

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislators Reed and Grant.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Phillips, 735 Mill Street, Watertown, NY expressed dissatisfaction with unplowed City-owned sidewalks on Outer Arsenal Street that are unsafe for pedestrians to use, and said the new roundabout on Route 11 just outside the City was built too small.

Tammy Castor, Adams Center, NY thanked the County for not accepting \$1 million dollars from New York State tied to enforcing mandates. She expressed support for an end to daily Covid reports, early treatment of Covid with Ivermectin not Remdesivir, and more honest education and less misinformation about Covid, especially for children. She and others have put together and distributed a flier with Covid information for children concerning vaccines and treatment and provided legislators with a copy.

Katie Bickford, Stone Mills, LaFargeville, NY thanked the Board for not accepting money from New York State for enforcing vaccine and mask mandates. She advocated for early treatment of Covid, and for natural immunity to be recognized. She also expressed objections to the way the Watertown Daily Times portrayed the speakers at last month's meeting.

Mariah Wallace, Chaumont, NY related her personal story of being a health care worker at Samaritan Medical Center, a career she imagined having for the rest of her life, who was ultimately fired for not getting a Covid vaccine, after religious exemptions were no longer recognized by New York State; even after working with Covid patients from 2020 up until the time she was terminated.

Tracy Glock, Watertown, NY, occupational therapist, is opposed to the Covid vaccine and was terminated from her job at Samaritan Medical Center when religious exemptions were no longer recognized by New York State. She outlined the many freedoms that are afforded in the United States, and didn't believe it was constitutional for New York State to make this restriction. She said the vaccine does not keep people from getting or transmitting Covid, and the State is creating an unnecessary healthcare worker shortage by mandating vaccines for those employees. She asked that legislators do what they can to remove the mandates.

Douglas Robar, Adams, NY said his sister is a nurse and would not get the vaccine. He felt Governor Hochul and most of New York State has a conflict of interest because Pfizer, the company that makes the vaccine, it is based in New York State.

Lisa Wilson, Adams, NY wondered why none of the legislators, as far as she knows, have responded to the concerns or questions that were expressed by the speakers at last month's Board of Legislators Session. She said it was very concerning to her that people raised concerns to their representatives and did not get any feedback. She also expressed concern about how the Watertown Daily Times portrayed the people who spoke at the January Board meeting.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION

The minutes of the January Session stand approved in the absence of objections or corrections.

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 December 31, 2021.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of January, 2022.

Annual reports for 2021 were received from the Elections and Probation Departments.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 47

Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Buildings

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, There are remaining amounts in two capital buildings projects for which the expenditure accounts and related revenue accounts should be brought to zero balance and closed, and

Whereas, The Drug Task Force Building project was funded by a series of Resolutions beginning in 2005 with a very small balance remaining in the account, and

Whereas, The Communication Tower Sites project was funded by 2009 and 2011 Budget and

Resolution appropriations wherein the expenditure account has been brought to zero, and reimbursements have exceeded estimated revenue with the resulting need to recognize increased revenue and balance by netting out decreased appropriation of fund balance.

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

Decrease:

Expenditure			
20162000 02041	Drug Task Force Building	\$	1.05
Revenue			
20900600 93389	State Aid Other Public Safety	\$	0.38
Fund Balance			
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$11,161.68	

Increase:

Revenue			
20900600 94320	Federal Aid Crime Control	\$11,161.01	

and be it further

Resolved, That capital accounts 20162000 02041 and 201620000 02055 are hereby closed effective December 31, 2021, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 48

Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Elections

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, This Board of Legislators accepted Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funding into an elections capital account and reappropriated said grant by a series of Resolutions beginning in 2006, and

Whereas, Resolution 96 of 2015 transferred appropriations into the general fund where grant items were accounted for, with the resulting need to reduce and reconcile the capital account by increased appropriation of fund balance and decreased Federal Aid.

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

Decrease:

Expenditure		
20145000 02061	HAVA Voting Machines	\$32,069.86

Revenue		
20900600 94097	Federal Aid Capital Projects	\$73,896.91

Increase:

Fund Balance		
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$41,827.05

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 49

Amending the 2021 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The 2021 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 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01104500 91110	State Sales Tax	\$12,671,871.64
Expenditures		
01198500 04631	Distribution of Sales Tax	\$12,671,871.64

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passes.

Resolution No. 50

Re-Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Board of Ethics

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Local Law No. 2 of 1990 as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1995 this Board of Legislators established an Ethics Board pursuant to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and

Whereas, Members of the Ethics Board are appointed by the Board of Legislators to serve in staggered three-year terms and are responsible for ensuring full compliance with the County Code of Ethics and disclosure requirements, and

Whereas, The Ethics Board requires three members, serving without compensation, and no more than one member shall be enrolled in the same political party as another sitting member, and

Whereas, One member’s term has expired and he has agreed to serve another term.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators approves the following reappointment to the Jefferson County Ethics Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Mike Chavoustie	12/31/24

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 51

**Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Board of Elections
Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 169 of 2021, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the New York State Board of Elections for a Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant to be budgeted in the 2022 County Budget, and

Whereas, The printers were budgeted in an incorrect account.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01145000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	\$12,000
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Decrease:

