

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislators Peck and Gray.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Johnson read a Proclamation proclaiming the week May 15-21, 2022 as EMS week in Jefferson County with the theme of “EMS - Rising to the Challenge” and encouraged County residents to express appreciation to EMS workers for the important role they play in our lives, and participate in appropriate programs and events held during that week.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the April Board Session and April Special Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you note was received from the participants of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association’s Student Government Program for the time legislators spent with students.

Correspondence was received from New York State Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball certifying the district renewal plan with modifications for Jefferson County Agriculture District #1.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of March 31, 2022.

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

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 160

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, This Committee to whom claims of the members of the Board were referred, has examined and audited such claims and finds the total to be \$422.00 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$422.00

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw checks payable to the claimants as audited.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 161

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of the semi-annual Mortgage Tax Report showing the amount to be credited to each tax district in the County of the money collected during the preceding six months ended March 31, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, this Board issue Tax Warrants for the payment to the respective tax districts of the amounts so credited and authorize and direct the County Treasurer to make payment of said amounts to the respective districts in accordance with the report.

Seconded by Legislator: Scott A. Gray

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 162

Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Records Management

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, A book scanner was funded in the Adopted 2022 County Budget for the Records Management unit of the County Clerk’s office, and

Whereas, This equipment will increase efficiency of duplication and improve the resulting images, as well as reducing wear and tear on the books, and

Whereas, Per the Chart of Accounts the item needs to be budgeted in an Equipment line.

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

Increase:

01146000 02101	Computer Equipment	\$30,000
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Decrease:

01146000 041113	Computer Equipment	\$30,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 163

Amending the 2022 County Budget for Insurance

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, Insurance coverage costs have increased unexpectedly by an average of 15% over last year, compared to anticipated 7% budgeted.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01143600 91292	Internal Charges Due	\$39,000

Expenditure		
01191000 04219	Insurance	\$39,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 164

Authorizing Agreement with Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 40, this Board of Legislators allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (JCIDA) for certain programs, and

Whereas, That allocation included \$1,000,000 for PCB remediation at 146 Arsenal Street, which turned out to require much more extensive demolition to accomplish than originally expected, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding to restore the building to its pre-PCB remediation state.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall enter into an agreement with the JCIDA for restoration of the 146 Arsenal Street building, specifically:

- Restore Studio B, Restrooms, Electrical and Data Rooms, bottom 4 feet of exterior wall framing.
- Restore the 14,000 square foot unimproved area: exterior walls, flooring, lighting and restroom

and be it further

Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall provide \$880,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the JCIDA for services so provided under the agreement, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement, subject to approval of the County Administrator and County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That JCIDA shall refund to the County any unobligated funds remaining once all assigned tasks have been fully completed no later than December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That at any time as the Board of Legislators may request, the JCIDA shall report in writing to this body a detailed statement of work and transactions completed in such form as it may direct.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Legislator Montigelli said he will support the resolution as it will bring the building into

marketable shape, regardless of who occupies it. Legislator Ferris also expressed support for the resolution as it will benefit people throughout the County.

Legislator Maxon requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ferris, Calarco, Montigelli, Johnson

Nays: Doldo, Cantwell, Drake, Reed, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Maxon, Grant, McBride

Absent: Gray, Peck

Resolution defeated.

Resolution No. 165

Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Watertown Regarding Coffeen Street Construction Project

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, The City of Watertown has identified a need to preserve the long term integrity of Coffeen Street from the western city line to Massey Street, Massey Street from Court Street bridge to Holcomb Street, and the Court Street bridge, and

Whereas, There is a need to construct asphalt, sidewalks and sidewalk ramps that impact the intersection of Coffeen Street and the main entrance to Jefferson Community College, which property is owned by Jefferson County, and

Whereas, New York State and Federal Highway Aid is available for the project and requires the City to have an agreement in place for construction activity on all property not owned by the City, and

