

PUBLIC HEARING

2024 Tentative County Budget

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

ANNUAL SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Jareo.

Legislator Philip N. Reed, Sr. made a presentation to the Board concerning the U.S. Customs and Board Protection (CBP) Agency 's search for a suitable site to house a new 48,000 square foot Border Patrol Station, and other pieces to that operation, to replace the aging and outdated Wellesley Island Border Patrol Station. He said the local community is very supportive and grateful for the work carried out by the CBP in fulfilling its mission to protect the American people, safeguard our borders, and enhance the nation's economic prosperity.

Legislator Reed said as most people know, CBP first proposed to site their new facility on Blind Bay which met with swift opposition from the residents and is extremely problematic for many reasons, including that it will have a severe adverse effect on the environment in the Bay, and it is a residential area. CBP has recently been looking at another parcel on the River in Town of Clayton which is also undesirable for the same reasons as the Blind Bay parcel. He said opposition has nothing to do with CBP's mission, and many of the employees of CBP are friends and neighbors. A group of officials including himself and representatives of Save the River, Thousand Islands Land Trust, and the Towns of Alexandria, Orleans and Clayton have proposed a solution to these issues to be use of the 270 acre Bonnie Castle Stables site. The site is currently unoccupied, is owned by the Town of Alexandria, and has many of the amenities needed by CBP including close proximity to Route 81 with the option of access to the River by way of the New York State parks in the area that are a very short drive away. He advised that people are already used to the New York State Police barracks and the Price Chopper being in that same area of Route 12. He requested the support of the Board in the form of a resolution to have the preferred site for the new CBP facility to be the Bonnie Castle Stables site. He said the Towns of Orleans, Alexandria, and Clayton have all done resolutions in support of the Bonnie Castle Stables site. Legislator Reed acknowledged and thanked the Save the River and Thousand Islands Land Trust present and past staff members who were in attendance, and those not able to attend, as well as other individuals present who support this request.

John Peach, Executive Director of Save the River, went over the environmental and ecological details of how building on the Blind Bay site will severely harm the environment, and pointed out that the site is now owned by the Thousand Islands Land Trust. He said it is unprecedented to see such overwhelming support in the community to stop a project that could cause damage to the environment, and it is also unique that the CBP has been offered an alternative project site. He said Save the River believes that saving Blind Bay is as important as founding issue of blocking winter navigation, and there is no doubt that if CBP is successful in taking Blind Bay or any other River front neighborhood, the lifestyle and environment on the River will be irreparably harmed for everyone. The Bonnie Castle Stables site has the support of US Senator Schumer, Congresswoman Tenney, NY Senator Walczyk, Assemblyman Gray, County Legislators Reed and Cantwell, the Towns of Alexandria, Clayton, and Orleans, and over 2,200 River residents. He asked that the Board also vote in favor of the Bonnie Castle Stables site for the new CBP facilities. Legislator Cantwell also voiced his overwhelming support for the Blind Bay Coalition, and the Bonnie Castle Stables site as the preferred site for the CBP facility and asked for the Board's support of a future resolution in that regard.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The 2023 Annual Report was received from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

The Finance & Rules Committee recommended the approval of the 2024 Tentative Budget including the changes made by the Committee.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investment and Cash in Banks as of September 30, 2023.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of October.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for the month of October.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution 253

Revising and Adopting 2024 Tentative Budget

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 357 of the County Law, the Finance and Rules Committee of this Board has reviewed the Budget Officer's 2024 Tentative Budget and has proposed that certain changes, alterations and revisions be made to said budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2024 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget be changed, altered and revised as shown on the attached Schedule A, said schedule shall be considered a part of this resolution as if fully set forth herein, and be it further

Resolved, That said Tentative Budget, with such changes, alterations and revisions as are heretofore set forth be and is hereby adopted as the Budget of the County of Jefferson for County fiscal year 2024.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Schedule A

