

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed the students who were in attendance from the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Student Government Program. Program Director Sabrina DeRue and Chairman Johnson presented each student with a certificate congratulating them on their achievement in completing the program.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislators Cantwell and Boulio.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sabrina DeRue, Program Director, Camp Wabasso and 4-H Student Government Program for Cornell Cooperative Extension Assoc. thanked the Board for their current and past support of the Student Government Program which she has been a part of since 2017; but has run annually since the early 1980's (except 2020). She said there were 27 high school junior and senior local students, including 12 exchange students, in the program this year and she thanked them and their families for their participation in the program. She said the kids were especially engaged this year in this hands on, immersive government experience.

Oliver Northrip, (she/her) Watertown City School District and 4-H Student Government Program participant appreciated the Board's support of the Program as it gives students from all over the chance to come together and learn about government.

Alae Kallat, (he/him), an exchange student from Morocco attending Carthage Central School District and 4-H Student Government Program participant, thanked the Board for their support of the Program as it gives students the opportunity to attend meetings and learn about the U.S. government. Through other volunteer opportunities at school he did 50 hours with the composting program, and observed that while the lunch system at school is built to provide a meal for each student, it generates a lot of food waste. He felt it was the right thing to do to point this out as it is part of the core values of the Student Government Program.

Chairman Johnson read a Proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month in Jefferson County recognizing the importance of the Fair Housing Act that provides the right to equal housing opportunities for everyone in the community.

Lance Evans, Executive Officer, Jefferson-Lewis Board of Realtors thanked the Board for its continued commitment to fair housing in the North Country, and said the Fair Housing Act of 1968 addressed housing discrimination in communities, and is critical to the ability of all real estate professionals to serve their clients, customers and communities. He said in New York State all realtors are required to take fair housing classes as part of their pre-licensing class and continuing education. The Jefferson-Lewis Board of Realtors is committed to ethically providing

an equal opportunity to all people seeking housing, and he thanked the Board for their continued affirmation over the years of the principles of fair housing. He said together we can ensure that all residents have access to affordable, barrier free housing.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the March Session and March Special Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Clerk of the Board Robert Hagemann appointing Dylan Soper as Deputy Clerk of the Board.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of February 29, 2024.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of March, 2024.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for the month of March, 2024.

The 2023 Annual Report was received from the County Clerk.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 111

Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (James O'Donnell and VFFT, LLC, *et al.*).

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, James O'Donnell and VFFT, LLC, *et al.*, commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the Town of Clayton, and

Whereas, The Town of Clayton reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard the following tax map parcels, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund</u>
20.38-1-4.1-701 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2021	\$1,041,080	\$779,450	\$2,601.94
2022	\$1,041,080	\$779,450	\$2,773.16
2023	\$1,239,400	\$835,125	\$3,069.44
20.38-1-4.1-702 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2021	\$1,036,915	\$727,300	\$3,079.15
2022	\$1,036,915	\$727,300	\$3,281.77
2023	\$1,234,400	\$779,250	\$3,455.72
20.38-1-4.1-703 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2021	\$763,449	\$562,100	\$2,328.25
2022	\$763,449	\$562,100	\$2,134.20
2023	\$908,900	\$602,250	\$2,002.43
20.38-1-4.1-704 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2021	\$759,900	\$535,850	\$2,228.21
2022	\$759,900	\$535,850	\$2,374.82
2023	\$904,600	\$574,125	\$2,509.13
20.38-1-4.1-705 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2022	\$694,710	\$447,650	\$2,618.71
2023	\$561,100	\$479,625	\$ 618.60
20.38-1-4.1-706 (610 Riverside Drive)			
2022	\$694,710	\$447,650	\$2,618.71
2023	\$561,000	\$479,625	\$ 618.60

Total: \$38,312.84

Whereas, the amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 112

Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (ARHC NCWTNNY01, LLC).

