

PUBLIC HEARING

2023 Community Development Block Grant Application Process

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. No one present wished to make comments and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law Intro No. 1 of 2023 - A Local Law to Establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program (Open C-PACE) in the County of Jefferson

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. No one present wished to make comments and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law Intro No. 2 of 2023 - A Local Law to Adopt Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law Providing for the Partial Exemption for the Residences of Qualified Members of Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Services

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. No one present wished to make comments and the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Grant.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sheriff Pete Barnett advised that he was very thankful to have a protective vehicle in the Sheriff's Department fleet such as the Mine Resistant Ambush Protect (MRAP) vehicle (acquired by Sheriff John Burns through the 1033 program) for the department to use when the situation warrants. He said it doesn't have any weapons on it, people should not be afraid of it, and he will maintain it so it can be utilized whenever the need arises. He outlined the four situations when it was used so far in 2023 and said it did take fire in one situation. He stressed the importance of having such a valuable tool for law enforcement to use in light of how situations seem to escalate very quickly in today's atmosphere. He noted that it could also be used in times of unrest at the

Jail, or during an environmental emergency to rescue civilians. He said he has no intention of parading the vehicle out in front of people when not in use, and is very much on board with a mental health Crisis Response Team approach to situations after law enforcement has cleared the scene. He thanked the Board for their support of the Department and said his door is always open if anyone has questions.

Douglas Wellborn, 8974 US Route 11, Adams, NY questioned why the County is not doing more as far as the illegal immigration issue like other counties who have put emergency orders in place. He understood the County is waiting and see what happens, but said when something does happen it will already be too late. He asked if there were any more thoughts about doing anything proactive, noting that the Green Light Law gives immigrants access to a drivers license and they could be anywhere in the State. Chairman Johnson explained that the Privilege of the Floor is for the public to express their opinions and give information to the Board, it is not for dialog back and forth.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF 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 April 30, 2023.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of May, 2023.

The Youth Bureau provided an Annual Report for 2022.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to take Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2023 “A Local Law to Establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program (Open C-PACE) in the County of Jefferson” off the table and approve it. Such motion was made by Legislator Montigelli and seconded by Legislator Drake. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye on Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to take Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2023 “A Local Law to Adopt Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law Providing for the Partial Exemption for the Residences of Qualified Members of Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Services” off the table and approve it. Such motion was made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Ferris.

Legislator Jareo questioned if there is a cap for the exemption and if certain people will end up with more of a benefit from this law than others if their property has more value. County Attorney Paulsen said the exemption is the same percentage for everyone based on the assessed value and there is no cap. Chairman Johnson noted that it has to be the primary residence. Legislator Jareo said he would not be supporting the local law as it provides an imbalance in the amount of taxes paid between residents, taxation should be as uniform as possible, and he would hate to see people volunteer simply for the exemption.

Legislator Peck expressed support for the Local Law as it is a small price to pay for a very limited benefit to help maintain the volunteer system and is manageable considering the time, energy and resources firefighters put in for training and maintaining the equipment. He said firefighters can either take advantage of this property tax exemption or the income tax exemption offered by New York State, they can’t do both.

Legislator Maxon expressed support for the Local Law as the alternative is having paid firefighters which will cost a lot more than the exemptions. He said this is a tool the County has to offer volunteers, pointing out that residents don’t even qualify until they have been a firefighter for five years. He said he has no problem with people volunteering for the exemption as it is just like someone doing a job for money, it is capitalism.

Legislator Ferris said he would support the Local Law as he appreciates the volunteers. He pointed out that some young firefighters might not even own property, if they do they have to wait five years for the exemption, and it is close to the least the County can do for the volunteers.

Legislator Cantwell said he respects others opinions on this issue , is supporting the Local Law and urged other legislators to do the same as it is the right thing to do.

