

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tammy Castor - Adams Center, NY challenged the science that is being put forward in the media as evidence for governments to justify lockdowns and mandates. She challenged that wearing face masks helps to contain viruses and said wearing face masks causes more harm than good. She said she is not for or against vaccinations, but is pro choice. She felt information is being kept from the public in order for people to be swayed a certain way in making decisions and said complete transparency is needed. She urged the Board as political leaders to work for the people and stop all the Covid 19 hysteria that has been the agenda of people who do not have the best interest of the people in mind.

Diana Woodhouse, CEO, Hospice of Jefferson County, who acknowledged Kathy Arendt, Director of Community Relations, Hospice, who was also present, addressed the Board concerning a planned 4 bed addition to their facility on Gotham Street. She said their fundraising efforts have been restricted by Covid-19 and there has been an intense demand for their beds and residence services. Ms. Woodhouse briefly outlined the project and asked that the Board consider funding the new ventilation system enhancements part of the project (\$445,000) as it fits into the guidelines established for reimbursement through the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the County is receiving from the Federal government. She was supportive of a collaborative approach between the City of Watertown and the County for funding the ventilation enhancement part of the project if possible. She said she could provide more details if needed, and thanked the Board for any future consideration of this project.

Lisa Wilson, Adams was looking for answers on behalf of her four school-aged children and other parents with children concerning Covid-19 guidelines for the reopening of schools. She said there has been no guidance concerning masks or social distancing which she understands will be a local decision and said it is difficult to make plans for the children without the proper guidance. She asked that parents be kept in mind with any decisions that are made as they know what is best for their children.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the July Session stand 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.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of June 30, 2021.

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

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 167

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

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

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 07/21/21

<u>Town</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
Adams	112.36-4-32	Christopher Muka	\$ 150.82
Adams	113.29-3-45.2	Ecosponsible LLC	11,368.59
Alexandria	6.256-1-46	Marcia Harris	963.08
Antwerp	17.06-1-37	Mattnew D. Beckstead	3,841.99
Antwerp	36.32-1-28	Christopher Muka	502.69
Antwerp	36.00-2-2.1	Matthew S. Dean	4,259.85
Brownville	80.00-1-48.1	Christopher Muka	573.71
Cape Vincent	40.10-1-62.1	Mickey Reff	14,078.06
Champion	86.48-2-10	Margery Ashwood Trust	20,621.78
Clayton	20.47-3-17	George Walter & Melissa Faust Haas	4,694.05
Ellisburg	123.00-2-54	Denise L. Bailey (Eitel) & Edward Eitel	6,606.78
Hounsfield	88.44-1-4.221	James D. & Carrie Rockefeller	4,660.18
Hounsfield	88.36-1-4	David M. & Elizabeth Z. Cutter	10,768.46
Hounsfield	81.00-1-71 (old #)		
	81.15-1-2 (new#)	Donald E. & Candace Smith Vanderlinden	6,612.57
Leray	74.12-1-70.4	Christopher Muka	98.83
Orleans	13.09-1-1.1	Mark David Castro	2,515.07
Orleans	13.09-1-1.2	Mark David Castro	14,961.48
Orleans	32.15-1-5	Gary L. Phelps	11,451.47
Rutland	75.16-1-15	Lindsey Jordal	9,972.66
Theresa	9.00-2-6.6	Estate of Annette Knight	170.01
Theresa	24.05-2-78	Richard J. Villone	3,891.24
Theresa	23.80-2-83	Mary L. Bauer & Lynden Way II	15,854.80
			148,618.17

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 168

Accepting Funding and Authorizing Agreement for the New York State Board of Elections Early Voting Expansion Grant and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Beginning with the November 2019 general election, New York State established nine days of early voting prior to each election administered by county boards of elections, and

Whereas, The New York State Aid to Localities Budget includes grant funding for county boards of elections to expand early voting, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded \$20,049.19 for allowable expenses for the period April 7, 2021 through January 28, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of this Board of Legislators to execute said agreement 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

01145000 93089	State Aid Other General Government	\$20,049.19
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Expenditure

01145000 04110	Office Expenses	\$ 599.19
01145000 04111	Trackable Durable Expendables	5,100
01145000 04115	Telephone	1,100
01145000 04117	Printing	750
01145000 04585	Operating Supplies	2,500
01145000 04613	Training	10,000

