

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2023 Inclusions of Viable Agricultural Land in NYS Certified Agricultural Districts**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Eight Year Review of the North Agricultural District No. 2**

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present except Legislators Drake, Peck and Doldo.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one present wished to address the Board.

**READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED**

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

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence was received from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Senator Mark Walczyk with regard to NYS Legislature Bills A.4994/S.4384 being signed into law which permit the electronic appearance of a defendant in the County of Jefferson.

Resolutions from the New York State Association of Counties 2023 Fall Seminar were received.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees.

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on legislators expenses.

## **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER**

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of August 31, 2023.

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

The Jefferson County Public Health Service provided their Annual Report for 2022.

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

### **Resolution No. 226**

#### **Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 359 of County Law, a public hearing on the Tentative Budget for County fiscal year 2024 be held before this Board of Legislators at 6:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That notice of said public hearing be given in accordance with law.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 227**

#### **Payment of Legislators' Expenses**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

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 \$2,918 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense:	\$2,918
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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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 228**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Law Enforcement**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, In response to increasingly higher profile and more dangerous situations in the County, the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) has been activated more often, and

Whereas, The increase in critical incidents has resulted in the need to replace and upgrade SERT equipment and supplies such as rifles, vests and helmets.

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

**Increase:**

01311000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	\$14,500
01311000 04585	Operating Supplies	32,500

**Decrease:**

01311000 04119	Software	\$15,000
01311000 04313	Travel	15,000
01311000 04613	Training	17,000

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 229**

**Authorizing Agreements for the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Funding Grant and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The New York Stop-DWI Foundation has successfully coordinated and obtained a 2023-24 Aid to Localities Award for STOP-DWI programs in 44 counties throughout the state, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has received \$16,500 for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, to be shared with Jefferson County STOP-DWI partners and agencies with the purpose of furthering the STOP-DWI mandate of Education, Rehabilitation, Enforcement, and Prosecution, and

Whereas, Agreements must be authorized with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and Jefferson County STOP-DWI, and

Whereas, The 2023 County Budget must be amended to recognize said funding and allocate it to the appropriate account.

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

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01331500 93389	State Aid Other Public Safety	\$16,500
Expenditures		
01331500 04313	Travel	\$ 2,500
01331500 04585	Operating Supplies	7,000
01331500 04613	Training	7,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Doldo, Peck, Drake

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 230**

**Appointing Director of Public Health**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 204 of County Law and Section 604 of Public Health Law, and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, Stephen A. Jennings be and is hereby appointed as Director of Public Health for a term to expire December 31, 2023 at Grade II, Level D (base salary \$101,904), effective October 28, 2023.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 231**

#### **Accepting Grant Award and Authorizing the Execution of a Project Funding Agreement with National Grid Economic Development Grant Program**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County, the Village of Deferiet, Town of Wilna, Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation, and New York State Energy Research and Development Corporation are collaborating to revitalize and redevelop the Community of Deferiet, NY and the industrial site formerly known as the St. Regis Paper Mill, and

Whereas, Jefferson County applied for grant funding from National Grid's Economic Development Grant program for the purpose of supporting the effort to demolish and remediate the former paper mill site, and

Whereas, National Grid has awarded Jefferson County up to \$300,000 for eligible remediation, demolition, and energy infrastructure costs associated with the Deferiet project, and

Whereas, It is necessary that a Project Funding Agreement be executed by Jefferson County in order to accept the grant award.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Project Funding Agreement with National Grid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 232**

#### **Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Carthage for Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Village of Carthage currently has a vacancy in the position of Building Code Enforcement Officer, and

Whereas, Pursuant to NYS Executive Law § 381(2), any local government may enter into agreement with the county in which such local government is situated to administer and enforce the uniform code, the state energy conservation construction code, or both, within such local government, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a “joint services” pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law Article 5-G, and