All members present voted aye on Local Law No. 2 of 2023, except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 135

Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic

fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding at this time to replace lost County revenue to strengthen County services and address infrastructure needs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Transfers

21995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$5,850,000
20900600 95031	Interfund Transfers	5,850,000

Expenditure

20168000 02012	Computer Mainframe	\$ 400,000
20351000 02044	Dog Control	50,000
20501000 02052	Highway Office Complex	500,000
20511200 02727	CR 32	300,000
20511200 02756	CR 97	200,000
20511200 02759	CR 46	300,000
20511200 02760	CR 47	300,000
20511300 02876	M28 CR 8	500,000
20511300 02910	BO 33 Limestone Road	150,000
20511300 02911	BO 34 Limestone Road	150,000
20561000 02073	Airport Parking Improvements	60,000
20561000 02076	Airport Weather Equipment	105,000
20561000 02093	Airport Fuel Farm	1,635,000
20698900 02060	Property Remediation	1,200,000

Decrease:

Expenditure

21104500 04977	General Government Services	\$5,850,000
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Montigelli, Calarco, McBride, Peck, Potter, Jareo, Maxon, Nabyaniec, Reed, Drake, Doldo, Cantwell, Ferris, Johnson

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 136

**Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to
the American Rescue Plan Act**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, Jefferson Community College (JCC) has surface areas on campus with deteriorating pavement that need to be remedied, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate ARPA funding of \$1,000,000 at this time to replace lost County revenue to address Jefferson Community College paving needs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Transfers

21995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$1,000,000
20900600 95031	Interfund Transfers	1,000,000

Expenditure

20249000 02056	JCC Campus Revitalization	\$1,000,000
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Decrease:

Expenditure

21104500 04977	General Government Services	\$1,000,000
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 137

**Amending the 2023 County Budget Enterprise Fund in Relation to
the American Rescue Plan Act**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding at this time to replace lost County revenue to address Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center needs for a second scale and a new baler.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Transfers

21990100 09004	Transfer to Enterprise Fund	\$600,000
15910100 95031	Interfund Transfers	600,000

Expenditure

15816000 02410	Baler	\$500,000
15816000 02500	Buildings/Grounds Equipment (transfer station scales)	100,000

Decrease:

Expenditure

21104500 04977	General Government Services	\$600,000
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 138

**Authorizing Agreement with Community Action Planning Council
in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding to assist households experiencing financial hardship through provision of food pantries.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the County of Jefferson shall enter into an agreement with the Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) for the provision of services in the form of administration and operation of a program for the benefit of the citizens of Jefferson County:

- Food Pantries

and be it further

Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall provide \$54,971 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the CAPC for services so provided under the agreement and administration of the program, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators 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 CAPC shall refund to the County any unobligated funds remaining once all assigned tasks have been fully committed no later than December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That at any time as the Board of Legislators may request, the CAPC 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

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 139

**Authorizing Agreement with Jefferson County Local Development Corporation
in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding to help mitigate financial hardships for local business and agriculture, and expand high quality child care.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall enter into an agreement with the Jefferson County Local Development Corporation (JCLDC) for the provision of services in the form of administration and operation of certain programs for the benefit of the citizens of Jefferson County including the following:

- Small Business productivity improvement
- Local foods production and processing
- Expansion of childcare services
- Tourism sector enhancement

and be it further

Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall provide \$1,380,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the JCLDC for services so provided under the agreement and administration of the program, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized 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 JCLDC shall refund to the County any unobligated funds remaining once all assigned tasks have been fully committed no later than December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That at any time as the Board of Legislators may request, the JCLDC 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

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 140

Authorizing Agreement with Watertown Industrial Center Local Development

Corporation in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding to help address infrastructure needs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall enter into an agreement with the Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation (WICLDC) for the provision of services in the form of administration and operation of a project for the benefit of the citizens of Jefferson County:

- Roof mitigation of Watertown Industrial Center Facility

and be it further

Resolved, That the County of Jefferson shall provide \$150,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the WICLDC for services so provided under the agreement and administration of the project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized 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 WICLDC shall refund to the County any unobligated funds remaining once all assigned tasks have been fully committed no later than December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That at any time as the Board of Legislators may request, the WICLDC 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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 141

Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize Class Action Settlement and Allocate Revenue to Property Remediation

