

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Ferris.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Marcus Charlton, Cornell Cooperative Extension Association related that their organization has partnered with the Board of Legislators since 1982 for the 4-H Student Government Program. He said the program was not offered last year due to Covid-19 and he was tasked with creating a virtual program this year. Working with Nancy Sanderson and the Greenheart Exchange Program he was able to get local students as well as international students (Ukraine, Lebanon and Indonesia) to participate. The students were glad to not only get an education on local, state and federal government, but to also learn about and discuss issues going on in their own communities and countries. They discussed things like increased community involvement when it comes to local government, better understanding of the system by the residents, more diversity, and social inequality. The four main topics they discussed throughout the program were: health care, the environment, education and foreign vs. U.S. practices. He thanked everyone that helped get the program back up and running as it was truly a collective effort, and introduced the students who were present.

Sitowlaw Sanderson, 20417 Lundy Drive, Carthage and 4-H Student Government Program student thanked everyone for the fun educational experience, and said contributors support and participation was very much appreciated. He found the program to be quite interesting and said the presentations from the speakers, the break out room conversations, debates and discussions with his fellow students have somewhat challenged his way of thinking and on some level changed the he way he sees civic engagements and his personal responsibility to society.

Chairman Gray proclaimed May 16-21, 2021 as EMS Week in Jefferson County in honor of all the EMS providers and workers in the County and their contributions to the community.

Chairman Gray particularly noted the significant role that first responders played in the chaos that gripped the community on April 28th. He said law enforcement (City Police, Sheriff's Dept, NYS Police), the fire department, the EMS community all responded quickly and moved fast. He said the backbone of the whole operation was the 911 dispatchers who were at the center of all of the activity in monitoring all the communications, inter-agency activity, and the location of everything happening. They were supposed to have a shift change during the event but everyone working stayed, and those coming on shift opened the backup 911 Center in the County Office Building basement. The Dispatch Center transitioned the entire situation to a unit that did nothing but monitor that activity for the hours following the incident. He said

remarkable work was done by everyone all the way around.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from the Town of Wilna in support of using Brownfield sites for future solar developments in the County.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of March 31, 2021.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of April, 2021.

The 2020 Stop-DWI Annual Report was received.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 98

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, This Committee to whom claims of the members of the Board were referred, has examined and audited such claims and finds the total to be \$ 163.52 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$ 163.52

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw checks payable to the claimants as audited.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 99

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of the semi-annual Mortgage Tax Report showing the amount to be credited to each tax district in the County of the money collected during the preceding six months ended March 31, 2021.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 100

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Board of Elections
Cyber Security Remediation Grant Program**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, By Resolution No. 160 of 2020, this Board authorized an agreement with NYS Board of Elections for a grant to implement cyber security remediation and mitigation services, and

Whereas, There remain unspent funds that must be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines to complete implementation of the grant.

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

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$58,538.13
Expenditures		
01168000 02101	Computer Equipment	\$15,000.00
01168000 04118	Computer Hardware	8,538.13
01168000 04119	Computer Software	10,000.00
01168000 04416	Professional Fees	25,000.00

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Grant, Nabywaniec, Johnson, Reed, Doldo, McBride, Montigelli, Calarco, Maxon, Peck, Jareo, Drake, Cantwell, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 101

Authorizing Appointments/Reappointments to the Workforce Development Board

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

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

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

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

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

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to serve as members of the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board for the terms indicated.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Jefferson County Representatives</u>	
David Zembiec, Jefferson County Economic Dev.	6/30/2024
George Anderson, Current Applications	6/30/2024
*Mark Prasuhn, WPBS	6/30/2024
Rodney Castillo, Keyes Information Technology	6/30/2024
<u>Jefferson-Lewis Representatives</u>	
Dale Stehlin, Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers	6/30/2024
Fred Monaco, NYSUT	6/30/2024
John O'Driscoll, IBEW	6/30/2024

Patrick Sheppard, Regional Director, Access-VR 6/30/2024

Lewis County Representative

*Andy Haug, Neenah Paper, Inc. 6/30/2024

*New Appointments

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 102

Amending the 2021 County Budget for Insurance

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Insurance coverage costs have increased unexpectedly by an average of 25% over last year.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01143600 91292	Internal Charges Due	\$32,250

Expenditure		
01191000 04219	Insurance	\$50,250

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$18,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 103

Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Pursuant to Section 118 of the Highway Law in Connection with the Removal and Replacement of Bridge C015 on Coolidge Road

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, Bridge C015 (BIN 3339460) located on Coolidge Road, a/k/a Coolidge Road Bridge, is a concrete, jack arch bridge spanning the Indian River in the Town of Antwerp, that has been closed to the public since July of 2008 due to its deteriorated condition, and