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, ARHC NCWTNNY01, LLC., commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the City of Watertown, and

Whereas, The City of Watertown has reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard the following tax map parcels, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund</u>
13-23-104.101 (1571 Washington Street)			
2022	\$9,161,600	\$8,800.00	\$2,818.83
2023	\$9,161,600	\$8,300.00	\$6,356.47

Total: \$9,175.31

Whereas, the amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 113

Appointing Member to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors

By Legislator: John D. Peck

Resolved, Pursuant to Section 7 of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts Law, the following individual is hereby appointed to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a term to expire as noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
James A. Nabywaniec	12/31/2024

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 114

Authorizing Appointments/Reappointments to the Workforce Development Board

By Legislator: John D. Peck

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>Jefferson County Representatives</u>	
*Daniel Dupee, JCC President	6/30/2027
George Anderson, Current Applications	6/30/2027
Mark Prasuhn, WPBS	6/30/2027
*Marshall Weir, Jefferson County Economic Dev.	6/30/2027
Robert Aiken, Aubertine & Currier Architects	6/30/2027
Rodney Castillo, Keyes Information Technology	6/30/2027
<u>Jefferson-Lewis Representatives</u>	
Daren Gulliver, Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers	6/30/2027
Don Carlisto, NYSUT	6/30/2027
Patrick Sheppard, Regional Director, Access-VR	6/30/2027
Shena Patrick, NYS Department of Labor	6/30/2027
Travis J. Flint, IBEW	6/30/2027
<u>Lewis County Representative</u>	
John Keruskie, MATIV (formerly Neenah Paper, Inc.)	6/30/2027

*New Appointments

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 115

Accepting Donations for the Dog Control Department and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Dog Control Department received restitution for 2023, in the amount of \$995 which was not expended in 2023, and

Whereas, The 2024 Adopted County Budget includes donation revenue estimated at \$500; and donations in the amount of \$2,400 from Subaru of America, Inc. and in the amount of \$100 from Cecilia Perkins have been received, and

Whereas, The late 2023 restitution as well as the 2024 donation amount which exceeds the

revenue estimate included in the Adopted 2024 Budget will be used to purchase canine supplies.

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

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

Increase:

Fund Balance			
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	995
Revenue			
01351000 92716	Dog Control Donations	\$2,000	
Expenditure			
01351000 04518	Canine Supplies/Expenses	\$2,995	

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 116

Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Bridge Projects

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 135 of 2023, This Board of Legislators allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding including to a number of bridge projects, and

Whereas, The Highway Superintendent has requested re-allocation of such funds to a bridge which is in immediate need of replacement.

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

Increase:

above referenced amendments subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective January 1, 2024.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 118

Adopting Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation to the County's Housing Improvement Program Funded by a 2023 NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2023 Program Year (581HR301-23) from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to implement and administer a county-wide Housing Improvement Program, and

Whereas, Local Guidelines and Administrative Procedures have been developed for implementation and administration of the program in compliance with applicable federal, state and local regulations, and

Whereas, The Guidelines and Administrative Procedures are updated for each CDBG housing award to incorporate changes to meet program and regulatory requirements associated with the award, and

Whereas, The Guidelines and Administrative Procedures must be adopted by the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators, having been provided with a draft copy of the Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for Jefferson County for the 2023 grant award hereby adopts them and they shall become effective immediately for all County-sponsored housing rehabilitation activities conducted with 2023 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 119

Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearing Related to the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Process

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Jefferson County is in the process of evaluating grant opportunities in anticipation of a 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal, and

Whereas, The CDBG application process requires applicants to hold a public hearing to obtain the views of the general public on community development needs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 104(A)(2) of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, a CDBG public hearing shall be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jefferson County Board of Legislators Chambers, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, Notice of such public hearing shall be given in accordance with law, and be it further

Resolved, The Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute all necessary CDBG application documents, and the Planning Director is hereby authorized as the County's agent to act in connection with the submission of any authorized application and to provide any supplemental information that may be required by the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 120

Authorizing Agreement for Raise the Age Relative to Probation Department

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, New York State has directed implementation of Raise the Age and has provided grant funding in the amount of \$99,519 through the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), and

