

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

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

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present except Legislators Reed and Fitzpatrick.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Don Metzger, Jefferson County resident for 41 years, read a brief excerpt from a Watertown Daily Times article regarding the JCIDA adopting a Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP) that mirrors the policy the County adopted about two years ago with regard to payment in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) arrangements relative to alternative energy projects that generate more than 25 mega watts of power. He appreciated that the County took the lead on this matter and took the position of not giving tax breaks to these projects, and he hoped that would continue.

### **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION**

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

### **PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from Melinda Gault, Executive Director, Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) expressing her appreciation for the additional funding that was provided along with their annual authorized agency allocation for 2018.

A letter was received from Richard A. Ball, NYS Agriculture & Markets Commissioner approving of modifications to Jefferson County Agriculture District #2 as proposed by the County.

A note of appreciation was received from Legislator Al Drake and family for all the kindness shown by Board members during his recent illness.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

### **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

The Treasurer provided a report on cash in banks and investments as of 12/31/2017.

The County Administrator provided a report on budget transfers for the month of January, 2018.

2017 Annual Reports were received from the following departments: Auditor, Board of Elections, County Clerk, Probation, and Planning.

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

### **Resolution No. 47**

#### **Appointing Representative to Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Resolved, That Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick be and is hereby reappointed to represent the Board of Legislators on the Board of Directors of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 48**

#### **Appointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Pursuant to Section 11-0501 of the Environmental Conservation Law, this Board hereby approves the following appointment by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Burnie Haney, Sportsman Representative	12/31/19

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 49**

#### **Appointing Member to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The 1972 Legislature of the State of New York created the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, Pursuant to Article 18a of the General Municipal Law, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby appoints William W. Johnson to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Legislators, concurrent with his term as County Legislator, as a member of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 50**

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

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 503 of the Judiciary Law, this Board hereby designates Jeremiah J. Maxon as a member of the County Jury Board for a term to expire December 31, 2019, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 51**

#### **Reappointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Resolved, Pursuant to Section 7 of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts Law, the following individuals are hereby reappointed to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board for terms to expire as noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Michael Montigelli, Legislator	12/31/2018
John Peck, Legislator	12/31/2018

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 52**

**Reappointing Members to the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, By Resolution No. 202 of 2014 this Board authorized an Amended Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation and the City of Watertown to form the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council (a/k/a Metropolitan Planning Organization {MPO}) and appointed members to the Council, and

Whereas, The initial term of the Amended Agreement is 4/1/14 - 3/31/16 and will be automatically renewed every two years, with provisions for amendments, and

Whereas, The Transportation Council was initially hosted by the NYSDOT, and is comprised of two members each appointed by the City of Watertown and Jefferson County, and three members from NYSDOT, and one member representing the remaining eight local governments within the MPO planning area slected by the MPO, and

Whereas, The terms of the Jefferson County members on the Council have expired.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That County Legislator John Peck and County Administrator Robert Hagemann be reappointed to the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council for terms to expire on December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 53**

**Approving Re-Appointments to the Sports Fishery Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 235 of the County Law and Resolution No. 87 of 2008, the following individuals are hereby re-appointed by the Chairman of this Board to the Sports Fishery Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

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| Mitch Franz        | Lake Ontario Fishing Guide |
| Larry Rogers       | Inland Waters              |
| Hal Horton         | Marina Owner               |
| Burnie Haney       | Inland Waters              |
| Ken Carmon         | Town of Alexandria         |
| William Van Pernis | Inland Waters              |
| Bill Saiff III     | Town of Henderson          |

Non Voting Members

Gary DeYoung  
Russ McCullough

Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corp.  
New York State Department of Conservation

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 54**

**Amending the 2017 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, The 2017 County Budget must be amended to recognize additional sales tax for towns and the City of Watertown.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2017 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01104500 91110	State Sales Tax	\$778,825.53
Expenditures		
01198500 04631	Distribution of Sales Tax	\$778,825.53

