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November 1, 2024

TO:

Members of Finance & Rules Committee

FROM:

Ryan Piche, County Administrator

SUBJECT:

Finance & Rules Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Finance & Rules Committee will meet on *Wednesday, November 6, 2024 immediately following the conclusion of the Health & Human Services Committee meeting* in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

#### Presentation:

**Broadband Award Presentation** 

#### **Resolutions:**

- 1. Revising and Adopting 2025 Tentative Budget
- 2. Appropriation for the Conduct of County Government for Fiscal Year 2025
- 3. Adopting Capital Plan for 2025-2030
- 4. Certification of Taxes to the City of Watertown
- 5. Levying Tax Map Maintenance Charges for 2025
- 6. Appointing County Administrator
- 7. Approving Appointment of Deputy County Administrator
- 8. Payment of Legislators' Expenses
- 9. Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to County Attorney Account

- 10. Approving Mortgage Tax Report
- 11. Authorizing Facilities Lease Agreement between Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board and the County of Jefferson and Authorizing Sublease with NYS Department of Labor
- 12. Recognizing Youth Employment Program Award to the Department of Employment & Training and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- 13. Approving Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures for Sexual Harassment
- 14. Commitment of Jefferson County Fund Balance Share of \$5,000,000 in Maintenance and Revitalization Capital Project Funds for Jefferson Community College.
- 15. Authorizing An Agreement Related to Electronic Bidding Software and Services
- 16. Authorizing the the Purchase of Electricity and Natural Gas at Variable Rates
- 17. Authorizing Agreements with Internet Service Providers for the Purpose of Funding Broadband Development and Construction Projects in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act
- 18. Reappointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board
- 19. Reappointing Members to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency
- 20. Approving Reappointments to the Jefferson County Planning Board
- 21. Reappointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors
- 22. Approving Reappointment to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority
- 23. Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Terminal Access Road
- 24. Authorizing Agreement in Relation to Construction of the Watertown International Airport Terminal and Gateway Redevelopment Project Passenger Boarding Bridge Construction

#### **General Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:**

- Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan for Repairs to The Workplace Building
- 2. Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Overtime in Dispatch

- 3. Increasing Tipping and Recycling Pickup Fees for Solid Waste and Recycling
- 4. Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program
- 5. Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Overtime in the Sheriff's Office
- 6. Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to FY 2024-2025 Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program

#### Health & Human Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

- 1. Establishing a Specialist, Services for the Aging Position and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Alzeimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. Grant
- 2. Authorizing An Agreement for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement Funds Regional Abatement and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Amending the 2024 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs
- 4. Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts in Relation to Medical Examiner Fees
- Accepting New York State Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program
   Allocation Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and
   Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Accepting New York State Family-Centered Case Management Services Program
   Allocation Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and
   Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Accepting Solitons to End Homelessness Program Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- 8. Accepting United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service Funding and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Accepting New York State Code Blue Allocations from the Office of Temporary and Disability assistance and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto

#### Informational Items:

1. Revenue and Expenditure Spreadsheet

#### 2. Monthly Department Reports:

County Clerk Health Benefits

If any Committee Member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Administration

Budget

Clerk of the Board County Attorney

County Auditor

County Clerk/Records Mgmt Insurance

County Clerk/Records Mgmt.

Board of Elections Employ. & Training Human Resources

Information Technology

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Purchasing/Ctrl Print. Real Property Tax Serv

County Treasurer

### Revising and Adopting 2025 Tentative Budget

By Legi	slator:		-					
Board h	as reviewed the	ection 357 of the C Budget Officer's 20 d revisions be made	025 Tentati	ve Budget and				
altered a	and revised as sl	Resolved, That the 2 hown on the attache ully set forth herein	ed Schedule	A, said sched		-		
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		In testimony wher		into set my hand ar	nd affixed the se	al of said County	this	_ day of
					Clerk of the B	oard of Legislator	rs	

### Appropriation for the Conduct of County Government for Fiscal Year 2025

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		In testimony whereof, I have hereund	to set my hand and affix	ed the seal of said County this	day o
		I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Boacertify that I have compared the foregoing County of Jefferson with the original the of said Board on the day of copy of such Resolution and the whole the	ing copy of Resolution 1 ereof on file in my office , 20	No of the Board of Legislate and duly adopted by said Board at	ors of said
Count	ty of Jefferson				
State	e of New York ) ) ss.:				
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	such budget in the co	ant to Section 360 of the County I umn entitled "Adopted" be and are fective January 1, 2025.		•	
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	in the column entitled	Resolved, That the numbers in th			
	Whereas, Said Tentat	ve Budget has been adopted by th	is Board by Reso	lution No	
		ve Budget has been reviewed by t vith Section 357 of the County La		les Committee of this	
	and submitted to this	Board the 2025 Budget Officer's T	Centative Budget,	and	
	Whereas, Pursuant to	Sections 354 and 355 of the Coun	ty Law the Budg	et Officer has prepared	
	By Legislator:				

Adopting Capital Plan for 2025 – 2030

Law, the B	udget Officer	has prepar	No. 357 of 1992 a red and submitte al Plan for the ye	d as part of the	e 2025 Bud	eneral Municipal Iget Officer's	
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Certification of Taxes to the City of Watertown

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By	Legislat	or:			_ ;			

Levying Tax Map Maintenance Charges for 2025

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	hat the Clerkid sum amor No. 248 of 19 ssessed again Legislator:	hat, Pursuant to Section be and are hereby charge that the Clerk of the Board id sum among the twent No. 248 of 1987, and that seessed against the taxal of Legislator:  I, the uncertify that County of Jeof said Boarcopy of such In testim	hat, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Roe and are hereby charged \$303,973; that the Clerk of the Board of Legisla id sum among the twenty-two Town No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount ssessed against the taxable property of Legislator:  I, the undersigned, Clerk certify that I have compared County of Jefferson with the of said Board on the copy of such Resolution and the copy of su	hat, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Real Property To be and are hereby charged \$303,973 for 2025 Tax Me that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators be and is lid sum among the twenty-two Towns in the County No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount apportioned the sessessed against the taxable property of the respective Legislator:    Legislator:	hat, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Real Property Tax Law, the two eand are hereby charged \$303,973 for 2025 Tax Map Maintenan that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized id sum among the twenty-two Towns in the County of Jefferson in No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount apportioned to each Town be ssessed against the taxable property of the respective Town.  y Legislator:  I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the Councertify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and du of said Board on the	hat, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Real Property Tax Law, the twenty-two Towns of the eard are hereby charged \$303,973 for 2025 Tax Map Maintenance, and be it further that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to id sum among the twenty-two Towns in the County of Jefferson in accordance with No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount apportioned to each Town be and is hereby sesses against the taxable property of the respective Town.  J. Legislator:  I. the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No.  County of Jefferson with the original therefoo file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a of said Board on the day of copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.  In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this

Appointing County Administrator

By	Legislat	or:							
			ocal Law No. 10 o to reappointmen				f County		
W	hereas, T	he current te	rm of the Admini	istrator, Ryar	Piche will	expire Dec	ember 31, 2	024, and	
	hereas, T		County Board of	Legislators v	wishes to rea	ppoint Ry	an Piche for	a	
as Jei ap all Re in	amended fferson for plicable of other be esolved, I accordan	I, Ryan Piche or a two year resolutions are nefits afforder that the salar	esolved, That, put be and is hereby term of office to ad law and pursual dunder the Man by of the County Apercentage increase 024.	appointed as expire Decerant to the terragement Pers	s County Admber 31, 202 ms currently sonnel Policy shall be adj	ministrator 6, consiste in place for Manual, usted annu	r for the Cou ent with all or said positi and be it fur ually during	inty of ion and ther the term	
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Approving Appointment of Deputy County Administrator

By Legislator:

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### Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legis	lator:					
	, The Finance & members of the		nittee is respo	nsible for examin	ing and auditing claims	
Whereas	, Claims in the ar	nount of \$37	74.84 have be	en audited and de	emed allowable.	
	erefore, Be It Re ayable to the clai			reasurer be and is	hereby directed to draw	
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Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to County Attorney Account

By Legislator:

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Legal Fees	\$70,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$70,000
Resolved, That the 2024 County P	Budget is hereby amended as follows:
	Appropriated Fund Balance Legal Fees

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

(3)		I, the undersigned, certify that I have comp County of Jefferson with of said Board on the copy of such Resolution	pared the foregon the original the day of and the whole the	ing copy of Re reof on file in i	solution No. my office and 20, 20	of the l duly adopted and that the	Board of Legislators	of said meeting correct
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Tax Article: 11
Tax Type: Mortgage Recording
County: Jefferson
Period: April 2024- September 2024

JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK C/O GIZELLE J. MEEKS 175 ARSENAL STREET WATERTOWN, NY 13601



Gizelle J Meeks, Jefferson County Clerk

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Clerk:AG

#### We approved your report.

We approved your Semi-Annual Report Form AU-202, New York State Mortgage Tax Semiannual Report, which we received on October 10, 2024.

