

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Drake.

Public Hearing

2021 Community Development Block Grant

Chairman Gray called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., no one present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Erica Porter, 19821 South Massey Street, Watertown, asked the Board to look into misconduct, deceit and corruption within the Child Protective Services unit of the Jefferson County DSS related to two foster children from St. Lawrence County being removed from her (and her husband's) home and their home being closed to foster children. She suggested that this was done in concert with a negative influence from the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services and her advocacy on behalf of the children.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION

The minutes of the September Session and September Special Session were approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of August 31, 2021.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for September, 2021.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 213

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 359 of County Law, a public hearing on the Tentative Budget for County fiscal year 2022 be held before this Board of Legislators at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th day of November, 2021 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That notice of said public hearing be given in accordance with law.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 214

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

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 \$ 797.43 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense:	\$ 797.43
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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. 215

**Authorizing the Vacating of Judgment of Foreclosure for Owners of Certain
Parcels of Real Property and Discontinuance of Foreclosure Proceeding.**

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, certain owners of foreclosed properties have tendered offers to re-purchase County's right of foreclosure obtained in certain Tax Foreclosure proceedings, by depositing in trust with the County funds in an amount equal to all the tax, penalties, and interest, together with the County's established administrative fee, and

Whereas, The said owners and the amounts deposited are set forth in Exhibit "A" which is hereby incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, the Board of Legislators does hereby approve of the re-purchase of the County's right of foreclosure to those individuals set forth in Exhibit "A", in considerations of the amounts paid by such individuals as shown on said Exhibit, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Attorney is hereby authorized to file with the Court a motion seeking an Order to vacate the Judgement of Foreclosure, discontinuing the *in rem* tax foreclosure action and cancelling the Notice of Pendency of such action in regard to the respective parcel(s) of property.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

EXHIBIT A

Jefferson County Delinquent Tax Buybacks - As of 09/21/21

<u>Town</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
Cape Vincent	59.12-1-26	George H. Gould IV	8560.98
Champion	93.00-2-32.3	Roxanne J. Lawler	19488.81
Clayton	42.00-2-27.4	Terry Kinneer	11758.57
Ellisburg	118.00-1-48.22	Thomas J. Minnick	4389.33
Wilna	76.26-1-36.-701	Gladys M. Palladino	21377.23
		Total	65574.92

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 216

Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Board of Elections Cyber Security Remediation Grant Program

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, By Resolution No. 160 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with NYS Board of Elections for a grant to implement cyber security remediation and mitigation services, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 100 of 2021, this Board reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines remaining unspent funds to complete implementation of the grant, and

Whereas, Current costs have increased since prior estimates and per NYS direction mitigation is now focused on software.

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

Increase:

01168000 04119	Computer Software	\$15,000
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Decrease:

01168000 02101	Computer Equipment	\$15,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 217

Transferring County Safety Officer Position to the Human Resources Department and Amending the 2021 County Budget

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The County Safety function has been evolving and will experience further change responding to increasing requirements, and

Whereas, The County intends to fill the vacant position of County Safety Officer which is currently housed in the Insurance Department and budgeted in the Workers Compensation Fund, and

Whereas, After review and consideration, the County Administrator has recommended that the Safety Officer position be reassigned to the Human Resources Department.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the position of County Safety Officer (1436-002) is hereby transferred to the Human Resources Department as position 1430-007, and be it further

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

Increase:

Expenditure

01143000 01100 Personal Services \$15,000

35171000 04414 Supporting Services 15,000

Revenue

01143000 91292 Interdepartmental Service \$15,000

Decrease

35171000 01100 Personal Services \$15,000

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 218

Approving Jefferson County Administrative Policy and Procedure for Safety

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Local Law No. 10 of 1986, as amended, provides that the County Administrator shall promulgate such administrative regulations and procedures as may be authorized by the Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to authorize the promulgation of an administrative policy and procedure for safety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Administrative Policy Section **2.04, Safety**, is hereby approved and by reference is incorporated herein, and its promulgation and implementation by the County Administrator is authorized, effective October 5, 2021.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

County of Jefferson Board of Legislators Office of the County Administrator

Section: GENERAL Issued: 10/2021

Subsection: 2.04 Safety Revised:

POLICY:

Jefferson County is committed to maintaining a safe work environment to protect its employees, the public, County equipment and facilities. The County maintains a comprehensive safety program and works to prevent injury and damage, as well as to reduce potential liability.