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Montigelli, Jareo, McBride, Maxon, Drake, Ferris, Doldo, Cantwell, Peck, Johnson, Adsit, Nabywaniec, Gray

Absent: Reed, Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 55**

**Amending the Policy of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators in Regard to the Abatement of Real Property and Other Taxation for Alternative Energy Projects.**

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, This Board of Legislators enacted a policy statement for wind farm development, real property tax abatement and other taxation for alternative energy projects by Resolution 165 of 2016; and

Whereas, Review and application of the policy to date has lead to the possible interpretation that certain language in the policy is misleading and inaccurately limits the legal authority of the Board of Legislators and the County of Jefferson; and

Whereas, Amendment of the policy by deletion of the language struck out in the attached amended policy will remove any ambiguity as to the full range of authority of this Board with regard to taxation of alternative energy projects of less than 25MW.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, the amended policy statement attached hereto be and hereby is adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators as the policy of the County of Jefferson.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

## **Jefferson County Policy Statement on Wind Farm Development**

### **Background**

The interest by developers in the creation of commercial wind turbine generation farms in Jefferson County has seen a resurgence.

Currently in place in NY is Real Property Tax Law §487 which provides a fifteen year exemption from taxation of the incremental increase in value of real property created by the construction of solar, wind, or farm waste energy systems. All taxing jurisdiction have the right to opt out of this law and thereby eliminate the exemption.

Jurisdictions that do not opt out of §487 have the ability to require the owner of the property improved with a solar or wind system to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with the taxing jurisdiction.

As an additional avenue, a developer has the right to seek from a NYS industrial development agency such as the Jefferson County IDA (“JCIDA”), an inducement resolution which could include a real property tax exemption and require the execution of a payment in lieu of tax agreement (a “PILOT”).

### **County position on Real Property Tax Law Section 487**

The County has analyzed its alternatives with regard to RPTL §487:

(a) to permit the statutory fifteen year exemption to remain in place and, in those situations where there is no alternative tax exemption route, compel developers of wind or solar generation facilities to negotiate and execute a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (“PILOT”) with the County, or,

(b) opt out of Section 487, thereby terminating the exemption for all solar, wind and farm waste systems.

Since commercial wind and solar system developers could still apply to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency for inducement as a project of the Agency, regardless of the County’s action on RPTL§ 487, it is appropriate to leave the exemption in place to assist in the development of facilities smaller in size than 25 MW. ~~for which projects the County would not demand the execution of a PILOT.~~ It is unlikely that those who would construct a solar, wind or other alternative energy generation system outside the context of a supplying a specific business would qualify for inducement by JCIDA. Therefore, the County has determined that it will (a) not opt out of §487 but require the execution of a PILOT for any project in excess of 25MW which PILOT will require annual payments comparable to the real property taxes that would be payable to the County if the facility was not tax exempt and (b) inform the Jefferson County IDA of the county’s position on the level of payments it is seeking under a JCIDA PILOT.

### **Tax Treatment of Wind Farms**

As a source of alternative energy, the County is not necessarily opposed to development of commercial solar or wind farms, but believes, the impacts and burdens placed on the community by such projects outweigh the benefits received by the community and that there is no justification for any reduction in the real property tax burden. The County does not support the assumption that the economic benefits to the region justify a reduction in the real property tax burden based upon the argument that any tax realized from development is better than no increase in development or tax revenue.

The County cannot support these projects simply because they provide renewable energy generation and will create construction jobs. While there may be a significant number of construction jobs, there is no guaranty that those jobs will be filled by County residents. The construction employment may provide income to various local businesses, but that cash flow will abate as soon as construction is completed. There is no long term benefit for the community that justifies granting the sales tax relief and the long term real property tax abatements being sought by developers.