01145000 04118	Computer Equipment	\$12,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 52

**Authorizing Renewal of Facilities Lease Agreement with Watertown Savings Bank
for Employment and Training Department, and Authorizing Sublease
with NYS Department of Labor.**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions 176 of 2009, 211 of 2012, 169 of 2015, 20 of 2017 and 255 of 2020 this Board authorized the lease of office space from Watertown Savings Bank at 1000 Coffeen Street for the co-location of the Jefferson County Department of Employment and Training and the NYS Department of Labor to function as a One Stop Career Center, and

Whereas, Said lease has expired and the Bank and County desire to renew the lease for a one year term from November 1, 2021 expiring on October 31, 2022 at the rate of \$20/sq. ft per

month, and

Whereas, Because the County sub-leases a portion of the above space to the NYS Department of Labor a separate agreement with NYSDOL is hereby renewed for the same period so that the County may recoup a proportionate share of the rent and direct expenses incurred due to the presence of NYSDOL.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a one year agreement with Watertown Savings Bank to lease 8,940 sq. ft. of office space at 1000 Coffeen Street, upon the terms set forth above, and it is further

Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a one year agreement under the current terms of the lease agreement with the NYS Department of Labor to sub-lease space in the above premises based on proportionate square footage occupied and direct expenses incurred in connection with such occupancy, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Legislator Maxon did not believe this lease was an efficient or effective use of County funds, as he expressed in 2020 when the last lease was brought before the Board. Also at that time he said the price is above the market for the space and that continues to be the case. He said he is voting against this resolution and if we are leasing we should be leasing somewhere that is more convenient for the public.

Legislator Ferris said he would be abstaining from voting on this resolution due to a conflict of interest.

Legislator Peck asked if a Facilities Needs Assessment has been done recently relative to County departments as it may be relevant to purchasing a building or property down the road. Administrator Hagemann advised that the County is going through an evaluation process on the building in terms of potential to either purchase or look at another location; the space is tight and the price has been an issue in the past.

Legislator McBride asked if there was a penalty for remaining in the space if we did not renew the lease. Administrator Hagemann said renewals have not always been timely and he did not anticipate any issues now.

All members present voted aye except Legislator Maxon who voted nay, and Legislator Ferris who abstained.

Resolution No. 53

**Authorizing The Chief Elected Official Local Agreement
Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128 requires that Chief Elected Officials of Jefferson and Lewis County enter into an agreement outlining the sharing of funds and the responsibilities of each County and said agreement be signed by the Chief Elected Officer of each County and approved by the County Boards.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a Chief Elected Official Local Agreement with Lewis County for a term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 54

**Authorizing State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Determination
in Relation to the Jefferson Community College Turf Field**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson Community College (“JCC”) has been awarded \$2,000,000 SUNY Capital funding by New York State with a required 50% local match, and

Whereas, The Turf Field Project (“Project”) will include the installation of an artificial turf field and related improvements to earthwork, drainage and storm water management; athletic field accessories; and modification to driveways, erosion control measures and existing utilities for a total cost of \$4,000,000, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York (the “County”) is owner of the Project site property, and County Highway Department is County’s representative participating in project review, and

Whereas, JCC is undertaking the Project as authorized by JCC Resolution No. 165-21 of October, 2021 with the Faculty Student Association and College Foundation funding committed to cover the costs of debt service for the local share of \$2,000,000, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 245 of 2021 and 44 of 2022, this Board committed to spending,

through a bond and matching State funding, up to \$4,000,000 for this project, and

Whereas, The County desires to comply with the SEQR Act and the Regulations with respect to the Project pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, and

Whereas, The proposed Project represents the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2) and includes the retrofit of an existing structure (athletic field) and its appurtenant area to incorporate earthwork and drainage within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(3).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County hereby determines that the proposed Turf Field Project is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and is therefore not subject to further State environmental review under 6 NYCRR 617.5

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 55

Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Pamela for Optional County Assessment Services to the Town Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1537.

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law § 1537, an assessing unit and county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate an agreement for appraisal services, exemption services or assessment services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a “joint services” pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law Article 5-G, and

Whereas, Per Resolution 48 of 2019, this Board of Legislators authorized a joint services agreement whereby the County assumed the duties of Town Assessor for the purpose of providing exemption and assessment services through the staff of the County Department of Real Property Tax Services, and

Whereas, Said agreement expired December 31, 2021 and the Town of Pamela desires to continue the arrangement, and

Whereas, The parties have agreed that the Town will compensate the County on the basis of \$20.05 per parcel of Town assessment roll properties for each year of such agreement, and

Whereas, The Parties are desirous of entering into a joint services agreement for a period of one year, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, subject to extension for two additional one-year periods upon written agreement of the parties.