Whereas, The Village of Carthage desires the County to assume the duties of Village Building Code Officer for the purpose of enforcing the Village of Carthage’s adoption of the uniform code and the energy conservation construction code, and

Whereas, The Village and County agree that in compensation to the County, the County shall collect and retain all charges, fees, and penalties which may become due under the uniform code during the term of this agreement, and

Whereas, The Parties are desirous of entering into a joint services agreement for a period beginning October 4, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and effective January 1, 2024 the Village will have opted out of enforcement of the uniform code and state energy conservation construction code by local law pursuant to Executive Law § 381(2) on a permanent basis.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 233**

#### **Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport for Purchase of Ground Service Equipment**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 119, This Board of Legislators authorized a budget amendment in relation to Ground Service Equipment purchase for aircraft charter handling operations, and

Whereas, Bids have been received and additional funds are needed to cover the procurement of two belt loaders, and

Whereas, Funds are available within the airport capital facility account.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
01561000 02068	Airport Ground Service Equipment	\$25,000
Transfers		
01899200 95031	From Capital Fund	\$25,000
20990100 09000	To General Fund	25,000

**Decrease:**

20561000 02001	Airport Facility	\$25,000
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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: Cantwell, Montigelli, Potter, Maxon, Jareo, Reed, Grant, Nabywaniec, McBride, Calarco, Ferris, Johnson

Absent: Peck, Doldo, Drake

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 234**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Federal and State Reimbursements of Administrative Expenses for Runway Protection Zone Land Acquisitions at the Watertown International Airport**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Per Resolutions 187 of 2016, and 123 and 170 of 2019, This Board of Legislators authorized agreements and settlements in connection with acquisition of certain real property for the Watertown International Airport, and

Whereas, Said resolutions amended the County Capital Plan assuming 95% funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the remainder expected to be state and local funding, and

Whereas, Actual FAA funding has come in at 100% for some expenses, and

Whereas, Various expenses were incurred by the County Attorney in relation to land acquisition projects at the Watertown International Airport which should be charged to the appropriate capital project, to offset the grant funding that has been received, and

Whereas, The capital expenditure and related revenue accounts should be reconciled, allowing for reimbursement of associated expenses incurred by the County Attorney.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue

20900600 94589	Federal Aid – Capital Projects	\$162,547.04
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Expenditure

20561000 020995	RPZ Land Acquisition	\$158,265.78
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**Decrease:**

Revenue

20900600 93589	State Aid- DOT	\$ 5,883.63
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Expenditure

20698900 02064	Property Improvements	\$ 1,602.37
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Doldo, Peck, Drake

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 235**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Fund**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon



Whereas, The Highway Department needs to purchase a snow plow for the pickup truck which was ordered last year and could not include the snow equipment due to increased costs, and

Whereas, The Highway Superintendent has requested a transfer between accounts to provide funding for the purchase.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
10513000 02460	Snow Removal Equipment	\$6,290.70

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
10513000 02404	Dump Truck Replacement	\$6,290.70

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 236**

**Amending the 2023 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 increased costs for Bridge E016 on County Route 4, and

Whereas, Funding is available for transfer in another Bridge account.

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

**Increase:**

20511300 02886	E016 - CR4	\$4,871.03
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**Decrease:**

20511300 02822	R017 - CR69	\$4,871.03
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and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Peck, Drake, Doldo

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 237**

**Accepting Funding and Authorizing Agreement for Highway Department Equipment and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition applied for a NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project grant in response to a new requirement for street sweeping/vacuuming to continue permit compliance of small municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4s), and

Whereas, Jefferson County will receive up to \$325,000 from New York State designated for purchase of a vacuum truck for this purpose, and

Whereas, The County Highway Superintendent has requested that this additional revenue be recognized and the 2023 County Budget be amended.