			<u>Budget Officer's Recommend</u>	<u>Finance & Rules Recommend</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Tax Levy Impact</u>	<u>Fund Balance Impact</u>
Recommended Changes - 2023 Tentative Budget							
01 General Fund							
<u>Revenue</u>							
01561000	91292	Interdepartmental Service	0	6,000	6,000	0	(6,000)
<u>Expenditure</u>							
011169000	04210	(DTF) Building/Property Rental	0	6,000	6,000	0	6,000
01141000	04114	Maintenance/Repair	15,000	114,000	99,000	0	99,000
01141000	04119	Computer Software	89,500	0	(89,000)	0	(89,000)
01141500	01100-019	DMV Deputy County Clerk	0	68,242	68,242	0	68,242
01141500	0810	State Retirement	65,358	73,547	8,189	0	8,189
01141500	08020	Health Benefits	250,769	261,168	10,399	0	10,399
01141500	08030	Social Security	41,159	46,380	5,221	0	5,221
01141500	08040	Workers Compensation	13,970	15,676	1,706	0	1,706
Total Change in General Fund Fund Balance						0	103,257

Legislator Maxon complimented Administration, Budget Officer and Department Heads for a great budget. He said there is almost never an opportunity for the County to continue to offer more and better services and have the tax rate go down, and said it is a testament to how well the County is run. There have been budgets that were contentious votes overriding the tax cap during his time on the Board, and many that he voted against over the years, but he was happy to say he will be voting in favor of the budget this year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Chairman Johnson commended the Administrator and budget team for the 2024 Budget. He said the Board has decreased taxes a total of \$1.30 over the past two years and is something the Board can be proud of. He also did research back to 1987 and said there has never been a tax rate in Jefferson County as low as the \$6.14 rate in this budget.

Resolution No. 254

Appropriation for the Conduct of County Government for Fiscal Year 2024

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Pursuant to Sections 354 and 355 of the County Law the Budget Officer has prepared and submitted to this Board the 2024 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget, and

Whereas, Said Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance & Rules Committee of this Board in accordance with Section 357 of the County Law, and

Whereas, Said Tentative Budget has been adopted by this Board by Resolution No. 253.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the numbers in the 2024 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget in the column entitled "Budget Officer's Recommendations," be inserted in the column entitled "Adopted," and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law, the several amounts specified in such budget in the column entitled "Adopted" be and are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2024.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 255

Adopting Capital Plan for 2024 - 2029

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 357 of 1992 and Section 99-g of the General Municipal Law, the Budget Officer has prepared and submitted as part of the 2024 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget a Six Year Capital Plan for the years 2024-2029.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That said Capital Plan be and is hereby adopted.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 256

Certification of Taxes to the City of Watertown

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Clerk and the Assessor of the City of Watertown, the apportioned share of the 2024 County Tax to be levied on real property within the City as follows:

County Tax \$8,344,020.99

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 257

Levying Tax Map Maintenance Charges for 2024

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 503 of the Real Property Tax Law, the twenty-two Towns of the County be and are hereby charged \$330,171 for 2024 Tax Map Maintenance, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to apportion said sum among the twenty-two Towns in the County of Jefferson in accordance with Resolution No. 248 of 1987, and that the amount apportioned to each Town be and is hereby levied and assessed against the taxable property of the respective Town.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 258

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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 September 30, 2023.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 259

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Employment & Training Department

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Employment & Training has experienced higher need for client classroom training programs than for on-the-job training this year, and

Whereas, Funds need to be transferred to account for this difference.

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

Increase:

25634000 046132	Clients Training	\$215,000
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Decrease:

25634000 04611	Training on the Job	\$215,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 260

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Community College Chargebacks

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Invoices for Jefferson County residents attending other community colleges have increased from prior years.

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

Increase:

Expenditure		
01249000 04614	Tuition Chargebacks	\$175,000
01249000 04615	Capital Chargebacks	5,000

Decrease:

Expenditure

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$167,811.87
01199000 04964	Salary Adjustment	12,188.13

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 261

Appointing Supervising Dog Control Officer

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Resolved, That pursuant to Section 114 of the County Law, Brian Crawford is hereby appointed as Supervising Dog Control Officer effective November 27, 2023 for a term to expire December 31, 2023 at an annual salary of \$58,646 (Grade VIII-A), and 4 vacation days and 10 sick days shall be provided in addition to the benefits outlined in the County's Employment Policy Manual for Management Employees.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 262

Authorizing an Agreement With the Development Authority of the North Country for Technical Services in Relation to the Demolition and Revitalization of the Deferiet Paper Mill Site.