Now, Therefore, Be, It Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Town of Pamela upon the aforementioned terms, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 56

Re-Appointing Representative to Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, That John D. Peck be and is hereby reappointed to represent the Board of Legislators on the Board of Directors of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 57

Re-Appointing Member 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 William W. Johnson to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Legislators, concurrent with his term as County Legislator, as a member of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 58

Re-Appointment to Jury Board

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 503 of the Judiciary Law, this Board hereby designates Jeremiah J. Maxon as a member of the County Jury Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023, and be it further

Resolved, That, the designation be filed in writing in the Office of the County Clerk.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 59

Re-Appointing Members to the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution No. 202 of 2014 this Board authorized an Amended Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation and the City of Watertown to form the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (a/k/a Metropolitan Planning Organization {MPO}) and appointed members to the Council, and

Whereas, The initial term of the Amended Agreement is 4/1/14 - 3/31/16 and will be automatically renewed every two years, with provisions for amendments, and

Whereas, The Transportation Council is hosted by the NYSDOT, and is comprised of two members each appointed by the City of Watertown and Jefferson County, and three members from NYSDOT, and one member representing the remaining eight local governments within the MPO planning area selected by the MPO, and

Whereas, The terms of the Jefferson County members on the Council have expired.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That County Legislator John Peck and County Administrator Robert Hagemann be reappointed to the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council for terms to expire on December 31, 2023.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 60

Appointing Members to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Pursuant to Section 11-0501 of the Environmental Conservation Law, this Board hereby

approves the following appointments by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Burnie Haney, Sportsman Representative	12/31/23
Corey Grant, Legislative Representative	12/31/23

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Maxon said he would be abstaining from voting on this resolution as it has to do with his employer, NYSDEC. All members present voted aye except Legislator Maxon who abstained.

Resolution No. 61

Re-Appointing and Appointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, Pursuant to Section 7 of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts Law, the following individuals are hereby reappointed/appointed to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board for terms to expire as noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Michael Kiechle, At-Large Practical Farmer	12/31/2024
Patrick R. Jareo	12/31/2022
Daniel R. McBride	12/31/2022

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 62

Approving Re-Appointments to the Sports Fishery Advisory Board

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 235 of the County Law and Resolution No. 87 of 2008, the following individuals are hereby re-appointed by the Chairman of this Board to the Sports Fishery Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2023:

Ken Carmon Town of Alexandria/St. Lawrence River
Larry Rogers Inland Waters
John C. Hardy Lake Ontario
Burnie Haney Inland Waters
Mitch Franz Lake Ontario Fishing Guide
Joe Snyder St. Lawrence River
Patrick J. Trainham II Inland Waters

Non Voting Members

Corey Fram Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corp.
Vacant New York State Department of Conservation

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 63

**Approving Re-Appointments to the Thousand Islands
Regional Tourism Development Corporation**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, That, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation for the Thousand Island Regional Tourism Development Corporation, the following reappointments by this Board to the Thousand Island Regional Tourism Development Corporation for terms to expire December 31, 2023 are hereby approved:

Alexandria Bay Representative	Ronald Thomson
Jefferson County Administrator	Robert Hagemann

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 64

**Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Faculty Association
of Jefferson Community College**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, A tentative employment agreement between the County of Jefferson, the Trustees of Jefferson Community College, and the Faculty Association of Jefferson Community College for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 has been arrived at through collective negotiations between the County Legislature's representatives, College Trustees, and

the Faculty Association.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 65

Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation and McFarland Johnson, Inc. in Relation to Watertown International Airport Land Acquisition Services (Runways 7, 10, 25 and 28) and State Environmental Quality Review Determination Thereto and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Jefferson County anticipates a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for the acquisition of property in fee simple or the acquisition of aviation easements on up to fourteen parcels, as identified in the county's Airport Capital Improvement Plan, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is pursuing the acquisitions as a result of findings and recommendations within the Master Plan Update to preserve land use compatibility within the Runway Protection Zone and enhance airspace compatibility within the Approach, Departure and Transitional Surfaces for Runway 25; to preserve land use compatibility within the Runway Protection Zone and airspace compatibility within the Transitional Surface for Runway 7; to preserve airspace compatibility within the Departure Surface for Runway 10; and to preserve airspace compatibility within the Departure Surface and the Approach Lighting System Line of Sight for Runway 28, and

Whereas, To commence negotiations for signed purchase agreements, Jefferson County will need to have completed project formulation steps including property surveys, easement descriptions, title searches, Phase I environmental site assessments, property appraisals, review appraisals, acquisition negotiations, and relocation planning, and

Whereas, The FAA, per Title 49 of the United States Code, Section 47110(c), considers land acquisition and associated costs required for land acquisition, to be considered a project formulation cost that is eligible for reimbursement with all types of funding through the Airport Improvement Program, and

Whereas, The Airport Consultant, McFarland Johnson, has prepared a scope and fee to complete the formulation steps for land acquisition not to exceed \$522,989, and

Whereas, The FAA is anticipated to provide a grant for the land acquisition process, including up to \$496,839 for said formulation aspects of the project, and

Whereas, The New York State Department of Transportation is anticipated to provide a grant for the land acquisition process, including up to \$13,075 for said formulation aspects of the project, and

Whereas, The County is expected to incur up to \$13,075 in relation to the project, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment was prepared and approved by the FAA with the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act, and

Whereas, A subsequent review was completed pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 in relation to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), and