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 approval of 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		
10900400 93089	State Aid - Transportation	\$325,000
Expenditure		
10513000 02415	Broom/Vacuum Truck	\$325,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Peck, Doldo, Drake

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 238**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, This Board of Legislators has allocated funding for purchase of a replacement baler at the Transfer Station, which has been ordered and is expected early in 2024, and

Whereas, The current baler hydraulic ram requires repair, and

Whereas, NYSDEC now requires updating of Operations and Maintenance Manual by certified engineers as a permit requirement due to modifications at the Transfer Station, and

Whereas, Funds are available for transfer within the Recycling and Waste Management Fund including revenue from equipment sale.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
15910100 92665	Sale of Equipment	\$23,800
Expenditure		
15816000 04211	Building Property Maintenance	\$23,800
15816000 04416	Professional Fees	10,000

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
15816000 04311	Gas and Oil	\$10,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Peck, Drake, Doldo

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 239**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 105 of 2020, Jefferson County, acting as lead County on behalf of the North Country HOME Consortium, was authorized to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for HOME Investment Partnership Program Grants for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 to assist in providing affordable housing resources within the Consortium area, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, as lead County of the Consortium, has been awarded a 2023 HOME Grant in the amount of \$903,345 for the purpose outlined above.

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

**Increase**

Revenue		
30866800 94995	Federal Aid - HOME Program	\$903,345

Expenditure		
30898900 04001	HOME Program	\$903,345

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake, Peck, Doldo

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 240**

**Authorizing an Agreement with the Community Action Planning Council  
to Promote Fair and Equal Housing**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County is the grant recipient of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs, and said funds are committed to housing assistance programs for income eligible County residents, and

Whereas, To ensure compliance with funding requirements the County is obligated to promote and further fair and equal housing opportunities for residents of Jefferson County consistent with federal legislation and regulations, and

Whereas, To accomplish this objective the County has annually entered into a contract for the provision of fair housing services including acting as the County's fair housing office for public education, information and referral, and complaint assistance, and

Whereas, Funds for a fair housing contract are appropriated in the 2023 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Planning Council in the amount of \$9,000 for promoting and furthering fair and equal housing opportunities in the County for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, 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. 241**

**Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of the 2023 Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land to Existing Agricultural Districts, and Making a Determination of Non-significance**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b requires Counties to establish an annual thirty day period within which to accept requests by landowners to have viable agricultural land included in a certified Agricultural District, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators passed Resolution 98 of 2004, Establishing

an Annual Thirty Day Period from June 1 to June 30 for Landowners to Submit Proposals to Include Viable Agricultural Land within an Existing Agricultural District Before the District's Established Review Period, and

Whereas, In accordance with Section 303-b of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the requests for inclusion during the 2023 request period were referred to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for review and recommendation, and

Whereas, The inclusion of viable agricultural land within an existing Agricultural District before the District's established review period is an action subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment Form has been completed which reviews potential environmental impacts and determines that no significant impacts will occur.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to SEQR and has determined that this is an unlisted action and will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form\ Determination of Significance and forward same to all involved agencies.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 242**

#### **2023 Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Certified Agricultural Districts Before the Districts' Established Review Periods**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b requires Counties to establish an annual thirty day period within which to accept requests by landowners to have viable agricultural land included in a certified Agricultural District, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 98 of 2004, Establishing an Annual Thirty Day Period from June 1 to June 30 for Landowners to Submit Proposals to Include Viable Agricultural Land within an Existing Agricultural District Before the District's Established Review Period, and

Whereas, In accordance with Section 303-b of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture

and Markets Law, the 2023 requests for inclusion were referred to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for review and recommendation, and

Whereas, The recommendation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has been submitted to this Board, and

Whereas, A public hearing was held on October 3, 2023 to receive public comments, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators has reviewed the requests for inclusion, the recommendation of the Jefferson County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and the Public Hearing record concerning the inclusion of viable agricultural land in certified agricultural districts before the districts' established review periods.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25 AA, Section 303-b, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the inclusion of 11 parcels consisting of 802.71 acres to existing Agricultural Districts.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 243**

