

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present except Legislators Potter, Boulio and Grant.

**Public Hearing**

**2024 Community Development Block Grant**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Chairman Johnson presented a Proclamation to Public Health Director Steve Jennings proclaiming May 19-25, 2024 as EMS Week in Jefferson County with the theme “Honoring our Past, Forging our Future”. This is in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first national EMS week, and he encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Chairman Johnson presented a Proclamation to Debbie Adkins, Watertown American Legion Auxiliary, proclaiming May 24, 2024 National Poppy Day in Jefferson County and encouraged all citizens to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on that day.

Debbie Adkins, Watertown American Legion Auxiliary and 2024 Jefferson County Poppy Chairperson addressed the Board relating the history of the poppy being chosen as a symbol of remembrance to veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921 through the efforts of Leona Bell Michael. She said American Legion Auxiliaries sell poppies to raise money to support programs for veterans and their military families.

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

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

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees, except on Resolution No. 147 that received a negative recommendation.

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

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of March 31, 2024.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of April, 2024.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for the month of April, 2024.

The Annual Report of Fixed Assets for 2023 was received from the Purchasing Department.

The Stop DWI 2023 Annual Report was received.

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

### **Resolution No. 133**

#### **Approving Mortgage Tax Report**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of the semi-annual Mortgage Tax Report showing the amount to be credited to each tax district in the County of the money collected during the preceding six months, ending March 31, 2024.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 134**

**Authorizing Increase in County Clerk Mortgage Tax Fee**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, In accordance with Article 11, Section 250 through 267 of the Tax Law, the County Clerk is charged with the collection and administration of mortgage tax monies, and

Whereas, Section 262 of the Tax Law authorizes reimbursement of the costs associated with the collection and administration of mortgage tax monies, and

Whereas, Pursuant to a 2016 request by the County Clerk to increase the Clerk's \$160,440 mortgage tax administrative fee to cover actual costs of the service, the Board of Legislators authorized an increase in the Clerk's fee to \$349,000 via Resolution 275 of 2016, and

Whereas, The County Clerk has calculated the cost associated with the collection and administration of mortgage tax to \$430,265, annually.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the County Clerk's Mortgage Tax Fee to be raised to \$430,265 per year effective July 1, 2024 and directs the County Clerk to deduct said amount from the mortgage tax monies collected, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for approval.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Reed, Jareo, McBride, Bartlett-Bearup, Ferris, Peck, Calarco, Cantwell, Doldo, Montigelli, Nabywaniec, Johnson

Absent: Potter, Grant, Boulio

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 135**

**Authorizing An Inter-Municipal Agreement with Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES for Provision of Drug and Alcohol Testing**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, It is necessary for Jefferson County Airport, Dispatch, Highway, Recycling and Waste Management and Sheriff's Departments to have drug and alcohol testing services available, and

Whereas, These services maintain compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Clearinghouse mandate in relation to employees holding a CDL and covered by the County's Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, and

Whereas, These services maintain compliance with the Sheriff's Department Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy in relation to employees covered by the County's agreements with the Deputy Sheriff's Association Local 3928 and Sheriff's Employees Local 3089, and

Whereas, The County is enrolled in the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Drug and Alcohol Program, and

Whereas, Rates for contracted services remain unchanged from the 2023 Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES for the provision of drug and alcohol testing services for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 136**

#### **Setting the Salary for the District Attorney**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 183-a, the State of New York requires that the County District Attorney receive a salary equivalent to that of county court judge in the county in which the District Attorney is elected, and

Whereas The recently approved New York State Budget for 2024-2025 does not provide for any increase in revenue to the County to fund the mandated \$20,700 increase in the District Attorney's salary, and

Whereas, The 2024 County Budget must be amended to recognize the prorated increase in the District Attorney's salary.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the salary for the District Attorney be set to \$221,100 effective April 1, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget be amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
01116500 01100	Personal Services	\$15,525

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$15,525

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Bartlett-Bearup, Cantwell, Peck, Calarco, Jareo, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Reed, McBride, Montigelli, Johnson