Whereas, Said grant funds a Probation Officer to cover all Raise the Age related activities including related training, and

Whereas, Funding has been allocated in the Adopted County Budget, and

Whereas, An agreement needs to be authorized with DCJS for this funding for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts the \$99,519 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to electronically execute the above referenced agreement.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 121

Approving the 2024 Stop DWI Plan

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of the Stop DWI Budget for County Fiscal Year 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the plan for the coordination of County, Town, City and Village efforts to reduce alcohol related traffic injuries and fatalities during 2024 be and is hereby adopted as the Jefferson County Stop DWI Plan for 2024, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Certification Page of the 2024 Stop-DWI Plan on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That, Upon approval of said Stop DWI Plan by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, expenditure of Stop DWI funds in accordance with said Plan and the 2024 Jefferson County Budget is hereby authorized.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 122

Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution 271 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted \$24,000 in New York State Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant funding, and

Whereas, There remains \$18,767.13 unspent, to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, NYS Park Police, Black River Police, Dexter Police and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and

Whereas, The 2024 County Budget must be amended to appropriate said remaining funding and

allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

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

Increase:

Revenue:		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$18,767.13
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	4,266.05

Expenditure:		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 4,266.05
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	4,266.05
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	14,501.08

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio, Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 123

Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee’s Stop-DWI Funding Grant

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 229 of 2023, this Board of Legislators accepted \$16,500 in New York State Stop-DWI funding grant, and

Whereas, There remains \$15,153.12 unspent, to be shared with STOP-DWI Partners and Agencies with the purpose of furthering the STOP-DWI mandate of Education, Rehabilitation, Enforcement, and Prosecution, and

Whereas, The 2024 County Budget must be amended to appropriate said remaining funding and allocate it to the applicable accounts.

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

Increase:

Revenue:

0100000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$15,153.12
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Expenditure:

01331500 04313	Travel	\$ 2,104.51
01331500 04585	Operating Supplies	7,000.00
01331500 04613	Training	6,048.61

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Grant, Jareo, Reed, Montigelli, Bartlett-Bearup, Potter, Ferris, Doldo, Calarco, Nabwyaniec, Peck, Johnson

Absent: Cantwell, Boulio

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 124

Reappropriate NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Child Passenger Safety Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution 328 of 2023, This Board of Legislators accepted \$6,021 NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Child Passenger Safety funding, and

Whereas, There remain unspent grant funds that must 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:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$6,021
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Expenditure:

01311000 01300	Overtime	\$6,021
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio, Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 125

**Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Consumer Directed In-Home Services
by Western New York Independent Living, Inc.**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, By Resolution 249 of 2022, this Board of Legislators authorized a contract for administration of Consumer Directed In-Home Services (CDIS) with Western New York Independent Living, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

Whereas, Whereas, There continues to be demand in Jefferson County for consumer-directed series for elderly home health care, wherein the consumer is able to choose, train and monitor the caregiver, and

Whereas, The contract for programmatic and fiscal intermediary administration is proposed at the rate of \$24.24 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County continue said agreement with Western New York Independent Living, Inc. at the funding rate of \$24.24 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2024 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 the approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 126

**Accepting Funding from New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) American Rescue
Plan and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging (JCOFA) has received notification from the NYSOFA of American Rescue Plan funding, and

Whereas, This funding will provide for Title III B Nutrition Services in the amount of \$115,735, and \$11,660 for Title III-D- Disease Prevention, and

Whereas, Said grant funds are available for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to approval of 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		
01677200 94772	Fed Aid Title IIIB	\$115,735
01677200 94781	Fed Aid Title IIID	11,660
Expenditure		
01677200 04414	Supporting Services-Internal	\$ 21,660
01677200 04715	Alterations HomeCare Equip	105,735

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio, Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 127

Accepting New York State Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Caregiver Support Services

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The New York State Office for the Aging has notified Jefferson County Office for the Aging of American Rescue Plan funding, and

Whereas, This funding will provide for Title III E Elder Caregiver Support Services in the amount of \$37,475, and

Whereas, Said grant funds are available for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to the approval of 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		
01677200 94778	Fed Aide Title III E	\$37, 475
Expenditure		
01677200 04422	Contracted Health Care	\$37, 475

Seconded by Legislator: John D. Peck

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Cantwell, Boulio

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 128

Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, The Community Services Department is in receipt of Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement, (CFDA Number 93.778 formerly Federal Salary Sharing) from the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and the Office for People with

Developmental Disabilities, and

Whereas, The remaining balance of these funds needs to be reappropriated so it can be used for mental health purposes including administrative costs, clinic deficits and community based services in 2024.