### **Wind or Solar Farm PILOT Agreements**

The County believes that a PILOT for commercial solar and wind farms in excess of 25 MW should require an annual payment to the County in an amount equal to that which would have been received by the County in the absence of an exemption. In reaching this conclusion, the County has based its determination on a series of factors which include:

- a. The impact of the NYS tax cap legislation on the County with the value of the proposed development eliminated from the calculation of the growth factor because of the PILOT exemption.
- b. The lack of permanent payroll and/or permanent jobs created.
- c. The potential decrease in fair market value of properties within the impacted area and the viewing zone; and, in turn, the impact that those changes in fair market value will have on the tax levy and the tax rate for all impacted taxpayers.
- d. The lack of secondary jobs created by the project.
- e. Impacts associated with noise and visualization of a project which may be a basis for varying treatment of solar versus wind farms.

### **Request of the Jefferson County IDA**

The County is calling upon the JCIDA to draft, adopt and thereafter follow a modification to its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy that:

- a. Provides for annual PILOT payments to the County in an amount equal to that which



the County would have received in real property taxes in the absence of an exemption. This assumes that the IDA will establish a per MW PILOT payment schedule at a level sufficient to fulfill the requests of all of the impacted taxing jurisdictions taking into account the County's requirement and undertake the process to obtain the consent of the other impacted taxing jurisdictions should the County's request require a disbursement of the total PILOT payment which is not proportionate to the relative tax rates of the impacted taxing jurisdictions.

- b. Includes an obligation to provide security for the decommissioning of the facilities constructed. The decommissioning obligation should be secured by a bond or letter of credit because most single purpose entities created to own winds farms have no assets other than those of a particular project.

(amended February, 2018).

Legislator Maxon wanted to make sure that the foregoing resolution is shared with the JCIDA in light of the recent UTEP they approved mirroring our former policy concerning alternative energy projects. Chairman Gray and Legislator Johnson (IDA Board Member) assured that our position is communicated to the IDA on a regular basis.

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 56**

#### **Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County, through its Fire and Emergency Management Department, has received and recognized various grants in 2015, 2016 and 2017 which have not been fully expended, and

Whereas, Said Grants and their remaining unspent amounts include the FY2015 Hazmat grant, the FY2016 Hazmat grant, FY16 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant, FY16 Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) grant, and FY2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant, and

Whereas, Said funds must be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Expenditures:

01341400 01100	Personal Services	\$ 48,253.00
01341400 02300	Technical Equipment	88,322.08
01341400 04111	Trackable Durable Items	97,649.87
01341400 04115	Telephone	8,471.00
01341400 04118	Computer Hardware	10,000.00
01341400 04119	Computer Software	10,000.00
01341400 04428	Public Safety Services - Other Govt's	13,000.00
01341400 04514	Uniforms & Clothing	4,785.00
01341400 04585	Operating Supplies	1,703.32

Appropriated Fund Balance:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$282,184.27
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Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Maxon, Johnson, Peck, Montigelli, Jareo, Cantwell, Drake, Adsit, McBride  
Ferris, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Gray

Absent: Reed, Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 57**

**Authorizing Agreement with Indian River School District  
for School Resource Officer**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The Indian River School District has expressed an interest in having a School Resource Officer deployed to it with the understanding that there will be no cost to the County and the School District will indemnify and hold harmless the County, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has negotiated and agreed to provide this service to the Indian River School District, for the period of January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the Indian River School District for the period of January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020 for the provision of a School Resource Officer, and be it further

Resolved, That the Indian River School District agrees to fund 100% of all of the program costs, including but not limited to salary, benefits, equipment, training, overtime and supplies, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian River School District as outlined above on behalf of the County of Jefferson with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 58**

#### **Establishing the Position of Nurse Practitioner**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Preventive unit has encountered difficulty filling a long-vacant Supervising Public Health Nurse (SPHN) position, and

Whereas, The unit faces increasing demands for more primary care provider-level expertise, and

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department requires timely primary care services for the jail inmates, which is difficult to accomplish with the limited time available from current medical staff, and

Whereas, The Public Health Director and the Sheriff recommend creating a shared Nurse Practitioner position in the Public Health Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to County Law § 204, the position 4051001 SPHN be abolished, and be it further

Resolved, That the position 4051001 Nurse Practitioner be established, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