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The County Treasurer has received a check as part of the settlement of a class action

suit by a group of municipalities against Monsanto, of which Jefferson County is a beneficiary without having participated in the suit, and

Whereas, The funds are stipulated to be used for sampling and mitigation of PCB pollution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 92770	Unclassified Revenue	\$27,414.03
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Expenditures

20698900 02060	Property Remediation	\$27,414.03
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 142

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to
County Attorney Account**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The County Attorney has requested transfer of funds to cover professional consulting services and online research expense, and

Whereas, Funds are available due to a vacant position.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Expenditure

01142000 04416 Professional Fees \$15,000

Decrease:

Expenditure

01142000 01100 Personal Services \$15,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 143

**Authorizing Payment of Judgment in the Matter of P.G. v. Jefferson County, et al.
And Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, A lawsuit entitled “P.G. v. Jefferson County, *et al.*, Civil Action No. 5:21-cv-388”, was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, seeking injunctive and other relief; and

Whereas, A Memorandum Decision and Order was issued by the District Court on May 15, 2023, granting certain relief, including the award of attorney’s fees and costs to the plaintiff in the above matter, and

Whereas, On the advice of counsel after the consideration of the documentary evidence and legal analysis of the decision and order, that payment, as a matter of litigation analysis and risk management, is a cost-effective alternative to appeal of the order.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the amount of One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$161,570.13) for purposes of payment of the aforesaid judgment, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to tender that sum to counsel for P.G., upon such terms and conditions as counsel agree, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01193000 04600 Judgments & Claims \$161,570.13

Decrease:

01199000 04963 Contingent Account \$161,570.13

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 144

Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (Emmi Watertown, LLC and Mangano Watertown, LLC)

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, Emmi Watertown, LLC and Mangano Watertown, LLC, commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the City of Watertown, and

Whereas, The City of Watertown has reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard the following tax map parcels, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund</u>
8-50-102.000 (155 Commerce Park Dr.)			
2021	\$4,079,100	\$3,000.000	\$8,703.16

Whereas, The amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 145

Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (Waterbury Lodging, Co.)

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, Waterbury Lodging, Co., commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the

City of Watertown, and

Whereas, The City of Watertown has reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard the following tax map parcels, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund</u>
8-50-101.401 (110 Commerce Park Dr.)			
2021	\$4,546,800	\$3,300.000	\$10,055.69

Whereas, The amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 146

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

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, 2023.

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: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 147

**Authorizing Software License Agreement for Board of Elections and
Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, It is desirable for the Jefferson County Board of Elections to improve election reporting, both to the public on election night and to the state after certification, and

Whereas, Enhanced Voting can support importing of election results from local tabulation systems and provides New York-based results and New York Statement of Canvass, and

Whereas, These are available through Enhanced Results modules available as an annual software license that includes service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Enhanced Voting for the Enhanced Results Solution for the period of June 7, 2023 through June 6, 2024 at a cost of \$12,000 for the first year and \$16,440.80 annually for each of the three succeeding years, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of hereby authorized to execute said agreement subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01145000 04119	Computer Software	\$12,000
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Decrease:

01145000 02100	Equipment	\$12,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Legislator Doldo said he would not be supporting this resolution as he needed more information on how this change would help with voting machines out at the polling places. All members present voted aye except Legislator Doldo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 148

**Authorizing Appointments and Reappointments to the
Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, requires that there be established a local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to oversee local job

training services and activities, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(a)(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the establishment, membership, and composition of the local Workforce Development Board, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the appointment and certification for local Workforce Development Board membership, and

Whereas, The Counties of Jefferson and Lewis seek to appoint individuals to the local Workforce Development Board who have interest and experience in the delivery of local workforce development services.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the following appointments/reappointments to the Workforce Development Board for terms as indicated:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Jefferson County Representatives</u>	
Jody Pettit, Hilton Garden Inn	6/30/2026
Marybeth LaVallee, Knowlton Technologies	6/30/2026
Matthew Cooper, Barton & Loguidice	6/30/2026
Robert Killmer, Lawman Heating & Cooling, Inc.	6/30/2026
*Amy Dwyer, ARC of Jefferson-St..Lawrence	6/30/2026
<u>Lewis County Representatives</u>	
Brittany Davis, Lewis County Economic Development	6/30/2026
Shellie Marks, Qubica AMF	6/30/2026
*John Keruskie, Mativ (formerly Neenah Paper)	6/30/2024
<u>Jefferson-Lewis Representatives</u>	
*Daren Gulliver, Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers #2	6/30/2024

