

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **2021 Community Development Block Grant Award**

Chairman Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. No one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024**

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

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

All members present except Legislator Potter.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one present wished to address the Board.

Chairman Johnson read a Proclamation proclaiming the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week in Jefferson County and encouraged citizens to join in increasing awareness and understanding of the resources that are available for poison prevention in our community for adults and children. Chairman Johnson presented the Proclamation to Public Health Director Steve Jennings and Community Services Director Tim Ruetten.

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

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

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

An Election Commissioner Certification was received from the County Republican Party recommending Margaret E. Meier for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Elections.

2024 New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference Resolutions were received from their February Conference.

### **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 OTHER**

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

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Modifications for the month of February, 2024.

The 2023 Annual Report was received from the Youth Bureau.

Chairman Johnson said he and Legislators Doldo and Jareo took part in a Roberts Rules of Order workshop at NYSAC. A couple nuances that he learned and would use tonight; legislators should signify their vote by saying “Aye:” or “No”, and instead of discussion the proper term is to ask for debate.

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

### **Resolution No. 78**

#### **Payment of Legislators’ Expenses**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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 \$6,728.14 we have allowed:

Legislator Expense:	\$6,728.14
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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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 79**

#### **Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Homeless Prevention**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 111 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide resources to respond to COVID-19 and address its economic

fallout, and

Whereas, This Board desires to allocate funding at this time to address homelessness needs.

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

**Increase:**

Transfers:

21995000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$820,000
20900600 95031	Interfund Transfers	820,000

Expenditure

20631000 02525	Homeless Prevention	\$820,000
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**Decrease:**

Expenditure

21104500 04976	Negative Economic Impacts	\$820,000
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and be it further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Legislator Peck said this is a massive investment into an issue the County has been dealing with for a number of years. The projects involved in this will take some time to implement but it is another step forward in successfully addressing the homelessness issue and transient living of individuals in our community.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 80**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Interest Earned on Unspent Bond Proceeds**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions 105 of 2015 and 111 of 2016 Jefferson County issued

\$4,706,500 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds on June 1, 2017, primarily for the purpose of County buildings and parking lot improvements, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 280 of 2016, the County issued \$5,000,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds on September 24, 2020 primarily for the purpose of constructing and equipping an Emergency Radio Communication System, and

Whereas, Bond issue funds are allocated to the Capital Projects Fund until spent for project expenditures, and unspent bond proceeds have generated interest revenue in the Capital Projects Fund, and

Whereas, When bond proceeds earmarked for a specific project earn interest revenue, said revenue is required to be spent to reduce the associated debt service for the project, and

Whereas, It is necessary to recognize interest earned on unspent Bond proceeds in the Capital Fund and transfer the interest to the Debt Service Fund to be earmarked for debt service payments on the debt issue.

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

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 92401	Capital Interest & Earnings	\$300,000
Transfers		
20990200 09003	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$300,000
55915000 95031	Transfer from Capital Fund	300,000
55990100 09000	Transfer to General Fund	300,000
01899200 95031	Interfund Transfer from Debt Service	300,000

**Decrease:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$300,000

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 81**

**Urging Action by New York State Legislators to Advocate on Behalf of SUNY Community Colleges to Increase Funding to Community Colleges in the FY25 State Budget**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, New York State has not met its obligation to share equally in support of the state's community colleges, and

Whereas, The State's direct tax support for SUNY's community colleges is lower than it was a decade ago, has not increased in three years, and has fallen behind the NY State counties' direct tax support to community colleges by \$97 million, and

Whereas, SUNY's community colleges ensure open access serving the largest percentage of low income, historically marginalized populations, and working adults of all SUNY sectors, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has faithfully carried out its fiduciary obligations as the sponsor of Jefferson Community College to ensure open access and development of a skilled workforce, and

Whereas, Increasing base operating aid by \$97 million will bring the state's share of direct state tax support for operating aid to equal that of New York's counties and support training 20,000 New Yorkers in high demand jobs through the Empire State Guarantee, and

Whereas, The Governor's FY25 Executive Budget calls for no increase in base operating aid, and