Whereas, Bridge C015 needs to be removed and replaced in order to re-establish safe public access over said bridge and along Coolidge Road, to include residential, commercial and emergency service traffic, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has recently been awarded federal and state funding through the New York State Bridge NY 2018 Program to assist in the costs of this project (identified as the “Coolidge Road Bridge over Indian River Replacement Project”), and

Whereas, In accordance with Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, Jefferson County has determined this project is a SEQR Type II action requiring no further SEQR review and will not significantly impact the environment, and

Whereas, A portion of Coolidge Road needs to be realigned as part of this project in order to eliminate a blind and narrow S-curve adjacent to Bridge C015, and

Whereas, In order to realign said portion of Coolidge Road, the right of way must be altered requiring the acquisition of four separate parcels of real property, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Highway Law Section 118, the County Board of Legislators must approve the acquisition of real property purchased for highway right of way purposes, and

Whereas, The current owners of the first parcel of real property to be purchased (portion thereof only), David W. Chester and G. Gregory Chester, have agreed to a purchase price of Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the real property identified on the attached map and description as Map No. 2, Parcel No.1 (Exhibit A), and

Whereas, The current owners of the second parcel of real property to be purchased (portion thereof only), David W. Chester and Beverly A. Chester and G. Gregory Chester and Heidi A. Heap-Chester, have agreed to a purchase price of Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) for the real property identified on the attached map and description as Map No. 3, Parcel No.1 (Exhibit B), and

Whereas, The current owners of the third and fourth parcels of real property to be purchased, Geoffrey K. Richardson and Scott D. Richardson, have agreed to a purchase price of Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,400.00) for both parcels of the real property identified on the attached map and description as Map No. 1, Parcel Nos. 1 and 2 (Exhibit C).

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the purchases of real property described in the attached Exhibits for the respective sums of Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00), Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) and Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,400.00), and further directs the Chairman of

the Board to execute contracts of purchase and sale and any other documents necessary to complete the transactions, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

(Maps are included at the end of the minutes as an Appendix)

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 104

Accepting Donation for the Watertown International Airport

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (JCIDA) owns the currently vacant building that had been leased to Concentrix, and

Whereas, JCIDA offered furniture and furnishings to other public and non-profit agencies, and

Whereas, The Watertown International Airport has received the donation of a conference table from the JCIDA, and

Whereas, The donation will be used in the new Airport Rescue Fire Fighting facility building.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to County Law Section 215 (3) this Board of Legislators does hereby gratefully accept said donation.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 105

Amending the 2021 County Budget to Recognize Reserve Funds in the District Attorney's Office

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The District Attorney's Office received equitable sharing funds through asset forfeiture, to be used to purchase equipment which will assist in its investigation and prosecution efforts, and

Whereas, Said funds must be recognized in the appropriate budget lines.

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

Increase:

Revenue:

01116500 94325	Federal Treasury Asset Forfeiture	\$ 43,000
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Expenditure:

01116700 02100	Departmental Equipment	\$ 21,000
01116700 02401	Automotive Equipment	22,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Montigelli, Doldo, Grant, Calarco, Reed, Johnson, Drake, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Maxon, Jareo, McBride, Peck, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 106

Amending the 2021 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 273 of 2020, this Board of Legislators accepted \$17,000 in New York State Stop-DWI Foundation Crackdown Enforcement funding, and

Whereas, There remains \$10,681.18 unspent, to be shared with the Watertown City Police, NYS Park Police, Black River Police, Carthage Police and Alexandria Bay Police Departments, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget must be amended to re-appropriate said funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

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

Increase:

Revenue:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 10,681.18
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	2,924.30

Expenditure:

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 2,924.30
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	2,924.30

01331500 04428

Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt

7,756.88

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cantwell, Drake, Peck, Calacro, Maxon, Montigelli, Doldo, Reed, Grant, McBride, Nabywaniec, Johnson, Gray

Nay: Jareo

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 107

Authorizing FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$69,116.80 FY20 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant (CFDA 97.067) from the New York State Office of Homeland Security (NYSOHS) for the purpose of increasing security at the border, and

Whereas, Said funds will be used for border security operations and provide for overtime payments for various details of the Sheriff's Department, Village of Alexandria Bay and Village of Clayton Police Departments, and

Whereas, Said grant requires an agreement with the NYSOHS, and possibly with other involved police agencies, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget must be amended to recognize the revenue and appropriate it to expenditure accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators enter into an agreement with the NYSOHS to accept the grant as described above, as well as any other agreements with involved police agencies necessary for the grant's programs, and that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, that the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue:
01311000 943201 Federal Homeland Security - Sheriff \$69,116.80

