

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present except Legislators Reed, Montigelli, McBride, Ferris and Calarco.

**Public Hearing  
2022-2023 JCC Budget**

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:01 p.m., no one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

**Public Hearing  
Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2022**

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m., no one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one present wished to address the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION**

The minutes of the June Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A signed Order of Consolidation for the Town of LeRay and the Village of Evans Mills into a single primary registration district for vital statistics was received from the New York State Department of Health.

A communication was received from the County's North Country Community Cup (NCCC) Team that the Jefferson County team placed second overall in the NCCC competition this year.

**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 May 31, 2022.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of June.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for the month of June.

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

### **Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2022**

#### **A Local Law Reapportioning the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson Based Upon the 2020 Federal Decennial Census (Text of Local Law in June, 2022 Session)**

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to take the Local Law off the table for adoption. Such motion was made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Jareo. All members present voted aye.

Legislator Maxon was pleased with how the districts turned out and thanked Planning Department Head Michael Bourcy and the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting for being so responsive to questions, coming up with drafts and considering alternatives. He felt the redistribution was very fair and equitable especially given the new constraints.

Legislator Peck as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee appreciated the comments of Legislator Maxon said they came up with maps as clean and concise as they could in keeping the current districts. He commended both staff and the Committee for the creation of the new maps.

Administrator Hagemann advised that many counties have hired consultants at a significant expense to do their redistricting maps and there are many counties that are no where near finishing this exercise. He gave kudos to staff and Board members who have worked hard to put this package together.

There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye on Local Law Intro No. 1 of 2022.

### **Resolution No. 207**

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

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

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: Allen T. Drake

### EXHIBIT A

#### Jefferson County Delinquent Tax Buybacks - As of 06/15/22

<u>Town</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
Adams	618.00-64-1	Verizon New York Inc	\$ 195.90
Alexandria	14.15-1-15	Jason Mondondo	2037.81
Alexandria	7.22-2-4	A. John Merola	133,319.69
Alexandria	7.29-4-21	Carolyn Worthy	12,176.28
Alexandria	22.00-3-31	Robbyn M. Parker	1,270.76
Antwerp	36.33-1-42	Ronald Bartle	2,479.54
Brownville	73.71-1-9	Ryan P. Smith & Monique A. Merchant	2,972.34
Brownville	72.00-2-31.1	Jared Johnson	4,598.98
Brownville	73.72-1-9	Valerie Dambrosio	13,102.02
Brownville	73.00-1-27	Purey H., Purley H. Jr. & Leona Simpson	1,764.14
Brownville	73.63-1-22.1	Willard C. Farr III & Sarah A. Farr	15,612.47
Cape Vincent	41.00-1-27	Edison Estates LLC	3,469.96
Cape Vincent	40.09-1-93.1	Pamela VanTassel	294.78
Cape Vincent	49.25-1-52	Ronald & Nichole Paratore	5,937.38
Cape Vincent	50.00-1-46.3	Spencer Mason (Former Owner Reynolds)	7,776.09
Champion	86.39-2-59.1	Brian Lupien	126.58
Clayton	42.00-2-13.42	Michael J. Benjamin	2,744.41