Absent: Boulio Grant, Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 137**

**Approving Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures  
Relative to Information Technology**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, Local Law No. 10 of 1986, as amended, provides that the County Administrator shall promulgate such administrative regulations and procedures as may be authorized by the Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to authorize the amendment of certain administrative policies and procedures for Information Technology, which will replace those policies and procedures revised in 2013, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to authorize the promulgation of further administrative policies and procedures for Information Technology.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the amended Administrative Policy **Information Technology** Sections 8.01 **General Policy** and 8.06 **Password Management**, are hereby approved and by reference incorporated herein, and be it further

Resolved, That the new Administrative Policy **Information Technology** Sections 8.14 - 8.23 are hereby approved and by reference incorporated herein, and be it further

Resolved, That promulgation and implementation of the referenced Sections by the County

Administrator is authorized, effective immediately.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 138**

#### **Approving Amended Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures Relative to Disposition of Surplus Property/Transfer and Disposal**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Local Law No. 10 of 1986, as amended, provides that the County Administrator shall promulgate such administrative regulations and procedures as may be authorized by the Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to authorize the amendment of administrative policies and procedures for the Disposition of Surplus Property/Transfer and Disposal, which will replace those policies and procedures revised in 2003.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the amended Administrative Policy Section: Finance, Subsection: 1.04 **Disposition of Surplus Property/Transfer and Disposal** is hereby approved and by reference incorporated herein, and its promulgation and implementation by the County Administrator is authorized, effective immediately.

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 139**

#### **Appointment to Jury Board**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 503 of the Judiciary Law, this Board hereby designates Anthony J. Doldo as a member of the County Jury Board for a term to expire December 31, 2025, and be it further

Resolved, That, the designation be filed in writing in the Office of the County Clerk.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 140**

**Approving Appointments to the North Country HOME Consortium (NCHC) Administrative Board**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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

Whereas, By Resolution 167 of 2022, Jefferson County approved appointments to the North Country HOME Consortium Administrative Board.

Now Therefore, the following current members be re-appointed for the terms as listed:

Kevin Jordan	-	5/2/2023 - 4/30/2026
Jillian Redder	-	5/7/2024 - 4/30/2027

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 141**

**Appointing Member to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Resolved, Pursuant to Section 7 of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts Law, the following individual is hereby appointed to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a term to expire as noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Richard Campany	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 142**

**Authorizing Agreement with Lavalley Brothers Construction, Inc. Relative to Construction of the Airport Fuel Farm at the Watertown International Airport**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 184 of 2022, this Board of Legislators authorized a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for construction of a modern above ground Airport Fuel Farm and related State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination, and

Whereas, By Resolution 135 of 2023, this Board of Legislators allocated additional funding for the project through the American Rescue Plan Act, and

Whereas, By Resolution 312 of 2023, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with McFarland Johnson Inc. for preparing bid documents, construction oversight and administration, and grants administration for the project, and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson has since completed the design, coordinated the bidding process and recommends that the low bidder Lavalley Brothers Construction, Inc. be awarded a contract for bid package number one for general construction in the amount of \$1,327,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Lavalley Brothers Construction, Inc., for general construction in the amount of \$1,327,000, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, including any changes orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator, not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 143**

#### **Authorizing Agreement for Development and Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the NYS Office for Community Renewal, and the Development and Administration of Grant Program**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County remains committed to pursuing affordable housing resources to assist low to moderate income County residents to improve the quality of the County's housing stock, and

Whereas, Jefferson County intends to apply for 2024 Federal Community Development Block



Grant (CDBG) funds from the NYS Office for Community Renewal (OCR), and

Whereas, the County issued a Request for Proposals for the three year period 2022 – 2024 to identify qualified community development firms that could assist with grant preparation, program development, and program implementation for CDBG Housing assistance initiatives, and

Whereas, through the RFP process, Avalon Associates was identified as a firm with the required credentials, expertise, and experience to assist the County in developing a CDBG housing application for a sum of \$7,500, which would be a County cost and is contained in the 2024 Budget, and