Whereas, The project consists of land and equipment acquisition, as well as required formulation steps and is determined not to have a significant environmental impact.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, Jefferson County hereby determines the proposed improvements are classified as a Type I Action and the project is determined not to have a significant adverse environmental impact and a negative declaration is issued, and be it further

Resolved, Jefferson County enter into agreements with FAA to accept said grant funds not to exceed \$496,839, and with NYSDOT to accept said grant funds not to exceed \$13,075, and with McFarland Johnson, Inc. not to exceed \$522,989 for services, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County upon award of the FAA grant, enter into said agreements and that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreements, 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 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 94589	Federal Aid – Airport Capital Projects	\$496,839
20900600 93589	State Aid - Airport DOT	13,075

Expenditure

20561000 020995	RPZ Land Acquisition	\$522,989
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Decrease:

Expenditure

20561000 02071

PFC Projects

\$ 13,075

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 66

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Re-appropriate Funding from NYS Department of Transportation for New York Statewide Opportunities for Airport Revitalization (SOARS) Marketing Grant

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 149 of 2019, This Board of Legislators authorized a grant agreement for the Statewide Opportunities for Airport Revitalization (SOARS) from the New York State Department of Transportation, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 116 of 2020 and 83 of 2021, This Board re-appropriated unspent SOARS funds, and

Whereas, There remain unspent grant funds to be re-appropriated and placed in the appropriate 2022 expenditure lines.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$22,299
Expenditure		
01561000 04415	Advertising	\$15,000
01561000 04416	Professional Fees	\$ 7,299

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 67

Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 7-25 and Intersection Rehabilitation Construction Project

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 115 of 2020, this Board authorized an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Runway 7-25 Rehabilitation Construction Project in the amount of \$8,421,766, and

Whereas, By the same Resolution, this Board authorized an agreement with Rifenburg Construction, Inc. for the same project in the amount of \$7,485,115, and

Whereas, By Resolution 262 of 2021, this Board authorized a change order in the amount of \$153,909 for conditions experienced during construction which resulted in additional work effort by the contractor, and

Whereas, Construction project savings were identified in various bid quantities that were not used by the contractor and require adjustment to the agreement with the contractor, and

Whereas, The following final change order is proposed by the County's Airport Consultant and recommended by the Airport Manager:

- Change Order 4: LED Sign Install and Final Quantity (\$237,392)

Whereas, It is necessary to provide a change order to reduce Rifenburg Construction, Inc. contract and to reduce federal revenue for this project, and

Whereas, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act by the United States Government has authorized the funding at 100% with no State or Local Share.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease:

Revenue
20900600 94589 Federal Aid – Airport Capital Projects \$237,392

Expenditure
20561000 02091 Runway 7-25 \$237,392

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 68

**Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2021 Revenue from
the Passenger Facility Charges at the Watertown International Airport**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 289 of 2016, the Board of Legislators authorized an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program at the Watertown International Airport, and

Whereas, The FAA approved the application and the PFC funds collected in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were recognized by Resolutions 155 of 2018, 168 of 2019, 128 of 2020 and 84 of 2021 respectively, and

Whereas, The County collected \$73,704.71 PFC in 2021, to be appropriated for use in FAA-approved projects that enhance safety, security or capacity; reduce noise; or increase air carrier competition.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
Fund Balance

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$73,704.71
Transfers		
01995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$73,704.71
20900600 95031	Transfer from General Fund	\$73,704.71
Expenditure		
20698900 02071	PFC Projects	\$73,704.71

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the amount of \$73,704.71. Such motion was made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried by the Board. (Above Resolution reflects correct amount)

Roll Call Vote: on Resolution No. 68, as amended

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 69

Authorizing Agreement for Janitorial Services for Jefferson County Office Buildings

By Legislator: John D. Peck

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, and

Whereas, Both The Arc/DOHL and Jefferson County wish to renew the custodial services agreement for an additional one year term (1/1/22 - 12/31/22), with rates to take effect on January 1, 2022.

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 \$434,979.68, 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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 70

Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolutions 191 of 2018, 183 of 2019, 197 of 2020 and 199 of 2021, This Board of Legislators recognized State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants for FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21, respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 259 of 2019 and 151 of 2021, This Board recognized Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program funding for the FY18 and FY19 Hazmat Grants, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 54 of 2019, 81 of 2020 and 67 of 2021, This Board re-appropriated unspent funds from SHSP and Hazmat grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21 SHSP grants, and the FY18 and FY19 Hazmat grants to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$203,183.78
Expenditure		
01341400 02100	Equipment	\$ 36,105.00
01341400 02101	Computer Equipment	5,000.00
01341400 04111	Trackable Durable Items	58,420.98
01341400 04114	Equipment Maintenance	28,000.00
01341400 04115	Telephone	6,000.00
01341400 04119	Computer Software	2,351.94
01341400 04218	Building Security	8,597.84

01341400 04416	Professional Fees	37,000.00
01341400 04428	Public Safety Services - Other Govts	12,500.00
01341400 04585	Operating Supplies	9,208.02

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 71

Approving Re-Appointments to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law and Resolution No. 39 of 2021, the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2023.