Expenditures:
01311400 01300 Overtime \$25,000.00
01311400 04114 Maintenance/Repair 13,100.00
01311400 04115 Telephone 3,400.00
01311400 04214 Utilities 275.00
01311400 043101 Internal Fleet Expense 11,564.44
01311400 04311 Gasoline & Oil 5,781.36
01311400 04428 Public Safety - Other Governments 3,996.00
01311400 08010 Retirement 2,849.40
01311400 08030 Social Security 2,385.60
01311400 08040 Workers Comp. 765.00

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Jareo did not have any concerns about how our Sheriff’s Department was using these funds, but could not support the resolution without a policy in place that would ensure the other agencies who receive this money are using the funds appropriately and not infringing on people’s rights.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cantwell, Calarco, Maxon, Reed, McBride, Drake, Johnson, Nabywaniec, Peck, Grant, Montigelli, Doldo, Gray

Nays: Jareo

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Local Law Intro. I of the Year 2021

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER

Be it Enacted, by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Jefferson County to permit 12 and 13 year old individuals to participate in the new hunting opportunities provided by Environment

Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, included a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality by local law. Jefferson County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the values of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer population control practices.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935, Jefferson County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2023.

Section 3. State Requirements

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer subject to the following requirements:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or person designated in writing by such parent or legal guardian on a form prescribed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, who is twenty one years of age or older; and
- Such parent, guardian or person has had at least three years experience in deer hunting; and
- Such parent, guardian or person holds a hunting license; and
- Such parent, guardian or person maintains physical control over the minor at all times while hunting. For purposes of this paragraph “physical control” shall mean that the physical proximity of such minor to the parent, guardian, or person is such that the parent, guardian or person is reasonably able to issue verbal directions and instructions, maintain constant visual contact, and otherwise provide guidance and supervision to the minor; and
- Such parent, guardian, or person and the minor remain at ground level at all times while hunting; and
- Such parent, guardian or person and the minor shall each display either a minimum total of two hundred fifty square inches of solid fluorescent orange or pink or patterned fluorescent orange or pink consisting of no less than fifty percent fluorescent orange or pink material worn above the waist and visible from all directions, or a hat or cap with no less than fifty percent of the exterior consisting of solid fluorescent orange or pink

material and visible from all directions.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements

A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the NYS Department of State.

Section 5. Severability Clause

If any part of this local law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not effect the remainder of this law. The County hereby declares that it would have passed this local law and each section or subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of these sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 6. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

Legislator Maxon said he would be abstaining from voting on this Local Law as it pertains to Environmental Conservation Law and would be a conflict of interest.

There being no discussion, Chairman Gray entertained a motion and second to table the Local Law pending a public hearing. Such motion was made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 108

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro No. I of 2021

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter" on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 109

**Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding for
Community Services Department**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Due to COVID-19 the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has chosen to allow for a two year closeout of State Aid and County funding for 2020 and 2021, and

Whereas, The 2021 County Budget needs to be amended to reappropriate OASAS remaining 2020 State Aid and County funding for the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council/PIVOT.

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

Increase

01000000 30599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$148,772

Expenditure
01432000 04703 Substance Abuse Council \$148,772

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators does hereby grant its approval for the Community Services Board to enter into any necessary amended agreements related to these changes.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Chairman Gray advised that as requested at last month’s Board Session, a letter has gone out to New York State officials and legislative representatives expressing the County’s concerns about funding 100% of the cost for persons in New York State facilities who are there by court order for competency restoration. He said there was also a very good article in the Watertown Daily Times recently in that same regard.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Grant, Drake, Maxon, Johnson, Peck, Calarco, McBride, Doldo, Montigelli, Nabywaniec, Reed, Jareo, Cantwell, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 110

**Authorizing Agreements with NYS Department of Education Approved Agencies
for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

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, In conjunction with the operation of the Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with approved services providers at said established rates.

