

County of Jefferson
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February 16, 2023

TO: Members of Finance & Rules Committee
FROM: Robert F. Hagemann, III, County Administrator *RFH*
SUBJECT: Finance & Rules Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Finance & Rules Committee will meet on *Tuesday, February 21, 2023, immediately following the conclusion of the Health & Human Services Committee meeting* in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Finance & Rules Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

1. Appointing Successor to District 13 Legislator
2. Payment of Legislators' Expenses
3. Requesting Introduction of Legislation Extending the Authorization of a One Percent Increase in the County Sales and Compensating Use Tax in Jefferson County
4. Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to County Attorney Account
5. Re-Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Board of Ethics
6. Calling Upon the New York State Public Service Commission to Grant the Application for Re-Energy Holdings, LLC for Designation of a Biomass Facility at Fort Drum Military Installation as a Renewable Energy Source
7. Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds
8. Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with VHB for the County's Online Map Viewer

General Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

1. Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Lighting Improvement at the Public Safety Building
2. Authorizing Agreement with New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to State Funding for Pretrial Services
4. Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
5. Reappropriate NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Child Passenger Safety Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto

Health & Human Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

1. Amending Agreement for Provision of Senior Nutrition Program for Jefferson County Office for the Aging and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
2. Amending the 2023 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions
3. Amending the 2023 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs
4. Amending 2023 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

Informational Items:

1. Monthly Departmental Reports
County Clerk

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

RFH:jdj

cc:	Audit	Human Resources	Purchasing
	County Clerk	Information Technology	Real Property Tax Services
	Board of Elections	Insurance	County Treasurer
	Employ. & Training	JCC	County Attorney

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Appointing Successor to District 13 Legislator

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, A vacancy exists in the District 13 Legislator seat due to the resignation of Legislator Scott Gray because he was elected to the New York State Assembly, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1997, a vacancy on the Board of Legislators shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Steel E. Potter to serve for the balance of the 2022-2023 County Legislator term of office.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: _____

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 \$6,632.87 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$6,632.87

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: _____

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

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Requesting Introduction of Legislation Extending the Authorization of a
One Percent Increase in the County Sales and Compensating Use Tax in Jefferson County

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 135, and 169 of 2004, this Board of Legislators requested the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent (3/4%) through November 30, 2005, and following introduction of legislation concurred in and authorized the home rule request of the Chairman of this Board for its enactment; said legislation was subsequently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 32 and 114 of 2005, Resolution Nos. 31 and 115 of 2007, Resolution Nos. 32 and 95 of 2009, Resolution Nos. 48 and 104 of 2011, Resolution Nos. 97 and 138 of 2013, Resolution Nos. 80 and 116 of 2015, and Resolution Nos. 75 and 136 of 2017 this Board of Legislators requested the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent (3/4%) through November 30, 2007, November 30, 2009, November 30, 2011, November 30, 2013, and November 30, 2015, and one percent (1%) through November 30, 2017, November 30, 2020, and November 30, 2023 respectively; and following introduction of legislation concurred in and authorized the home rule request of the Chairman of this Board for its enactment; and said legislation was subsequently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, and

Whereas, The County now requires the continuation of one percent of said sales tax revenue in order to continue to stabilize the property tax levy and retain important local government services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board hereby requests that Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblymen Ken Blankenbush, Scott Gray and William Barclay introduce appropriate legislation in the New York State Legislature which would authorize Jefferson County to continue to impose an additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use tax through November 30, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to communicate the foregoing request of this Board to the aforesaid State Legislators.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to
County Attorney Account

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The County Attorney has advised of a budget shortfall due to professional consulting services retained to conduct a performance evaluation of child welfare services provided by Jefferson County Department of Social Services.

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

Increase:

Expenditure

01142000 04416	Professional Fees	\$65,000
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Decrease:

Expenditure

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$65,000
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Seconded by Legislator: _____

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Re-Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Board of Ethics

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Local Law No. 2 of 1990 as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1995 this Board of Legislators established an Ethics Board pursuant to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and

Whereas, Members of the Ethics Board are appointed by the Board of Legislators to serve in staggered three-year terms and are responsible for ensuring full compliance with the County Code of Ethics and disclosure requirements, and

Whereas, The Ethics Board requires three members, serving without compensation, and no more than one member shall be enrolled in the same political party as another sitting member, and

Whereas, One member's term has expired and she has agreed to serve another term.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators approves the following reappointment to the Jefferson County Ethics Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Sarah Weir	12/31/25

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Calling Upon the New York State Public Service Commission to Grant the Application for Re-Energy Holdings, LLC for Designation of a Biomass Facility at Fort Drum Military Installation as a Renewable Energy Source