#### **Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of Conducting an Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County North Agricultural District #2, and Making a Determination of Non-Significance**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Board of Legislators formally received notification from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to commence the Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County North Agricultural District No. 2, and

Whereas, The Eight Year Review process is an action subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law "State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)" Act, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been completed which evaluates potential environmental impacts, expresses the County's desire to serve as lead agency, determines that no significant impacts will occur, and is incorporated in this resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to SEQR and has determined that this is an unlisted action and will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form and forward same to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 244**

**Adopting Modifications Pursuant to the Eight Year Review of the  
Jefferson County North Agricultural District, No. 2**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Board of Legislators formally received notification from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to commence the Eight Year Review of the Jefferson County North Agricultural District, No. 2, and

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25AA, as amended, a review notice was published and the Jefferson County North Agricultural District, No. 2 was placed on file in the County Clerk's Office for a thirty (30) day review and modification period, and

Whereas, During the review period, 2,058.40 acres of land was requested to be added and 1,237.8 acres of land was requested to be removed from the District, and

Whereas, The District and proposed modifications were referred to the Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for its review and recommendations, and

Whereas, The report of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board with its recommendation to modify and re-establish the district for eight years has been duly received by this Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, A public hearing was held on October 3, 2023 at which time consideration was given to the original Agricultural District, the recommendations of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and the proposed modifications to the District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby modify and re-establish the Jefferson County North Agricultural District, No. 2, to consist of 115,286.6 acres of land, for a period of eight years. The modified boundary is depicted on a set of maps entitled Jefferson County North Agricultural District, No. 2 (2024).

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck



All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 245**

**Authorizing Agreements in Relation to the Supervision & Treatment Services for Juveniles Program**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, New York State Office of Children and Family Services has awarded Jefferson County \$138,210 for the provision of services and programs as alternatives to detention through the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles (STSJP) Program, and

Whereas, Available funding has been included in the 2023 County Budget and it is necessary to authorize agreements with the Children's Home of Jefferson County for \$133,610 and the Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Counties for \$4,600, for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, for the provision of STSJP services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant award, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the Children's Home of Jefferson County(\$133,610 for a term ending 9/30/24) and the Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Counties (\$4,600 for a term ending 9/30/24), and any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 246**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation To Assigned Counsel Costs**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Under New York State County Law, Article 18-B, S. 722, counties pay for assigned counsel who represent indigent defendants at hourly rates set by the State, and

Whereas, The New York State Budget for FY 2023-24 increased the assigned counsel hourly rate to \$158 per hour effective as of April 1, up from prior \$60 per hour for misdemeanors and \$75 per hour for felonies, and

Whereas, The NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Aid to Localities' budget for FY 2023-24

includes funding to reimburse counties for half of the rate increase for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, and

Whereas, The appropriations will be expended before year-end.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure

01117100 04442	Family Court	\$50,000
01117100 04443	County Court	20,000
01117100 04444	City Court	45,000
01117100 04445	Justice Courts	10,000
01117100 04446	Appellate Court	10,000

Revenue

01142000 93025	State Aid-Indigent Legal Services	\$67,500
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**Decrease:**

Expenditure

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$67,500
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert D Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake, Peck, Doldo

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 247**

**Amending the 2023 County Budget for Corrections Insurance**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Per Resolution 189, This Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with PrimeCare Medical of New York for comprehensive healthcare services for the County Correctional Facility effective October 1st, and

Whereas, Said agreement includes PrimeCare procuring its own insurance at that time, and

Whereas, Insurance coverage for medical professional liability covering county corrections medical staff must be extended for any claims made after October 1<sup>st</sup> related to incidents that happened before that date, and

Whereas, Such extended reporting period coverage cost exceeds the amount budgeted, and

Whereas, Funding is available in the Corrections Personal Services account due to vacancies.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
01315000 04219	Insurance	\$21,719