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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, 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 providers:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Evaluations Integrated Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Milestones Children's Center	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Watertown City School District	Evaluations

and be it further

Resolved, That the need for such special education services is to be determined by local School Boards of Education, at rates established by the NYS Commissioner of Education as certified by the Director of the Budget of the State of New York, and shall be in a form and contain such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the NYS Commissioner of Education, 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, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby directed to send a letter notifying local School Boards of Education of the rates of each of the special education service providers and the percentage of local share of such cost.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 111

Authorizing Agreements and Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with each of the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Carthage Area Hospital	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy

Special Programs, Inc. D.B.A. Little
Lukes Childcare Center

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

Watertown City School District

Speech Therapy
Occupational Therapy

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 36.00	\$ 62.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$ 51.00	\$ 77.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 26.00	\$ 41.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 41.00	\$ 57.00

Teletherapy Services Up to 59 Minutes \$50 upon sunset of NYS Governor Executive Order

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by Certified Occupational Therapy and Licensed Physical Therapy Assistants are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 min.	\$ 26.00	\$ 41.00
Individual Over 60 min.	\$ 36.00	\$ 49.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 23.00	\$ 36.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 33.00	\$ 46.00

Teletherapy Services Up to 59 Minutes \$30 upon sunset of NYS Governor Executive Order

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, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps and execute such documents as may be necessary to secure approval of the rates established herein by the New York State Education Department.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 112

Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act -Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, the Jefferson County Department of Social Services (JCDSS) has received notification from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that JCDSS has been awarded CARES Act – Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds in the amount of \$516,997 to provide resources to address the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19, and support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 through September 30, 2022, and

Whereas, JCDSS will use ESG-CV funding to contract with Transitional Living Services to provide a Housing Specialist Case Manager to work with individuals in emergency housing and/or transitional housing to assist with finding appropriate housing that is supportive of their specific situation, and

Whereas, ESG-CV funding will also be used to contract with Watertown Urban Mission to provide Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Programs and to provide an SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery Specialist to provide financial assistance and supports on behalf of eligible individuals, and

Whereas, JCDSS will also use ESG-CV funds to provide Emergency Housing and limited assistance with food, personal hygiene items and transportation for individuals who are otherwise ineligible for assistance through another program.

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

Increase:

Revenue			
01607000 94677	Federal Aid HUD Hearth/ESG-CV		\$516,997
Expenditure			
01631000 04627	HUD Hearth/ESG-CV		\$516,997

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Johnson, Maxon, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Montigelli, Cantwell, Reed, McBride, Drake, Jareo, Grant, Calarco, Peck, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Chairman Gray entertained a motion and second to waive the Standing Rules to permit the introduction of an additional resolution for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 113

Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Rutland for Optional County Assessment Services to the Town Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1537.

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, The Town of Rutland is currently unable to fill vacant positions in the Town Board of Assessment Review in time for the 2021 Grievance Day scheduled for May 27, 2021, and

Whereas, Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law §1537, an assessing unit and county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate an agreement for appraisal services, exemption services, assessment services, or assessment review services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a “joint services” pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law Article 5-G, and

Whereas, The Town of Rutland desires the County to provide assessment review services for the 2021 Grievance Day and associated 2021 Assessment Roll functions and has enacted a resolution on April 8, 2021 authorizing an agreement for said purpose, and

Whereas, The Parties are desirous of entering into a joint services agreement for a period of one year.

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

Resolved, That, upon recommendation of the County Director of Real Property Tax Services the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as a County Board of Assessment Review, for a term of one year pursuant to with Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law, to act as the Town of Rutland Board of Assessment Review for 2021:

Paul Warneck
Melissa VanBrocklin
Christina Johnson
Barbara Boulton
Jennifer Bossuot

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Real Property Tax Services Director Roxanne Burns advised that this is for a one year period as the Town of Rutland had difficulty putting a board together themselves and requested that a County Board be set up for this year. She is hopeful that by next year they may have enough volunteers to return to a Town Board format. She said this is an important year for the Town of Rutland as the Town and her revaluation staff have put a lot of time and effort into a townwide revaluation. She said the recommended members are a good mix as they all have a certain degree of knowledge and she was comfortable with their ability to remain impartial in making decisions. This same circumstance could happen next year with a different town who might come to the County and ask the same thing. She is not advocating for that as she feels the towns should have their own Grievance Boards, which is traditionally the way it has been, and she thinks the towns would be more comfortable with that. However there needs to be an alternative as it is a property owner's right to have an opportunity to grieve their assessment if they feel they are being wronged.

Legislator Maxon expressed concern about moving away from local control for this responsibility. He understood the interest in providing joint services but that kind of central control worried him. He asked if the members are being paid.

Director Burns said the County will not be paying the members, but the Town of Rutland traditionally pays their Grievance Board members so the Town will be paying the members.

Legislator Jareo said this should be a town responsibility but agreed there has to be an alternative if they can't put a board together. He was in favor of the resolution but expressed concern about it becoming a larger issue if other towns feel they don't have to put the effort in and can rely on a County board.