*New Appointments

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 149

**Authorizing Agreement with NCA Comp for the
Administration of Workers' Compensation Claims**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution 98 of 2020, this Board authorized an agreement with NCA Comp effective May 1, 2020 for third party administration (TPA) of new workers' comp claims dating from January, 2015 forward, and

Whereas, NCA Comp, as the current TPA, also took over handling of prior existing workers' comp claims, and

Whereas, The Director of Insurance recommends renewing an agreement with NCA Comp for said services for a term of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2026 with two optional years.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with NCA Comp for TPA of workers' compensation claims beginning May 1, 2023 for an annual fee of \$120,000 for year one, \$124,800 for year two, \$129,792 for year three, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into said agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 150

Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Educational Support Professionals Association of Jefferson Community College

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, A tentative employment agreement between the County of Jefferson, the Trustees of Jefferson Community College, and the Educational Support Professionals Association of Jefferson Community College for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2027, has been arrived at through collective negotiations between the Finance & Rules Committee, College Trustees, and the Educational Support Professionals 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

Legislator Montigelli said the Vice President of the Union came to the Finance & Rules Committee last week and thanked the Committee for their support of the contract. That was moving to him as he has been on a lot of negotiating committees over the years and the Union doesn't generally thank you for approving their contract. All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 151

**Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative
2023-2024 Jefferson Community College Budget**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Resolved, That a public hearing on the Tentative Jefferson Community College Budget for College Fiscal Year 2023-2024 be held before this Board of Legislators on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Administrator Hagemann advised that as of this afternoon, Dr. Dan Dupee has been named the President of JCC.

Resolution No. 152

**Authorizing an Agreement with the Energy Improvement Corporation for the Provision
of Financing and Administrative Services to Qualified Properties Within the
County of Jefferson.**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Energy Improvement Corporation (hereinafter "EIC") is a local development corporation formed under the laws of the State of New York to promote and facilitate a sustainable energy financing program through which member municipalities may levy charges against qualified properties for the purpose of financing clean energy improvements, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has enacted a Local Law establishing a sustainable energy loan program through which this municipal agreement is authorized, and

Whereas, The Municipal agreement provides for the administration of the review of applications, granting of applications, monitoring of benefitted properties, and enforcement in the event a benefitted property defaults on obligations by the EIC.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute the above municipal agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

LOCAL LAW Intro No. 3 of 2023

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING MODIFIED RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Jefferson as follows:

SECTION 1: FINDINGS AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT

A “public officer” under New York State Public Officers Law includes; department directors, senior level management, attorneys, as well as sheriff’s deputies and corrections officers. Public Officers Law Section 3 and County Law Section 400 require that any County appointed public officer be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised. The positions of department directors, senior management, attorneys, sheriff’s deputies and corrections officers require specialized training, education, and experience not readily available from candidates residing in or willing to move to Jefferson County. In light of the historic pattern of difficulties in recruiting and retaining qualified appointed “public officers”, the Board of Legislators intends to authorize persons who are not residents of Jefferson County to hold appointed public office in Jefferson County.

SECTION 2: AUTHORITY

Under Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10, the County of Jefferson has the authority to authorize a non-county resident to hold appointed public office of Jefferson County, provided such person resides in the state of New York. A municipality may enact a local law that supercedes a state statute if the state statute is a special, as opposed to a general law. Public Officers Law, Section 3 has been found to be a special law to the extent it is previously amended by the state legislature to permit an exception to its general terms. Public Officers Law, Section 3, has previously been amended by the state legislature to provide that public officers in Westchester County are not subject to any residency restriction other than to reside in the state of New York. (Public Officers Law §3(28)).