Clayton	41.00-2-19	Bernard Tierney, Jr.	101.15
Clayton	20.00-1-45	Bernard Sweeney Estate & Grace Sweeney	573.42
Clayton	12.00-1-37.4	Stephen W., Stephen C. & Katherine Castor	5,864.46
Clayton	12.20-1-24	Sharon M. Seeley	12,174.44
Ellisburg	112.00-2-37	Sea Smoke LLC	5,990.46
Ellisburg	118.00-2-28.6	Scott & Rosemary Tousley	10,274.15
Henderson	98.00-1-61	Robin & Shayne Morris	3,117.12
Henderson	106.09-1-65	Gina Puggioni-Flores	7,058.67
Henderson	98.14-1-47	George & Melva Richards Revocable Trust	15,665.95
Henderson	98.14-1-62	George & Melva Richards Revocable Trust	2,461.99
Hounsfield	88.16-1-83.23-210	Dawn & Kyle Leimeister	2,503.93
Hounsfield	89.00-1-66	Joseph W. Stines	1,710.14
Hounsfield	88.16-1-83.1-235	Donald J. & Fred S. Pennock	7,033.73
Leray	55.00-1-31.1	Jose DeJesus	2,836.73
Leray	55.00-1-31.7	Jose DeJesus	1,513.90
Leray	55.00-1-68.12	Scott and Tamara Riccio	4,777.51
Lorriane	113.17-1-31	Larry F. Stinson	10,628.49
Lyme	60.08-1-3.9	Julia E. Gosier	3,815.63
Lyme	61.09-1-18	Mary E. Shoen	23,659.66
Orleans	32.00-1-10	Ann R. Cunningham (Dibble)	16,554.04
Orleans	32.00-2-12	Ann R. Cunningham (Dibble)	1,819.25
Orleans	44.00-1-2	Rory & Susan Davis	25,334.73
Orleans	6.00-1-28.2	Patricia A. Goodfriend	3,066.86
Pamelia	74.09-1-5.2	George W. Rankin	8,803.18
Rutland	5.00-2-4.57	Fred & Jane Hengel	2,292.22
Rutland	3.00-2-11	Charles Tousant	22,480.22
Rutland	75.20-1-4.7	Andrew Wren	17,792.85
Rutland	76.09-1-21	Melissa & James Redford	5,451.33
Theresa	9.19-1-1.3	Albert M. Finocchiaro	9,063.96
Theresa	22.00-2-54	Ann Marie Owens	94.07
Theresa	45.00-2-5.3	David Ayen	4,664.17
Theresa	34.11-1-31	William F. Murphy II	2,028.42
Theresa	33.00-2-19.32	Dominic & Dawn Cappuccetti	8,617.31
Wilna	76.44-1-12	Genuine Homes, LLC	36,689.24
Wilna	66.82-1-48	Michael S. Hoppel	1,707.38
Wilna	86.41-1-51	Michael Hoppel	1,916.96

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 208**

### **Adopting the 2022-2023 Jefferson Community College Budget**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 357 of the County Law, the Finance and Rules Committee of this Board has reviewed the requested 2022-2023 Jefferson Community College Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law, said Budget be and is hereby adopted as the Budget of Jefferson Community College for College Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and be it further

Resolved, In accordance with the 2022-2023 Jefferson Community College Budget, the County of Jefferson will provide a Sponsor Contribution in the amount of \$5,367,423 and thereby approving a total operating expenditure for the JCC Budget of \$25,272,803.

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect September 1, 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 209**

#### **Appropriation for the Conduct of Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, This Board, by Resolution No. 208 of 2022 adopted a budget for Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 360 of County Law, the several amounts specified in such budget are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect September 1, 2022.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 210**

#### **Appointing Confidential Assistant for Fiscal Affairs**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The full-time position of Confidential Assistant for Fiscal Affairs is currently vacant, and

Whereas, Certain duties of the position will be performed by Jeffrey Curtacci, as determined by the County Administrator while the full-time position is vacant.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jeffrey Curtacci will receive a flat \$1,950 for July 1 through December 31, 2022, in compensation for this part time position.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 211**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery  
and Allocating Same in Buildings Department Budget**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Buildings Department has received an insurance settlement check in the amount of \$1,606.32 for damage to one of their vehicles, and has requested that the settlement be used to supplement the external fleet expense line for repairs.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue			
01162000 92680	Insurance Recoveries		\$ 1,606.32
Expenditure			
01162000 043102	External Fleet Expense		\$ 1,606.32

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Peck, Grant, Gray, Maxon, Drake, Jareo, Cantwell, Nabywaniec, Johnson

Absent: McBride, Montigelli, Reed, Ferris, Calarco

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 212**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan  
in Relation to the County Bridge Account**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Superintendent of Highways has requested transfers between accounts to provide funding for replacement of a recently collapsed culvert on County Route 91 in the Town of Lorraine, and

Whereas, The completed bridge project accounts should be brought to zero balance and closed, and

Whereas, The 2022 County Budget must be amended to do so.