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 169

**Authorizing Agreement for the New York State Board of Elections
Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The New York State Capital Projects Budget includes grant funding for county boards of elections' expenses related to technology and software updates and equipment related to voting systems, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded \$94,377.30 for allowable expenses for the period April 7, 2021 through January 27, 2023, and

Whereas, Said grant funding will be included in the 2022 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of this Board of Legislators to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 170

Authorizing Appointment to the 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 Investment Board, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the appointment and certification for local Workforce Investment 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 Chairman of the Board to appoint the following individual to serve as a member of the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board for the term indicated to replace Lisa Storey who has resigned.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Jefferson County Representatives</u> Robert Aiken, Aubertine & Currier Architects	6/30/2024

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Legislator Jareo reiterated concerns he expressed at the Committee meeting last week requesting a change in the process of how the Board makes appointments to allow for more input by Board members on the front end. He felt that the Boards themselves coming up with members was a bad idea as it results in a lack of diversity and thought process. He said he only has his voice and his vote and until changes are made he will be voting no on all appointment resolutions; which is not meant to be disparaging of any candidates that are up for consideration.

All members present voted aye except Legislators Jareo and Maxon who voted nay.

Resolution No. 171

Authorizing The Local and Regional Plans Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 requires in Sections 106, 107, 108 and 232, Part 679, Subpart D of the Final Rules the development of a Local and Regional Plan every 4 years with updates every 2 years, and

Whereas, The plans have been out for a public comment period of no more than 30 days and have been recommend for submission by the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board and need to be approved by both the Jefferson County Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Boards of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Jefferson County enter into agreements for the Local and Regional Plans for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to sign the above referenced agreements on behalf of the County of Jefferson, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to the form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 172

Appointing Member to Jefferson Community College Board of Trustees

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 6306 of the Education Law, the following individual is hereby appointed to the Jefferson Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire as indicated.

Name
Damon Draught

Term
6/30/2027

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye except Legislators Maxon and Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 173

Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Salary Adjustments

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, By Resolution No. 120, this Board of Legislators amended the compensation plan for 2021 for both management/confidential employees and employees covered by the Jefferson County Civil Service Employees Association, and

Whereas, It is necessary to now move funds within the 2021 County Budget to cover the departmental salary expenditures.

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

Increase:

Expenditures:

01104000 01100	Personal Services	\$ 16,243
01117100 01100	Personal Services	3,167
01118500 01100	Personal Services	3,843
01132500 01100	Personal Services	19,236
01134500 01100	Personal Services	14,452
01135500 01100	Personal Services	12,475
01135700 01100	Personal Services	11,223
01141500 01100	Personal Services	21,388
01142000 01100	Personal Services	13,163
01142200 01100	Personal Services	4,289
01143000 01100	Personal Services	7,854
01143600 01100	Personal Services	2,107
01145000 01100	Personal Services	8,791
01146000 01100	Personal Services	15,099
01162000 01100	Personal Services	6,667
01162100 01100	Personal Services	5,576
01167000 01100	Personal Services	1,819
01168000 01100	Personal Services	12,907
01314000 01100	Personal Services	82,181

01341000 01100	Personal Services	5,739
01401000 01100	Personal Services	11,216
01405700 01100	Personal Services	8,960
01405800 01100	Personal Services	560
01406000 01100	Personal Services	8,095
01431000 01100	Personal Services	11,755
01431200 01100	Personal Services	1,626
01561000 01100	Personal Services	24,955
01561100 01100	Personal Services	3,452
01654000 01100	Personal Services	3,893
01751000 01100	Personal Services	88
01802000 01100	Personal Services	21,650
05331000 01100	Personal Services	13,600
05501000 01100	Personal Services	12,024
05502000 01100	Personal Services	25,664
05511000 01100	Personal Services	70,560
10513000 01100	Personal Services	27,551
15816000 01100	Personal Services	38,824
40171000 01100	Personal Services	1,683

Transfers

01990100 09001	Contribution to Road Machinery Fund	\$ 27,551
01990100 09005	Contribution to County Road Fund	121,848
05900300 95031	Interfund Transfer	\$121,848
10900400 95031	Interfund Transfer	27,551

Fund Balance

15000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 38,824
40000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	1,683

Decrease:

01199000 04964	Salary Adjustment	\$513,868
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Seconded by Legislators: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 174

**Authorizing Grant Agreement, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)
Determination, and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to a 2020 Community
Development Block Grant Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County has recently been notified by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) that its 2020 Housing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application has been approved, and

