846 in the 2021 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase 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 exceeds 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 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 so 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.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 42**

#### **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 a completed bridge project account with a remaining balance, and

Whereas, This capital expenditure and related revenue account 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 02913	Canal Street over Black River (D012)	\$278,720.95



Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$ 4,750.01

Fund Balance		
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$273,970.94

and be it further

Resolved, That capital account 20511300 02913 is hereby closed, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 47.

### **Resolution No. 43**

#### **Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Road Machinery Fund Equipment**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The 2020 Adopted County Budget included \$45,000 for the purchase of a pick-up truck, and

Whereas, A purchase order was issued for said truck, but the vendor did not meet the build-out deadline and the purchase order had to be cancelled.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

#### **Increase:**

10000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 45,000
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Expenditure		
10513000 02403	Pick-Up Truck	\$ 45,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 47.

### **Resolution No. 44**

#### **Approving Appointment to the Jefferson County Planning Board**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 239-c of the General Municipal Law, the following individual is hereby appointed to the Jefferson County Planning Board to fill a vacant term to expire December 31, 2023.

Charlene Mannigan

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 45**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Grant Funds**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution 77 of 2020, This Board of Legislators recognized U.S. Economic Development Administration grant funding for the purpose of updating the County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and

Whereas, Resolution 77 of 2020 also recognized support from the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency and the Thousand Islands International Tourism Council as well as the 2020 County Budget, and

Whereas, There remain unspent funds that must be reappropriated in order to provide for the continuation of the program in 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
01802000 04416	Professional Services	\$ 53,675
Appropriated Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 53,675

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 47.

**Resolution No. 46**

**Amending Resolution 269 of 2020 Authorizing an Agreement with the Community Action Planning Council to Promote Fair and Equal Housing**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Per Resolution 269 of 2020 this Board of Legislators authorized the annual contract with the Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) for the provision of fair housing services including acting as the County’s fair housing office for public education, information and referral, and complaint assistance, and

Whereas, Funds for a fair housing contract are appropriated in the 2020 County Budget in the amount of \$8,000, and

Whereas, Resolution 269 of 2020 inaccurately identified the amount as \$7,500.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chair of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with the Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) in the amount of \$8,000 for promoting and furthering fair and equal housing opportunities in the County for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye except Legislator Doldo who abstained.

**Resolution No. 47**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State Septic System Replacement Program Funds**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

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 Resolutions 27 of 2019 and 57 of 2020, 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 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 72,250
Expenditure		
01802000 04025	Septic System Replacement	\$ 72,250

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote (For General Services Committee Sponsored Resolution Nos. 42, 43, 45 and 47)

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

Absent: Peck

Resolutions passed.

### **Resolution No. 48**

#### **Accepting Grant for Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program Funding**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 74 of 2011, this Board authorized agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to receive funding with respect to Leandra's Law Implementation, and

Whereas, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has transitioned this Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring project to formula-based funding, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded \$10,716 to support probation supervision and monitoring services during the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and

Whereas, Said funds are already contained within the 2021 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson hereby accepts the \$10,716 grant award.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye except Legislator Ferris who abstained.

### **Resolution No. 49**

#### **Authorizing Agreement with AllPaid, Inc. Relative to Credit Card Processing Services**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 107 of 2008 the Sheriff's and Probation Department's entered into an agreement with Government Payment Service, Inc. to make available the option of receiving payment for bail, restitution and other fees through the use of credit cards, and

Whereas, AllPaid, Inc. (formerly GovPayNet, Inc./Government Payment Service, Inc.) desires to renew the contract to continue this service to the public by making available a means to make payments during non-business hours, and expedite payment of funds collected by each Department, and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with AllPaid, Inc for a period of five years for the purposes stated above and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized 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: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 50**

**Amending the 2020 County Budget Relative to Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, It is necessary to reallocate excess State Aid and County funds to better align with County mental hygiene priorities within mental health agency programs to ensure the quality of existing mental health services, and

Whereas, The 2020 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect these changes and local contracts need to be amended accordingly.