The net amount of \$1,012,127.47 due to the respective tax districts is approved. You may submit the report to your County Legislative Body for their action, pursuant to Tax Law §261.

#### Questions?

- · Visit our website
- Call George Muller at 518-391-4565

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#### NEW YORK STATE MORTGAGE TAX SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT



COUNTY OF Jefferson

FOR THE PERIOD OF April 2024

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THROUGH September 2024

CASH STATEMENT FOR TAXES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11

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		BASI	C TAX DISTRIBUTE	ED			TREASURER		ALL	OTHER TAXES	DISTRIBUTE	
Months	1 Basic Tax Collected	2 Interest Received by Recording Officer	3 Recording Officer's Expense	4 Refunds or Adjustments	5 Amount Paid Treasurer (Col 1 + Col 2 - Cól 3 - Col 4)	6 Interest Received by Treasurer	7 Treasurers Expense	8 Tax Districts Share (Col 5 + Col 6 - Col 7)	9 Local Tax	10 Additional Tax CNY	Special Assistance Fund	12 Special Additional Tax SONYMA
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Apr	172,863.90	392.89	20,568.96	. 0.00	152,687.83	0.00		152,687.83	0.00	0.00		63,201.5
May	193,634.50	572.45	20,618.28	0.00	173,588.67	0.00		173,588.67	0.00	0.00		71,265.9
Jun	147,632.99	381.51	20,428.23	0.00	127,586.27	0.00		127,586.27	0.00	0.00		54,054.1
Jul	189,108.47	447.27	25,816.37	0.00	163,739.37	0.00		163,739.37	0.00	0.00		63,672.2
Aug	229,219.54	577.84	25,060.15	-3,486.01	201,251.22	0.00		201,251.22	0.00	0.00		88,195.5
Sep	218,102.00	415.71	25,243.60	0.00	193,274.11	0.00		193,274.11	0.00	0.00		81,247.96
Totals	1,150,561.40	2,787.67	137,735.59	-3,486.01	1,012,127.47	0.00		1,012,127.47	0.00	. 0.00		421,637.3

Marky Treasurer

MARCOTTOM

Recording Officer

Deputy

Treasurer

PART II

Credit Statement (Column 6) This column is the net amount due to each tax district for which the Board of Supervisors shall issue its warrant or warrants.

(Columns 1 through 5) The "taxes collected" shown in column 2 were produced by mortgages covering real property in the respective tax districts. Additions and deductions to make adjustments and correct errors are recorded in column 3 and 4, respectively. Authority for these additions and deductions is given by the orders of the Taxation Department noted on the

MUNICIPALITY	2 Taxes Collected	3 *Additions	4 *Deductions	5 Taxes Adj. Corr	6 Amount Due Tax District
ADAMS	34,752.36	0.00	0.00	34,752.36	30,663.91
ALEXANDRIA	60,657.57	0.00	0.00	60,657.57	53,521.50
ANTWERP	6,159.50	0.00	0.00	6,159.50	5,434.86
BROWNVILLE	68,438.95	0.00	0.00	68,438.95	60,387.44
CAPE VINCENT	43,854.50	0.00	0.00	43,854.50	38,695.23
CHAMPION	63,526.25	0.00	0.00	63,526.25	56,052.69
CLAYTON	70,824.28	0.00	0.00	70,824.28	62,492.14
ELLISBURG	29,447.04	0.00	-3,486.01	25,961.03	22,906.84
HENDERSON	27,751.14	0.00	0.00	27,751.14	24,486.35
HOUNSFIELD	58,934.48	0.00	0.00	58,934.48	52,001.12
LERAY	78,021.40	0.00	0.00	78,021.40	68,842.56
LORRAINE	11,422.10	0.00	0.00	11,422.10	10,078.34
LYME	36,002.30	0.00	0.00	36,002.30	31,766.80
ORLEANS	31,724.26	0.00	0.00	31,724.26	27,992.05
PAMELIA	36,620.22	0.00	0.00	36,620.22	32,312.03
PHILADELPHIA	12,887.50	0.00	0.00	12,887.50	11,371.35
RODMAN	11,078.00	0.00	0.00	11,078.00	9,774.73
RUTLAND	37,545.00	0.00	0.00	37,545.00	33,128.01
THERESA	44,920.90	0.00	0.00	44,920.90	39,636.17
WATERTOWN-CITY OF	215,623.23	0.00	0.00	215,623.23	190,256.19
WATERTOWN-TOWN OF	108,217.54	0.00	0.00	108,217.54	95,486.27
WILNA	61,436.98	0.00	0.00	61,436.98	54,209.21
WORTH	715.90	0.00	0.00	715.90	631.68
Total Tax Districts: 23	1,150,561.40	0.00	-3,486.01	1,147,075.39	1,012,127.47

<sup>\*</sup>See refund, adjustment and special adjustment orders of Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, case numbers

Authorizing Facilities Lease Agreement between Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board and the County of Jefferson and Authorizing Sublease with New York State Department of Labor

	In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this	day of		
	I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No of the Board of Legislators of s Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a m Board on the day of, 20 and that the same is a true and co such Resolution and the whole thereof.	said County of neeting of said		
of New York ) ) ss.: y of Jefferson )				
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	man of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute eements on behalf of Jefferson County subject to the approval of the rm and content.			
Resolved, The initial rental rate for both the lease and sublease shall be set at \$20.00 per square foot, and be it further				
the term of September 1, at 1000 Coffeen Street up	esolved that Jefferson County shall enter into a five year agreement for 2024 to August 31 2029 to lease the space of 8940 sq. ft of office space on the terms set forth in a lease agreement and a sublease agreement quare footage occupied and direct expense incurred in connection with t further	ce		
Whereas, the County of J period of five years.	Jefferson shall enter into a lease agreement and sublease agreement for	· a		
	nt of Employment & Training and the New York State Department of function as the One Stop Career Center, and	• ;		
	2024 the property located at 1000 Coffeen Street was transferred from to the County of Jefferson, and	ı		

Recognizing Youth Employment Program Award to the Department of Employment & Training and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator:	By Legislator:					
Employment Progrethe funding to the	Whereas, The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has awarded \$511,728 under the Youth Employment Program (YEP) to the Jefferson County Department of Social Services and then redirected the funding to the Department of Employment & Training through the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board, and					
considered at-risk	P provides programmatic and financial instru- and unemployed facing poverty, dependence volvement along with disabilities, with the g	e on public assistance p	rograms and			
	nt of these programs are to support employn a statewide gun violence reduction interven		at risk of gun			
Now, Therefore, B	e it Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby	accepts said grant awar	d, and be it further	r		
Resolved, That the	2024 County Budget is hereby amended as	follows:				
Increase:				. 201		
Revenue 25634000 93954	State Aid SYEP (OTDA)	\$45,235				
Fund Balance 25000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$19,691				
Expenditure						
25634000 04313	Travel	\$ 1,350				
25634000 04612 25634000 046131	Training Work Experience Staff Training	1,000 1,000				
25634000 040131	Incidental Res/Clnt/Inmte	1,200				
25634000 08030	Social Security	1,530		:		
25634000 08040	Workers Compensation	464				
Seconded by Legis	slator:					
rate of New York )						
ounty of Jefferson )						
	I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of that I have compared the foregoing copy of Jefferson with the original thereof on file Board on the day of such Resolution and the whole thereof.	of Resolution No of the I in my office and duly adopte	Board of Legislators of s	aid County of eeting of said		
	In testimony whereof, I have hereunto	set my hand and affixed the se	al of said County this _	day of		
		Clerk of the Board	of Legislators			