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, In 2014 Re-Energy Holdings, LLC a Department of Defense Energy Contractor (hereinafter referred to as "Re-Energy"), signed a twenty-year contract to convert a coal facility into a more efficient biomass facility that would provide one-hundred percent (100%) of the electricity to Fort Drum as a part of the largest renewable energy project in the history of the United States Army, and

Whereas, The 60 Megawatt biomass facility on Fort Drum which provides 100% of its energy is now scheduled to be shut down after state legislation in 2022 that would recognize biomass as renewable energy, failed to pass, and

Whereas, The 32 employees who work at the biomass facility on Fort Drum have been informed that they will no longer be employed within the next two months, and

Whereas, Re-Energy buys fuel material and wood chips from lumber yards, sawmills, and tree service contractors, throughout the North Country, inclusive of Jefferson County, with additional jobs at risk of being lost, and

Whereas, Re-Energy has publically stated that it must terminate operations at Fort Drum on March 31 if the New York State Public Service Commission fails to act upon a petition filed to have the biomass operation classified as a renewable energy resource, and

Whereas, State Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and former Senator Patty Ritchie previously introduced legislation to classify biomass as renewable and keep the plant open; however, the legislation stalled in the assigned legislative committees and died in the 2022 session.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Legislators calls upon the New York State Public Service Commission to grant the application for Re-Energy Holdings, LLC for designation of a biomass facility at Fort Drum Military Installation as a renewable energy source, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, US Senator Chuck Schumer, US Senator Kirsten-Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman William Barclay, and St. Lawrence and Lewis counties.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act
Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The SFY 2024 State Budget proposal would end the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-thru to counties and New York City, and

Whereas, The State is proposing to keep all of these federal savings going forward and use them to cover further expansions of Medicaid eligibility and benefits and to increase payments to health care providers, and

Whereas, The elimination of this ACA eFMAP federal pass-thru will require the 57 counties to spend at least \$280 million more in SFY 2024, and approximately \$1 billion when New York City is included, and

Whereas, The SFY 2024 costs to counties and New York City are scheduled to grow by 30 percent by SFY 2027, and

Whereas, It is the strong view of Jefferson County that Congress intended these federal savings to be shared with counties proportional to the amount they contributed toward the nonfederal Medicaid match, and

Whereas, Since 2003, the state has shared the funds proportionally based on our analysis of savings we have received during periods when an enhanced federal Medicaid match was enacted by Congress, and

Whereas, Enacted in 2011, the Medicaid statutory cap for all 62 counties is \$7.6 billion. The Medicaid statutory cap for the 57 counties outside of New York City is \$2.25 billion., and

Whereas, Starting in SFY 2014, New York began sharing these federal ACA savings directly with counties. The savings for a year were provided by lowering the weekly payments each county and NYC make to the state to support the State's Medicaid program. Through February 1, 2023, the state continues to share the federal savings from the ACA eFMAP with the 57 counties and NYC, and

Whereas, Counties strongly disagree with the need to cut county funding so deeply when the Governor's budget proposes to fully fund its own reserves two years ahead of schedule depositing \$5.4 billion into reserves before the end of SFY 2023, while also projecting a general fund surplus of \$35 billion by the end of SFY 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators calls on the State to continue to share these federal funds with counties as has been the precedent for over 20 years, thus avoiding a \$2.5 million additional burden to the taxpayers of the County and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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

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Estimated County Impact of Proposed eFMAP Intercept