Whereas, The County will be required to assume ownership of all improvements following project construction.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the City of Watertown as required for the Massey Street, Coffeen Street and Court Street Bridge Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and 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. 166

**Adopting Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation to the
County's Housing Improvement Program Funded by a 2021 NYS
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 75 of 2022, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators accepted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2021 Program Year (581HR304-21) from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to implement and administer a county-wide Housing Improvement Program, and

Whereas, Local Guidelines and Administrative Procedures have been developed for implementation and administration of the program in compliance with applicable federal, state and local regulations, and

Whereas, The Guidelines and Administrative Procedures are updated for each CDBG housing award to incorporate changes to meet program and regulatory requirements associated with the award, and

Whereas, The Guidelines and Administrative Procedures must be adopted by the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators, having been provided with a draft copy of the Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for Jefferson County for the 2021 grant award hereby adopts them and they shall become effective immediately for all County-sponsored housing rehabilitation activities conducted with 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 167

**Approving Appointments to the North Country
HOME Consortium Administrative Board**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement between Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties regarding the HOME Investment Partnership Program, each county legislative board appoints three members to the North Country HOME Consortium Administrative Board, and

Whereas, By Resolution 197 of 1994 and 104 of 2007, Jefferson County approved appointments to the North Country HOME Consortium Administrative Board, and

Whereas, These previous appointments for Jefferson County have been for terms at the pleasure of the Jefferson County Board, and

Whereas, This Board of Legislators desires to establish a term of three years, initial terms being staggered.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the following individuals are hereby appointed to the North Country HOME Consortium Administrative Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

Members	Term to Expire
Reappointments	
Bruce Armstrong	4/30/2025
Kent Burto	4/30/2024
New Appointment	
Kevin Jordan	4/30/2023

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 168

Reappropriate NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Child Passenger Safety Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 203 of 2021, This Board of Legislators accepted \$2,000 in NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Child Passenger Safety funding, and

Whereas, There remain unspent grant funds that must 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:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,000
Expenditure:		
01311000 04112	Memberships and Dues	\$ 200
01311000 04313	Travel	600
01311000 04585	Operating Supplies	1,000
01311000 04613	Training	200

Seconded by Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Gray, Peck

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 169

**Authorizing Agreements with the City of Watertown (Citibus)
for Transportation Services for the Elderly**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with City of Watertown (Citibus) for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 for the provision of transportation services for persons 60 years of age or older, at a cost of approximately \$5,600 annually funded by NYS AAA Transportation grant as recognized in the adopted 2022 Office for the Aging Budget, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 170

**Accepting New York State Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding and
Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The New York State Office for the Aging has notified Jefferson County Office for the Aging of American Rescue Plan funding, and

Whereas, This funding will provide for Title III E Elder Caregiver Support Services in the amount of \$37,475, and

Whereas, Said grant funds are available for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to the 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		
01677200 94778	Fed Aide Title III E	\$37, 475

Expenditure		
01677200 04422	Contracted Health Care	\$37, 475

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 171

**Accepting New York State Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding
and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The New York State Office for the Aging has notified Jefferson County Office for the Aging of American Rescue Plan funding, and

Whereas, This funding will provide for Nutrition Services Incentive Program in the amount of \$35,940.89, and

Whereas, Said grant funds are available for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to the 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		
01677200 94774	Fed Aid USDA	\$35, 940.89
Expenditure		
01677200 04716	Contracted Meal Prep/Delivery	\$35, 940.89

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent; Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 172

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health has approved additional State Aid to increase the bed stipend for Supported Housing, and

Whereas, The 2022 County Budget and local contracts need to be amended to reflect the additional funds.