Approving Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures for Sexual Harassment

	By Legislator:	<u> </u>		
	Whereas, Local Law No such administrative reguand			strator shall promulgate by the Board of Legislators,
	Whereas, Title VII of the governments to provide			
	Whereas, On April 11, 2 model policy, requiring definition of sexual hara information on how emp	employers to align with ssment, a new section or	with new standards the bystander intervention	at include an expanded
	Whereas, Jefferson Cour Legislators on Novembe			adopted by the Board of de the changes, and
Whereas, The Board of Legislators is committed to providing a work environment which is conducive to optimum performance and efficiency.				
	Now, Therefore, Be It R Sexual Harassment is he promulgation and impler November 12, 2024.	reby approved and by re	eference incorporated l	
	Seconded by Legislator:			
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	of New York ) ) ss.: ty of Jefferson )		-	
		certify that I have compared	the foregoing copy of Resolutioniginal thereof on file in my of day of	f the County of Jefferson, New York, do herebon No of the Board of Legislators of saifice and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting, 20 and that the same is a true and correct
		In testimony whereof, I ha	eve hereunto set my hand and a	ffixed the seal of said County this day o
				Clerk of the Board of Legislators
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### ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

County of Jefferson

**Board of Legislators** 

Office of the County Administrator

Section:

HUMAN RESOURCES

Issued: 11/13/2018

Subsection:

3.09 Sexual Harassment

Revised:

#### Introduction:

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#### Policy:

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- 2. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Any employee or <u>covered</u> individual <del>covered</del> by this policy who engages in sexual harassment or retaliation will be subject to remedial and/oraction, including appropriate disciplinary action (e.g., counseling, suspension, termination). for employees.
- 3. Retaliation Prohibition: No person covered by this Policy shall be subject to adverse action because the employee or covered individual reports an incident of sexual harassment, provides information, or otherwise assists in any investigation of a sexual harassment complaint. Jefferson County will not tolerate such retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, reports or provides information about suspected sexual harassment. Any employee of Jefferson County who retaliates against anyone involved in a sexual harassment investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. All employees, paid or unpaid interns, or non-employees<sup>1</sup> and covered

- 4. Sexual harassment is offensive, is a violation of our policies, is unlawful, and may subject Jefferson County to liability for harm to targets of sexual harassment. Harassers may also be individually subject to liability. Employees of every level who engage in sexual harassment, including Department Heads and supervisors who engage in sexual harassment or who knowingly allow such behavior to continue, will be penalized for such misconduct.
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Director of Human Resources
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175 Arsenal St.
Watertown, NY 13601

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Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct which is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual's sex when:

verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory-statements, or sexually discriminatory remarks made by someone statements which area covered individual finds offensive or objectionable to the recipient, which cause the recipient, causes an employee discomfort or humiliation, which interfereor interferes with the recipient's employee's job performance.

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In addition to being subject to discipline if they engaged in sexually harassing conduct themselves, supervisors and Department <u>HeadHeads</u> will be subject to discipline for failing to report suspected sexual harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue.

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Though not exhaustive, and dependent on the circumstances, the guidelines above can serve as a brief guide of how to react when witnessing harassment in the workplace.

### Complaint and Investigation of Sexual Harassment

All complaints or information about sexual harassment will be investigated, whether that information was reported in verbal or written form. Investigations will be conducted in a timely manner; and will be confidential to the extent possible.

An investigation of any complaint, information or knowledge of suspected sexual harassment will be prompt and thorough, commenced immediately and completed as soon as possible. The investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible. All persons involved, including complainants, witnesses and alleged harassers will be accorded due process, as outlined below, to protect their rights to a fair and impartial investigation.

- b. A list of names of those interviewed, along with a detailed summary of their statements;
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- d. A summary of prior relevant incidents, reported or unreported; and
- e. The basis for the decision and final resolution of the complaint, together with any corrective actions.
- •6. Keep the written documentation and associated documents in a secure and confidential location.
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- •8. Inform the individual who reported of the right to file a complaint or charge externally as outlined in the next section.

#### **Legal Protections and External Remedies**

Sexual harassment is not only prohibited by Jefferson County but is also prohibited by state, federal, and, where applicable, local law.

Aside from the internal process at Jefferson County, employees <u>and covered individuals</u> may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the following governmental entities. While a private attorney is not required to file a complaint with a governmental agency, you may seek the legal advice of an attorney.

#### State Human Rights Law (HRL)

The New York State Human Rights Law (HRL), eodified as N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to all employers in New York State with regard to sexual harassment, and protects employees, paid or unpaid interns and non-employeescovered individuals, regardless of immigration status. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with the New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR) or in New York State Supreme Court.

Complaints of sexual harassment filed with DHR may be filed submitted any time within one year three years of the harassment. If an individual diddoes not file at a complaint with DHR, they can sue bring a lawsuit directly in state court under the HRLHuman Rights Law, within three years of the alleged sexual harassment. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court. There is no cost to file a complaint with DHR.

Complaining internally to Jefferson County does not extend your time to file with DHR or in court. The one year or three years is are counted from the date of the most recent incident of harassment.

You do not need an attorney to file a complaint with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. You may call (718) 741-8400 or visit: <a href="https://www.dhr.ny.gov">www.dhr.ny.gov</a>. For more information about filing a complaint contact DHR at (888) 392-3644 or visit <a href="https://www.dhr.ny.gov/complaintwww.dhr.ny.gov">www.dhr.ny.gov/complaintwww.dhr.ny.gov</a>.

#### Civil Rights Act of 1964

Go to dhr.ny.gov/complaint for more information about filing a complaint with DHR. The website has a digital complaint process that can be completed on your computer or mobile device from start to finish. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, and mailed to DHR as well as a form that can be submitted online. The website also contains contact information for DHR's regional offices across New York State.

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#### The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission:

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces federal antidiscrimination anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act (codified as , 42

\_U.S.C. § 2000e et seq-).\_ An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within 300 days from the most recent incident of harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint; and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, at which point. If the EEOC determines that the law may have been violated, the EEOC will issue a Right to Sue letter permitting the individual to file a complaint in federal court. Try to reach a voluntary settlement with the employer. If the EEOC cannot reach a settlement, the EEOC (or the Department of Justice in certain cases) will decide whether to file a lawsuit. The EEOC

The EEOC does not hold hearings or award relief, but may take other action including pursuing cases in federal court on behalf of complaining parties.

will issue a Notice of Right to Sue permitting workers to file a lawsuit in federal court if the EEOC closes the charge, is unable to determine if federal employment discrimination laws may have been violated or believes that unlawful discrimination occurred by does not file a lawsuit.

Individuals may obtain relief in mediation, settlement or conciliation. In addition, federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred. In general, private employers must have at least 15 employees to come within the jurisdiction of EEOC.

An employee alleging discrimination at work can file a "Charge of Discrimination". The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-669-869-4000 (TTY: 1-800-669-6820), visiting their website at <a href="https://www.eeoc.gov.new.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a> or via email at: <a href="https://info@eeoc.gov">info@eeoc.gov</a> info@eeoc.gov.

### **Jefferson County**

New York State Labor Law requires all employers to adopt a sexual harassment prevention policy that includes a complaint form for <u>employeescovered individuals</u> to report alleged incidents of sexual harassment.