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The former Deferiet Paper Mill site is abandoned, condemned for occupancy, and significantly delinquent in payment of real property taxes, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, in conjunction with community partners, sought and was awarded a grant from the NYS Empire State Development (ESD) Corporation in the amount of \$8.57 million through the ESD's RESTORE, NY program for demolition of existing structures at the Deferiet Paper Mill site, and

Whereas, The County requires technical assistance from the Development Authority of the North Country for project development, management, and consultant services to prepare a plan for demolition, budget development, and compiling bid documents, and

Whereas, The Development Authority of the North Country has proposed to provide such services at their established professional hourly rates, not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country on the above terms, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 263

Authorizing Amended Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation, and McFarland Johnson in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Passenger Terminal Reconstruction & Expansion Project and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 78 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for funding for the Installation of an Automated Baggage Handling Device in the amounts of \$190,000 federal and \$505,000 state (made up of \$5,000 match to FAA AIP and \$500,000 Capital Assistance), and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been advised of increased grant funding from FAA through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) increasing the amount by \$47,600 from \$190,000 to \$237,600, and

Whereas, A subsequent grant is anticipated from NYSDOT to match those FAA AIP funds increasing the amount by \$8,200 from \$5,000 to \$13,200, and

Whereas, By Resolution No 351 of 2022, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the FAA and the NYSDOT for funding for the Airport Passenger Terminal Reconstruction & Expansion project in the amounts of \$2,462,200 federal (made up of \$200,000 FAA AIP and \$2,262,200 FAA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law –BIL- Airport Infrastructure Grant –AIG) and \$28,125,678 state (made up of \$28,000,000 NYSDOT Upstate funding and \$125,678 FAA BIL AIG match), and

Whereas, The County has been advised of removal of FAA AIP funding of \$200,000; and anticipates additional grant funding in the amount of \$835,853 from the FAA BIL AIG towards the project increasing the funding for the project from \$2,262,200 to \$3,098,053; for a net increase in federal funding of \$635,853, and

Whereas, A subsequent grant is anticipated from NYSDOT to match the FAA BIL AIG increased funds for the Passenger Terminal Reconstruction & Expansion increasing the amount by \$46,436 from \$125,678 to \$172,114, and

Whereas, The \$125,678 local match authorized by Resolution 78 of 2020 needs to be increased by \$46,436 up to \$172,114; and the \$5,000 local match authorized by Resolution 351 of 2022 needs to be increased by \$8,200 up to \$13,200; for a net local increase of \$54,636 and

Whereas, The Automated Baggage Handling and the Passenger Terminal Reconstruction & Expansion projects are being completed concurrently and the project budgets require updating as anticipated funding sources and levels have changed as delineated above, and

Whereas, By Resolution 351 of 2022, this Board authorized an agreement with McFarland Johnson for engineering design in an amount of up to \$3,200,000, however the negotiated agreement that was executed with McFarland Johnson Inc. was for \$3,013,000, and it is necessary to amend the agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc., for additional design work related to alternative heating and cooling opportunities as well as additional work towards review of phasing and equipment sourcing considerations, to a revised contract amount of \$3,130,140.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby accepts the additional funding from the FAA and NYSDOT, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into amended agreements with the FAA, NYS and McFarland Johnson for said project, and that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any change orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator, not to exceed the funding available, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 93589	Airport State Aid DOT	\$ 54,636
20900600 94589	Federal Aid Airport Capital Projects	683,453

Expenditure

205610000 02088	Airport Terminal	\$792,725
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Decrease:

Expenditure

20698900 02064	Property Improvements	\$ 54,636
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and be it further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is amended accordingly

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 264

Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Watertown International Airport Equipment Purchases

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The Adopted 2023 Budget for the Watertown International Airport includes funding for purchase of a pickup truck and potable water insert, and

Whereas, Escalating costs will exceed budgeted amounts, and

Whereas, Funds are available within the Airport capital budget and the Director of Aviation has requested a transfer to pay for the associated expense.