Whereas, The \$800,000 award (581HR116-20) will be used to continue an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program to benefit income eligible homeowners throughout Jefferson County, and

Whereas, A Grant Agreement between the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) and the County is necessary to access the funds, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has evaluated the CDBG action under the project classification guidelines of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget requires an amendment for revenue and expenditure line items associated with the CDBG award and program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chair of the Board of Legislators is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation in accordance with HTFC and OCR guidelines, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the County has determined that this CDBG project is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and requires no further State environmental review, and

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

Increase:

Expenditure		
30866800 04014	CDBG Housing Rehab	\$800,000
Revenue		
30866800 94911	Federal Aid – CDBG	\$800,000

Seconded by Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 175

Authorizing Agreements in Relation to Construction of the Airport Air Ambulance Hangar at the Watertown International Airport and Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution 160 of 2018, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements for a NYS DOT grant and McFarland Johnson Inc. design services associated with this project and recognized said grant funds, and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson has since completed said design, coordinated the bidding process and recommends that the following low bidders be awarded the construction contracts for the base bid: Black Horse Group, LLC, for general construction in the amount of \$2,179,286, Ontario HVAC Solutions, Inc. for mechanical and plumbing in the amount of \$240,354 and \$127,000 respectively, and Northern Pioneer Contractors, Inc, for electrical in the amount of \$343,700, and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson will provide Construction and Grant Administration at a cost of \$320,000, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize the construction contracts with these companies, and to amend the 2021 Capital Budget, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County local share of the construction project costs will be \$1,734,299, and

Whereas, Funds are available in the Airport Facility Capital account from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with Black Horse Group, LLC, for general construction in the amount of \$2,179,286, Ontario HVAC Solutions, Inc. for mechanical and plumbing in the amount of \$240,354 and \$127,000 respectively, Northern Pioneer Contractors, Inc, for electrical in the amount of \$343,700, and McFarland Johnson Inc. for administration in the amount of \$320,000, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements on behalf of the County, including any change orders as recommended

by the Airport Manager and County Administrator not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

Increase:

Expenditure

20561000 02078	Airport Air Ambulance Building	\$ 1,734,299
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Decrease:

20561000 02001	Airport Facility	\$ 1,734,299
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 176

Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY2020-2021 NYS Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has awarded Jefferson County \$210,438 from the FY 2020-2021 NYS Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive these grant funds to be utilized for the sustainment of the Jefferson County Public Safety Answering Point (911 Center) by supporting Jefferson County 911 Center, and

Whereas, DHSES now processes grants through an electronic format, and

Whereas, Said revenue and expenditure grant funds are already contained in the 2021 County Budget.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson hereby accepts the \$210,438, and 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. 177

Authorizing FY 2019 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$113,832.50 FY19 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant (CFDA 97.067) from the New York State Office of Homeland Security (NYSOHS) for the purpose of increasing security at the border, and

Whereas, Said funds will be used for border security operations and provide for overtime payments for various details of the Sheriff's Department, Village of Alexandria Bay and Village of Clayton Police Departments, and

Whereas, Said grant requires an agreement with the NYSOHS, and possibly with other involved police agencies, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget must be amended to recognize the revenue and appropriate it to expenditure accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators enter into an agreement with the NYSOHS to accept the grant as described above, as well as any other agreements with involved police agencies necessary for the grant's programs, and that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements 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:		
01311000 943201	Federal Homeland Security - Sheriff	\$113,832.50

Expenditures:		
01311400 01300	Overtime	\$ 28,950.00
01311400 02401	Automotive Equipment	64,152.50
01311400 04114	Maintenance/Repair	4,000.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	3,630.18
01311400 04311	Gasoline & Oil	1,814.82
01311400 04428	Public Safety - Other Governments	2,000.00
01311400 08010	Retirement	4,409.45
01311400 08030	Social Security	3,691.72
01311400 08040	Workers Comp.	1,183.83

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Legislator Drake said he supports the resolution, and respects other legislators opinions, but objected to comments made by Legislator Jareo at the Finance & Rules Committee concerning use of Stonegarden grants that made it sound like the comments were made on behalf of the whole Board. He said that the Sheriff and Undersheriff never had the chance to justify their request for the license plate readers. He reminded legislators that Trooper Joel Davis was a member of his District and was killed in the line of duty four years ago in their community. He and everyone in his district is very supportive of law enforcement and if the Undersheriff and Sheriff want to come in and advocate for purchasing license plate readers he would respectfully listen.