Whereas, With no increase to base operating aid, community colleges will be unable to appropriately and substantially meet the workforce needs of New York State and Jefferson County, particularly in healthcare, semi-conductor manufacturing, IT and regionally based industry sectors.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby urges New York State Legislators to advocate on behalf of the community college sector of SUNY by ensuring that NYS meets its fiduciary obligation to share equally with counties in financial support of the community colleges by adding an additional \$97 million in operating base aid for the community colleges, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 82**

**Re-Appointing Representative to Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Association of Jefferson County**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That John D. Peck 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, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 83**

**Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Board of Ethics**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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 he has served the maximum number of terms allowed, and a new appointment needs to be made.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Joanne McClusky	12/31/26

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 84**

**ReAppointing Members to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Pursuant to Section 11-0501 of the Environmental Conservation Law, this Board hereby approves the following appointments 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	12/31/25
Corey Grant, Legislative Representative	12/31/25

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 85**

**Re-Appointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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>
Charles Eastman, Member At Large	12/31/2026
Jason Bast, Farm Bureau	12/31/2024
Daniel R. McBride	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 86**

**Approving Appointment to the Thousand Islands  
Regional Tourism Development Corporation**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation for the Thousand Island Regional Tourism Development Corporation, the following appointment by this Board to the Thousand Island Regional Tourism Development Corporation for a term to expire December 31, 2025 is hereby approved:

At Large Representative ..... Mark Prasuhn

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 87**

**Re-Appointing Members to the Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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 is 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 selected 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, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 88**

**Authorizing Preparation and Submission of HOME Applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 and Authorizing an Agreement Related Thereto with the**



## **Development Authority of the North Country**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 54 of 1993, this Board authorized the formation of a three county organization, known as the North Country HOME Consortium (NCHC), for the purpose of obtaining HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and

Whereas, Said resolution also designated Jefferson County as the Lead County of the Consortium, which also includes Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, and

Whereas, The Consortium, through Jefferson County, has successfully obtained HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1994-2023 to provide affordable housing resources to municipalities and non-profit housing providers in the three County HOME Consortium area, and

Whereas, The Development Authority of the North Country, as a subrecipient, partners with the County and the Consortium to assist with the distribution and administration of the HUD HOME program funding awarded in the three County area to municipal and non-profit housing providers approved by the NCHC Board, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, as lead County, has been notified by HUD that the NCHC has been reauthorized, under automatic renewal provisions, to continue as a participating jurisdiction for the purpose of requesting HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for FFY 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, as lead County, has been notified by HUD that the NCHC has been reauthorized, under automatic renewal provisions, to continue as a participating jurisdiction for the purpose of requesting HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for FFY 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is expected to receive an annual HOME allocation from HUD for the NCHC in FFY 2024, 2025, and 2026 upon submission of required application materials.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County acting as lead County on behalf of the NCHC is hereby authorized to prepare and submit applications to HUD for HOME funding in FFY 2024, 2025, and 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County shall enter into an agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) which provides that DANC shall be a subrecipient of the funds and will be responsible for working cooperatively with the Jefferson County Department of Planning in the administration of the HOME Program, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute

the above referenced agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country, all necessary application documents, and annual grant agreements with HUD on behalf of the County. The subrecipient agreement and grant agreements with HUD shall be subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 89**

**Recognizing NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Discovery Reform Grant Award and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Daniel R, McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Discovery Reform Grant in the amount of \$415,893, and

Whereas, The Discovery Reform Grant provides resources for expenses related to the implementation of discovery and pretrial reforms that took effect January 1, 2020, and

Whereas, Said grant will be used to partially offset already budgeted items including salaries of existing positions, and overtime in the District Attorney and Probation departments; as well as increasing DA overtime and facilitating digitization of discovery materials.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant award, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01116500 93389	State Aid - Other Public Safety	\$330,198
01314000 93389	State Aid – Other Public Safety	85,695

Expenditure

01116500 01300	Overtime	\$ 53,500
01116500 04111	Trackable Items	5,000
01116500 04416	Professional Fees	2,200

**Decrease:**

Fund Balance

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$355,193
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Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 90**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery  
and Allocating Same in Buildings Department Budget**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The Buildings Department received an insurance settlement check in late 2023 in the amount of \$1,761.08 for damage to a department vehicle, and

Whereas, Said check was not recognized as revenue during 2023 and the Buildings Department has requested it be appropriated into the 2024 automobile rental line.