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

Increase:

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$100,000
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Expenditure

01431000 04713	Contracted Mental Health Admin	\$100,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio, Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 129

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

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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

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

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service providers:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Alexandria CSD	Evaluations
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Belleville Henderson CSD	Evaluations
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations
Carthage CSD	Evaluations
Copenhagen CSD	Evaluations
General Brown CSD	Evaluations
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	Evaluations
Milestones Children’s Center	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Watertown CSD	Evaluations

and be it further

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

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

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby directed to send a letter notifying

local School Boards of Education of the rates of each of the special education service providers and the percentage of local share of such cost.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 130

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

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

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

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with each of the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s). The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 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	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Alexandria CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Belleville Henderson CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy

Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT
Family Services, PLLC

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

Central Association for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

Orientation ad Mobility
Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Copenhagen CSD

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

General Brown CSD

Speech Therapy
Physical therapy
Occupational Therapy

Jefferson-Lewis BOCES

Audiological
Teacher of the Deaf

Watertown CSD

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

and be it further

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

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$41.00	\$70.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$58.00	\$87.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$29.00	\$46.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$46.00	\$64.00

and be it further

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

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 min.	\$29.00	\$46.00
Individual Over 60 min.	\$41.00	\$56.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$26.00	\$41.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$37.00	\$51.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 131

Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Mental Hygiene Services

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, New York State Mental Hygiene Law provides that the Jefferson County Community Services Board may contract for the provision of various mental hygiene services to the public with the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 41.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law, this Board does hereby grant its approval for the Community Services Board to enter into agreements with the following not-for-profit organizations for provision of the referenced mental hygiene services during calendar year 2024 for consideration as reflected herein:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Consideration to be Received from the County</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>County Aid</u>
Alcohol/Substance Abuse Council DBA Pivot			
Recovery Center	\$535,000	\$535,000	\$ 0
Prevention Services & Stop DWI	\$928,003	\$834,003	\$ 68,100
			DWI \$ 25,900
Carthage Area Hospital			
Behavioral Health Clinic	\$ 58,033	\$ 58,033	\$ 0
Children’s Home of Jefferson County			
Family Respite	\$ 51,132	\$ 45,028	\$ 6,104
Mobile Crisis Outreach	\$310,373	\$290,225	\$ 20,148
Prevention Program	\$ 31,427	\$ 27,549	\$ 3,878
Health Home Management	\$244,103	\$244,103	\$ 0
Adult, Children & Families Pre-Admission			