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Anthony Doldo	Legislator
Jeremiah Maxon	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: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 72

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), and Appropriating Funds Therefor

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

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 Resolutions 90 of 2019 and 41 of 2021, the County of Jefferson approved the above project by making a commitment for the cost of Design and Right of Way Incidental and Final Design Phases of the project, and authorizing \$312,000 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 Construction 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 Construction phase of the project, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,555,622, which includes the Construction Phase, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02846 in the 2022 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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 73

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 189 over Grunley Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, A Project for the Replacement of CR 189 over Grunley Creek, PIN 775388 (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 at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 153 of 2019, 174 of 2020, and 69 of 2021, the County of Jefferson approved the above project by making a commitment of \$1,600,000 for the cost of All Phases of the Project, and

Whereas, By Resolution and Adopted Budget, the County has appropriated \$1,600,000 to the Project, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost of All Phases of the Project.

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

Resolved, That the Jefferson County 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 all Phases of the Project or portions thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,600,000, which includes All Phases of the Project, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02859 in the 2022 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 exceed 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 be and 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 federal-or State-aid 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, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is amended to recognize State Marchiselli funding as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
20900600 93592	State Aid Bridges	\$217,500

Decrease:

Fund Balance		
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$217,500

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Legislator Jareo questioned why this resolution requires a roll call vote and the last one didn't. Administrator Hagemann explained it is because of the change to the budget and because it amends the capital plan.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 74

Authorizing Agreements in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and Amending 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County has been notified by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation that it has received an award of \$78,948 through the 2021-2022 Snowmobile Trails Grant-In-Aid Program, based upon a grant application submitted by the County in cooperation with the Winona Forest Recreation Association, Barnes Corners Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club, Pulaski-Boylston Snowmobile Club, Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club, and Missing Link Snowmobile Club.

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

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

Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01802000 93889	State Aid Snowmobile Trail	\$78,948
Expenditure		
01798900 04600	Snowmobile Trail Improvements	\$78,948

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Jareo, Montgelli, Ferris, Doldo, Cantwell, Maxon, Gray, Drake, McBride, Peck, Calarco, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 75

Authorizing Grant Agreement, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Determination, and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to a 2021 Community Development Block Grant Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Jefferson County has recently been notified by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) that its 2021 Housing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application has been approved, and

Whereas, The \$1,000,000 award (581HR304-21) 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.

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 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure		
30866800 04014	CDBG Housing Rehab	\$1,000,000
Revenue		
30866800 94911	Federal Aid – CDBG	\$1,000,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 76

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State
Septic System Replacement Program Funds**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

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

Whereas, By Resolutions 27 of 2019, 57 of 2020 and 47 of 2021, 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 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$72,250
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Expenditure

01802000 04025	Septic System Replacement	\$72,250
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Doldo, Drake, Ferris, Gray, Maxon, Jareo, McBride, Calarco. Peck, Montgeilli, Cantwell, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 77

Approving Re-Appointments to the Jefferson County Planning Board

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 239-c of the General Municipal Law, the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Jefferson County Planning Board for terms to expire December 31, 2024.

Jon Storms
Clif Schneider

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 78

Accepting Grant for Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program Funding

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

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 \$11,579 to support probation supervision and monitoring services during the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, and

Whereas, Said funds are already contained within the 2022 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson hereby accepts the \$11,579 grant award.

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Legislator Ferris said he is abstaining from voting on this resolution due to a conflict of interest. All members present voted aye, except Legislator Ferris who abstained.

Resolution No. 79

Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolutions 107 and 177 of 2021, This Board of Legislators recognized FY20 and FY19 Operation Stonegarden Program grants respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 201 of 2020 and 201 of 2021, This Board recognized FY20 and FY21 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grants respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolution 74 of 2021, This Board re-appropriated remaining unspent funds from Operation Stonegarden and LETPP grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY19 and FY20 Operation Stonegarden and FY 20 and FY21 LETPP grants to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$241,715.30
Expenditure		
01311400 01300	Overtime	\$ 53,950.00
01311400 02401	Automotive Equipment	64,152.50
01311400 04111	Trackable Durable Expendables	30,282.00
01311400 04114	Maintenance	17,100.00
01311400 04115	Telephone	3,400.00
01311400 04214	Utilities	275.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	15,194.62
01311400 04311	Gasoline & Oil	7,596.18
01311400 04428	Public Safety Personal Svcs - Other Govt	5,996.00
01311400 04585	Operating Supplies	28,484.00
01311400 08010	Retirement	7,258.85
01311400 08030	Social Security	6,077.32
01311400 08040	Workers Compensation	1,948.83

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Jareo said the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department does not misuse Stonegarden grant funds, but Stonegarden funds in other areas throughout the country have been misused and abused to violate American citizens constitutional rights, including the border patrol and other sheriff's departments. He said he would be voting against the resolution for those reasons and

because our Sheriff's Department was not the only law enforcement agency involved.

Legislator Maxon said Stonegarden grants are Homeland Security funds specifically for border counties and over the years it has had the net effect of infringing upon constitutional rights, especially the 4th Amendment, and not in Jefferson County, but close to home up north in St. Lawrence County. He said he will not support the resolution, not to cast aspersions on Jefferson County, but because the funds have overall been misused and abused, and it is time to end the program.