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

**Increase:**

Fund Balance

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,761.08
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Expenditure

01162000 04312	Automobile Rental	\$1,761.08
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Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 91**

**Approving Re-Appointments to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 225-a of the County Law and Resolution No. 39 of 2021, the following individuals are hereby appointed/reappointed to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2025.

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Anthony Doldo	Legislator
Christopher Boulio	Legislator
Steel Potter	Legislator
Robert Simpson	Fire Service
Steven Mott	Fire Service
Lawrence Girard	Fire Service
Joseph Wargo	Fire Service
Jason O'Meara	Fire Service
Barry Waite	General Public
William Griffith	General Public
Kathleen LaClair	General Public
Gerald Kostyk	General Public
Justin Taylor	General Public

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 92**

**Accepting Funding and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to State Funding for Pretrial Services**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services is awarding grants to offset costs associated with the provision of certified pretrial services including screening, assessment, supervision and reporting, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has received \$216,647 for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, and

Whereas, Finding will cover some costs of staff already budgeted, as well as new items needed to accomplish the funding objectives.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts the \$216,647, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

**Increase:**

Revenue

01314000 93389	State Aid - Other Public Safety	\$ 216,647
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Expenditure

01314000 04102	Office Furnishings	\$ 6,500
01314000 04110	Office Expense	2,500
01314000 04111	Trackable Items	125,000
01314000 04514	Uniforms & Clothing	15,000
01314000 04585	Operating Expenses	14,034
01314000 04613	Training	5,000

**Decrease:**

Fund Balance

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 48,613
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Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 93**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, This Board of Legislators has allocated funding in the 2024 County Budget for purchase of a roll off truck at the Transfer Station, and

Whereas, There has been an increase in the fabrication cost of the truck, and

Whereas, Funds are available for transfer within the Recycling and Waste Management Fund.

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

**Increase:**

Expenditure		
15816000 02409	Roll Off Truck	\$31,786

**Decrease:**

Expenditure		
15816000 02408	Tractor/Truck	\$ 5,940
15816000 043102	External Fleet Expense	10,000
15816000 04311	Gasoline and Oil	15,846

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 94**

**Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff’s Department and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolutions 107 and 177 of 2021, 197 of 2022, and 180 and 327 of 2023, this Board of Legislators recognized FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22 and FY23 Operation Stonegarden Program grants respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 50 and 326 of 2023, this Board recognized FY22 and FY23 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP) grant, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 79 and 147 of 2022 and 76 of 2023, this Board re-appropriated remaining unspent funds from Operation Stonegarden and LETTP grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22 and FY23 Operation Stonegarden, and FY22 and FY23 LETTP grants to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2024.

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

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$285,684.07
Expenditure		
01311400 01300	Overtime	\$ 85,370.93
01311400 02100	Equipment	40,000.00
01311400 04111	Trackable Items	51,538.38
01311400 04114	Maintenance/Repair	62,410.00
01311400 04115	Telephone	4,400.00
01311400 04119	Computer Software	5,000.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	4,412.39
01311400 043102	External Fleet Expense	1,440.50
01311400 04311	Gasoline & Oil	2,205.87
01311400 04514	Uniforms & Clothing	8,000.00
01311400 04585	Operating Supplies	800.00
01311400 08010	Retirement	11,513.00
01311400 08030	Social Security	6,532.00
01311400 08040	Workers Compensation	2,061.00

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 95**

**Authorizing an Amended Agreement in Relation to NYS Unified Court System  
for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution 248 of 2023, This Board of Legislators authorized an agreement for eligible funding from NYS Unified Court System for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028 for provision of cleaning and maintenance services to the local courts, and

Whereas, The NYS Unified Court System has notified Jefferson County of additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 for Tenant Work over five years (\$20,000 per year) which must be included in the NYS budget submission, and

Whereas, The additional funding can be used for minor renovation, such as paint, carpet and floors, with prior approval.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts such additional funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any and all documents necessary to amend said agreement with the NYS Unified Court System, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 96**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to the Office for the Aging**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolution 249 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted \$6,880 in donations to the Office for the Aging to be used to address gaps in services for the elderly, and

Whereas, Further donations were received by OFA late in 2023, also intended to address gaps in services for the elderly, and

Whereas, These funds were unused in 2023 and the OFA Director has requested they be used for Medical Fees in 2024 to cover services such as hearing aids, vision and dental care.