The Safety Officer will be responsible for developing and maintaining the safety program, under direction of the Human Resources Director. County Department heads will have the primary responsibility for implementing the program.

GUIDELINES:

1. The County Safety Officer will be responsible for developing, distributing and periodically updating a comprehensive safety manual and an abbreviated employee safety handbook, under direction of the Human Resources Director. The safety manual and any amendments to it will be approved by the County Administrator before distribution.
2. The County Safety Officer will develop and maintain a comprehensive safety program for all departments, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department, which shall maintain its own safety program. The County's program will include the safety manual, handbooks, training programs, and educational materials designed to promote safe behavior in the workplace. The Safety Officer will be responsible for ensuring that County employees understand their responsibilities under the safety program, whether directly or through their department heads.
3. Department heads are responsible for ensuring that their employees adhere to and participate in the County's safety program. Employees are required to report unsafe conditions to their supervisor or Department Head. Employees may alert the Safety Officer directly of any safety concerns.
4. The County Safety Officer is authorized to stop work at any County work site if he/she determines that there is an imminent risk of injury or loss of life to anyone at the work site.
5. The County Safety Officer will inspect work sites periodically to note adherence to or violations of, the guidelines and requirements contained within the County's safety program.
6. Instances of failure to comply with this policy, as identified by the Safety Officer or any Department Head shall be resolved at the applicable Department without delay; and all such instances reported to the County Administrator.
7. Any instance of failure to comply with this policy that is not resolved in a timely manner will be referred by the Safety Officer immediately to the County Administrator to initiate appropriate corrective action through the applicable Department Head, who will apprise the County Administrator of resolution of non-compliance.

REFERENCE:

Jefferson County Board of Legislators Resolution No. 218 of 2021

ISSUED: October 5, 2021

Robert F. Hagemann, III
County Administrator

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 219

Establishing Fee for County Treasurer to Collect Taxes on Behalf of Towns

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, together with Section 578(2)(a) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law allows municipalities to enter into municipal cooperation agreements for tax collection services by the County Treasurer, and

Whereas, Certain towns within Jefferson County have evinced interest in having the County Treasurer perform tax collection services on behalf of the towns, and

Whereas, If such an arrangement is made with a town, the County Treasurer is delegated to be the sole and exclusive authority to collect said Town/County taxes, and

Whereas, The County Treasurer will be responsible for all of the duties necessary with regard to the collection, processing and accounting for all of the Town/County taxes and any other assessments, fees interest and penalties thereof.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, For any town desiring to enter into such cooperation agreement the County Treasurer shall charge for tax collection services under agreements approved pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 578 according to the following fee schedule:

- Up to 1,000 tax parcels: no fee
- Each tax parcel in addition to the first 1,000: \$1.50 per parcel

and be it further

Resolved, That any such agreement must be individually approved by the Town and the County.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 220

Opposing COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates Imposed by Federal, State, or Local Government

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, President Joseph R. Biden has announced plans to direct the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") to develop an emergency temporary standard ("ETS") directed at private-sector businesses with one hundred (100) or more employees to require their employees to either be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work, and

Whereas, Former Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced in August of this year that all healthcare workers in New York State, including staff at hospitals and long-term care facilities will be required to be vaccinated and Governor Kathleen C. Hochul has vowed to enforce this mandate, and

Whereas, It is anticipated that the OSHA ETS could impact over 80 million workers in private-sector businesses with one hundred (100) or more employees, and

Whereas, Private-sector employers are already overburdened with unnecessary regulations, and

Whereas, Staff members within the medical field are already reported to be leaving their chosen fields of employment rather than abide by a mandated vaccination, and

Whereas, Medical treatment and preventative measures are an individual's choice, made in consultation with their medical provider, and that the government should not interfere with such choices, and