Director Burns respected and agreed with legislators' input and said there needs to be local involvement in this process as it is important to the town. She was willing to help this time, but if there were multiple towns that wanted to do this it would create too much of a burden on her office as they are involved in so many aspects of real property countywide at this point. Also, she said statutorily Grievance Day is the fourth Tuesday in May and trying to coordinate a County board for multiple meetings or have towns pass resolutions to change the day would not be the best case scenario for anyone.

Chairman Gray asked if an appraiser or realtor has an occupational conflict in being on the Grievance Board. Director Burns said they do not unless it is a parcel that they have done an appraisal on or a property that a realtor is selling. In those instances they would have to recuse themselves which is something she teaches in the training.

Legislator Peck agreed that this is a town responsibility but was glad the County could help out in this instance and thanked Director Burns for her work in that regard.

For the benefit of the students, Legislator Montigelli explained that the Town Board had not communicated with the County in time for this resolution to come before a Committee, so a

waiver of the Standing Rules was necessary in order for the Board to address it in a timely fashion. He went on to say that when people own property, they own it within the context of society and there are limitations: if the police believe something criminal is going on they can come into your house; if you die and don't have any heirs your property will go to the State; if your property is needed for the greater good, you will be fairly compensated and it can be taken by Eminent Domain; and if you don't pay your taxes your property can be taken. He said we have to run our own society, yet people shy away from responsibility for civic engagement and fewer want to volunteer for anything including being on a Board of Assessment Review.

There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye.

Legislator Nabywaniec thanked Chairman Gray for doing a great job representing the County at the vigil this past Saturday evening for the people that were shot and killed by a gunman in Watertown on April 28th. He complimented the performance of the 911 dispatchers, Sheriff's Department, and District Attorney employees who responded to and performed well during the emergency. He thanked City of Watertown officials for arranging and holding the vigil as it was a good first step in helping the families and the community to heal.

Legislator Maxon thanked the students for their interest in participating in the 4-H Student Government Program as he was a participant in the program 21 years ago, and said it was a privilege to speak to them for an hour on Zoom about government. He said the Board of Legislators is made up of regular people and encouraged the students to get involved/volunteer and participate in their own local communities and governments as there are opportunities available even at their ages. He said our connections so often now are a mile wide and available at the touch of a button on our phones, but it is important to know your neighbors, especially in times of tragedy when you need government. He said all government is local and you live in the society that you make.

Legislator Doldo also thanked all of the emergency personnel from the City, County, State, and towns who came together to get through the incident on April 28th. He said the County and City Department Directors should be complimented as they always step up to the plate in these situations, and particularly Joe Plummer and Neil Rifenburg in this instance were instrumental and keeping information moving to everyone that needed it. He said everyone worked very well together to get through this crisis.

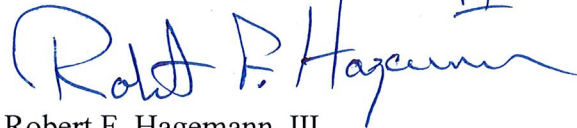
Legislator Peck asked if the County knew anything more about usage of the funding coming from the federal government, and if it will come directly to us or through New York State. Chairman Gray advised that the federal funding will be coming directly to us and we have to wait until the Treasury Department puts out some instructions. With the CARES Act money the instructions did not come out until the money was supposed to be out the door already, however he expected it to be more timely than that. He believed the County's direct allocation will come in two installments, we will have to have a plan for usage of the money, and our use of the first installment will demonstrate the need for the second installment. The only guidelines we have right now are broad and include: coverage for loss of revenue in our departments due to the pandemic; back fill of any extraordinary expenses, that have not already been covered by other additional allocations; and infrastructure which includes broadband, water, and sewer - whether

we can use this money for roads is yet to be determined, as we do not do water and sewer and we have someone else do our broadband. He said a majority of the money is designed to be put out onto the street to rejuvenate the economy (tourism, small business, property maintenance program), and only about 20% is to be kept in house and used as outlined. Until we get some guidance, staff can only do very preliminary planning in anticipation of bringing a more comprehensive proposal to the Board for their approval.

Mr. Hagemann added that we expect guidelines possibly in late May or June and we have to be careful to stay within the guidelines because if we do not, we'd have to give the money back. Chairman Gray said the Audit Committee met with our outside auditors (Drescher & Malecki) in anticipation of them beginning to audit the 2020 books. The auditors had many municipal (town and county) clients which gives them a broad base of experience, knowledge and hindsight on a lot of these situations. He said the Committee and asked the auditors to make sure the County does not make any missteps where this money is concerned.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Jareo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann" with a stylized flourish at the end. Above the signature, the Roman numeral "III" is written in blue ink.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board