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

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$7,625
Expenditure		
01677200 04413	Medical Fees	\$7,625

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote



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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 97**

**Authorizing Agreement with Blooming Health for Remote Communication Services for Office for the Aging**

By Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, The growing number of senior citizens in New York State has led to a recognition of the need to use digital engagement in order to improve older adults connection to community-based services, and

Whereas, The NYS Office for the Aging has established a partnership with Blooming Health to provide targeted communications via text messages, voice calls and email, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging desires to contract with Blooming Health, Inc. to provide remote communication and engagement service for older adults in concert with the NYS partnership, and

Whereas, Blooming Health will provide automated check-ins, program reminders, mass broadcast announcements and surveys at no cost to improve engagement and communication with older adults and caregivers via text messages, voice calls and emails.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Blooming Health, Inc. for the period of March 6 through September 30, 2024 with the option to continue for two additional one-year terms, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 98**

**Appointing and ReAppointing Members to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 308 of 2006, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging for funding to establish a Point of Entry for long term care services, as required by law, and

Whereas, Said agreement required Jefferson County to create a Long Term Care Advisory Council (the "Council"), which will study and monitor the long term care system in the County and make recommendations for changes as necessary, and

Whereas, Said Council may have between 15 and 20 members and the Director of the Office for the Aging is recommending the appointment of 2 members and the reappointment of 5 members.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the following are appointed/reappointed to the Long Term Care Advisory Council for three (3) year terms to expire as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<b>New Appointments</b>		
Amanda Graveline	NRCIL	12/31/2026
Doty Stevens	MILC	12/31/2026
<b>ReAppointments</b>		
Anna Patterson	Ives Hill Retirement Community	12/31/2026
Josh Sabel	NRCIL	12/31/2026
Sherry Baszto	Jefferson County DSS	12/31/2026
Kim Monroe	Caregivers, Inc.	12/31/2026
Jessica Jones	North Country Family Health Center	12/31/2026

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 99**

#### **Appointing and ReAppointing Members to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council**

By Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

Resolved, That, pursuant to Title III of the Older Americans Act, as amended, the below listed individuals are hereby appointed/reappointed as members of the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Office for the Aging for a three (3) year terms to expire as follows:

Member

Term Expires

New Appointments		
William Bowman		12/31/26
Judith Wallace		12/31/26
Reappointments		
Bradley Bobb		12/31/26
Diane Woodhouse		12/31/26
Leon. E Shilling (Toby)		12/31/26
Sarah Fritz		12/31/26
Robert Cantwell		12/31/25

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 100**

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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

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

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

**Increase:**

01439000 04413	Medical Fees - Court Commitments	\$500,000
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**Decrease:**

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$500,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to amend the resolution to incorporate the following changes:

**Increase:**

Expenditure

01439000 04413	Medical Fees - Court Commitments	\$500,000
Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$139,785.10
<b>Decrease:</b>		
Expenditure		
01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$360,214.90

A motion to amend the resolution was made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried by the Board.

Legislator Peck said the resolution provides funding for restorative services at the rate of \$1200-\$1400 per day on three individuals who committed felonies, and the County could be responsible for paying millions of dollars over a number of years for each individual (up to 2/3 of the maximum sentence for their crime). The services do not treat the individual, it does not help them recover from whatever issues they have, they are there until it can be established that the person understands what the charges are against them and can or can not face a trial. County officials have contacted State officials in the past on this issue to no avail, and he suggested the County not pay the bill until the State comes to terms with what a bad policy this is. He said it is a statewide issue that is a huge financial drain to the local tax base and is an injustice to everyone involved. For these reasons he is voting no on this resolution.

Legislator McBride said based on what Legislator Peck said, our law enforcement may not even pick up these individuals knowing that it could cost the County millions of dollars, and will also vote no on this resolution.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 100, as amended.

Ayes: Cantwell, Calarco, Bartlett-Bearup, Reed, Montigelli, Boulio, Nabywaniec, Grant, Doldo, Johnson

No: McBride, Jareo, Peck, Ferris

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

### **Resolution No. 101**

**Amending the 2024 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department State Aid**

By Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, Current State Aid funding levels from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports and Office of Mental Health for Community Services Department programs include changes since the 2024 County Budget was adopted.