Legislator Jareo appreciated Legislator Drake's comments and that the Sheriff's Department went back and reworked the grant and said he would support it tonight. As to license plate readers he didn't mean to speak for all Board members at the Committee meeting but the Board as a body works as a whole and he felt that with the defeat of the past resolution a precedent was set and should be kept. Conversations he had after the meeting last week indicated that legislators didn't have enough information to make a decision. But he said if you listen to the recording of the meeting it does not sound like that is the justification for voting the resolution down.

Chairman Gray said there is nothing about license plate readers in this resolution and asked that discussion stick to the resolution itself.

Legislator Maxon thanked the Sheriff and Undersheriff for for retooling the grant toward an important capital expense that can't be used to violate our civil liberties, and agreed that the Board voted against the prior grant because of the license plate readers. He added that license plate readers would not have prevented the murder of Trooper Davis.

Legislator Drake apologized to the Chair for directing discussion away from the resolution and pointed out that he never said license plate readers would have saved Trooper

Davis and asked that words not be put in his mouth.

Legislator Doldo thanked the Undersheriff for attending tonight, and for coming to the Committee meeting last week and answering questions concerning the UTVs. He understood that someone from the Sheriff's Department will attend future meetings for grant funding requests also. He was in support of the resolution as the UTVs will be a useful tool now and in the future for the officers and the department.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 178

Authorizing Agreements for an Additional Allocation for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

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

Whereas, Jefferson County has been notified of an additional allocation of \$4,000 to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and

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

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget must be amended to recognize said funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

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

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$ 4,000

01311000 92614	Stop DWI Services - Sheriff	2,500
Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 2,500
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	1,500
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	2,500

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Legislator Jareo voiced his well known opposition to these kinds of grants due to how they are used.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 179

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Personal Chores Services and Home Modification Program with Community Action Planning Council and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging and this Board of Legislators desires to contract for the provision of certain programs and services for the elderly, and

Whereas, The current program for personal chores services and home modification based on need, requires the elderly individual to have the work completed and paid for prior to receiving reimbursement capped at \$500, and

Whereas, A full-service program is needed to provide the resources for the individuals who cannot manage this on their own, and

Whereas, Expanding this program to serve more elderly will meet a growing need in the community, and

Whereas, Funding to support these services and program are available for transfer within the Office for the Aging Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law Jefferson County enter into a contract with the Community Action Planning Council for the funding of \$50 per hour to the Handy Man/Chore program for the period of August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the 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 amended as follows:

Increase:

01677200 04715	Alterations to Home Care Equipment	\$30,000
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Decrease:

01677200 04716	Contracted Meal Preparation & Delivery	\$30,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 180

Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Office for Aging Advisory Council

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Resolved, That, pursuant to Title III of the Older Americans Act, as amended, the below listed individual be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Office for Aging for a term to expire as follows:

<u>Member</u>	Term Expires
Anna Iuppa Turnbull	12/31/2023

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye except Legislators Maxon and Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 181

Appointing Members to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 308 of 2006, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging for funding to establish a Point of Entry for long term care services, as required by law, and

Whereas, Said agreement required Jefferson County to create a Long Term Care Advisory Council (the "Council"), which will study and monitor the long term care system in the County and make recommendations for changes as necessary, and

Whereas, Said Council may have between 15 and 20 members and the Director of the Office for the Aging is recommending the appointment of three new members.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the following are appointed to the Long Term Care Advisory Council for three (3) year terms to expire as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
New Appointments		
Jessica Jones	North Country Family Health Center	12/31/2023
Gail Parsons	Retired clergy	12/31/2023
Karisa Payor	Maximizing Independent Living Choices	12/31/2023

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye except Legislators Maxon and Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 182

Authorizing Agreements in Connection with Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, By Resolution 158 of 2016, This Board of Legislators accepted a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) funded five-year grant for continuation of a Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) through the Jefferson County Public Health Service for the period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2020, and

Whereas, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NYSDOH is extending the LPPP grant for a sixth year in the amount of \$43,427, and

Whereas, This funding is included in the 2021 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant and authorizes an agreement with the NYSDOH to access said grant funding, and be it further

Resolved, That the renewal agreement established for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, may be accepted if NYSDOH funding is maintained, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 183

Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been allocated \$88,914 for a one year term renewal from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Research, Inc. (HRI) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the period 07/1/21-06/30/22 to improve its preparedness to address Public Health emergencies, and

Whereas, These funds will be used to improve capacities to respond to public health threats pursuant to guidelines developed by the CDC and NYSDOH, and