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

**Increase:**

20511300 02871	CR91 - L038	\$ 282,465.06
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**Decrease:**

20511300 02902	H086	\$ 194,971.87
20511300 02908	Ellis Road - H041	79,980.51
20511300 02915	CR59 - D001	7,512.68

and be it further

Resolved, That accounts 20511300 02902, 02908 and 02915 are hereby closed, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Gray, Drake, Grant, Cantwell, Doldo, Maxon, Jareo, Peck, Nabywaniec, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Calarco, Montigelli, McBride, Ferris

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 213**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan  
in Relation to the County Bridge Account**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Superintendent of Highways has identified a completed bridge project account with a remaining balance, and

Whereas, This capital expenditure and related revenue account should be brought to zero balance and closed.

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

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
20511300 02873	CR 53/Philomel Creek Tributary (D030)	\$ 162,863.71

Revenue		
20900600 93592	State Aid Bridges	\$ 162,863.71

and be it further

Resolved, That capital account 20511300 02873 is hereby closed, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Jareo, Grant, Doldo, Drake, Maxon, Gray, Peck, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Johnson

Absent: McBride, Montigelli, Calacro, Ferris, Reed

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 214**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Machinery Fund**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, As Highway machinery breaks down it is necessary to troubleshoot and be able to replace parts in a timely manner to keep projects on schedule, and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Highways has requested transfers between accounts to provide for purchase of replacement parts as needed, and

Whereas, By Resolution 118 of 2022, This Board allocated funding for snow removal equipment,

for which the purchase price came in lower than anticipated and providing funds available for transfer.

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

**Increase:**

10513000 043102	External Fleet Expense	\$ 25,000
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**Decrease:**

10513000 02460	Snow Removal Equipment	\$ 25,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 215**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The 2022 County Budget must be amended for increased fleet expenses in the Recycling and Waste Management, and

Whereas, Funding is anticipated from the sale of recyclable material.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
15910100 92651	Sale of Refuse	\$ 200,000

Expenditure		
15816000 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	\$ 25,000
15816000 043102	External Fleet Expense	25,000
15816000 04311	Gasoline & Oil	150,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cantwell, Drake, Grant, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Doldo, Peck, Maxon, Gray, Johnson

Absent: Ferris, Montigelli, Reed, McBride, Calarco

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 216**

**Authorizing an Agreement with AutoMon, LLC**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Probation Department utilizes a web-based software program for case management services through AutoMon, LLC known as Caseload Explorer to provide technical support services to Probation related to this program, and

Whereas, AutoMon, LLC has been awarded the contract to provide software associated with this program, and the expense is already included in the Adopted 2022 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County desires to enter into an agreement with AutoMon, LLC for said services for the period August 10, 2022 through August 9, 2023, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 217**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Increased Fuel Prices**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Fuel costs have escalated since adoption of the 2022 County Budget and continue to do so, and

Whereas, The increased costs affect many County Departments and it is desirable to address estimated need for the remainder of the year.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue  
10900400 95031                      Interfund Transfers                      \$ 500,000

Expenditure  
01162000 04214                      Utilities                      \$ 3,500  
01162100 04214                      Utilities                      36,500  
01162200 04214                      Utilities                      14,500  
01311000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      50,000  
01314000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      1,500  
01341000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      1,500  
01401000 04214                      Utilities                      600  
01405000 04214                      Utilities                      1,600  
01405100 04214                      Utilities                      770  
01405700 04214                      Utilities                      110  
01406000 04214                      Utilities                      100  
01561000 04214                      Utilities                      27,000  
01561000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      30,000  
01601000 04214                      Utilities                      5,000  
01654000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      1,000  
01990100 09001                      Transfer to Road Machinery Fund                      500,000  
10513000 04214                      Utilities                      5,000  
10513000 04311                      Gasoline & Oil                      495,000

**Decrease:**

01199000 04963                      Contingent Account                      \$ 673,680

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Maxon, Cantwell, Doldo, Grant, Drake, Jareo, Nabywaniec, Gray, Peck, Johnson