If you believe that you have been subjected to sexual harassment, you are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

If you are more comfortable reporting verbally or in another manner, your employer should complete this form, provide you with a copy and follow its sexual harassment prevention policy by investigating the claims as outlined at the end of this form.

For additional resources, visit: www.ny.gov/programs/combatting-sexual-harassment-workplace

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#### **Instructions for Employers**

If you receive a complaint about alleged sexual harassment, you must follow your sexual harassment prevention policy.

An investigation involves:

- Speaking with the employee
- Speaking with the alleged harasser
- Interviewing witnesses
- Collecting and reviewing any related documents

While the process may vary from case to case, all allegations should be investigated promptly and resolved as quickly as possible. The investigation should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Understanding gender diversity is essential to recognizing sexual harassment because discrimination based on sex stereotypes, gender expression and perceived identity are all forms of sexual harassment. The gender spectrum is nuanced, but the three most common ways people identify are cisgender, transgender, and non-binary. A cisgender person is someone whose gender aligns with the sex they were assigned at birth. Generally, this gender will align with the binary of male or female. A transgender person is someone whose gender is different than the sex they were assigned at birth. A non-binary person does not identify

exclusively as a man or a woman. They might identify as both, somewhere in between, or completely outside the gender binary. Some may identify as transgender, but not all do. Respecting an individual's gender identity is a necessary first step in establishing a safe workplace.

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- · Employment depends implicitly or explicitly on accepting such unwelcome behavior: or
- Decisions regarding an individual's employment are based on an individual's acceptance to or rejection of such behavior. Such decisions can include what shifts and how many hours an employee might work, project assignments, as well as salary promotion decisions.

There are two main types of sexual harassment:

- Behaviors that contribute to a hostile work environment include, but are not limited to, words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation, or physical violence which are of a sexual nature, or which are directed at an individual because of that individual's sex, gender identity, or gender expression. Sexual harassment also consists of any unwanted verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory, or discriminatory statements which a covered individual finds offensive or objectionable, causes an employee discomfort or humiliation, or interferes with the employee's job performance.
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- Sex stereotyping, which occurs when someone's conduct or personality traits are judged based on other people's ideas or perceptions about how individuals of a particular sex should act or look:
  - Remarks regarding an employee's gender expression, such as wearing a garment typically associated with a different gender identity; or
  - Asking employees to take on traditionally gendered roles, such as asking a woman to serve meeting refreshments when it is not part of, or appropriate to, her job duties.
- · Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace, such as:
  - Displaying pictures, posters, calendars, graffiti, objects, promotional material, reading materials, or other materials that are sexually demeaning or pornographic. This includes such sexual displays on workplace computers or cell phones and sharing such displays while in the workplace;
  - This also extends to the virtual or remote workspace and can include having such materials visible in the background of one's home during a virtual meeting.
- Hostile actions taken against an individual because of that individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, such as:
  - o Interfering with, destroying, or damaging a person's workstation, tools or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual's ability to perform the job;
  - Sabotaging an individual's work;
  - o Bullying, yelling, or name-calling;
  - o Intentional misuse of an individual's preferred pronouns; or

- O Creating different expectations for individuals based on their perceived identities:
  - Dress codes that place more emphasis on women's attire;
  - Leaving parents/caregivers out of meetings.

#### Who can be a target of sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment can occur between any individuals, regardless of their sex or gender. New York Law protects employees and all covered individuals as defined in this policy. Harassers can be a superior, a subordinate, a coworker or anyone in the workplace including an independent contractor, contract worker, vendor, client, customer or visitor.

#### Where can sexual harassment occur?

Unlawful sexual harassment is not limited to the physical workplace itself. It can occur while employees are traveling for business or at employer sponsored events or parties. Calls, texts, emails, and social media usage by employees can constitute unlawful workplace harassment, even if they occur away from the workplace premises, on personal devices or during non-work hours.

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- testified or assisted in a proceeding involving sexual harassment under the Human Rights Law or other anti-discrimination law;
- opposed sexual harassment by making a verbal or informal complaint to management, or by simply informing a supervisor or Department Head of harassment;
- · reported that another employee has been sexually harassed; or

· encouraged a fellow employee to report harassment.

Even if the alleged harassment does not turn out to rise to the level of a violation of law, the individual is protected from retaliation if the person had a good faith belief that the practices were unlawful. However, the retaliation provision is not intended to protect persons making intentionally false charges of harassment.

#### **Reporting Sexual Harassment**

Preventing sexual harassment is everyone's responsibility. Jefferson County cannot prevent or remedy sexual harassment unless it knows about it. Any employee or covered individual who has been subjected to behavior that may constitute sexual harassment is encouraged to report such behavior to a supervisor, Department Head or Director of Human Resources. Anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of potential instances of sexual harassment should report such behavior to a supervisor, Department Head or Director of Human Resources.

Reports of sexual harassment may be made verbally or in writing. A form for submission of a written complaint is attached to this Policy, and all covered individuals are encouraged to use this complaint form. Employees who are reporting sexual harassment on behalf of other employees should use the complaint form and note that it is on another employee's behalf.

Any covered individual who believes they have been a target of sexual harassment may also seek assistance in other available forums, as explained below in the section on Legal Protections.

#### Supervisory Responsibilities

All Department Heads and supervisors who receive a complaint or information about suspected sexual harassment, observe what may be sexually harassing behavior or for any reason suspect that sexual harassment is occurring, **are required** to report such suspected sexual harassment to the Director of Human Resources.

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Any employee may be required to cooperate as needed in an investigation of suspected sexual harassment. Jefferson County will not tolerate retaliation against employees who file complaints, support another's complaint or participate in an investigation regarding a violation of this policy.

Jefferson County recognizes that participating in a harassment investigation can be uncomfortable and has the potential to retraumatize an employee. Those receiving claims and leading investigations will handle complaints and questions with sensitivity toward those participating.

While the process may vary from case to case, investigations should be done in accordance with the following steps:

1. Upon receipt of complaint, Director of Human Resources or another individual designated by the County Administrator, will conduct an immediate review of the allegations, and take any interim actions (e.g., instructing the respondent to refrain from communications with the complainant), as appropriate. If complaint is verbal, encourage the individual to complete the

- 2. "Complaint Form" in writing. If he or she refuses, prepare a Complaint Form based on the verbal reporting.
- 3. If documents, emails or phone records are relevant to the investigation, take steps to obtain and preserve them.
- 4. Request and review all relevant documents, including all electronic communications.
- 5. Interview all parties involved, including any relevant witnesses;
- 6. Create a written documentation of the investigation (such as a letter, memo or email), which contains the following:
  - a. A list of all documents reviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
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#### **Legal Protections and External Remedies**

Sexual harassment is not only prohibited by Jefferson County but is also prohibited by state, federal, and, where applicable, local law.

Aside from the internal process at Jefferson County, employees and covered individuals may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the following governmental entities. While a private attorney is not required to file a complaint with a governmental agency, you may seek the legal advice of an attorney.

#### State Human Rights Law (HRL)

The New York State Human Rights Law (HRL), N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to all employers in New York State and protects employees and covered individuals, regardless of immigration status. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with the New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR) or in New York State Supreme Court.

Complaints of sexual harassment filed with DHR may be submitted any time within three years of the harassment. If an individual does not file a complaint with DHR, they can bring a lawsuit directly in state court under the Human Rights Law, within three years of the alleged sexual harassment. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court.

Complaining internally to Jefferson County does not extend your time to file with DHR or in court. The three years are counted from the date of the most recent incident of harassment.

You do not need an attorney to file a complaint with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

DHR will investigate your complaint and determine whether there is probable cause to believe that sexual harassment has occurred. Probable cause cases receive a public hearing before an administrative law judge. If sexual harassment is found at the hearing, DHR has the power to award relief. Relief varies but it may include requiring your employer to take action to stop the harassment, or repair the damage caused by the harassment, including paying of monetary damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees, and civil fines.