County	Annual Cost of Losing Federal ACA eFMAP Benefit	County	Annual Cost of Losing Federal ACA eFMAP Benefit
ALBANY	\$8,115,656	ONONDAGA	\$13,231,175
ALLEGANY	\$1,270,213	ONTARIO	\$2,101,476
BROOME	\$4,936,147	ORANGE	\$9,181,461
CATTARAUGUS	\$2,175,544	ORLEANS	\$1,059,034
CAYUGA	\$1,839,564	OSWEGO	\$3,134,290
CHAUTAUQUA	\$4,035,782	OTSEGO	\$1,346,092
CHEMUNG	\$2,585,982	PUTNAM	\$1,236,573
CHENANGO	\$1,272,283	RENSSELAER	\$4,369,678
CLINTON	\$2,250,959	ROCKLAND	\$8,734,377
COLUMBIA	\$1,423,509	ST. LAWRENCE	\$3,080,553
CORTLAND	\$1,299,358	SARATOGA	\$3,148,899
DELAWARE	\$1,112,320	SCHENECTADY	\$4,387,003
DUTCHESS	\$5,413,130	SCHOHARIE	\$729,961
ERIE	\$26,639,482	SCHUYLER	\$481,242
ESSEX	\$880,023	SENECA	\$775,278
FRANKLIN	\$1,299,024	STEUBEN	\$2,499,717
FULTON	\$1,798,034	SUFFOLK	\$31,915,576
GENESEE	\$1,231,039	SULLIVAN	\$2,601,457
GREENE	\$1,238,646	TIOGA	\$1,039,254
HAMILTON	\$82,521	TOMPKINS	\$1,524,820
HERKIMER	\$1,743,352	ULSTER	\$4,619,504
JEFFERSON	\$2,550,765	WARREN	\$1,572,639
LEWIS	\$645,791	WASHINGTON	\$1,442,218
LIVINGSTON	\$1,199,286	WAYNE	\$1,830,007
MADISON	\$1,430,691	WESTCHESTER	\$27,750,971
MONROE	\$23,032,067	WYOMING	\$692,563
MONTGOMERY	\$1,549,349	YATES	\$543,257
NASSAU	\$29,936,400	57 Counties	\$281,000,000
NIAGARA	\$5,793,588	NYC	\$345,000,000
ONEIDA	\$7,190,423	Total Costs	\$626,000,000

Source: Based on overall impact noted in Budget Briefing book.

NYSAC believes the impact is larger than estimated by the state based on historic data.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with VHB for the County's Online Map Viewer

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County has previously entered into and subsequently renewed a GIS mapping technical support and server hosting services agreement with VHB for the County's online Map Viewer, which displays parcel data and several other layers of geographic information, and

Whereas, With the expiration of the current agreement at the end of 2022, a new hosting agreement is necessary with VHB to maintain public internet access to the site, provide programming services to incorporate new data sets and data layer changes, and maintain all Map Viewer related hardware and software, and

Whereas, VHB will provide hosting services for \$6,000 for 2023, and

Whereas, The 2023 County Budget provides funding for the services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a professional services agreement with VHB for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

Statement of County Clerk's Fees Received

Gizelle J. Meeks, County Clerk of Jefferson County, New York, do hereby report the receipts of the Jefferson County Clerk's Office for the Month of January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023 as follows:

DMV Fees:

CC06 Retention	\$ 49,871.22
CC05 Sales Tax Ret	\$ 473.00
CC05 FS-6 Ret	\$ 641.00
Total	\$ 50,985.22

Land Records Fees:

CC07 Recording Fees	\$ 45,667.50
CC07 Filing Fees	\$ 2,180.00
CC07 Passport Fes	\$ 1,820.00
CC07 Photo Fees	\$ 530.00
CC07 RETT	\$ 328.00
CC07 RP5217 Ret	\$ 2,304.00
CC07 Notary Ret	\$ 520.00
CC07 NY Ed. Ret/RM	\$ 1,146.00
CC07 UCC's	\$ 2,080.00
CC07 Miscellaneous	\$ 460.00
CC07 General Int.	\$ 24.55
CC07 DMV Int.	\$ 4.22
CC07 Cover Page Fee	\$ 4,125.00
CC07 Overages	\$ 282.79
CC07 Copy Fees	\$ 3,656.45
CC07 E-Subscription	\$ 3,811.50
Total	\$ 68,940.01

Mortgage Tax Fees:

CC07 Expense	\$ 29,083.00
CC07 Interest	\$ 0.43
Total	\$ 29,083.43

Total By Account

CC05	\$ 1,114.00
CC06	\$ 41,620.00
CC07	\$ 88,248.09
CC08	\$ 8,025.00
CC50	\$ 500.00
PROJECT TR50	\$ -
TT61	\$ -
Total	\$ 139,507.09

Court Record Fees:

CC08 Index Fees	\$ 8,025.00
CC08 Misc. Court	\$ -
CC50 County Fines	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 8,525.00

Fees Collected for Other Depts.:

TR50 Stop DWI	\$ -
TT61 Deposit Into Court	\$ -
Total	\$ -

Adjustments (Deductions):

CC06 DMV Online Revenue:	
Dec-22	\$ 8,251.22
	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,251.22

CC07 Credit Cards	\$ 9,715.35
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CC07 Notaries: Vouchers	\$ 60.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total	\$ 60.00

CC07 Incorporations:	
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total	\$ -

CC07 Tax Sale - Rec. Fees	\$ -
Tax Sale - RETT	\$ -
Tax Sale - Misc.	\$ -
Total	\$ -

I received from Gizelle J. Meeks, Jefferson County Clerk the sum of: \$ **139,507.09**

2/7/23
Date

Dorena L Kimball
Jefferson County Treasurer/Deputy