Jefferson County previously altered the residency requirement for deputy or assistant medical examiners by Local Law No. 2 of 2001 to provide that persons holding such office need only be a resident of the state of New York.

SECTION 3: RESIDENCY

1. With respect to the position of Medical Examiner, the provisions of Public Officers Law Section 3, County Law Section 400, and any other provision of County Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office of Medical Examiner, provided that such person resides within the state of New York.
2. With respect to the appointed public officers of Jefferson County, the provisions of Public Officers Law Section 3, County Law Section 400, and any other provision of County Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding any appointed public office, provided that such person resides in a county adjoining Jefferson County within the state of New York.
3. All residency requirements for elected officers remain unchanged by this Local Law.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstances directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State as provided in Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to lay Local Law Intro. No. 3 of 2023 on the table pending a public hearing. Such motion was made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 153

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 3 of 2023

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled “ A Local Law Providing Modified Residency Requirements for Appointed Public Officers of the County of Jefferson.” on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators Chambers, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Legislators shall give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 154

Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation, McFarland Johnson and Baseline King Corporation in Relation to Various Runways at the Watertown International Airport, Authorizing Lead Agency Status and a Determination of Non-Significance in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 124 of 2021, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the design and bidding of the Runway 7, 25, 10, and 28 Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) and Runway 25 Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL) at the Watertown International Airport, and State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination related thereto, and

Whereas, Grant funding for said runways project is anticipated in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 from the FAA through the Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$871,460 and from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for an amount up to \$48,414, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County local share of the project is \$48,415, and

Whereas, The County’s selected airport consultant on this project, McFarland Johnson, Inc., has completed said design and coordinated the bidding process and recommends that the low bidder, Baseline King Corporation, be awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$695,250, and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson, Inc. will provide construction administration and project construction representative services in the amount of up to \$238,039 and Jefferson County is expected to incur up to \$35,000 in administrative and reimbursable expenses in relation to the

project, and

Whereas, A Categorical Exclusion Form for the project was prepared and accepted by the FAA in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act, and

Whereas, The proposed improvements are classified as Unlisted Actions for which Jefferson County is an involved agency for the purposes of review under the SEQR Act, and the County will undertake as Lead Agency an uncoordinated review of the project and, in connection therewith, has reviewed a Short Environmental Assessment Form completed in conjunction with McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That Jefferson County, upon award of the FAA grant, enter into agreements with the FAA to accept said grant funds in the amount of \$871,460 and with NYSDOT to accept said grant funds in an amount up to \$48,414, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County upon award of the FAA grant, enter into agreements with Baseline King Corporation for up to \$695,250 for the construction of the project and with McFarland Johnson in the amount of up to \$238,039 for construction administration and project representative services, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the County, including any change orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and the County Administrator not to exceed the funding available, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Sec 617.6, that Jefferson County hereby accepts and assumes the responsibility to act as Lead Agency for environmental review for the above-described action, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the determination of significance under SEQR and the Negative Declaration will be filed with all appropriate parties in accordance with 6 NYCRR Sec 617.22, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 94589	Federal Aid – Airport Capital Projects	\$871,460
20900600 93589	Airport State Aid – DOT	\$ 48,414

Expenditure

205610000 02097	Airfield Lighting	\$968,289
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Decrease

20698900 02064	Property Acquisition/Improvements	\$ 48,415
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 155

Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded Jefferson County \$46,089 under the FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State DHSES to receive this grant to partially fund full time employees in Fire and Emergency Management, and

Whereas, DHSES processes grants through an electronic format, and

Whereas, Said revenue and expenditure grant funds are contained in the 2023 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said \$46,089 grant, and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 156

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Recycling and Waste Management

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Recycling and Waste Management is requesting funding to replace a 2009 trailer that is no longer structurally sound, and

Whereas, Funding is also requested to repair the Maintenance Shop damaged in the December wind and snow event, for which insurance has been claimed, but the recovery amount is not yet determined, and

Whereas, Insurance recovery funds will be recognized when received.