DHR's main office contact information is: NYS Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. You may call (718) 741-8400 or visit: <a href="www.dhr.ny.gov">www.dhr.ny.gov</a>.

Go to <a href="https://docs.py/complaint">dhr.ny.gov/complaint</a> for more information about filing a complaint with DHR. The website has a digital complaint process that can be completed on your computer or mobile device from start to finish. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, and mailed to DHR as well as a form that can be submitted online. The website also contains contact information for DHR's regional offices across New York State.

Call the DHR sexual harassment hotline at 1(800) HARASS3 for more information about filing a sexual harassment complaint. This hotline can also provide you with a referral to a volunteer attorney experienced in sexual harassment matters who can provide you with limited free assistance and counsel over the phone.

#### The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission:

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within 300 days from the most recent incident of harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred. If the EEOC determines that the law may have been violated, the EEOC will try to reach a voluntary settlement with the employer. If the EEOC cannot reach a settlement, the EEOC (or the Department of Justice in certain cases) will decide whether to file a lawsuit. The EEOC

will issue a Notice of Right to Sue permitting workers to file a lawsuit in federal court if the EEOC closes the charge, is unable to determine if federal employment discrimination laws may have been violated or believes that unlawful discrimination occurred by does not file a lawsuit.

Individuals may obtain relief in mediation, settlement or conciliation. In addition, federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred. In general, private employers must have at least 15 employees to come within the jurisdiction of EEOC.

An employee alleging discrimination at work can file a "Charge of Discrimination". The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-869-4000 (TTY: 1-800-669-6820), visiting their website at <a href="www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a> or via email at <a href="minfor@eeoc.gov">infor@eeoc.gov</a>.

If an individual filed an administrative complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights, DHR will automatically file the complaint with EEOC to preserve the right to proceed in federal court.

#### **Local Protections**

Many localities enforce laws protecting individuals from sexual harassment and discrimination. An individual should contact the county, city or town in which they live to find out if such a law exists.

#### Contact the Local Police Department

If the harassment involves unwanted physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts, the conduct may constitute a crime. Contact the local police department.

#### REFERENCE:

Jefferson County Board of Legislators Resolution No of 2024

**FORMS:** Sexual Harassment Complaint Form

**ISSUED:** , 2024

Ryan M. Piche County Administrator

#### **Jefferson County**

New York State Labor Law requires all employers to adopt a sexual harassment prevention policy that includes a complaint form for covered individuals to report alleged incidents of sexual harassment.

If you believe that you have been subjected to sexual harassment, you are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

If you are more comfortable reporting verbally or in another manner, your employer should complete this form, provide you with a copy and follow its sexual harassment prevention policy by investigating the claims as outlined at the end of this form.

For additional resources, visit: www.ny.gov/programs/combatting-sexual-harassment-workplace

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION				
Name:			·	
Work Address:		,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Work Phone:				
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#### **COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

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I certify the belief.	nat the information I have	provided in this form is	true and correct to the best	of my knowledge and
Signature			Date:	

#### **Instructions for Employers**

If you receive a complaint about alleged sexual harassment, you must follow your sexual harassment prevention policy.

An investigation involves:

- Speaking with the employee
- Speaking with the alleged harasser
- Interviewing witnesses
- Collecting and reviewing any related documents

While the process may vary from case to case, all allegations should be investigated promptly and resolved as quickly as possible. The investigation should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

Document the findings of the investigation and basis for your decision along with any corrective actions taken and notify the employee and the individual(s) against whom the complaint was made of the final determination (this may be done via email) and implement any corrective actions identified in the written documentation.

# Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Notice



Sexual harassment is against the law.

All employees have a legal right to a workplace free from sexual harassment, and Jefferson County is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment.

Per New York State Law, Jefferson County has a sexual harassment prevention policy in place that protects you. This policy applies to all employees, paid or unpaid interns and non-employees in our workplace, regardless of immigration status. You are receiving this notice, as required by law, either at the time of hiring or during your annual sexual harassment prevention training.

If you believe you have been subjected to or witnessed sexual harassment, you are encouraged to report the harassment to a supervisor, Department Head or Director of Human Resources so we can take action.

Our complete policy may be found: www.co.jefferson.ny.us/departments/humanresources

Our Complaint Form may be found: www.co.jefferson.ny.us/departments/humanresources

If you have questions and to make a complaint, please contact:

Jefferson County Department of Human Resources 175 Arsenal St. Watertown, NY 13601 315-785-3147

For more information and additional resources, please visit:

www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace

	Revitalizatio	on Capital Project Funds for Jefferson Community College	
	By Legislator:	· .	
		community College Master Plan outlines the need for significant long facilities and the College has requested funding assistance to finance	
	•	ensor, Jefferson County has traditionally bonded for capital project ich are matched dollar for dollar by the State of New York, and	
		at financial planning, and the accumulation of fund balance, the County are funds without the need to bond, therefore saving taxpayers erest, and	
	Whereas, Said funding is made available to the Coll	eligible to be matched by the State, resulting in a total of \$10,000,000 lege for its projects, and	
		d balance in conformance with the Fund Balance Policy and is part of appropriate level of fund balance, while leveraging our position for es, and	
		for capital funding will be evaluated on as needed basis and funding assessment of economic outlook, County financial position, and	
		solved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby commits ,000 for the purposes of maintenance and revitalization capital projects College.	
	Seconded by Legislator: _		
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) ss.:	aty of Jefferson )		
		I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, d certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No of the Board of Legislator County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a of said Board on the day of, 20 and that the same is a true and copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.	rs of said meeting
		In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this	day of

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

Authorizing An Agreement Related to Electronic Bidding Software and Services

By Legislator:

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Authorizing the Purch	nase of Electricity a	and Natural Gas a	t Variable Rates

By Legislator:

		243 of 2024 authorized the Chairman of the Board to execute future d to electricity and natural gas on fixed rates, and	
	Whereas, Jefferson Counto reduce volatility and a	ty has traditionally purchased electricity and natural gas on fixed rates chieve known costs, and	
	compared to variable rate	proposals (RFP) as well as a detailed analysis of proposed fixed rates es were conducted and it was determined that, over periods of time, achieve significant savings for Jefferson County taxpayers by table rates, and	
	Whereas, This strategy co	an expose the County to risks associated with the volatile costs of or period of time, and	
		to the current budgeting strategy, and financial position of the County, tself against volatility while achieving long-term savings.	
	directed to execute, as ne supply with the vendor we rate agreement, under the vendor, subject to the app Resolved, That the Chair natural gas and related se	esolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and cessary from time to time, agreements for electricity and natural gas who offers the lowest rate to the County, including to select a variable eterms and conditions set forth in the agreements submitted by such proval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further man of the Board may execute future agreements for electricity or ervices, as set forth above, whenever necessary and appropriate.	
	Seconded by Legislator:		
	New York ) ss.:		
County	of Jefferson )	I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do he that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No of the Board of Legislators of sai Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a mee Board on the day of, 20 and that the same is a true and cor such Resolution and the whole thereof.  In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this, 20	d County of eting of said
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#### Overview of Proposed Electricity Strategy:

#### Savings with a Variable Rate

- The County has traditionally utilized fixed rate agreements to provide security for the during electricity rate fluctuations. However, fixed rate agreements are disadvantageous from a cost savings standpoint because fixed rates are heavily padded with risk mitigation fees implemented by and paid directly to ESCOs (Energy Suppliers).
  - The fees are typically upwards of 25% above the current market rate with no cap, and are often included at a higher rate than 25%.
- The County conducted an RFP, comparing fixed and variable rate proposals, along with reverting to National Grid variable rate supply. For the National Grid rate, the January snapshot rate was utilized to be conservative with a seasonally higher rate. Rates in recent months have been considerably below the rate shown. The results are below:

Electricity Analysis Resulting from RFP						
Vendor	Type	Rate / kwh	Full Year Usage (MW)	Price Per Month	Price Per Year	Compared to Current Fixed Strategy
National Grid*	Variable	\$0.048	6963.56	\$28,133	\$337,593	-\$169,075
Noco**	Variable	\$0.0501	6963.56	\$29,050	\$348,596	-\$158,073
Constellation (MEGA Pricing)	Variable	\$0.0567	6963.56	\$32,909	\$394,903	-\$111,765
Constellation (MEGA Pricing)***	Fixed	\$0.0728	6963.56	\$42,222	\$506,669	\$0
Noco	Fixed	\$0.0823	6963.56	\$47,758	\$573,101	\$66,432

<sup>\*</sup>Jan 2024 rate (seasonally higher prices) chosen to be conservative

- Variable rates offer no rate security and can increase drastically due to a variety of conditions (environmental, global events, infrastructure failures, etc)
  - However, in these instances, the reason for the rate hike is either typically remedied in a reasonable amount of time and the rates regress, or the County would be paying for the additional risk posed in the next fixed rate contract anyway (typically 12-36 months).
  - ESCOs charge Variable Rate Adders (pass-through costs + fees) to increase profit margins.
  - Variable Rate Adders vary by ESCO.
  - Variable Rate Adders are not applied when receiving supply directly from National Grid.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes passthrough costs, would increase projection

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Current Plan

- The Purchasing Director has conducted research on the issue and spoken with energy experts, concluding that a variable rate over the long-term will provide savings when compared to a fixed rate plan.
- Jefferson County's current electricity agreement is a fixed rate agreement that began one year ago for \$74.20 per mwh.
- The County's total spend for electricity in 2023/2024 was \$516,696.69 with a
  monthly spend of \$43,058.06 for 35 electricity accounts (charges across multiple
  invoices each month).
- Recommendation is to not renew on a fixed rate plan and instead switch to variable rate electricity supply through National Grid and to mitigate our own risk through budgeting and fund balance position, therefore saving taxpayers over time.
  - National Grid's rates are regulated by the Public Service Commission and any proposed rate increase requires the Commission's full analysis and approval to ensure the public is receiving a fair electricity rate.
  - ESCOs (Energy Supply Companies) are not regulated in this manner and can impose increased fees at any time and at the rate they determine.
- Because rates will fluctuate on a variable rate plan, there is always a possibility that the county exceeds its annual electricity budget. However, there is a historically proven substantial cost savings over the course of time on a variable rate plan.

Authorizing Agreements with Internet Service Providers for the Purpose of Funding Broadband Development and Construction Projects in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act

By Legislator:		

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, Resolution 111 of 2023 allocated \$1,000,000 for the purpose of expanding broadband service to County residents, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and the Development Authority of the North Country have been working hand-in-hand in assessing unserved areas of the County, and

Whereas, The assessment concluded that, at the conclusion of other ongoing projects, including ongoing ISP build outs, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Middle Mile Project, and the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program Project, approximately 185 passings of (or .35% of total passings) will remain unserved by broadband (excluding certain islands and unattainable passings which present additional challenges), and

Whereas, Data from the assessment was utilized in a Request for Proposals to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid on remaining unserved "Lots" throughout the County to be awarded on a "cost per passing" of available County ARPA funds, therefore leveraging dollars to get the most passings served as possible for the project for the best value to the County, and

Whereas, Upon conclusion of the RFP, the approximate additional passings proposed to be served total 152.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman f the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements for the purpose of funding broadband development and construction projects with the following Internet Service Providers for the following not-to-exceed amounts, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content:

- Castle Cable TV, Inc. Lot 3, Alexandria, Town of: \$125,270;
- Adirondack Techs Lot 9, Champion, Town of: \$203,423;
- Adirondack Techs Lot 10, Champion, Town of: \$51,070;
- Castle Cable TV, Inc. Lot 26, Theresa, Town of: \$174,245;
- Castle Cable TV, Inc. Lot 27, Theresa, Town of: \$258,855;
- Castle Cable TV, Inc. Lot 29, Theresa, Town of: \$54,198;
- Castle Cable TV, Inc. Lot 33, Alexandria, Town of: \$141,505;

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Resolved, That in order to fully fund the aforementioned projects, the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

#### Increase:

Fund Balance 01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$8,566
Transfers		
21104500 095031	Interfund Transfers	\$8,566
020900600 95031	Transfer from General Fund	8,566
Expenditure		
21104500 04978	Water, Sewer, Broadband	\$8,566

and be it further

Resolved, That the awarded ISPs shall refund to the County any remaining unexpended funds no later than December 31, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That at any time as the Board of Legislators may request, the awarded ISPs 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:		

State of New York	,)
County of Jefferson	) ss.:

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Reappointing Members to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

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Approving Reappointments to the Jefferson County Planning Board

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Approving Reappointment to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority

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Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Terminal Access Road

By Legislator:			
Federal Aviation Admi	n 159 of 2018, This Board of Legislators a nistration (FAA) and New York State Dep n for the design and bidding of the termina	partment of Transportation (1	
Construction in the amo	n 186 of 2022, This Board of Legislators abount of \$2,155,553, and lead agency status ince with State Environmental Quality Rev	and determination of Non-	
\$280,000 for additional	y to authorize a change order with Marcy of work related to the connection to New York Permit to be issued by the New York State	ork State Route 12F and as r	equired
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	Resolved, That Jefferson County authorize ount up to \$280,000, and be it further	s the change order with Mar	cy
said change order on be by the Airport Director	irman of the Board of Legislators is herby chalf of the County, including any subseque and County Administrator not to exceed to Attorney as to form and content, and be it	ent change orders as recommended the funding available, subject	nended
Resolved, That the 202	4 County Budget is hereby amended as fo	llows:	
Increase: Revenue			
20900600 94589 20900600 93589	Federal Aid – Airport Capital Projects Airport State Aid – DOT	\$252,000 14,000	
Expenditure 20561000 02080	Airport Access Roads	\$280,000	
<b>Decrease:</b> 20698900 02064	Property Improvements	\$ 14,000	
And be it further			
Resolved, That the six	year capital plan is amended accordingly.		

Seconded by Legislator:

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Date Run: 10/23/2024

Department	Revenue through end of September 2023	Revenue through end of September 2024	2024 Amended Budget September = 75.00%	2023 Revenue as % of 2023 BUD	2024 Revenue as % of 2024 BUD
1045 - General Items 01	\$137,914,768	\$138,096,080	\$123,639,401	90.07%	83.77%
1165 - District Attorney 01	\$716,032	\$913,513	\$805,618	122.63%	85.04%
1170 - Public Defender 01	\$447,638	\$324,593	\$472,102	51.86%	51.57%
1325 - Treasurers Department 01	\$25,288	\$12,731	\$22,313	114.95%	42.79%
1345 - Purchasing 01	\$31,848	\$22,743	\$56,250	33.52%	30.32%
1355 - Real Property Tax Services 01	\$473,940	\$489,864	\$421,361	101.86%	87.19%
1410 - County Clerk 01	\$1,398,918	\$1,485,624	\$1,737,450	76.34%	64.13%
1420 - County Attorney 01	\$373,105	\$539,530	\$489,000	66.39%	82.75%
1430 - Human Resources 01	\$62,557	\$74,701	\$96,000	48.87%	58.36%
1436 - Insurance Department 01	\$0	\$0	\$76,050	0.00%	0.00%
1450 - Board of Elections 01	\$170	\$0.	\$713	0.15%	0.00%
1620 - Buildings 01	\$490,296	\$471,645	\$826,957	44.78%	42.78%
1680 - Information Technology 01	\$0	(\$507)	\$46,500	0.00%	-0.82%
2490 - Education 01	\$182,754	\$183,892	\$153,750	182.75%	89.70%
3110 - Sheriff - Criminal & Civil Div 01	\$424,801	\$507,819	\$538,028	44.81%	70.79%
3140 - Probation 01	\$543,400	\$736,800	\$806,215	67.08%	68.54%
3315 - STOP DWI Program 01	\$95,357	\$86,118	\$79,994	68.42%	80.74%
3410 - Fire & Emergency Management 01	\$546,190	\$606,001	\$648,142	17.19%	70.12%
3510 - Dog Control 01	\$41,216	\$16,165	\$294,365	9.76%	4.12%
3620 - Code Enforcement 01	\$125,192	\$153,581	\$153,750	125.19%	74.92%
4050 - Public Health 01	\$3,405,292	\$2,005,673	\$4,616,703	46.65%	32.58%
4310 - Mental Health Services 01	\$8,732,580	\$8,447,247	\$9,071,793	69.48%	69.84%
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5610 - Airport 01	\$1,990,314	\$7,187,240	\$8,832,230	113.29%	61.03%
6010 - Social Services Administration 01	\$12,968,139		\$17,795,204	64.23%	67.30%
6070 - Services for Recipients 01	\$15,369,464	\$15,968,899		0.00%	78.84%
6510 - Veterans Service Agency 01	\$0	\$64,754	\$61,601	66.77%	68.19%
6540 - Consumer Affairs - County Seal 01	\$56,981	\$61,136	\$67,243		28.90%
6772 - Office for the Aging 01	\$892,865	\$568,560	\$1,475,327	55.66%	
8020 - Planning 01	\$84,104	\$77,946	\$1,245,365	85.21%	4.69%
8730 - Forestry 01	\$28,700	\$13,188	\$0	#Error	#Error
8990 - Employee Benefits 01	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	0.00%	0.00%
8992 - Interfund Transfers 01 01 - General Fund	\$341,000 \$187,762,907	\$300,000 \$181,313,707	\$225,000 \$176,753,825	83.63%	76.93%
9003 - Highway 05	\$15,561,150	\$15,334,102	\$14,163,222	76.34%	81.20%
		\$2,116,026	\$1,524,032	101.76%	104.13%
9004 - Road Machinery 10	\$3,341,170	\$3,936,233	\$3,366,000	71.17%	87.71%
9101 - Solid Waste - Recycling 15	\$3,450,827		**********************************	18.30%	12.54%
9006 - Capital 20	\$13,449,052	\$9,557,657	\$57,147,517 \$6,440,972	18.83%	19.38%
1045 - General Items 21	\$2,960,946	\$1,664,066	\$6,440,972	50.83%	52.67%
6340 - Employment and Training 25	\$1,571,313	\$1,615,810	\$2,300,856	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	
1436 - Insurance Department 35	\$2,560,889	\$2,516,255	\$1,973,082	100.34%	95.65%
9021 - Health Benefits 40	\$16,698,396	\$18,817,883	\$19,005,248	70.22%	74.26%
9023 - Occupancy Tax 50	\$457,600	\$176,777	\$348,225	98.56%	38.07%
9150 - Debt Service 55  Total All Funds	\$2,108,302 \$249,922,550	\$2,093,151 \$239,141,667	\$1,906,031 \$284,929,011	94.48% 66.75%	82.36% 62.95%

Department	Spending through end of September 2023	Spending through end of September 2024	2024 Amended Budget September = 75.00%	2023 Spending as % of 2023 BUD	2024 Spending as % of 2024 BUD
1010 - Legislative Board 01	\$797,971	\$904,194	\$1,010,520	66.67%	67.11%
1045 - General Items 01	\$36,175,776	\$35,637,774	\$38,089,782	80.13%	70.17%
1165 - District Attorney 01	\$1,671,368	\$1,929,927	\$2,331,393	60.53%	62.08%
1170 - Public Defender 01	\$1,022,105	\$1,232,526	\$1,614,539	50.50%	57.25%
1325 - Treasurers Department 01	\$488,680	\$515,052	\$546,410	70.05%	70.70%
1345 - Purchasing 01	\$386,173	\$397,628	\$499,599	59.67%	59.69%
1355 - Real Property Tax Services 01	\$655,928	\$693,868	\$898,487	58.31%	57.92%
1410 - County Clerk 01	\$1,332,007	\$1,420,620	\$1,623,125	61.78%	65.64%
1420 - County Attorney 01	\$1,673,551	\$2,078,186	\$2,541,615	59.80%	61.32%
1430 - Human Resources 01	\$407,562	\$456,105	\$513,943	58.34%	66.56%
1436 - Insurance Department 01	\$876,553	\$1,340,010	\$1,124,783	92.35%	89.35%
1450 - Board of Elections 01	\$629,562	\$1,489,587	\$1,348,520	55.55%	82.85%
1620 - Buildings 01	\$2,881,547	\$3,223,437	\$3,568,526	68.91%	67.75%
1680 - Information Technology 01	\$1,050,971	\$1,291,901	\$1,486,825	62.68%	65.17%
1910 - Special Items 01	\$282	\$16,750	\$288,326	0.05%	4.36%
2490 - Education 01	\$5,663,727	\$5,760,903	\$4,514,828	98.02%	95.70%
3110 - Sheriff - Criminal & Civil Div 01	\$11,967,555	\$15,085,320	\$16,654,207	63.60%	67.93%
3140 - Probation 01	\$2,780,908	\$2,895,280	\$3,378,709	63.20%	64.27%
3315 - STOP DWI Program 01	\$98.003	\$79,258	\$105,434	64.42%	56.38%
3410 - Fire & Emergency Management 01	\$3,391,196	\$2,996,263	\$5,524,205	43.60%	40.68%
3510 - Dog Control 01	\$242,569	\$262,499	\$323,026	52.65%	60.95%
3620 - Code Enforcement 01	\$422,242	\$500,070	\$548,444	63.12%	68.38%
4050 - Public Health 01	\$6,298,749	\$5,019,581	\$6,812,879	63.04%	55.26%
4310 - Mental Health Services 01	\$11,010,349	***********************	**************************************	62.51%	*********************
5610 - Airport 01	\$2,656,545	\$10,575,084 \$3,184,412	\$12,717,234	71.51%	62.37% 75.71%
5010 - Social Services Administration 01		***************************************	\$3,154,527		THE OWNER WHEN PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON ADDRESS OF THE PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON ADDRES
5070 - Services for Recipients 01	\$13,466,280	\$14,498,789	\$16,869,765	62.00%	64.46%
	\$29,504,682	\$33,714,111	\$36,303,358	63.56%	69.65%
6510 - Veterans Service Agency 01	\$129,442	\$138,694	\$163,360	63.26%	63.68%
6540 - Consumer Affairs - County Seal 01	\$130,453	\$143,350	\$161,214	63.35%	66.69%
6772 - Office for the Aging 01	\$1,665,759	\$1,916,725	\$2,514,215	57.39%	57.18%
8020 - Planning 01	\$442,153	\$425,021	\$1,840,072	56.99%	17.32%
3730 - Forestry 01	\$150,218	\$158,731	\$135,938	86.97%	87.58%
3989 - Public Benefit Agencies 01	\$1,257,143	\$1,549,473	\$1,554,985	70.68%	74.73%
8990 - Employee Benefits 01	\$4,356,077	\$4,394,183	\$5,012,475	62.05%	65.75%
01 - General Fund	\$22,213,090 \$167,897,174	\$15,810,667 \$171,735,976	\$11,858,000 \$187,633,269	100.00% 69.79%	100.00% 68.65%
0003 - Highway 05	\$14,448,937	\$17,264,230	\$16,154,238	70.87%	80.15%
9004 - Road Machinery 10	\$3,039,011	\$3,271,790	\$3,368,339	80.42%	72.85%
9101 - Solid Waste - Recycling 15	\$4,014,984	\$4,505,213	\$4,502,264	74.54%	75.05%
9006 - Capital 20	\$20,319,317	\$50,372,461	\$68,977,279	24.05%	54.77%
045 - General Items 21	\$4,157,637	\$1,396,791	\$7,283,743	26.02%	14.38%
340 - Employment and Training 25	\$1,668,141	\$1,763,077	\$2,300,856	CONTRACTOR OF THE CATTEST CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR OF THE CASE	57.47%
436 - Insurance Department 35		**************************************	annual alternative entitlement in the same and an account and an after	53.51%	all and the state of the state
1436 - Insurance Department 35 1021 - Health Benefits 40	\$1,707,745 \$17,364,814	\$1,188,265	\$1,973,082	66.91%	45.17%
	\$17,364,814	\$19,366,232	\$19,005,248	73.03%	76.42%
0023 - Occupancy Tax 50	\$464,300	\$474,300	\$366,975	100.00%	96.93%
1150 - Debt Service 55  Total All Funds	\$2,090,512 \$237,172,571	\$2,063,934 \$273,402,268	\$1,906,031 \$313,471,324	93.68% 58.89%	81.21% 65.41%