#### **Increase:**

Revenue		
01405000 91292	Interdepartmental Service	\$33,318
Expenditure		
01315000 04414	Supporting Services	\$33,318
01405100 01100	Personal Services	33,318

#### **Decrease:**

01315000 01100 Personal Services \$33,318

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 59**

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

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 95-a of the General Municipal Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with City of Watertown (Citibus) for the period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 for the provision of transportation services for persons 60 years of age or older, at a cost of approximately \$5,600 funded by NYS AAA Transportation grant as recognized in the adopted 2018 Office for the Aging Budget, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislators: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 60**

**Appointing and Re-Appointing Members to the Community Services Board**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

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 terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Aileen Martin	Mental Health	12/31/2020
Martin Morrison	Mental Health	12/31/2020
Sandy Petrillose	Mental Health (sub-comm only)	12/31/2020
Rebecca Small Kellogg	People with Developmental Disabilities	12/31/2020

Jill Rupp	People with Developmental Disabilities	12/31/2020
Elizabeth Stevens	People with Developmental Disabilities	12/31/2020
Lynn Pietroski*	Alcohol & Substance Abuse	12/31/2020
Joey Marie Horton	Alcohol & Substance Abuse	12/31/2020

\* new appointment

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 61**

**Amending the 2018 County Budget to Recognize Additional State Aid and Authorizing Amended Agreement with the Children’s Home in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Additional State Aid was received from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) in the amount of \$275,361 for the Children’s Home, and

Whereas, This Community Support Program one-time funding is for costs associated with the provision of clinic services by providers who have been deemed Vital Access, and

Whereas, The County Budget needs to be amended and an amended contract with the Children’s Home authorized to accommodate these changes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93489	State Aid - OMH - Children’s Home	\$275,361

Expenditure		
01431000 04732	Children’s Home - Jeff. Co.	\$275,361

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an amended agreement with the Children’s Home for these changes with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Jareo, Adsit, Ferris, Drake, McBride, Montigelli, Johnson, Maxon, Cantwell, Peck, Doldo, Gray

Absent: Reed, Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

### **Resolution No. 62**

#### **Authorizing Agreement in Relation to Immunization Action Plan Funding**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been notified by the NYS Department of Health of the re-award of funding for Immunization Action Plan (IAP) for the renewal period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 with automatic 1 year renewals until March 31, 2023, and

Whereas, The funding to Jefferson County covers the costs of the work for the operation of the IAP and the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and is contained in the 2018 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents in relation to this agreement and all renewals with the NYS Department of Health, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 63**

#### **Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service – Preventive Services unit has been recognized by the New York State Department of Health for Chronic Disease Prevention, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service is eligible to receive an incentive award for this achievement, and

Whereas, The unit will use the funds accepted to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That Jefferson County hereby accepts the incentive award funding, and the 2018 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01405000 93401	State Aid Public Health	\$5,000

Expenditure		
01405100 04416	Professional Fees	\$5,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Johnson, Cantwell, Maxon, Adsit, Ferris, Peck, Jareo, Doldo, Drake, Montigelli, McBride, Gray

Absent: Reed, Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 64**

**Appointing Member to Jefferson County Public Health Service  
Professional Advisory Committee**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Resolved, That John D. Peck is hereby appointed as the Legislator member to the Professional Advisory Committee for a term to expire 12/31/19.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 65**

**Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services  
and Amending the 2018 County Budget**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A business has donated funds to the Jefferson County Department of Social Services to be used for the Foster Care Program, and

Whereas, The 2018 County Budget must be amended to recognize this donation.