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

Increase:

Expenditure

01561000 02068	Airport Ground Service Equipment	\$16,000
01561000 02401	Automotive Equipment	11,000

Transfers

01899200 95031	From Capital Fund	\$27,000
20990100 09000	To General Fund	27,000

Decrease:

20698900 02001	Airport Facility	\$27,000
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and be it further

Resolved, That the six year Capital Plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 265

**Amending an Agreement with Securus Technologies, Inc.
in Relation to the Probation Department**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolution 367 of 2022, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Securus Technologies, Inc. for global positioning system units (GPS) to monitor blood alcohol levels of high risk offenders, and

Whereas, They also provide the service of monitoring GPS events, such as dead battery alerts, exclusion alarm and master tamper alert at a fee of \$.50 per day per unit, and

Whereas, The Probation Director recommends the additional services for a term of November 1 through December 31, 2023 and funds are available within the existing budget.

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 266

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Watertown International Airport

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Watertown International Airport is required to maintain runways, taxiways, and aprons in accordance the Airport Certification Manual by the Federal Aviation Administration to comply with 14 CFR Part 139, and

Whereas, Additional funds are needed to maintain fueling operations and meet demand, and

Whereas, Various transfers are needed to cover anticipated expenses and meet fuel operation requirements through the end of the year, and

Whereas, Funds are available within the airport budget including revenue from increased fuel sales.

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

Increase:

Revenue

01561000 91776	FBO Sale of Fuel & Oil	\$150,000
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Expenditure

01561000 04216	Trash & Waste Removal	\$ 1,000
01561000 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	15,000
01561000 04311	Gasoline & Oil	5,000
01561000 04407	Credit Card Fees	12,000
01561000 04415	Advertising	7,000
00561000 04575	Cost of Fuel & Oil Sales	110,000

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 267

Authorizing Agreement for Janitorial Services for Jefferson County Office Buildings

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, In accordance with New York State procurement guidelines, Janitorial Services are a Preferred Source Service offered by NYS Industries for the Disabled (NYSID), A Preferred Source Facilitating Entity, and

Whereas, The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence (The Arc), as a member organization of NYSID, is currently providing janitorial services to Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Continuation of said agreement will provide the County with necessary janitorial

services, while also providing training and work experience for the clients of The Arc, and

Whereas, NYSID, The Arc and Jefferson County wish to continue the janitorial services agreement for a one year term (1/1/24 - 12/31/24), as per proposal from NYSID, with rates to take effect on January 1, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the award of a contract to NYSID for janitorial services for County facilities, with The Arc as the supplier of said services, in accordance with the County's specifications, at a cost not to exceed \$630,813, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 268

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Dispatch

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Dispatch overtime costs are higher than anticipated, and

Whereas, Funding is available due to vacancies resulting in underexpended salary.

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

Increase

Expenditure		
01311200 01300	Overtime	\$120,000

Decrease

Expenditure		
01311200 01100	Personal Services	\$120,000

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 269

**Amending the 2023 County Budget to Recognize Restitution Funds
and Allocating Same in Dog Control Department Budget**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Dog Control Department has received a restitution check in the amount of \$669.05, and has requested that the funds be used to cover medical fees.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01314000 91580	Restitution	\$669.05
Expenditure		
01351000 04413	Medical Fees	\$669.05

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 270

Authorizing Agreements for Municipalities to Join the North Country HOME Consortium

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Resolution 54 of 1993 adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors 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 (HIPP) funds from the US 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, HIPP includes a process for non-participating municipalities to join the NCHC, and

Whereas, The Lead County has the authority to sign cooperation agreements with new members.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any above referenced agreement with municipalities in St. Lawrence, Lewis and Jefferson Counties 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. 271

Authorizing Agreements for The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee’s Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert W. Ferris