#### **Statement of County Clerk's Fees Received**

I, Gizelle J. Meeks, County Clerk of Jefferson County, New York, do hereby report the receipts of the Jefferson County Clerk's Office for the Month of September 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 as follows:

DMV	Fees:				Court	Record	Fees:			
	CC06	Retention	\$	64,864.19		CC08	Index Fees		\$	9,900.00
	CC05	Sales Tax Ret	\$	660.00		CC08	Misc. Court			
	CC05	FS-6 Ret	\$	742.00		CC50	County Fines		\$	1,640.00
		Total	\$	66,266.19				Total	\$	11,540.00
Land Records Fees:					Fees	Fees Collected for Other Depts.:				
	CC07	<b>Recording Fees</b>	\$	55,742.00		TR50	Stop DWI		\$	100.00
	CC07	Filing Fees	\$	3,601.00		T0761	Deposit Into Court		\$	-
	CC07	Passport Fes	\$	735.00				Total	\$	100.00
	CC07	Photo Fees	\$	345.00						
	CC07	RETT	\$	400.00	Adjus	Adjustments (Deductions):				
	CC07	RP5217 Ret	\$	2,961.00						2
	CC07	Notary Ret	\$	180.00		CC06	DMV Online Revenu	ue:		
	CC07	NY Ed. Ret/RM	\$	1,346.00		CC06	DMV Retention (Cre	edit Card)	\$	24,842.72
	CC07	UCC's	\$	880.00					\$	-
	CC07	Miscellaneous	\$	354.00				Total	\$	24,842.72
	CC07	General Int.	\$	1,113.66						
	CC07	DMV Int.	·			CC07	Credit Cards		\$	11,544.05
	CC07	Cover Page Fee	\$	4,750.00						
	CC07	Overages	\$	178.68		CC07	Notaries:	Vouchers	\$	180.00
	CC07	Copy Fees	\$	3,623.10					\$	-
	CC07	E-Subscription	\$	4,840.50					\$	-
		Total	\$	81,049.94				Total	\$	180.00
Mortgage Tax Fees:					CC07	Incorporations:		\$	891.00	
	CC07	Expense	\$	35,855.41					\$	-
	CC07	Interest	\$	87.46					\$	-
		Total	\$	35,942.87				Total	\$	891.00
Total	Ву Ассоц	int				CC07	Tax Sale - Rec. Fees		\$	2.
· Oca	CC05	\$ 1,402.00				0007	Tax Sale - RETT		5	
	CC06	\$ 40,021.47	•				Tax Sale - Misc.		\$	-
	CC07	\$ 104,377.76						Total	_	
	CC08	\$ 9,900.00							*	
	CC50	\$ 1,640.00	•							
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	Π61	\$ -	•							
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I rece	ived from	Gizelle J. Meeks,	Jef	ferson County	Clerkithe	Sum of:	\$	157,441.23		
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Jefferson County Treasurer/Deputy

#### Health Benefit Report

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Rebates Total Budget												
	Surplus (Shortfall)											
2024 1,921,916 1,974,502 2,172,724 2,387,400 2,806,454 2,094,421 2,487,230 2,432,222 2,037,901 -348,710 19,966,060 23,500,00	0											
2023 1,725.821 2,063,382 2,335,068 1,949,665 2,152,515 2,147,317 1,942,590 2,355,616 2,204,520 2,022,029 1,887,991 1,747,627 -2,388,665 22,145,474 22,000,00	0 -145,474											
2022 1,537,896 1,842,588 2,730,790 1,241,092 1,899,488 1,836,289 1,723,927 2,195,618 1,714,200 1,848,532 1,832,888 1,823,947 -849 22,226,406 21,500,00	0 -726,406											
2021 1,391,643 1,360,776 1,840,634 1,111,871 1,724,818 1,979,876 1,644,478 1,148,699 1,904,488 1,740,311 1,952,912 1,736,020 913,753 20,450,280 22,500,00	0 2,049,720											
2020 2,000,523 1,959,018 1,955,959 1,611,645 1,645,789 1,474,318 2,086,246 1,622,635 2,008,568 1,731,176 1,597,596 1,493,882 -1,543,303 19,644,052 21,100,00	0 1,455,948											
2019 1,706,282 1,487,006 1,495,967 1,370,373 1,733,868 1,533,132 1,751,872 1,629,898 1,867,896 2,059,652 1,836,676 1,687,820 -625,042 19,535,402 22,100,00	0 2,564,598											
2018 1,592,534 1,785,350 2,113,093 1,848,874 1,279,299 1,162,251 1,400,942 1,999,071 1,431,052 1,862,490 1,355,279 1,583,609 -967,059 18,446,785 21,500,00	0 3,053,215											
2017 1,529,529 1,866,306 1,825,608 1,572,248 1,819,815 1,815,944 1,488,988 1,596,965 1,511,099 1,561,197 1,876,330 1,697,642 -188,804 19,972,868 21,500,00	0 1,527,133											
2016 1,633,556 1,631,731 1,966,926 1,395,394 1,555,709 1,782,977 1,674,534 1,427,421 1,982,882 1,689,937 1,380,652 1,715,106 -174,186 19,662,639 19,500,00	0 -162,639											
2015 1,447,909 1,711,206 1,323,090 1,832,204 1,671,467 1,478,813 1,659,141 1,336,322 1,720,703 1,832,887 1,294,288 2,045,210 -1,169,591 18,183,649 17,950,00	0 -233,649											
2014 1,278,930 1,130,181 1,468,292 1,665,269 1,460,980 1,536,745 1,449,695 1,374,535 1,203,417 1,289,949 1,380,933 1,362,655 275,388 16,876,970 16,000,00	0 -876,970											
2013 579,446 894,308 1,505,686 1,533,248 1,273,873 1,186,989 924,809 1,435,050 1,133,361 1,286,329 1,208,752 1,523,899 702,604 15,188,353 16,000,00	0 811,647											
2012 701,835 1,236,667 1,325,449 958,983 1,333,307 1,090,308 1,234,885 1,319,356 1,470,833 1,356,075 1,286,161 1,390,545 468,831 15,173,236 16,500,00	0 1,326,764											
2011 1,299,479 1,252,851 1,326,540 1,150,034 1,174,784 1,306,781 1,133,739 1,046,098 1,173,697 1,337,826 1,057,304 1,347,532 -278,692 14,327,973 17,200,00	0 2,872,027											
2010 1,077,789 1,095,074 1,154,761 1,114,950 1,040,417 1,115,092 1,213,479 1,187,037 1,222,667 1,366,459 1,245,518 1,163,920 108,292 14,105,456 15,700,00	0 1,594,544											
Monthly Average Percent												
7,48% 8.17% 9.34% 7.80% 8.35% 8.22% 8.18% 8.31% 8.65% 8.81% 8.13% 8.56% -1.90%												

**Estimated Cost Scenarios** 

2024 Budget

23,500,000

Average % compared to rest of years

2017-2023 Average Cost percentage by month/year total

77.40%

Estimated 2024 Cost

25,794,710 (2,294,710)

2023 Cost percentage by month/year total

Estimated 2024 Cost

25,005,874 (1,505,874)

Straight 12 Month Cost by average month to date

26,115,142 (2,615,142)