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

Resolved, That the 2018 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue:		
01601000 92705	Donations	\$200.00

Expenditure:		
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	\$200.00

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Adsit, Montigelli, McBride, Jareo, Peck, Ferris, Maxon, Cantwell, Johnson, Doldo, Drake, Nabywaniec, Gray

Absent: Fitzpatrick, Reed

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 66**

**Appointing Member to Samaritan Senior Village Board of Directors**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Pursuant to an Adult Care Program Agreement between the County of Jefferson and Samaritan Senior Village, Inc. dated December 26, 2012, the County has the right to nominate one member of its Board of Legislators to be a Member of the Board of Directors of Samaritan Senior Village, Inc., with such representation to remain in place for at least the first ten years of operation as an adult care facility, and

Whereas, Said adult care facility, Samaritan Summit Village, officially opened for business in April, 2013 and it is appropriate that a member of the Board of Legislators be selected to serve on the Board of Directors for Samaritan Summit Village.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick, be and is hereby nominated as the representative of the Board of Legislators to serve on the Board of Directors of Samaritan Summit Village for a term to expire December 31, 2019.



Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Legislator Peck commended the IDA Board for passing the UTEP and taking the concerns expressed by everyone into consideration in doing so. He said it is a good balance between protecting the taxpayer and allowing a mechanism for development in the County. He inquired if there was anything new to report following the NYSAC conference, and asked if there was a plan of work for the shared services committee.

Administrator Hagemann advised that the shared services previously identified by the panel are moving forward in terms of discussions, but no specifics have been defined for long term. He said Jefferson County submitted a shared services plan to the State and if additional savings are realized outside the plan, they are not subject to reimbursement by the State.

Chairman Gray said the New York State Budget and many proposals in the budget were discussed at NYSAC, but he did not recommend advocating for certain proposals until the budget goes through the Senate and Assembly. He said the Governor has proposed such things as making the shared services panels permanent, and changes to indigent defense services.

Administrator Hagemann related that Veterans Service Director Pete Fazio is traveling to Oswego County to lend his services one day per week because their Veterans Service Agency Director position is vacant. Mr. Fazio has performed this service in Lewis County in the past, when the same position is vacant there. Mr. Hagemann explained that there are unique qualifications for this position that are required in order to process paperwork for those offices. Mr. Hagemann said this is a small shared service between counties that is worthy of note.

Legislator Jareo inquired if all towns are invited to the shared services meetings and said it would be a great opportunity to explore and talk about our largest shared service with the towns, dog control services. Mr. Hagemann advised that all towns and villages are invited to the shared services meetings and about 75% on average participate. Certain towns have expressed interest in a few areas (IT, Real Property) and those ideas will be explored with the towns that expressed interest as long as it is feasible. He assured that dog control has been brought up a few times. Chairman Gray suggested that since we are not under the gun this year to come up with a shared services plan, polling the towns and villages ahead of time to see what they may be interested in talking about would be advantageous as we can collect information and be prepared to talk about the issue at the meeting.

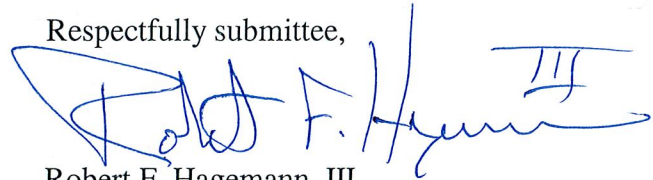
Legislator Johnson related that JCIDA Marketing Director Marshall Weir will be making a presentation at the Finance & Rules Committee meeting this month concerning IDA marketing strategies. Chairman Gray thanked Legislator Johnson for his representation on the IDA Board of the County's thoughts and concerns on the UTEP

Legislator Ferris inquired about the status of help for the Sheriff's Department in order to process pistol permits. Chairman Gray advised that one part time position has been approved already, the initial hire has since left and another person hired, an employee on light duty is also

helping out, but we have yet to hear back how the progress was changed from the time people were added. He said the Administrator has had several discussions with the Sheriff and Undersheriff about this and they are very aware of Board members' concerns. It has also been suggested to them that any down time the School Resource Officer (approved tonight) has should be devoted to pistol permit processing. He reminded legislators that as part of the normal process detectives do background checks associated with pistol permits and we have supplemented that with the part time position and the other efforts. He said the part time position is only approved through the end of 2018 at which time the Board can extend it.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submittee,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board