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

**Increase:**

01432000 04702	Credo Foundation	\$ 4,053.00
01432000 04707	CMHC Outpatient	4,053.00
01432000 04708	NRCIL FSS RIV	10,086.50
01432000 04709	River Hospital	4,053.00
01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	4,053.00
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	10,086.50
01432000 04728	Samaritan Medical Center	4,053.00
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jefferson County	34,453.00

**Decrease:**

01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	\$ 5,391.00
01432000 04718	JRC Employment	\$69,500.00

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. 51**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Community Services Department is in receipt of 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, 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 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$75,000
Expenditure		
01431000 04713	Contracted Mental Health Admin	\$75,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 58.

**Resolution No. 52**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Funds for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program need to be reappropriated in the amount of \$60,000 to be used by the Mental Health Association and River Hospital for the period covering January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$60,000
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Expenditures

01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	\$60,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 58.

**Resolution No. 53**

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate DSRIP Funding  
for Community Services Department**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

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, 66 and 101 of 2019, and 63, 135 and 226 of 2020, DSRIP funding for Community Services was received and/or reallocated for training, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget needs to be amended so unspent funds can reappropriated for training for the period of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$606.30
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Expenditure

01431000 04613	Training	\$606.30
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Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 58.

**Resolution No. 54**

**Authorizing the Jefferson County Public Health Service to Utilize Volunteer Assistance, Locate Testing and Vaccination Sites, and Obtain Sundry Services in Connection with COVID-19 Pandemic Services**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A State of Emergency has existed in the State of New York and County of Jefferson since March 7, 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service is the front line agency in Jefferson County providing COVID-19 response services to the people of the County including; contact tracing, coordination of testing, and vaccine administration, and

Whereas, The number of cases within the County has increased substantially and the availability of vaccine is expected to steadily increase in coming months causing a demand for personnel from the Public Health Service beyond what can be supplied by existing staff, and

Whereas, By Executive Order 202.82, issued December 13, 2020, Governor Cuomo authorized a variety of health care professionals, including EMT's and paramedics, to administer COVID-19 vaccine at Points of Dispensing (POD) sites to be operated by local health services, and

Whereas In many cases operation of vaccination and testing clinics requires non medical volunteers to perform tasks such as traffic control and completion and verification of clerical records, and

Whereas, Locating and securing sites or necessary supplies for testing or vaccination is expected to necessitate more rapid action than is possible through contracts or agreements requiring Board of Legislators approval in the normal course of business.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Service, or her designee, is hereby authorized to utilize any individuals as identified in Executive Order 202.82 for the purpose of administering inoculations for COVID-19 as a volunteer, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Service, or her designee, is hereby authorized to utilize any individual for the purpose of providing volunteer help for COVID-19 testing clinics, vaccination clinics or for contact tracing purposes, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Service, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into any agreement with a liability to the County of Jefferson not to exceed \$5,000.00 per agreement, for the purpose of securing a location or sundry supplies for COVID-19 testing or vaccination clinics, provided advance notice is given to the Jefferson County Administrator and subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further



Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective January 1, 2021 and shall remain in effect so long as a state of emergency remains in effect for the County of Jefferson in regard to the COVID-19 virus as declared by the County of Jefferson or State of New York.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 55**

#### **Changing the Membership and Terms and Appointing Members to the Jefferson County EMS Advisory Board**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law and Resolution No. 57 of 1950, the County established the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-b of the County Law and Resolution No. 197 of 1995, the County established the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services Board, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions No. 83 and 99 of 2006, the County changed the memberships of these boards to make them identical in order to act with one voice in advising the County on matters pertaining to either, or both services, and

Whereas, Due to the increasing demand and changes on each of the fire and EMS services, the combined Board recommends separating the current Fire and EMS Advisory Board back into two separate boards, and

Whereas, This Board of Legislators concurs with said recommendation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the membership of the EMS Advisory Board will be 15 members representing the EMS community and inclusive of one County Legislator, and be it further

Resolved, That all vacancies will be filled for the balance of the unexpired term during which vacancy occurs, and be it further