Screening (SPOA/SPOE)	\$129,316	\$129,316	\$ 0
Non-Medicaid Care Coordination Mgrs - Sch. Liaison	\$222,679	\$222,679	\$ 0
Community Outpatient Clinic	\$ 90,073	\$ 42,698	\$ 47,375
Records Management	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program	\$719,629	\$719,629	\$ 0
Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions			
Men's Halfway House	\$204,015	\$204,015	\$ 0
Vocational/Education Program	\$116,737	\$116,737	\$ 0
Chemical Dependence Clinic	\$745,982	\$691,286	\$ 54,696
Community Res. (Aftercare)	\$243,509	\$204,509	\$ 39,000
Case Mgmt/Supportive Housing	\$121,908	\$121,908	\$ 0
Women's Drug Free Residential	\$838,145	\$838,145	\$ 0
Res. Rehab. Svcs. For Youth	\$ 85,422	\$ 85,422	\$ 0
Opiate Treatment Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mental Health Outpatient Clinic	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
The ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence			
Assisted Competitive & Transitional Employment Programs	\$243,405	\$233,531	\$ 9,874
Integrated Supported Employment	\$ 95,378	\$ 95,378	\$ 0
Family Support Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Mental Health Assn.			
Psychosocial/Drop-In Program	\$322,913	\$304,167	\$ 18,746
Adult Respite Program	\$ 42,319	\$ 36,971	\$ 5,348
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ 0
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living			
Family Support Services	\$287,916	\$279,723	\$ 8,193
Mental Health Advocacy	\$ 51,566	\$ 51,566	\$ 0
North Country Transitional Living Services DBA Transitional Living Services of NNY			
Supported Housing	\$600,664	\$591,220	\$ 9,444
Behavioral Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 16,372	\$ 16,372	\$ 0
Homeless/MICA/Case Mgmt	\$124,642	\$124,642	\$ 0
River Hospital			
PFC Joseph Dwyer Peer Veterans Grant	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ 0
Community Wellness Outpatient	\$ 34,945	\$ 0	\$ 34,945
Samaritan Medical Center			
Outpatient Clinic Services	\$ 89,174	\$ 89,174	\$ 0

and be it further

Resolved, That this Board further grants approval for the Community Services Board to enter into such agreements with the State of New York as may be required to obtain the State Aid funding outlined herein, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the above referenced agreements on behalf of the County of Jefferson, subject to the approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Community Services Board shall not be required to enter into any amended agreements related to changes in funding for any of the above referenced agreements, and with any increases in funding for any of the above referenced agreements requiring this Board to approve such monetary increases by budget resolution only.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 132

Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Strengthening U.S. Public Health Workforce Funding Grant

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, By Resolution 107 of 2023 this Board of Legislators accepted a Strengthening U.S. Public Health Workforce Funding grant to address long-standing weaknesses due to chronic underinvestment in New York's Public Health system and support Local Health Departments to meet ongoing and future public health needs, and

Whereas, Funding is to be provided in the amount of \$135,194 annually for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027, and

Whereas, Items of expenditure have now been defined in the workplan and need appropriation into the Budget, and

Whereas, Funding will also reimburse salary and benefit costs already authorized in the 2024 County Budget, and

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

Increase:

Revenue

01405000 94489	Federal Aid Other Health	\$135,194
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Expenditure:

0140510 04102	Office Furnishings	\$ 26,855
0140510 04110	Office Supplies	859
0140510 04313	Travel	1,765
0140510 04114	Maintenance/Repair	1,000
0140510 04416	Professional Fees	8,400
0140510 04613	Training	2,037

Decrease:

Fund Balance

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 94,278
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Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Boulio, Cantwell

Resolution passed.

Legislator Reed thanked the students for participating in the Student Government Program and commended them for seeing what democracy is all about. He said the Board meetings are not always this smooth, and a lot of times topics are discussed and things may get spirited, but they are worked out throughout the prior month at the committee level, which is what democracy is.

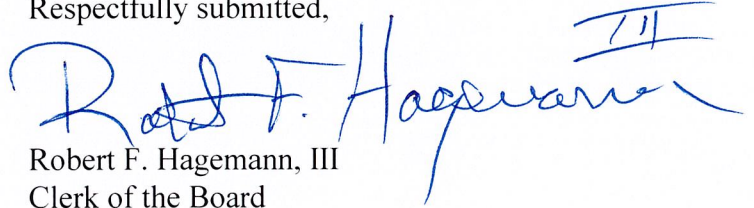
Legislator Montigelli thanked the students for participating in the Program and the meeting, and reiterated that the resolutions are discussed at the committee level and agreed upon before they get to the Board.

Legislator Montigelli said the County Highway Department is now in possession of a new vacuum truck that was purchased with a grant through the Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition. He said the Highway Superintendent is having individuals trained to run it who will be loaned out with the truck to Coalition member municipalities through a shared cooperative system.

Chairman Johnson welcomed Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper to the County as this is his second day on the job.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H". Above the name, there are two horizontal lines with the Roman numeral "III" written between them.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board