Whereas, It is not the County's, the State's, or the Federal government's responsibility to create mandates that force the general public to accept COVID-19 vaccinations against their will, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has led a successful campaign to ensure that residents of the County who want to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus have access to the vaccines, and

Whereas, Every citizen who wants a COVID-19 vaccine possesses the right to obtain one, but no COVID-19 vaccine should be mandated by law, and

Whereas, People have the right to refuse COVID-19 vaccination based on religious or medical reasons, and every medical intervention requires informed consent and the right of refusal, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators expresses its opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates and any other similar legislation, order, ordinance, or

regulation by any local, state or federal government that affects a citizens rights to make their own health care choices, and

Resolved, That while the Board of Legislators opposes a vaccine mandate we remain committed to encouraging all those citizens who make the individual choice to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus to do so and to avail themselves of the many opportunities to receive the vaccine, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to all of our elected State and Federal representatives.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Instead of going through the four pages of notes he prepared, Legislator Montigelli presented an analogy of a large number of people on a boat together and one person decides to cut a hole in his cabin and water starts rushing in and the other passengers are upset by his behavior, but it is his own cabin so why should it matter; demonstrating that personal choice only goes so far when we are all in the same boat.

Legislator Maxon pointed out that there is nothing in the resolution that denigrates health care workers who have put so much time into the pandemic, it is particularly about government overreach, specifically by OSHA. He supported the resolution because the mortality rate of Covid does not warrant vaccine mandates being necessary, and said it would be more to the point to ask who stands to benefit financially from the government mandating them.

Legislator Jareo supported the resolution as in addition to his concerns about personal liberties and government overreach, there is a labor shortage and mandating vaccinations could damage the workforce further.

Legislator Peck said we are already feeling the impact of the mandates in our hospitals and health care facilities with staff shortages; it seems counterproductive to directly tie mandates to someone's employment. He expressed support for the resolution because at this point people understand the risk involved in voluntarily not receiving a vaccine, and the vaccine has not been proven well enough to warrant it being mandated.

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

Resolution No. 221

Authorizing Agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in Relation to Aid to Prosecution Program

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office has been awarded an Aid to

Prosecution grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Bureau of Justice Funding (BJF) in the amount of \$55,860, for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, and

Whereas, Said grant is already contained in the County Budget supporting two positions, and

Whereas, BJJ now processes grants through an electronic format.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant award, 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 on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 222

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

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

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

Whereas, Jefferson County intends to apply for 2021 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the NYS Office for Community Renewal, and

Whereas, The County issued a Request for Proposals for the three year period 2019-2021 to identify qualified community development firms that could assist with grant preparation, program development, and program implementation for CDBG housing assistance initiatives, and

Whereas, Through the RFP process, Avalon Associates was identified as having the required credentials, expertise, and experience to assist the County in developing a CDBG housing application for a sum of \$7,500, which would be a County cost and is contained in the 2021 Budget, and

Whereas, Avalon Associates has also proposed, if a CDBG grant is awarded, to develop the housing program and assist in grant administration for a lump sum of \$15,000 (eligible grant

expense); provide program delivery services (e.g., qualifying applicants; inspecting properties; preparing loan and construction documents) for \$2,250 per housing unit (eligible grant expense); and fixed general and grant administration services fees as authorized by the grant program (eligible grant expense).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Avalon Associates as described for the terms above for the 2021 CDBG Housing Grant, and be it further

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

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

Seconded By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 223

Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of the 2021 Jefferson County Snowmobile Trail GPS Update and Minor Reroutes Pursuant to NYS Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program, and Making a Determination of Non-Significance

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Article 27 of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors for the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System, and

Whereas, Having reviewed the criteria contained in 6NYCRR, Section 617.7, Jefferson County finds that there will be no significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the digital update, minor reroutes and addition to the snowmobile trails through Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 89 of 2021, establishing an annual budget for funds awarded from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for maintenance services to be performed by each snowmobile club pursuant to an annual agreement governed by New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation program requirements, and