Whereas, The New York State Stop-DWI Foundation has successfully coordinated and obtained Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant (formerly known as Crackdown Enforcement) for 44 counties throughout the state, and

Whereas, Jefferson County’s grant is for \$24,000 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, the NYS Park Police, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, Black River Police Department, and Dexter Police Department, and

Whereas, Agreements must be authorized with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and the aforementioned agencies, and

Whereas, The 2023 County Budget must be amended to recognize said funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements as necessary to obtain and distribute funding as described above, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase

Revenue

01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$24,000
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	5,500

Expenditure

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 5,500
01331500 04414	Supporting Services - Internal	5,500
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	18,500

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 272

Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Sheriff’s Department

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Sheriff’s Office and Corrections overtime are higher than anticipated, and

Whereas, The cost of Sheriff’s Office gasoline and Corrections food supplies are exceeding the budget amounts due to price increases, and

Whereas, Funding is available in revenue from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funding, and due to vacancies resulting in underexpended salary and benefits lines.

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

Increase

Revenue

01311000 94322	Federal Aid - SCAAP	\$ 18,000
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Expenditure

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$162,000
01311000 04311	Gasoline and Oil	30,000
01315000 01300	Overtime	60,000
01315000 04512	Food Supplies	76,000

Decrease

Expenditure

01311000 01100	Personal Services	\$120,000
01311000 08010	State Retirement	72,000
01315000 01100	Personal Services	118,000

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 273

Amending the 2023 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Mental Health Programs

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The New York State Office of Mental Health has approved an additional State Aid allocation for a 4% cost of living adjustment effective April 1, 2023, and

Whereas, The 2023 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the additional funds.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	\$10,988

Expenditure:		
01432000 04714	NCTLS Reinvestment	\$ 3,588
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	7,400

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 274

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

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

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 December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
315 Therapy for PT, OT and SLP, PLLC	Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Speech Therapy

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 275

**Authorizing Agreement for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement
Fund and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has informed Jefferson County Community Services that it is providing Jefferson County with additional funding through the Opioid Settlement Fund in the amount of \$46,250 to enhance the current recovery community and outreach center, and

Whereas, The Director of Community Services has requested that these funds be allocated to PIVOT to provide services as outlined per the settlement and statute, and

Whereas, PIVOT provides evidence-based and youth-focused school-based substance use disorder prevention services and will utilize the funding to contract for recovery coaches for the period of November 1 through December 31, 2023.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funds and authorizes the Chairman of Board of Legislators to execute an agreement with the above provider for services as outlined, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved that the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue			
01431000 93486	State Aid - OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds		\$46,250
Expenditures			
01432000 04703	PIVOT		\$46,250

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 276

**Re-Appointing Members to Jefferson County Public Health Service
Health Services Advisory Board**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members of the Jefferson County Health Services Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u>	
Anita Seefried-Brown	12/31/2026
Stephanie A. Graf	12/31/2026
Maja Lundborg-Gray, MD	12/31/2026

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 277

**Re-Appointing Members to Jefferson County Public Health Service
Professional Advisory Committee**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members of the Professional Advisory Committee for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Re-Appointments:</u>	
Denise Boyer	12/31/2027
Kim T. Monroe	12/31/2027
Julie C. Burgenstock	12/31/2027

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 278

Re-Appointing Members to the

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby re-appointed as members 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>	
Reuben Pruitt	12/31/2025
Robert VanCoughnett	12/31/2025
Tom Zecher	12/31/2025

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 279

Amending Agreement with Onondaga County for Provision of Certain Professional Services to the Medical Examiner’s Office

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolutions 277 of 2019 and 137 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Onondaga County on an as needed provision of professional autopsy and testing services by the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s (M.E.) Office for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Director and Onondaga County M.E.’s office desire to extend the agreement one year further.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the period of said agreement is hereby extended from January 1 through December 31, 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2024 rates shall be at the current published charges in effect for each year and on file with Jefferson County at the time the service is requested and rendered, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board 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. 280

**Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Certain Professional Services
to the Medical Examiner’s Office**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, It is desirable to have Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists available for backup to support the operation of the Jefferson County Medical Examiner (M.E.) Program while the medical examiner position is vacant, and during those times when the Jefferson County M.E. is out of the area on vacation, on medical leave or other unexpected absences, and in instances involving complicated deaths, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 240 of 2020 and 60 of 2023, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements for such services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists on an as needed provision of professional autopsy and testing services at the rates and terms listed below:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Charge Per Autopsy</u>	<u>Period</u>
Forensic Medical Services	\$1,500	January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Riverside Forensic Pathology, PLLC	\$1,500	January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Twin Tiers Pathology Associates, PC	\$1,100	January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 281

**Authorizing Agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for
Use of Facilities to the Medical Examiner Program**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolution 77 of 2021, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center to utilize facilities, staff and testing in connection with the Medical Examiner (M.E.) Program, and

Whereas, Samaritan Medical Center has the ability to provide autopsies for county reimbursement of costs attributable to the County M.E. Program, and

Whereas, For autopsies, costs include use of the institutional facilities, morgue staff, other support services, laboratory tests, x-rays and supplies at an initial cost per case plus laboratory tests or x-rays as provided for per Samaritan Medical Center charge schedules.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County renew an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for autopsies for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, 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: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 282

Authorizing Agreements for Use of Facilities for Professional Services to the Medical Examiner's Office

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, It is desirable to have Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists available for backup to support the operation of the Jefferson County Medical Examiner (M.E.) Program while the medical examiner position is vacant, and during those times when the Jefferson County M.E. is out of the area on vacation, on medical leave or other unexpected absences, and in instances involving complicated deaths, and

Whereas, Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists perform autopsies and testing at facilities where they have current privileges, and

Whereas, By Resolution 241 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with such facilities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with facilities where Pathologists/Forensic Pathologists perform the professional autopsy and testing services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 as listed below:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Albany Medical Services, Albany NY	Per Fee Schedule
Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton NY	\$500

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 283

Authorizing Agreement with Carthage Area Hospital for Laboratory Services in Connection with the Public Health Service Diagnostic and Treatment Center

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Certain laboratory tests are required in the operation of the Jefferson County Public Health Service Clinics, and

Whereas, By Resolution 239 of 2020, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Carthage Area Hospital.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County renew an agreement with Carthage Area Hospital, which calls for provision of the following laboratory testing services to the Jefferson County Public Health Service at the rates listed below for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Gonorrhea Culture	\$30.00 per test
Liver Profile	\$60.00 per test
Hepatitis B Antibody	\$43.00 per test
Induced Sputum Culture	\$40.00 per test
Sputum Culture	\$40.00 per test
Chlamydia/GC/Trichomoniasis	\$75.00 per test
Culture AFB (mycobacterium)	\$60.00 per test (if additional testing is required, charge \$100.00 extra)
Liver Panel	\$60.00 per test
X-Rays	Per fee schedule

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: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 284

**Authorizing Agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC
Relative to Aerial Spraying to Mitigate Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Jefferson County has had confirmed cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) among horses in 2020, 2022 and 2023, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 177 of 2020 and 234 of 2021, this Board of Legislators authorized aerial mosquito spraying to mitigate EEE risk as planned in conjunction with regional and state experts including the NYS Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC can continue to provide aerial spraying at the cost of \$3.90/acre to mitigate EEE risk.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC for the purpose stated above during the period of January 1 through December 31, 2024, 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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 285

**Establishing Compensation for Temporary Professional Employees
Employed in Connection with the County Rabies Program Vaccination Clinic**

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, A total of twelve rabies vaccination clinics are held in the months of March through June and September through October – six at the County Dog Shelter and six community-based, and

Whereas, Each clinic is two hours, and includes a veterinarian, and staff from the Public Health

Department and Dog Control, and

Whereas, The compensation rate paid to temporary veterinarians was last raised to \$75 per hour by Resolution 225 of 2017 to be effective in 2018.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the compensation rate to be paid during 2024 and 2025 to temporary Veterinarians employed in connection with the County Rabies Vaccination Clinic shall be \$85.00 per hour.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No, 286

Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, Public Health - Medical Examiner Medical Fees account is projected to be overspent due to a vacancy in the Medical Examiner position, and

Whereas, Public Health - Home Health Overtime account is projected to be overspent due to departmental vacancies, and

Whereas, Public Health - EMS Advertising account is projected to be overspent due to the need to raise awareness of the Community Paramedicine Program pilot.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01118500 04413	Medical Fees	\$50,000
01405000 01300	Overtime	15,000
01405700 04415	Advertising	2,000

Decrease:

01118500 01100	Personal Services	\$50,000
01405000 01100	Personal Services	15,000
01405700 04416	Professional Fees	2,000

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 287

Authorizing Affiliation Agreements with Universities, Colleges and Other Schools for Clinical Education Programs in Health Professions

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Whereas, By Resolution 235 of 2016, this Board of Legislators authorized agreements with universities, colleges and other schools in furtherance of fully certified educational programs in health professions, for the purpose of Jefferson County Public Health providing clinical experience for said programs, and

Whereas, Universities, colleges and other schools will provide sufficient, qualified faculty who shall be responsible for clinical instruction and for collaborating with appropriate County personnel in planning, selecting and evaluating student experiences along with insuring the establishment and maintenance of a mutually beneficial working relationship, and

Whereas, Said programs will be of no direct cost to Jefferson County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to section 355 of the Education Law, Jefferson County may enter into agreements with universities, colleges and other schools for the purpose of providing a clinical study experience for degree seeking health professionals, and be it further

Resolved, That agreement and renewal terms may be established during the six year period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2029, 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 subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 288

Authorizing Amended Agreement in Relation to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity to Enhance Detection, Surveillance, Case and Contact Investigation

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, By Resolution 179 of 2020 this Board of Legislators accepted an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity grant award for increased capacity to enhance detection, surveillance, case and contact investigation and prevention of COVID-19 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, and

Whereas, By Resolution 164 of 2021, this Board accepted another ELC grant award for enhanced detection, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19, which was incorporated with the first award, and the period for both together was extended through March 31, 2023, and

Whereas, By Resolution 332 of 2022, this Board authorized an amendment extending the period of the award through December 31, 2023 to also include Monkeypox response, and

Whereas, The New York State Department of State and Health Research Inc. have notified Jefferson County of an additional amendment extending the period of the award through July 31, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to extend said agreement with the NYSDOH and HRI, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 289

Amending 2023 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the Auction of Unclaimed Property

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 450 of the NY Penal Law, the New York State Police delivered to the County Commissioner of Social Services, unclaimed property to be applied for the benefit of the poor of the county, and

Whereas, The property consisted of a T-Mobile cell phone delivered in 2022, and a gold ring, two mini PC's, Nikon binoculars with bag, Bushnell binoculars, and Leupold binoculars, and

Whereas, The property received was sold at public auction this year for a total of \$238.50 which will be utilized for miscellaneous client incidentals.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01601000 92715	Proceeds of Seized and Unclaimed Property	\$238.50
Expenditure		
01601000 04624	Client Incidentals	\$238.50

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

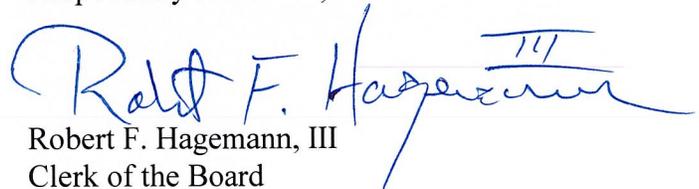
Chairman Johnson advised that the picture of the Board for the 2022-2023 term will be taken prior to the start of the December 12th Board Session.

Legislator Doldo thanked Fire & Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer for his years in overseeing the Dog Control Office.

Legislator Doldo offered his condolences to Dr. Kasulke's family, and said Dr. Kasulke was a valuable asset to the Public Health Service and will be hard to replace.

There being no further business of the Board on a motion by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board