Whereas, Avalon Associates has also proposed, if a CDBG grant is awarded, to develop the housing program and assist in grant administration for a lump sum of \$15,000 (eligible grant expense); provide program delivery services (e.g., qualifying applicants; inspecting properties; preparing loan and construction documents) for \$2,250 per housing unit (eligible grant expense); and fixed general and grant administration services fees as authorized by the grant program (eligible grant expense).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Avalon Associates as described for the terms above for the 2024 CDBG Housing Grant, and be it further

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

Seconded By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 144**

#### **Authorizing the Execution of a Subordination Agreement for a Mortgage Note Held by Jefferson County in Relation to the Community Development Block Grant Housing Improvement Program**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The County of Jefferson received funding from the New York Office of Community Renewal for the operation of a county-wide housing improvement program under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG), and

Whereas, By Resolution 296 of 2021 this Board adopted Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for the operation of the 2020 Housing Improvement Program, and

Whereas, Said regulations require the protection of the County’s investment in individual projects by means of a mortgage note, securing the County’s right to seek reimbursement of loaned funds in the event of a breach of program regulations by the property owner, and

Whereas, It is not the intent of the program to impair property owners ability to finance or refinance their residential real property through a third party lender, as a result of the interest mortgaged to the County, and

Whereas, An application having been made by Housing Improvement Program participant Stefanie Spaulding requesting that the County execute a Subordination Agreement, subordinating the County’s existing mortgage (File No. 2023-00014824) to mortgage about to be executed and recorded to Community Bank.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the Subordination Agreement in favor of the party set forth above, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 145**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget for Recycling & Waste Management**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Funds are needed to rent an excavator due to the failure and discontinuance of the Prentice Loader used to load and compact MSW in the Solid Waste building, and

Whereas, This measure is preliminary to a new purchase and modification to the existing building, and

Whereas, Funds are available for transfer within the Recycling & Waste Management budget.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

15816000 04113	Equipment Rental Expense	\$20,000
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**Decrease:**

15816000 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	\$20,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 146**

**Reappropriating NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE Grant Award to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reesd, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 202 of 2023 this Board of Legislators recognized a NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE Grant in the amount of \$34,117 for the Sheriff's Office, and

Whereas, There remain unexpended grant funds that need to be reappropriated for expenditure in 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$30,509.59
Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$20,509.59
01311000 04313	Travel	7,500.00
01311000 04613	Training	2,500.00

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Montigelli, Cantwell, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup, Jareo, Nabywaniec, Peck, McBride, Reed, Doldo, Johnson

Absent: Grant, Potter, Boulio

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 147**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department Court Commitments**

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, Additional appropriations are needed to cover current and future care, maintenance and examination services to patients placed in NYS Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities pursuant to County Criminal or Family Court Orders, and

Whereas, The costs for services are entirely a Jefferson County expense, and the Director of Community Services has estimated the costs through September to be re-visited at that time

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$940,000
Expenditure		
01439000 04413	Medical Fees - Court Commitments	\$940,000

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

No: Ferris, Calarco, Peck, Doldo, Cantwell, Jareo, McBride, Nabywaniec, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Montigelli, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Potter, Grant

Resolution defeated.

**Resolution No. 148**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports has approved additional State Aid for the Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Inc., in the amount of \$35,326 for the Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth Program for a boiler replacement, and

Whereas, The 2024 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the additional funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93484	State Aid - Alcohol & Substance Abuse	\$35,326
Expenditure:		
01432000 04702	Credo Foundation	\$35,326

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Calarco, Cantwell, Nabywaniec, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Montigelli, McBride, Ferris, Jareo, Peck, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Grant, Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 149**

**Appointing Members to the Community Services Board**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Sub-Committee only		
Randy Fipps	Mental Health	12/31/2025
Community Services Board only		
Dr. Sarah Delaney-Rowland		12/31/2025

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 150**

**Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Related Services  
in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities  
for the Period of May 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024**

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

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 May 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Carthage Central School District	Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Speech Therapy

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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 151**

**Authorizing Agreement with NYS Department of Education Approved Agency  
for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities  
for the Period of May 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the NYS Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the Board of Education of local school districts to require placement in such special education programs, and

Whereas, The New York State Commissioner of Education has approved a number of providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 104 of 2023 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of special education services for preschool children with disabilities, and an agreement for an additional provider and services needs to be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term May 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service provider:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Carthage Central School District	Evaluations

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and substance.