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

Increase:

Revenue

01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	\$48,375
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Expenditure:

01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	\$48,375
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and be it further

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute the necessary amended agreements related to this additional funding with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 173

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Additional Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and Amending Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolution 122 of 2022 Jefferson County accepted funds for the Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and authorized agreements with River Hospital and the Mental Health Association, and

Whereas, Additional 2022 NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) funding in the amount of \$92,500 has been received, and will cover the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31,

2023, and

Whereas, Amended agreements need to be authorized, and the budget amended to reflect the additional funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the NYS OMH to receive the additional funds, and amended agreements with the River Hospital and the Mental Health Association for the new funding, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Community Services Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute the above agreements subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, that the 2022 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health	\$92,500
Expenditures		
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	\$92,500

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Gray, Peck

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 174

Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an additional State Aid allocation for a 5.4% cost of living adjustment effective April 1, 2022, and

Whereas, The 2022 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the current funding levels and

additional funds.

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

Increase:

Revenue

01431000 93489	State Aid - OMH - Children's Home	\$ 26,588
01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	128,935

Expenditure:

01431000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff. Co.	\$ 26,588
01432000 04702	Credo Foundation	210
01432000 04707	CMHC Outpatient	1,503
01432000 04708	NRCIL FSS RIV	12,343
01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	2,144
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Prog	1,920
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	38,731
01432000 04717	CMH Forensics	5,419
01432000 04718	JRC Employment	16,675
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	13,482
01432000 04728	Samaritan Medical Center	3,198
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff Co	33,310

and be it further

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute the necessary amended agreements related to this additional funding with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Legislator Ferris made a motion to amend the resolution to remove the portions of this resolution for the Children's Home, the motion was seconded by Legislator Maxon.

Community Services Director Tim Reutten understood where legislators concerns were coming from and said the Children's Home has multiple programs and funding streams, and the negative issues are not with the mental health programs. He said the Community Clinic of Jefferson County serves 2,000 vulnerable individuals and with a few other programs is part of the treatment continuum in Jefferson County. He said the OMH allocation is pass through funding that is specifically a cost of living adjustment directly distributed to front line mental health staff. He said it is an initiative of New York State and a necessary piece to help retain and recruit staff and he did not know what would happen if it didn't go through.

Legislator Doldo understood where Legislator Ferris was coming from in terms of issues with the Children's Home but said we need to think things through further because he did not want

Jefferson County clients or staff members helping people in the community to suffer for this. He said he will support the resolution, and discussions with the Children's Home on foster care issues will be handled separately.

Legislator Maxon said he would not support the amendment and only seconded it because he felt it was important to bring it to the floor so we could hear an explanation. He said many members of the Board have serious trust issues with the leadership of the Children's Home which he hoped was being heard, and he called the question.

All members present voted nay on the amendment.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution No. 174

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

Nays: Ferris

Absent: Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 175

Amending 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The NYS Office of Children and Family Services has awarded funding to Jefferson County through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services (APS) administered by the Administration for Community Living in the amount of \$18,708, and

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

Whereas, This one-time funding is available for the period from August 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023, and

Whereas, Funding will be used to assist APS clients with household needs, household goods and services, cleaning and sanitation services/supplies, and transportation assistance, and will additionally be used for training, additional staff hours and portable technology to improve and support staff work in the field.

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

Increase:

Revenue

01601000 94610	Federal Aid Social Services Admin	\$18,708
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Expenditure

01601000 01300	Overtime	\$ 1,500
01601000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	1,500
01601000 04118	Computer Hardware	800
01601000 04613	Training	1,000
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	13,908

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

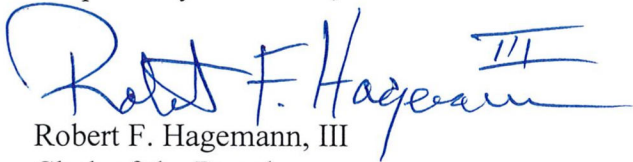
Ayes: Nabywaniec, Drake, Calarco, Grant, McBride, Jareo, Montigelli, Reed, Maxon, Cantwell, Ferris, Doldo, Johnson

Absent: Peck, Gray

Resolution passed.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board