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

**Increase**

Revenue

01431000 93486	State Aid Opioid Settlement Funds	\$185,000
01431000 93489	State Aid - OMH - Children's Home	6,920
01431000 93490	State Aid Mental Health	12,343

Expenditures

01431000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff Co	\$ 6,920
01432000 04703	Substance Abuse Council	150,135
01432000 04707	CMHC Outpatient Clinic	412
01432000 04708	NRCIL FSS RIV	3,346
01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	558
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Programs	75,501
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	3,534
01432000 04728	Samaritan Medical Center	858
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff. Co.	156,162

**Decrease:**

Revenue

01431000 93484	State Aid Alcohol & Substance Abuse	\$885,386
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Expenditures

01432000 04702	CREDO Foundation	\$850,521
01432000 04709	River Hospital	8,656
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	953
01432000 04717	CMH Forensics	146,942
01432000 04718	JRC Employment	71,477

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: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 102**

**Appointing Members to the Community Services Board**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Michelle McElroy	Alcohol & Substance Abuse	12/31/2025
John Peck		12/31/2025

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 103**

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

By Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

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

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

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term March 6 through June 30, 2024, for the provision of special education services to children ages three

through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service provider:

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

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 104**

#### **Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities provides a variety of related services to children aged three to five years with certain disabilities, such services to be provided in the least restrictive environment, be it home or agency based, and

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 105 of 2023 Jefferson County authorized agreements with providers for the provision of related services and set rates, and an agreement for an additional provider and services needs to be authorized.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the following party for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period March 6 through June 30, 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Alexandria Central School District	Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy  
Speech Therapy

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 105**

**Re-Appointing Member to the  
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Resolved, That the following individual be and is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u> Robert Cantwell	12/31/2025

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 106**

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

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Resolved, That Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup is hereby appointed as the Legislator member to the Professional Advisory Committee for a term to expire 12/31/25.

Seconded by Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

All members present voted aye.



**Resolution No. 107**

**Accepting Climate and Health Adaptation Funding, Authorizing Agreement  
and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, The New York Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) is providing funding to Jefferson County Public Health Service to support climate and health adaptation initiatives within Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Public Health will develop a presentation in collaboration with New York State Department of Health and NYSACHO, and will provide town hall meetings to the Village of Clayton to advance the Climate Smart Community Action Plan, and

Whereas, NYSACHO will provide funding in the amount of \$3,000 via a one-time payment in 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any and all documents with NYSACHO for provision of this funding, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue

01405000 93452	State aid PH - Other Grants	\$3,000
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Expenditures

01405100 04110	Office Supplies	\$ 100
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01405100 04415	Advertising	100
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01405100 04515	Meeting Expenses	920
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01405100 04585	Operating Supplies	1,880
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Seconded by Legislator: Tina Bartlett-Bearup

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Potter

Resolution passed.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to waive Standing Rules 35 and 60 to permit the introduction of an additional resolution for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Resolution No. 108**

**Appointing Election Commissioner**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 3-204 of the Elections Law, Margaret E. Meier, Republican, is hereby appointed as Election Commissioner of the County of Jefferson for the remainder of an unexpired term beginning March 6, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael A. Montigelli

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Johnson reinstated the following Ad Hoc Committees for the 2024-2025 term.

Public Safety - Legislators Doldo,(Chair), Reed, Potter

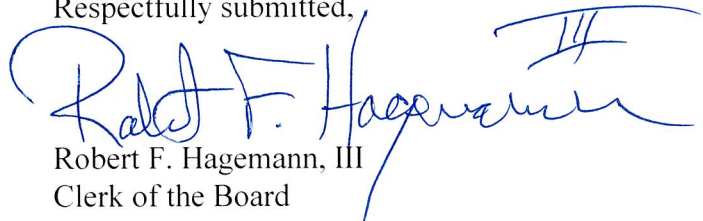
Legislative Appointments - Legislators Calarco (Chair), Jareo, Cantwell, Peck

Public Benefit Agencies - Legislators Nabywaniec (Chair), Jareo, Grant

Dog Control - Legislators McBride (Chair), Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Grant

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board