Absent: McBride, Calarco, Reed, Montigelli, Ferris

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 218**

**Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Related Services  
in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities provides a variety of related

services to children aged three to five years with certain disabilities, such services to be provided in the least restrictive environment, be it home or agency based, and

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 156 of 2022 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of related services and set rates, and an agreement for an additional provider and services needs to be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the following party for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>		<u>Rate</u>
CiTi BOCES	Audiology Sessions	per 30 minutes	\$177.25
	Audiology Sessions	per 30 minute (Group)	\$ 88.63
	Audiology (Consults)	per consult	\$355.00
	TOD (Teacher of the Deaf Sessions)	per 30 minutes	\$130.38
	TOD (Teacher of the Deaf Sessions)	per 30 minute (Group)	\$ 65.19
	TOD (Consults)	per consult	\$245.00

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 219**

**Authorizing Agreement in Relation to Indoor Radon Grants Program**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been notified by the New York State Department of Health of an Indoor Radon Grant award in the amount of \$3,596 annually for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, and

Whereas, The purpose of the award is to reduce the public health risks and burden of lung cancer caused by radon in counties where incidence of radon is deemed high through education and mitigation efforts, and

Whereas, Said grant funding will offset currently budgeted salary and fringe expenditures.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any and all contract documents with the New York State Department of Health for the provision of this funding, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 220**

**Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Rabies Account**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, Jefferson County Public Health Service is now providing rabies post exposure treatment rather than referring to other medical providers in order to facilitate treatment and minimize cost, and

Whereas, This change has resulted in increased purchase of human treatment vaccines and related supplies, and

Whereas, Funds are available for transfer within the department to cover the increased cost.

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

**Increase:**

01404200 04510	Rabies Medical Supplies	\$50,000
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**Decrease:**

01405100 01100	Personal Services	\$25,000
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Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 222**

**Amending 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Bureau has received notification from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) of the allocation of Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funds in the amount of \$9,812 to advance programming for youth ages 6-17, and

Whereas, This funding will support a variety of sports/organized activities for a broad range of youth in under-resourced communities to effect positive youth development and family engagement, improve the lives of young people by promoting positive social, emotional, health, and educational outcomes, and

Whereas, Youth sports have important life-long impacts and enable opportunities for young people to succeed economically through leadership roles; and coaching education greatly improves the sports experience and development outcomes of young people, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the following State Aid allocations for 2022 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity programs which require an agreement between the County and the respective Agency and provision of pass-through funding:

Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>State Aid Allocation</u>
Watertown Family YMCA	\$7,980
Clayton Youth Commission	\$1,832

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a 2022 Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS OCFS containing applications for State Aid funding for County Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program Administration and for the above listed Youth Sports and Education Opportunity 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 for provision of Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs for the youth of Jefferson County during 2022, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Agreement and the various contractual Agency Agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval 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		
01731000 93820	State Aid Youth Programs	\$9,812

Expenditure		
01731000 04781	Youth Development Program Funding	\$9,812

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Grant, Jareo, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Drake, Gray, Cantwell, Peck, Maxon, Johnson

Absent: Ferris, McBride, Reed, Montigelli, Calarco

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 223**

**Urging the New York State Legislature to Amend and Reform State Law  
in Regard to the Living Situations for Persons Designated as Sex Offenders.**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, New York State enacted the Sexual Offender Registration Act requiring individuals convicted of certain crimes to report their place of residence to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, and

Whereas, New York State further enacted the Sexual Assault Reform Act requiring that as a condition of probation or parole, level three sex offenders are restricted from entering within a certain distance of a school grounds, and

Whereas, Children congregate in facilities and locations other than school grounds on a regular basis, such as playgrounds or recreational fields, and said locations deserve consideration for protection from the presence of sex offenders on the same basis as school grounds, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has experienced a significant reduction in single occupancy housing in recent years due to the destruction of multi unit housing by fire and condemnation for building code violations, and

Whereas, Contemporaneously the market rate cost for single occupancy housing in Jefferson County has risen to exceed the benefit paid under Social Services Law for home relief, resulting in a marked increase in homelessness and demand for emergency assistance from the local Social Services unit, and