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 152**

#### **Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities for the Period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

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. 130 of 2024 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of related services and set rates, and agreements for an additional providers 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 agreements with the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreements shall be for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Carthage Central School District	Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Speech Therapy
Thousand Islands Central School District	Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Speech Therapy

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: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 153**

#### **Authorizing Agreement with NYS Department of Education Approved Agency for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities for the Period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the NYS Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to



preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the Board of Education of local school districts to require placement in such special education programs, and

Whereas, The New York State Commissioner of Education has approved a number of providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 129 of 2024 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of special education services for preschool children with disabilities, and an agreement for an additional provider and services needs to be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service provider:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Thousand Islands Central School District	Evaluations

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and substance.

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 154**

#### **Appointing Member to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That, pursuant to Title III of the Older Americans Act, as amended, the below listed individual is hereby appointed as a member of the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Office for the Aging for a three (3) year term to expire as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
James Stewart Williams	12/31/2026

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 155**

**Authorizing Agreements in Connection with Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot Program  
and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, The New York State Homes and Community Renewal has awarded funding to Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) for the Leading in Lead Prevention program in the amount of \$326,641 for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026, and

Whereas, JCPHS will be the grantee and subcontract for administration of rehabilitation work with Neighbors of Watertown, Inc., and

Whereas, This grant will align with the JCPHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention+ grant to receive referrals from landlords that qualify for rehabilitation work.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute agreements with New York State Homes and Community Renewal and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. for the provision of this funding, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01405000 93488	State Aid Other Health	\$326,461

Expenditure		
014051000 04416	Professional Fees	\$326,461

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Peck, Montigelli, Ferris, Calarco, Cantwell, Nabywaniec, McBride, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Jareo, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Grant, Potter

Resolution passed.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Such motion was made by

Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:19 p.m. The Board returned to open Session at 6:45 p.m. and unanimously concurred with the recommendation of the Director of Aviation to hire an Airport Fiscal & Operations Manager at Grade 8, Step C, annual salary of \$71,916.

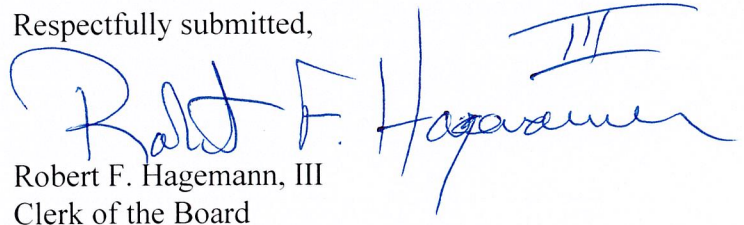
Legislator Peck advised that the end of 6 year terms for appointed Town Assessors are coming due for many towns in the next four years, and many of the Assessors are due to retire. He said there are no deputies or assistants to take their place and we could be facing a devastating cliff in terms of assessment capabilities for towns. He didn't know how to prepare for this or if the County would be in a position to take over assessments for multiple towns, but wanted to make the pending issue known.

Chairman Johnson informed legislators that an invitation was on their desks for the Annual Office for the Aging Picnic at Westcott Beach State Park on July 17, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Administrator Hagemann advised that Stan Zaremba had dropped off a check in the amount of \$748.95 which was the balance of what was left in an account held by the Committee that had the Veterans Monument in front of the County Office Building built. He was unable to attend the meeting and present the check personally, but intended the funding to go for upkeep and maintenance on the Monument.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board