Whereas, The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and other improvements will require use of existing personal services authorized in the 2021 budget, purchase and payment of certain operating expenses, all to be 100% funded by the grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby again accepts such funding covering the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, contingent on continued state and federal funding, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accept such funding and to execute a renewal agreement with HRI/NYSDOH, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 184

Amending 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From

NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded funding to Jefferson County through the Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services (APS) to Respond to COVID-19 administered by the Administration for Community Living in amount of \$22,326, and

Whereas, The Enhanced APS funding will be used to improve, and expand the ability of APS to respond to and investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults in the context of COVID-19, and

Whereas, Funding will be used to assist APS clients with household goods and services, clean-up and sanitation services/supplies and transportation assistance, and will additionally be used for community outreach materials and for portable technology to improve and support staff work in the field.

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

Increase:

Revenue

01601000 94610	Federal Aid Social Services Admin	\$22,326
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Expenditure

01601000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	\$ 3,825
01601000 04117	Printing	200
01601000 04118	Computer Hardware	1,375
01601000 04415	Advertising	1,600
01601000 04624	Client Incidental	15,326

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

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

Resolution No. 185

Authorizing the Sale of Certain Tax Foreclosure Property to Lottie Heyl.

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, the County of Jefferson foreclosed on two parcels of land in the Town of Lyme identified as Tax Map Nos. 61.42-2-18.62 and 61.08-1-9.6 for 2018 tax liens, and

Whereas, Said parcels consist of a residence and contiguous waterfront resided in by Lottie Heyl, and

Whereas, The parcels were scheduled for public auction on July 28, 2021 and it became known by media reports the day before said auction that Ms. Heyl had allegedly purchased the parcels and/or paid for the construction of the residence from the titled owner, and been denied title documents to the real property by said owner, and

Whereas, It appears that an injustice would be done by the sale of the property at public auction because Ms. Heyl did not have a defined right of redemption in the property and Ms. Heyl having offered to pay delinquent real property taxes, interest, fees and penalties plus a premium of 10% as compensation to the real estate auction house engaged by the County to market and sell said property, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators believing substantial justice will be accomplished by the sale of the County Tax Foreclosure title to Lottie Heyl.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents for the conveyance of the above parcel to Lottie Heyl for the amount of all delinquent taxes, interest, fees and penalties, plus 10% as is due and owing at the time of closing, and Ms. Heyl to be responsible for closing costs, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Chairman Gray said everyone should be aware of the need for this resolution as there have been news accounts of Ms. Heyl's situation, and he was appreciative of everyone's efforts on Ms. Heyl's behalf to keep her in her home.

All members present voted aye.

In light of rising Covid-19 positive cases Board members discussed options concerning the possibility of another State of Emergency and mandates being put in place. Chairman Gray said he envisioned direction for any necessary actions coming from the New York State Department of Health and then any decisions locally being done on a North Country regional basis (Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Essex, Franklin Clinton and Hamilton counties) similar to how it was done previously. Legislators Jareo and Maxon did not agree with a regional approach and felt the local Boards should take a leadership role separately as to what was best for each of their counties.

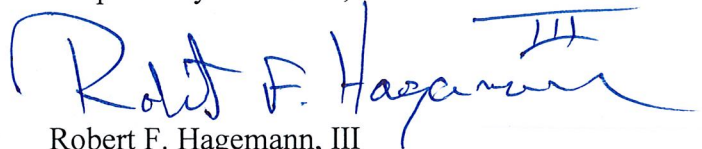
With regard to guidelines for the re-opening of schools, Chairman Gray reiterated that Jefferson County does not have any jurisdiction over schools or their reopening plans. The Jefferson County Public Health Service will work cooperatively with the schools to help with any plans, but the County is not in charge of telling the schools what guidelines to follow, that is the responsibility of New York State.

Legislators discussed license plate readers with Legislator Jareo pointing out that just because we live in a surveillance world is not a good argument to make for adding a little more, and Legislator Maxon advising that it is warrantless surveillance and the misuse of the information on the readers is a major concern as it violates many citizens' individual rights.

There was brief discussion about variants to the Covid 19 virus and how that may be affecting positive numbers and hospitalizations. Legislator McBride asked if for the weekly Covid 19 updates we were able to know what percentage of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated are in the positive numbers. Administrator Hagemann did not believe we have access to that kind of detailed information.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Grant and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned t 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board