Whereas, A Portion of the homeless in need of emergency housing assistance from the local Social Services unit are persons classified as sexual offenders and the local Commissioner of Social Services is required to find temporary housing for all eligible individuals, including those who are sex offenders, pursuant to statute and regulation (18 NYCRR §352.36), and

Whereas, In Most communities the only affordable and available temporary emergency housing is in a motel setting which is proximate to a school, playground, recreational field, or nursing home/citizens centers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators urges the New York State Legislature to reform and amend the Sexual Offender Registration Act and Sexual Assault Reform Act to provide for a safety zone around schools, playgrounds or recreational fields at which children congregate and nursing home/citizens centers that they may not be entered by registered sex offenders, and it is further

Resolved, The State Legislature is further urged to increase the home relief shelter allowance benefit for single individuals so that permanent housing situations may become available to single individuals and thereby relieve the demand for temporary emergency housing in motel settings, and it is further

Resolved, That this resolution shall be delivered to the Speaker of the NYS Assembly, President Pro-Tem of the NYS Senate and NYS Governor.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Legislator Peck thanked staff for drafting this resolution and said he hoped the State could change this legislation as it is a matter of health, welfare and security of our communities. He pointed out that following an action of the Supreme Court on guns, the State Legislature almost immediately passed legislation restricting access of individuals with a weapon from playgrounds, parks, zoos, etc., however level two and level three sex offenders can still congregate in those areas and are only restricted from schools. He hoped the State would react as quickly to this resolution as they did the decision of the Supreme Court on guns.

Legislator Doldo agreed with Legislator Peck's comments, and made a motion to amend the third paragraph up from the bottom to read " fields at which children congregate *and* ~~or~~ nursing home/citizens centers that *they* may not be", the motion was seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried by the Board. (The above resolution contains the amendments).

Legislator Maxon thanked the community for bringing this issue to the Board's attention, repeatedly and passionately. He said it is important for citizens to be able to petition their

government for a redress of grievances. He was glad the Board could take up the cause, make an administrative change in policy, and send this off to Albany to try and get the State Law changed.

All members present voted aye on Resolution No. 223, as amended.

Chairman Johnson advised that he is reinstating the Ad Hoc Committee for Legislative Appointments with the same members; Legislators Drake, Jareo, Calarco, Cantwell and Peck. He said the Committee will consider any open position, this will exclude reappointments and appointments specifically assigned to the Chairman of the Board. The Board Office has a Committee assignment list which organizes the appointments the Board of Legislators makes. The Committee consists of five members representing both parties and geographic areas of the County. The charge is to generate a list of people to be considered and when an opening occurs, vet a candidate to be recommended to the jurisdictional committee.

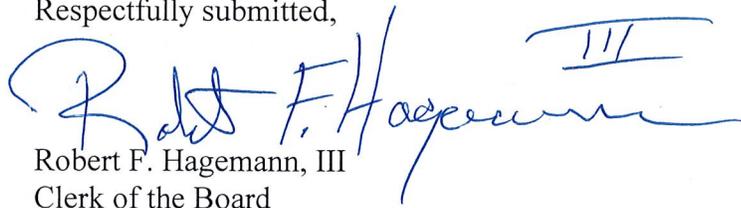
Legislator Drake reminded legislators that five years ago on July 10<sup>th</sup> Joel Davis was killed in the line of duty and how important it is for police officers as their community still hurts from Joel's death. He hopes no one is ever killed in the line of duty in Jefferson County again.

Legislator Jareo thanked the Chairman for reinstating the Ad Hoc Committee as he feels it is one of the most important things that the Board does as a body; to put good people on these boards that have the potential to spend millions of dollars of public money in the community. It is important that these people are vetted and the best people are utilized that are willing to do it. He also asked that when the full Board agenda comes out a copy of all the resolutions be attached to it as well. Mr. Hagemann advised that the agenda with a complete set of resolutions is posted on the website and Legislator Jareo said that would suffice.

Legislator Maxon reminded everyone of the opening of the Jefferson County Fair next Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and hoped to see everyone there.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a distinct "III" at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board