Legislator McBride asked if the Stonegarden funds have to be used specifically for certain programs, and can't be used necessarily for overtime to do pistol permits, etc. Administrator Hagemann said this resolution encompasses several grants and they all have defined purposes, confirming that it cannot be used for overtime to do pistol permits.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Peck, Gray, Nabywaniec, Montigelli, Doldo, Ferris, Cantwell, Calarco, Johnson

Nays: Maxon, McBride, Jareo

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 80

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

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

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 2021-2022 period shall be \$214,305.

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, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in consideration of reimbursement by the NYS Unified Court System to the County for actual costs for cleaning and maintenance in the amount of \$214,305, 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: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 81

**Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Office for the Aging and
Amending the 2022 County Budget**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Henry Keep Home has donated funds to the Jefferson County Office for the Aging to be used for the Respite Haven, and

Whereas, The 2022 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 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01677200 92717	Donations	\$1,550
Expenditure		
01677200 04585	Operating Supplies	\$1,550

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Maxon, McBride, Gray, Peck, Jareo, Doldo, Montgelli, Calarco, Cantwell, Johnson

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 82

Authorizing Agreement with VNA Homecare Options DBA Nascentia for the Provision of Home Delivered Meals by Office for the Aging

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging works for the establishment and expansion of programs and services to elderly residents throughout the County, and

Whereas, VNA Homecare Options DBA: Nascentia Health Options has been approved by the NYS Department of Health to serve as a Managed Long Term Care company in Jefferson County, and

Whereas VNA Homecare Options DBA: Nascentia Health Options is required to provide home delivered meals to their clients and wishes to enter into an agreement with Office for Aging to provide the meals.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County enter into an agreement with VNA Homecare Options DBA: Nascentia for the delivery of home delivered meals to be provided by Office for the Aging at the rate of \$13.00 per meal for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement, 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. 83

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Services to Elderly of Jefferson County

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging 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 Office for the Aging 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, The Office for the Aging and this Board of Legislators desire to contract for the provision of certain programs and services to elderly during 2022-2023.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, Jefferson County enter into agreements with the below listed parties for provision of such programs and services to elderly residents of Jefferson County and for such consideration as follows:

Housekeeper/Chore, Personal Care and Respite Services

US Care Systems, Utica, New York for consideration of services at a rate of \$27.03 per hour during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 for the provision of housekeeper/chore, personal care and respite services for persons 60 years of age or older.

Seniors Helping Seniors. Watertown, NY For the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 at a blended hourly rate of \$26.25 per hour, for the provision of housekeeping/chore, personal care and caregiver respite services for persons 60 years of age or older.

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislators: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 84

Re-Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Office for Aging Advisory Council

By Legislator: John D. Peck

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert Cantwell, III	12/31/2023

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 85

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for
Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Funds for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program need to be reappropriated in the amount of \$106,250 to be used by the Mental Health Association and River Hospital for the period covering January 1 through December 31, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$106,250
Expenditures		
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	\$106,250

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 86

**Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to
NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 208 of 2021, this Board of Legislators accepted eligible funding for the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program for two years, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Public Health Service will use said funding to augment local capacity to respond to public health emergencies including education, outreach and COVID-19 response, and

Whereas, Most of the funding will reimburse salary and benefit costs already authorized in the 2022 County Budget and computers are needed for those positions.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01405000 93452	State Aid Public Health Other (Grants)	\$160,140
Expenditure		
01405100 04111	Trackable Durable Items	\$ 8,000

Decrease:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$152,140

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 87

Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to NYSDOH Supplemental Funding for COVID-19 Vaccine Response Contract

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, By Resolution 267 of 2021, this Board of Legislators accepted funding for COVID-19 Vaccine Response contract through June 30, 2024, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Public Health Service will use said funding to operate vaccination clinics, provide technical assistance to other vaccine providers, and promote vaccinations through education and advertising, and

Whereas, Funding will also reimburse salary and benefit costs already authorized in the 2022 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
01405000 94489 Fed Aid Other Health \$120,740

Expenditure
01405100 04415 Advertising \$ 40,000

Decrease:

Fund Balance
01000000 30599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 80,740

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 88

**Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance
Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service – Preventive Services unit has been recognized by the New York State Department of Health for Expedited Partner Therapy, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service is eligible to receive an incentive award for this achievement, and

Whereas, The clinic will use the funds accepted to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That Jefferson County hereby accepts the incentive award funding, and the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
01405000 93401 State Aid Public Health \$34,000

Expenditure:		
01405100 02100	Equipment	\$24,000
01405100 04102	Office Furniture	3,000
01405100 04111	Trackable Durable Items	7,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Maxon, Gray, Peck, McBride, Doldo Nabywniec, Calarco, Jareo, Montigelli, Ferris, Drake, Cantwell, Johnson

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 89

Re-Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Resolved, That John D. Peck is hereby appointed as the Legislator member to the Professional Advisory Committee for a term to expire 12/31/23.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 90

Re-Appointing Members to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u>	
Lance Ronas	12/31/2024
Robert Cantwell	12/31/2023

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 91

**Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services
and Amending the 2022 County Budget**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