Whereas, It is the County's intent to support the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails as an important economic and recreational resource for Jefferson County, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment Form has been completed which reviews potential environmental impacts and determines that no significant impacts will occur.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act and has determined that this is an unlisted action and will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form and the Determination of Significance and forward same to all involved agencies.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 224

Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of Conducting an Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 1, and Conducting a Coordinated Review with NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Pursuant to State Environmental Conservation Law "State Environmental Quality Review" Act

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Board of Legislators is required to review New York State certified agricultural districts every eight years, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District No. 1 is undergoing an eight year review, and

Whereas, The eight year review process is an action subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law "State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)" Act, and

Whereas, Part 1 of an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed which evaluates potential environmental impacts, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has received notice from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets that they do not object to the County being the lead agency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this

action pursuant to SEQR and has determined that this is an unlisted action and will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form and Determination of Significance and forward same to all involved agencies.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 225

Adopting Modifications Pursuant to the Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District, No. 1

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, In May 2020 the Board of Legislators formally received notification from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to commence the Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District No. 1, and

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25AA, as amended, a review notice was published and the Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District No. 1 was placed on file with the County for a thirty (30) day review and modification period, and

Whereas, During the review period, 2,617 acres of land were requested to be added and 64 acres of land were requested to be removed from the District, and

Whereas, The District and proposed modifications were referred to the Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for its review and recommendations, and

Whereas, The report of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board with its recommendation to modify and re-establish the district for eight years has been duly received by this Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, A public hearing was held on July 19, 2021 at which time consideration was given to the original Agricultural District, the recommendation of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and the proposed modifications to the District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby modify and re-establish the Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District, No. 1, to consist of 52,492 acres of land, for a period of eight years. The modified boundary is depicted on a set of maps

entitled Jefferson County Southeast Agricultural District, No. 1.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 226

**Authorizing an Agreement with the Community Action Planning Council
to Promote Fair and Equal Housing**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County is the grant recipient of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding from the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs, and said funds are committed to housing assistance programs for income eligible County residents, and

Whereas, To ensure compliance with funding requirements the County is obligated to promote and further fair and equal housing opportunities for residents of Jefferson County consistent with federal legislation and regulations, and

Whereas, To accomplish this objective the County has annually entered into a contract 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 2021 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman 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 in the amount of \$8,000 for promoting and furthering fair and equal housing opportunities in the County for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 227

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery
and Allocating Same in Sheriff's Department Budget**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department has received insurance settlement checks in the amount of \$4,583.33 and 8,843.70 for damage to patrol units, and has requested that the settlement be used to supplement the external fleet expense line for repairs.

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

Increase:

Revenue			
01311000 92680	Insurance Recoveries		\$ 13,427.03

Expenditure			
01311000 043102	External Fleet Expense		\$ 13,427.03

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 228

Authorizing Agreement with Global Tel*Link Corporation for Provision of Computer Tablets and Enhanced Services for the Jefferson County Jail

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Global Tel*Link was selected under a Request for Proposals to supply electronic equipment and communication services for utilization of inmates and detainees at the Jefferson County Jail, and

Whereas, Global Tel*Link will supply IP-Enabled computed tablets and enhanced communications, information services, educational, entertainment products, and mail scanning services and the cost of such services will be charged to the inmates facility account, and

Whereas, Jefferson County will receive a commission of 20% on gross revenue generated by inmate usage of enhanced services, and

Whereas, Global Tel*Link is the current provider of telecommunication services for inmate use at the Jefferson County Jail.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Global Tel*Link on behalf of Jefferson County, for the period April 30, 2021 through April 30, 2024, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Maxon said he appreciated the information he received from Deputy Administrator Baldwin on this subject following his request at General Services Committee, however he felt Global TelLink is a horrible company because it makes its money by preying on the most vulnerable people in society and he didn't like their way of doing business. All members present voted aye except Legislators Maxon and Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 229

Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Recycling and Waste Management planned to purchase recycling containers to replace worn out containers at a cost of \$20,000 in the 2021 Adopted Budget, and

Whereas, By Resolution 128 of 2021, This Board of Legislators amended the Budget due to the rising cost of recycling containers, in order to purchase three, and

Whereas, Although a bid was issued for three containers, they are only available in quantities of two and the Budget needs to be amended to have enough funding for purchase of four containers, and

Whereas, The 2021 Adopted Budget included \$130,000 for replacement of scales and construction of a new scale house, and

Whereas, By Resolution 129 of 2021, This Board amended the budget due to the rising cost of equipment and materials, and

Whereas, National Grid recently advised that a new 200 amp entrance is required, which will cost more than remains in the account, and

Whereas, Funding is available from the sale of equipment.