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

Increase:

Expenditure		
15816000 02480	Trailer	\$115,000
15816000 04211	Building/Prop Maintenance	163,600
Fund Balance		
15000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$278,600

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peck, Jareo, Reed, Maxon, Ferris, McBride, Nabwaniec, Calarco, Cantwell, Potter, Drake, Montigelli, Doldo, Johnson

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 157

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Sheriff - Corrections

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department Jail budget includes many nurse positions which are increasingly difficult to fill, and

Whereas, Public Health is providing nursing services in order to meet primary care needs for the jail inmates.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01315000 04414	Supporting Services	\$19,870
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Decrease:

01315000 01100	Personal Services	\$19,870
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Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 158

Expressing Support for Senate Bill S.06249 and Assembly Bill A.06412 Regarding Home Rule Legislation for the Town of Lorraine to Designate Minimum Maintenance Roads Within the Town

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, New York State's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act calls for the implementation of the adopted Climate Action Plan of 2022, which specifically states that the State should expand legislation to secure local government's ability to designate Minimum Maintenance Roads to reduce subdivision and development pressure on roads that may result in conversion of farmland and forestland to other land uses, and

Whereas, New York State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act of 2010 is furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept, particularly by maintaining and using existing infrastructure in a stakeholder-driven, bottom up process that preserves, protects and enhances water, air, agricultural land, forests, recreation, open spaces, and scenic areas, and

Whereas, Green infrastructure practices are furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept by preserving undisturbed areas, preserving buffers, reducing clearing and grading, reducing consumption of gravel and aggregate materials, encouraging development in less sensitive areas, and helping to maintain open space, and

Whereas, There are many rural and remote areas of the state which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance, and local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities, and

Whereas, The Town of Lorraine, has approximately 36.4 miles of town roads, and 15.2 miles of minimum maintenance roads, and has requested Home Rule Legislation from the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to designate minimum maintenance roads within

the Town, and

Whereas, Assembly Bill A.06412 and Senate Bill S.06249 have been introduced in the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate, that if adopted and signed into law would authorize the Town of Lorraine to designate minimum maintenance roads by a local law passed by the Town Board following a hearing.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby supports Senate Bill S.06249 and Assembly Bill A.06412 relating to the designation of certain highways in the Town of Lorraine and urges the NYS Legislature to adopt same, and the NYS Governor to sign them into law, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board shall provide certified copies of this resolution to Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblymen William Barclay, Ken Blankenbush and Scott Gray.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Maxon appreciated the Board considering this resolution and the Finance & Rules Committee for putting it forward (because General Services was cancelled this month). He urged Legislators to support it as it will help the Town, will save money, will save the environment, and may help the State understand that we can do things different than in the City and approve expanding minimum maintenance roads to other areas of the North Country.

Legislator Montigelli thanked Legislator Maxon for helping him to understand the intricacies of this issue including that it can not be decided solely by a town, but needs the approval of the State because the minimum maintenance road law was never codified at the State level.

Legislator Peck expressed support for the resolution and said the same regulations should be in effect for all towns in Jefferson County so that a town can maintain a road to a certain degree and status that will not be harmful to the budget of the town. He said we should continue to work on officials at the State level until that is a reality.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 159

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

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

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. 105 of 2023 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 \$189.75
	Audiology Sessions	per 30 minute (Group) \$ 94.88
	Audiology (Consults)	per consult \$380.00
	TOD (Teacher of the Deaf Sessions)	per 30 minutes \$133.00
	TOD (Teacher of the Deaf Sessions)	per 30 minute (Group) \$ 66.50
	TOD (Consults)	per consult \$265.00

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: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 160