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 2022 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 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue:		
01601000 92705	Donations	\$200

Expenditure:		
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	\$200

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 92

**Authorizing 2022 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement
with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing
Contractual Youth Program Agreements**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the allocation of State Aid Funding for 2022 Youth Development Programs 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 2022 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

<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	30,700
Hearts for Youth, Inc./Hearts for Youth	20,000
Lyme Central School/Summer Theater Institute	6,800
NCPPC/Babysitting Course	3,500
Resolution Center of Jeff. & Lewis Counties/Family Visitation Program (FVP)	4,000
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 2022 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 2022 and with Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$6,050 to provide support for the Youth Advisory Board for 2022-2023, 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: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 93

Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From

NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Safe Harbour: NY funding

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded a grant to the Jefferson County Department of Social Services through Safe Harbour: NY Funds in the amount of \$44,217 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, and

Whereas, Funding will additionally support the needs of identified trafficked and commercially sexually exploited youth.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01601000 93610	State Aid Social Services Admin	\$44,217

Expenditure		
01601000 04110	Office Expense	\$ 500
01601000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	1,604
01601000 04115	Telephone	12,480
01601000 04117	Printing	1,500
01601000 04313	Travel	1,500
01601000 04415	Advertising	8,000
01601000 04416	Professional Fees	11,633
01601000 04613	Training	4,000
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	3,000

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding from the
NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Family First Transition Funding**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution 89 of 2020, this Board of Legislators accepted funding in the amount of \$35,365 for Family First Transition programming, and

Whereas, By Resolution 136 of 2021, this Board reappropriated \$13,222 of said funding to the 2021 County Budget after the NYS Office of Children and Family Services extended the service expenditure period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, There remain unspent Family First Transition funds for which the deadline has been extended until March 31, 2022, and

Whereas, This funding will be used to support, recruit and retain current and prospective foster families, including kinship caregivers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,100
Expenditure		
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	\$2,100

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 95

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding from the
Redlich Horwitz Foundation for Family First Readiness**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 78 of 2021, this Board of Legislators accepted Redlich Horwitz Foundation grant funding which was established in response to the federal Family First Preventive Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018 to keep children safely at home with their families and, when that is not possible, to utilize the least restrictive placement appropriate for the needs of the child, and

Whereas, From the \$10,000 grant, there remain unspent funds for which the deadline has been extended until December 31, 2022, and

Whereas, This funding will be used to support, recruit and retain current and prospective foster families, including kinship caregivers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$7,915.25

Expenditure

01601000 04416	Professional Fees	\$7,915.25
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 96

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding From
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Homeless Services Plan**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, By Resolution 243 of 2020, this Board of Legislators accepted \$45,000 in NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance funding for development and implementation of the Homeless Services Plan, and

Whereas, By Resolution 135 of 2021, this Board reappropriated \$28,901 of said funding to the

2021 County Budget with an extended service expenditure period to August 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has again extended the service expenditure period through May 31, 2022, and

Whereas, There remain unspent Homeless Services Plan funds to be reappropriated for 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$8,261

Expenditure		
01601000 04416	Professional Fees	\$8,261

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 97

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 184 of 2021, this Board of Legislators accepted grant funding in the amount of \$22,326 from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to enhance Adult Protective Services (APS) to respond to COVID-19, and

Whereas, There remain unspent funds for which the deadline for expenditures is September 30, 2022, and

Whereas, This funding will also be used to assist APS clients with household goods and services, clean-up and sanitation services/supplies and transportation assistance.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,700
Expenditure		
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	\$3,700

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 98

Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Supplemental Child Care Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund Allocation from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded Supplemental Child Care Disaster Relief and Recovery Funds to the Jefferson County Department of Social Services (JCDSS) in the amount of \$17,190 allocated due to the qualifying disaster of severe weather and flooding of October 31, 2019, and

Whereas, This funding was made available through the federal Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 and may be used for activities that address the needs of impacted child care providers including materials, supplies, furnishing, mental health consultation, provider training, renovations, repairs, and direct services to families, and

Whereas, JCDSS will contract with the Community Action Planning Council to provide child care providers with services, supplies and other disaster preparedness materials.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01607000 93655 State Aid Day Care \$17,190

Expenditure

01601000 04416 Professional Fees \$17,190

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 99

Re-Appointing Members to Community Action Planning Council

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Resolved, That, pursuant to the by-laws of the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, the following individuals are hereby reappointed to the Board of Directors of said Council for terms to expire December 31, 2023.

Anthony J. Doldo
Allen T. Drake
Michael A. Montigelli

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 100

Re-Appointing Member to Samaritan Senior Village Board of Directors

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Pursuant to an Adult Care Program Agreement between the County of Jefferson and Samaritan Senior Village, Inc. dated December 26, 2012, the County has the right to nominate one member of its Board of Legislators to be a Member of the Board of Directors of Samaritan Senior Village, Inc., with such representation to remain in place for at least the first ten years of operation as an adult care facility, and

Whereas, Said adult care facility, Samaritan Summit Village, officially opened for business in April, 2013 and it is appropriate that a member of the Board of Legislators be selected to serve on the Board of Directors for Samaritan Summit Village.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Frances A. Calarco, be and is hereby nominated as the representative of the Board of Legislators to serve on the Board of Directors of Samaritan Summit Village for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to waive Standing Rules 35 and 60 permit the introduction of an additional resolution for consideration, as outlined by the County Attorney at Finance & Rules Committee last week. Such motion was made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 101

Authorizing the County of Jefferson's Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related Claims Against Allergan and its Related Corporate Entities.