Resolved, That the following are initially appointed to the EMS Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated, effective immediately. And, thereafter, serve two year terms:

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Robert Cantwell	12/31/2021
Reuben Pruitt	12/31/2021
Larry Jobson	12/31/2021
Robert VanCoughnet	12/31/2021

David McIntyre 12/31/2021  
Tom Zecher 12/31/2021  
Lance Ronas 12/31/2021

Nathan Peters 12/31/2022  
Timothy Farrell 12/31/2022  
Lisa Cooley 12/31/2022  
Maurice Mitchell 12/31/2022  
Karen Jobson 12/31/2022  
Jeremy Tripp 12/31/2022  
Bruce Wright 12/31/2022  
Niel Rivenburgh 12/31/2022

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye except Legislator Doldo who voted nay.

**Resolution No. 56**

**Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services  
and Amending the 2021 County Budget**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Bernier, Carr & Associates, Engineers, Architects and land Surveyors, P.C. has donated funds to the Jefferson County Department of Social Services to be used for the Foster Care Program, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget must be amended to recognize this donation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Pursuant to County Law Section 215 (3), this Board of Legislators gratefully accepts said donation and be it further

Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue:  
01601000 92705 Donations \$200

Expenditure:  
01601000 04624 Client Incidentals \$200

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 58.

**Resolution No. 57**

**Amending 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue  
From the Redlich Horwitz Foundation for Child Welfare Virtual Casework**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Redlich Horwitz Foundation (RHF) for child welfare philanthropy has awarded Jefferson County Department of social Services (JCDSS) Child Welfare Virtual Casework funding in the amount of \$6,000, and

Whereas, This funding was established by RHF to provide technology tools for child welfare workers to ease the challenges faced in working virtually, and

Whereas, JCDSS Child welfare staff have faced numerous challenges as critical casework processes are adapted to a new virtual environment due to Covid-19 restrictions, and

Whereas, Technology tools can be used to improve efficiency and effectiveness for JCDSS child welfare staff and the families they serve.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01601000 91989	Other Economic Assistance & Opportunity	\$6,000
Expenditure		
01610000 04119	Computer Software	\$6,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

See Roll Call Vote following Resolution No. 58.

**Resolution No. 58**

**Amending 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From  
NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Safe Harbour: NY funding**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, The Jefferson County Department of Social Services has received notification from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services that the Jefferson County Department of Social Services has been awarded Safe Harbour: NY Funds in the amount of \$40,000 to advance programming to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited youth, and

Whereas, The Safe Harbour funding will be used to increase public awareness of the issue of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited youth through trainings and public awareness campaigns. Funding will additionally be utilized to support the needs of identified trafficked and commercially sexually exploited youth.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01601000 93610	State Aid Social Services Admin	\$40,000
Expenditure		
01601000 04110	Office Expense	\$ 500
01601000 04115	Telephone	5,500
01601000 04117	Printing	1,500
01601000 04313	Travel	3,000
01601000 04415	Advertising	8,000
01601000 04416	Professional Fees	14,500
01601000 04613	Training	5,000
01601000 04624	Incidental	2,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote (Covering Health & Human Services Committee Sponsored Resolution Nos. 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, and 58)

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

Absent: Peck

Resolutions passed.

**Resolution No. 59**

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

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 67 of 2020 this Board authorized a 2020 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS), and

Whereas, there are unallocated 2020 OCFS funds in the amount of \$11,434 due to the inability of programs to initiate services and/or utilize funds within the allotted time frame as a direct result of the Global Pandemic. Specifically, the Summer Theater Institute was unable to use their award of \$5,604, the Jefferson Empowering Teens Summit program was unable to use \$1,500 of their original award and Recreation Scholarships has a remaining balance of \$4,330. In addition, funding allocated for Administration of the programs was underspent by \$7,172, and, therefore, a total of \$18,606 can be distributed to other Youth Development Programs, and

Whereas the 2020 Resource Allocation Plan and agreements with contractual agencies need to be amended to reflect those changes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services is hereby amended to reflect the following modified grant funding:

Youth Development Program (YDP)