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Mental Hygiene Services

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, New York State Mental Hygiene Law provides that the Jefferson County Community Services Board may contract for the provision of various mental hygiene services to the public with the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 41.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law, this Board does hereby grant its approval for the Community Services Board to enter into agreements with the following not-for-profit organizations for provision of the referenced mental hygiene services during calendar year 2023 for consideration as reflected herein:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Consideration to be Received from the County</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>County Aid</u>
Alcohol/Substance Abuse Council DBA Pivot			
Recovery Center	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$ 0
Prevention Services & Stop DWI	\$882,464	\$788,464	\$ 59,000
			DWI \$ 35,000
Carthage Area Hospital			
Behavioral Health Clinic	\$ 55,801	\$ 55,801	\$ 0
Children's Home of Jefferson County			
Family Respite	\$ 49,400	\$ 43,296	\$ 6,104
Mobile Crisis Outreach	\$156,521	\$137,257	\$ 19,264
Prevention Program	\$ 30,367	\$ 26,489	\$ 3,878
Health Home Management	\$234,715	\$234,715	\$ 0
Adult, Children & Families Pre-Admission			
Screening (SPOA/SPOE)	\$124,345	\$124,345	\$ 0
Non-Medicaid Care Coordination Mgrs -			
Sch. Liaison	\$214,114	\$214,114	\$ 0
Community Outpatient Clinic	\$ 88,432	\$ 41,057	\$ 47,375
Records Management	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Forensic Jail Program	\$142,688	\$141,804	\$ 884
Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program	\$691,950	\$691,950	\$ 0
Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions			
Men's Halfway House	\$331,815	\$331,815	\$ 0
Vocational/Education Program	\$116,737	\$116,737	\$ 0
Chemical Dependence Clinic	\$652,055	\$597,359	\$ 54,696
Community Res. (Aftercare)	\$381,309	\$342,309	\$ 39,000
Case Mgmt/Supportive Housing	\$121,908	\$121,908	\$ 0
Women's Drug Free Residential	\$838,145	\$838,145	\$ 0
Res. Rehab. Svcs. For Youth	\$ 85,422	\$ 85,422	\$ 0
Opiate Treatment Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Case Management/Vivitrol	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Jail Base Program	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$ 0
Mental Health Outpatient Clinic	\$ 2,863	\$ 2,863	\$ 0
The ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence			
Assisted Competitive & Transitional Employment Programs	\$306,890	\$297,016	\$ 9,874
Integrated Supported Employment	\$ 91,707	\$ 91,707	\$ 0
Family Support Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Mental Health Assn.			
Psychosocial/Drop-In Program	\$310,968	\$292,222	\$ 18,746
Adult Respite Program	\$ 40,897	\$ 35,549	\$ 5,348
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$ 92,500	\$ 92,500	\$ 0
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living			
Family Support Services	\$277,157	\$268,964	\$ 8,193
Mental Health Advocacy	\$ 49,499	\$ 49,499	\$ 0
North Country Transitional Living Services DBA Transitional Living Services of NNY			
Supported Housing	\$569,876	\$560,432	\$ 9,444
Behavioral Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 12,879	\$ 12,879	\$ 0
Homeless/MICA/Case Mgmt	\$119,847	\$119,847	\$ 0
River Hospital			
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$ 92,500	\$ 92,500	\$ 0
Community Wellness Outpatient	\$ 34,945	\$ 0	\$ 34,945
School Bases Mental Health Clinic	\$ 8,656	\$ 8,656	\$ 0
Samaritan Medical Center			
Outpatient Clinic Services	\$ 85,744	\$ 85,744	\$ 0

and be it further

Resolved, That this Board further grants approval for the Community Services Board to enter into such agreements with the State of New York as may be required to obtain the State Aid funding outlined herein, and be it further

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

Resolved, That the Community Services Board shall not be required to enter into any amended agreements related to changes in funding for any of the above referenced agreements, and with

any increases in funding for any of the above referenced agreements requiring this Board to approve such monetary increases by budget resolution only.