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
01315000 01100	Personal Services	\$21,719

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 248**

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

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Counties are required by law to furnish and maintain adequate court facilities for use by State Courts, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Chapter 686 of the Laws of 1996, New York State was designated with fiscal responsibility for managing interior cleaning and minor repairs within court facilities, and required to contract with counties for such maintenance, and

Whereas, Jefferson County desires to enter into an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for the provision of cleaning and maintenance services to the local courts during the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028 in consideration of reimbursement by the NYS Unified Court System to the County for actual costs for cleaning and maintenance, and

Whereas, The maximum compensation for the 2023-2024 period shall be \$243,460.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for the provision of cleaning and maintenance services to the local courts for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in consideration of reimbursement by the NYS Unified Court System to the County for actual costs for cleaning and maintenance in the amount of \$243,460, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 249**

**Accepting Donations on Behalf of the Office for the Aging  
and Amending the 2023 County Budget**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, Jefferson County received cash donations to support the Senior Picnic and Senior Health Fair Expo organized by the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, and

Whereas, The Director of the Office for the Aging intends to use these funds to address gaps in services for the elderly, including alleviation of social isolation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Pursuant to County Law Section 215(3), This Board of Legislators gratefully accepts said donations, and be it further

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01677200 92705	Gifts and Donations	\$6,880
Expenditure		
01677200 04416	Professional Fees	\$6,880

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Drake, Doldo, Peck

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 250**

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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 October 3, 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>
Jeff-Lewis 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
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Deaf Sessions)	(Group)	
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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 251**

**Authorizing 2023/24 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children & Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program Agreements**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the allocation of State Aid Funding for 2023/24 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs to be operated and administered by various eligible organizations in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The following constitutes the list of endorsed State Aid allocations for 2023/24 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs which require an agreement between the County and the respective Agency or Municipality and provision of pass-through funding:

Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>State Aid Allocation</u>
YMCA/Sports & CPR/First Aid/AED Certification	\$ 6,333
Encompass Recreation	14,420
YMCA Inclusive Youth Sports	7,500
CHJC Recreational Opportunities	11,700

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a 2023/24 Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services 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/Municipalities for provision of Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs for the youth of Jefferson County for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, 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/Municipality Agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 252**

#### **Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans and Active Military Service Members Transitioning to Veteran Status In Civilian Life**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The residents of Jefferson County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces, and whose contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

Whereas, Jefferson County seeks to honor these individuals who have placed themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and who continue to serve their community as they transition to civilian life and become veterans, and

Whereas, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and studies indicate from 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, including a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, and

Whereas, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by helping fellow former service members, and

Whereas, Operation Green Light is a collaboration between the NYS Association of Counties, NYS Council of Education Associations, the NYS County Veteran Service Officers Association and the 62 counties of New York State to show support for veterans and raise awareness about the challenges they face and the resources available to assist them and their families.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, With designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Jefferson County hereby declares from November 1<sup>st</sup> through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans and men and women in

uniform transitioning from active service, and be it further

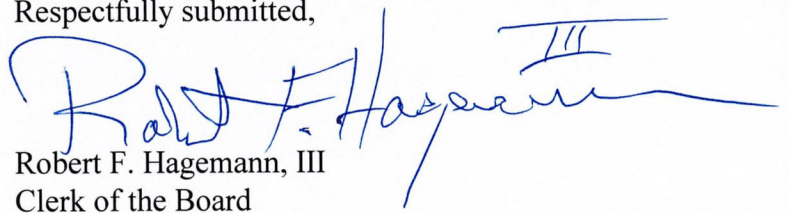
Resolved, That in observance of Operation Green Light, Jefferson County will display green lights and encourages its citizens to do so as well to honor all those who helped to preserve freedom.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

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 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the name "Hagemann" being the most prominent part. The Roman numeral "III" is written above the end of the signature.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board