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

Increase:

Revenue

15910100 92675	Gain-Disposition of Asset	\$ 36,300
Expenditure		
15816000 02500	Buildings/Grounds Equipment	\$ 26,300
15816000 02502	Recycling Containers	10,000

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 230

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Consumer Directed In-Home Services By Western New York Independent Living, Inc and Massena Independent Living Center, Inc

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging (OFA) works for the establishment and expansion of programs and services which assist older persons in the areas of their most urgent need, and

Whereas, The OFA is eligible to receive State and Federal funds for the purpose of providing needed programs and services to elderly residents of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, There is demand in Jefferson County for consumer-directed services for elderly home health care, wherein the consumer is able to choose, train and monitor the caregiver, and

Whereas, An agreement for programmatic and fiscal intermediary administration of the consumer-directed services is needed, and

Whereas, The OFA Director contacted four organizations working with Jefferson County DSS in the area of consumer-directed services and received a response from one partnership.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, Jefferson County enter into agreement with the Western New York Independent Living, Inc. and Massena Independent Living Center, Inc. to provide consumer directed in-home personal care and respite services for persons 60 years of age or older at the rate of \$19.88 per hour from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and be it further

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

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 231

Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Provision of Respite Services Through the Office for the Aging

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Jefferson County Office for the Aging works for the establishment and expansion of programs and services which assist older persons in the areas of the most urgent needs, and

Whereas, There is demand in Jefferson County for respite programs outside of the home, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Office for the Aging has been awarded a grant from the New York State Caregiver and Respite Coalition, hosted by Lifespan of Greater Rochester Inc., who will administer the program, and

Whereas, The purpose is to provide the opportunity to develop or expand volunteer respite programs as part of the Lifespan Respite initiative, and

Whereas, The total award of \$19,760 for the period September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 will be utilized to establish two Respite Social Adult Day Programs in the community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts the grant and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01677200 93772	State Aid-Programs for Aging	\$19,700
Expenditure		
01677200 04422	Contract Health Care	\$19,700

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 232

**Establishing Compensation for Temporary Professional Employees
Employed in Connection with the County Rabies Program Vaccination Clinic**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A total of twelve rabies vaccination clinics are held in the months of March through June and September through October – six at the County Dog Shelter and six community-based, and

Whereas, Each clinic is two hours, and includes a veterinarian, and staff from the Public Health Department and Dog Control.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the compensation rate to be paid during 2022 and 2023 to temporary Veterinarians employed in connection with the County Rabies Vaccination Clinic shall be \$75.00 per hour.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 233

**Authorizing Agreement for the Provision of Language Interpreter Services
in Connection with the Public Health Service**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Clients under any Public Health Service programs may have an inability to speak and comprehend English, and

Whereas, Health care providers must be able to communicate with clients, and although infrequent, Jefferson County Public Health does have occasions which require the service of a language interpreter when no staff, family members or local community individuals are available.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County renew an agreement with Language Line Services for the provision of interpreter services at the rate of \$0.75 per minute for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026, which corresponds to the term and charges of the contract with New York State Office of General Services, and be it further

Resolved, That a revised per minute rate may be paid if established charges are increased and prior written notice is provided to the Jefferson County Public Health Service, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 234

Authorizing Agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC Relative to Aerial Spraying to Mitigate Eastern Equine Encephalitis

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Jefferson County had several confirmed cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) among horses in 2020, and

Whereas, By Resolution 177 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized aerial mosquito spraying to mitigate EEE risk as planned in conjunction with regional and state experts including the NYS Departments of Health and of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC can continue to provide aerial spraying at the cost of \$3.90 per acre to mitigate EEE risk.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC for the purpose stated above for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 235