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 161

Appointing Members to the Community Services Board

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 41.11 of the Mental Hygiene Law the following individuals are hereby appointed as members of the Jefferson County Community Services Board and/or to the designated sub-committee thereof for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Community Services Board Only Karen Marcum		12/31/2024
Community Services Board and Sub Committee Kevin Vogt	PW/DD	12/31/2024
Sub Committee Only Kelly Wright	Alcohol and Substance Abuse	12/31/2024
Michael Lively	PW/DD	12/31/2024
Susan Lara-Gonzalez	Mental Health	12/31/2024
Brooke Roes	Mental Health	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 162

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

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been allocated \$90,122 for a one (1) year term renewal from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Research Inc. (HRI) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the period of July 1, 2023, through

June 30, 2024, to improve its preparedness to address Public Health emergencies, and

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

Whereas, The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and other improvements will require use of existing personal services authorized in the Adopted 2023 budget, purchase and payment of certain operating expenses, all to be 100% funded by the grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby again accepts such annual funding covering the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, contingent on continued state and federal funding, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 163

Accepting Funding for New York State Department of Health Health Equity Project, Authorizing Agreement, and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has awarded funding to Jefferson County Public Health Service to determine the effects of COVID-19, related impacts and vaccine hesitancy within the population of the Town of LeRay, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Public Health Service will work with community partners to develop a sound survey methodology, conduct said survey and convene focus groups within the township, and

Whereas, The NYSDOH will provide a total award of \$50,000 for the project for the period of May 1, 2023 through February 15, 2024, such funding to partially offset salary and fringe of existing staff.

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 documents with the NYSDOH for the provision of this funding, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01405000 91689	Other Public Health Income	\$50,000
Expenditures		
01406000 04110	Office Supplies	\$ 400
01406000 04111	Trackable-Durable Equipment	1,800
01406000 04313	Travel	131
01406000 04416	Professional Fees	25,000
01406000 04585	Operating Supplies	2,287

Decrease:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$20,382
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Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call vote

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

Absent: Grant

Resolution passed.

Chairman Johnson announced that he is forming an Ad Hoc Committee for Dog Control that would review a Report from New York State Ag & Markets concerning the Jefferson County Dog Control operation. At the County's request a representative of Ag & Markets visited the shelter, talked to the staff and reviewed our current procedures. He said the charge to the Committee is to review the Report and make recommendations back to the Board. Ad Hoc members will be: Legislator McBride (Chair), Legislators Nabywaniec, Cantwell and Grant.

Legislator Maxon stated that he would follow up with Administration and the General Services Committee on this issue, but wanted to mention that he met with the Commissioners of the Adams Center Fire District and they brought up that when Life Flight is called out of the Airport for service, a majority of the time they land in Adams Center at a spot centrally located just off of NYS Route 81. The Adams Center Fire Department is dispatched to respond and sit in a truck to maintain the scene; it is a tax borne by the Adams Center Fire District to provide this service to all of Jefferson County. He will follow up with Fire & Emergency Management Director Plummer to see how often Adams Center Fire District is called out and talk to Administration about ways to offset the costs that are being borne by a small segment of the

County for the benefit of the entire County.

Legislator Peck reminded legislators that June is Dairy Month and said it has been a roller coaster of several years with high prices for milk this year, but also high prices for fuel and fertilizer. New York State also expanded wages for farm workers and is generally getting in the middle of the employer/employee relationship which ties the hands of small businesses. Other challenges are that whole milk was eliminated from the New York City School District, the largest school district in the Country and the Federal government and USDA are trying to eliminate chocolate milk off the lunch menu in school districts. This is a convoluted mess in the dairy industry with some degree of over production and demand issues along with high dependence on international trade. He said it is a very challenging time, despite being a major part of the economy. He asked that legislators remind their constituents to slow down and have some patience if they see a piece of farm equipment up ahead in the road because they can't see you and will be out of the way soon enough. He encouraged everyone to enjoy some cheese and ice cream this month.

Administrator Hagemann advised that the North Country Community Cup sporting event that the County has participated in for a long time was held the first weekend in June and the Jefferson County Team won 3rd Place this year. He said it is very competitive and the team only lost 2nd Place by one point.

Administrator Hagemann announced that the commercial entrance into the Airport has changed, you will still turn left (or right) off of Route 12, but will immediately take a new road off to the right for the Terminal. You will stay on the main road and continue to go straight if going to the FBO.

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 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board