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>Original State Aid Allocation</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Revised State Aid Allocation</u>
Jefferson Empowering Teens Summit/ASAC of Jeff Co	10,100	(1,500)	8,600
Summer Theater Institute/Lyme Central School	5,604	(5,604)	0
Jefferson County DSS/Recreation Scholarships	12,000	(4,330)	7,670
Childrens Home Of Jefferson County/Teen Center	15,000	9,303	24,303
Hearts for Youth, Inc./Hearts for Youth	15,000	9,303	24,303
The Q Center of NNY/ACR Health	10,000	0	10,000
Babysitting Course/NCPPC	4,396	0	4,396
Peer Prevention Advocates/PPNCNY	10,000	0	10,000
FamilyVisitation Program/Resolution Center	2,900	0	2,900
<b>Total</b>	85,000	0	92,172

and be it further

Resolved, That Pursuant to Section 450 of County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute necessary amended contractual Youth

Program Agreements with the various agencies on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 60**

**Authorizing 2021 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement  
with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing  
Contractual Youth Program Agreements**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the allocation of State Aid Funding for 2021 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 2021 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	10,000
Lyme Central School/Summer Theater Institute	5,900
NCPPC/Babysitting Course	4,124
PPNCNY/Teen Advocacy Program	10,000
Resolution Center of Jeff. & Lewis Counties/Family Visitation Program (FVP)	2,053
YMCA/SACC Kidzlit	9,915
Watertown City School District/Basic First Aid/CPR/AED For students	3,008
Jefferson County DSS/Recreation Scholarships	10,000

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 2021 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 2021 and with Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$6,050 to provide support for the Youth Advisory Board for 2021-2022, 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: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Legislator Ferris said he is getting calls, texts and emails from constituents concerning moving forward with the opening of sporting events, and realized that is a hard thing to do considering the recent Covid 19 deaths we have had. He said many neighboring counties seem to be moving forward safely and securely, possibly using a 4% metric for rate of transmission. He told his constituents to approach their school boards and administrators to present the County with a proper plan as the County does not control what goes on in the schools, we would only give them guidelines. Some parents who approached him have children on travel teams that are being safe and careful and can compete throughout the State, but not at home. As a former high school athlete he is passionate about this and would like to see the kids play, and wasn't sure what the County could do to lift the restrictions.

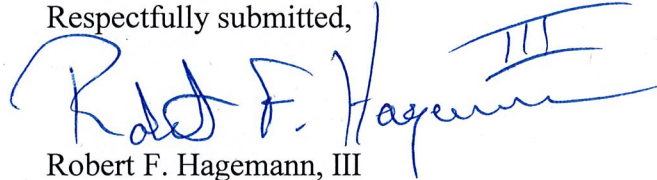
Chairman Gray said it was a collective decision of the school superintendents and was possibly one of the most difficult decisions. The County has tried to help the school districts get their programs up and running, however there are many opposed to it for whatever reason. He said it was a collective measure on the part of the school superintendents to arrive at a compromise and the County set some guidelines based on those discussions. He said it is entirely in the domain of the schools and if you want to do something to help, go get tested and isolate the virus in our community which ultimately contains some of the spread and eventually over time it will lower the percentage that was set with the guidelines. He said some school districts have chosen more strict measures. New York State guidance permits two spectators per player with a maximum of 50 people, but school superintendents didn't want any spectators. In setting the guidelines the County tried to capture what the school superintendents were looking for and to proceed safely.

Legislator Jareo added that local control is the best control; each school district has their own governing body and he didn't think this was in the County's wheelhouse nor is it what legislators were elected for, the school districts need to make their own decisions. He appreciated what Legislator Ferris said about local control and he appreciated Chairman Gray letting the schools decide what is best for them. They have to submit to State guidelines just like the County does, but it is a decision that the local school boards and districts have to make on their own; the County can guide and help, but the ball is in their court and they need to do the right thing for their own constituents.

Chairman Gray added that the State guidelines let counties have veto power over high risk sports and Jefferson County elected not to take that position, we provided assistance and guidance but the decisions fall on the school boards to work with their superintendents.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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