**Authorizing Agreement for Early Warning Wastewater Surveillance Platform
in Relation to COVID-19**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service is active in mitigating transmission of the COVID-19 virus, educating the public and minimizing exposure, and

Whereas, By Resolution 155 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized an early warning surveillance platform to detect COVID-19 virus in a wastewater system before the infected resident exhibits symptoms, and

Whereas, The Quadrant Biosciences, Inc., platform provides the transmission trends of COVID-19 virus in real-time, enhancing mitigation of transmission, community notification and education by Public Health, and

Whereas, Quadrant Biosciences, Inc. can continue to provide the early warning wastewater surveillance at the cost of \$200 per sample.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Quadrant Biosciences, Inc., for the purpose stated above for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 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 the County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 236

**Amending 2021 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with
the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and the 2021 County Budget and
Authorizing Amended Contractual Youth Program Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, By Resolution No. 60 of 2021 this Board authorized a 2021 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) totaling \$80,000, and

Whereas The Adopted 2021 County Budget accounts for \$85,000 of revenue and expenditure, and

Whereas, Additional 2021 OCFS funding for youth development in the amount of \$9,000 has been received, and

Whereas, The 2021 Resource Allocation Plan and agreements with contractual agencies need to be amended to reflect those changes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2021 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS OCFS is hereby amended to reflect the following modified grant funding:

Youth Development Program

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>Original State Aid Allocation</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Revised State Aid Allocation</u>
CHJC/Sozo Teen Center	15,000	4,000	19,000
Hearts for Youth, Inc./Hearts for Youth	10,000	4,000	14,000
Resolution Center of Jeff. & Lewis Counties/Family Visitation Program	2,053	1,000	3,053
ACR Health/The Q Center	10,000	0	10,000
Lyme Central School/Summer Theater Institute	5,900	0	5,900
NCPPC/Babysitting Course	4,124	0	4,124
PPNCNY/Teen Advocacy Program	10,000	0	10,000
YMCA/SACC Kidzlit	9,915	0	9,915
Watertown City School District/Basic First Aid/CPR/AED for students	3,008	0	3,008
Jefferson County DSS/Recreation Scholarships	10,000	0	10,000
Total	80,000	9,000	89,000

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, and be it further

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01731000 93820	State Aid Youth Programs	\$4,000

Expenditure
01731000 04781 Youth Development Program Fund \$4,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 237

**Authorizing Agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for Participation with
Low Income Drug Discount Benefits Through Section 340B of the
Public Health Services Act**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, the United States Congress has authorized a discounted prescription drug benefit under the Public Health Services Act, Section 340B, for low income individuals who are not in receipt of Medicare or State Medicaid, and

Whereas, Public and private health care agencies may enroll in said program, however private health care providers must enter into an agreement with a governmental unit as a condition of eligibility for participation in the program, and

Whereas, Such Agreement requires no commitment on the part of the County other than to verify that the health care agency serves the target patient population, and

Whereas, By Resolution 175 of 2019, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for the purpose of establishing its eligibility for participating in the 340B program, and

Whereas, Samaritan Medical Center has requested that the agreement be renewed for another two years.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for a period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 for the purposes set forth above, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Gray announced legislator appointments to the following:

Ad Hoc Committee on Appointments: Legislators Jareo, Drake, Cantwell, McBride and Calarco. He advised that the Committee will be tasked with finding people interested in filling open positions on the advisory boards, excluding reappointments and appointments made by the Chairman of the Board. He said the Committee can meet with as few as three members to make recommendations, and Administration will call the meetings when vacancies exist.

Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting: Legislators Johnson, Peck and Doldo. Chairman Gray said he has spoken to the Planning Department concerning redistricting and they are prepared to move forward, and the Committee should provide final recommendations by March, 2022.

Legislator Maxon took issue with quarantine order documents that were sent out to Covid-19 positive patients, from the Jefferson County Public Health Service per New York State directives as they contain very strong language concerning Covid-19 protocols that is being taken literally, resulting in isolation of very young children within their homes, and also threatens legal action for non-compliance.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah H. Baldwin
Deputy Clerk of the Board