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, the Opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Jefferson County, New York by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Jefferson County's various departments and agencies, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the residents of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has filed suit against Allergan, along with certain of its related entities for its role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fuel the opioid epidemic that has harmed Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic, and

Whereas, Settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Allergan to pay \$200,000,000 statewide to resolve opioid-related claims against them, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide, and

Whereas, The County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby approves the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Allergan and its related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or outside litigation counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

In response to questions from Legislator Doldo, Mr. Hagemann advised that the replacement boiler for the Human Services Building (HSB) was in stock so it was able to be purchased and installed right away, and is functioning well. He wasn't sure how much of the cost insurance would cover and said it ended up being smaller and more efficient than the old one. He added that Buildings will look to replace the other boiler at the HSB next year.

In response to questions from Legislator Cantwell regarding demolition of the Rainbow Motel, Mr. Hagemann said the Town of Pamela does their own Fire & Building Code Enforcement and he has been working with the Town of Pamela Supervisor on that subject. It appears any progress is tied up because of the insurance carrier, but he hoped that would be resolved soon.

With regard to comments made by Ms. Wilson (who was no longer present) at the beginning of the meeting regarding getting answers to questions, Legislator Jareo said it is very difficult for Administration or the Chairman to answer for the Board. He said if people want to leave their contact information and have specific questions, then contact can be made, but many of the speakers tonight didn't have specific questions.

Legislator Ferris was moved and impassioned by the people who spoke this evening about losing their jobs. He wished there was something the County could do to help them, but was not aware of anything that can be done on their behalf.

Administrator Hagemann said in many cases it would not be appropriate for the County to respond, he understands the emotions of the issue and the questions being asked, but much of what they spoke about is not the role of the County, they should be referred to a third party such as the New York State Department of Health, or whoever can answer their questions.

Legislator Maxon said he was not sure the public understands that the Privilege of the Floor is just for them to speak, there is no back and forth. He said he was in contact with Ms. Wilson following the meeting last month, specifically about the Watertown Daily Times article, but he could not help with that as he does not own the paper. He said he has been contacted by a number of constituents who were unhappy because Lewis County has taken a leadership role and gone the way of a majority of the counties in the State in scaling back the mask requirements and mandates, particularly for vaccinated individuals, and Jefferson County has not. He said the

CDC does not require hospitals to report daily Covid numbers any more and there is little to no value in Jefferson County reporting the numbers daily. He found the motivations of naysayers to the declining numbers suspect; his interpretation of them not celebrating the fact that Jefferson County is down to fewer than 1 in 130 people getting Covid is because they would not be in favor of the unraveling of government control that goes with Covid going away.

Legislator Jareo felt this is a poor time to stop reporting cases when they are declining, and said it should continue for several more weeks. He did not agree with the government's total disregard for natural immunity to Covid which is far superior to any vaccine; and said someone who has had Covid is very unlikely to get it again. The government's failure to recognize those facts are why he feels we should not be trusting government.

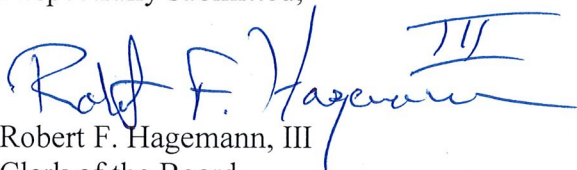
Legislator Peck somewhat disagreed with Legislator Jareo's comments as he knows a family of ten who had Covid twice within six months last year. He did agree that natural immunity can have a force in play, and given the circumstances with nursing staff he is still in support of Board Resolution 220 of 2021 decrying the mandate that was placed on health care workers. As we are getting to the tail end of Covid he wanted to see pressure put on State Legislators and the Governor to see what next steps they are planning in terms of employment for the unvaccinated health care workers as we still need them.

From his tenure on the Health & Human Services Committee Legislator Maxon recalled that the Public Health Department has trouble recruiting nurses and wanted the Health & Human Services Committee to explore hiring some of the unvaccinated nurses for any vacant positions in defiance of the State mandate. Administrator Hagemann said the County is bound by the same mandates as any other New York State entity hiring health care workers, and added that the County has not had to fire any workers as they have all been vaccinated. He noted that as of February 21st, the term "fully vaccinated" will mean that a booster shot is also required for these workers.

Legislator Montigelli said in his former career he dealt with people in a group setting (public school) and often times there would be complaints about administration or sometimes faculty or students, and he had the same advice for students and faculty. He told them you need two things to get through life, you need good luck and good choices; you can't make good luck, but you can make good choices. He hadn't heard of anyone tonight who did not have an opportunity that they chose for themselves. It may not have been a position that they wanted to be in, but they made a choice.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board