

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislators Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Boulio, Ferris and Grant.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one present wished to address the Board.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Senator Mark Walczyk thanking the Board of Legislators for visiting him in Albany, and informing the Board that he has signed onto Senate Bill S1004, which aims to reform the State's 730 Competeny Restoration process.

A letter was received from County Treasurer Brian Peck informing the Board of Legislators that he has appointed Melissa VanBrocklin to the position of Deputy Treasurer.

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 April 30, 2025.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of May, 2025.

The County Treasurer also provided the Annual Financial Report for 2024.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 141

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2025

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the County Administrator to Approve and Sign Certain Contracts” on July 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators Chambers, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 142

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Interest Earned on Unspent Bond Proceeds

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 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 No. 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, Pursuant to Resolution No. 80 of 2024, the County amended the 2024 County Budget predominantly for the purpose of recognizing interest earned on unspent bond proceeds and transferring interest to the Debt Service Fund to be earmarked for debt service payment on the debt issue, 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 to be recognized in the Debt Service 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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
55915000 92401 Debt Service Interest Earnings \$232,566

Decrease:

Transfers
01990200 09003 Transfer to Debt Service Fund \$232,566

Fund Balance
01000000 30599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$232,566

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Freeman, McBride, Doldo, Potter, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Montigelli,
Jareo, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Boulio, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup, Grant

Resolution passed.

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Local Law Intro Number 3 of 2025

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION PLAN FOR 2025

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Jefferson as follows:

Whereas, As part of the Administrative Policies and Procedures Section 3.02 governing Management and Management Confidential employees adopted by Resolution No. 18 of 1989, as amended, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors approved a compensation plan which provides for compensation to be paid in accordance with a schedule of grades and steps, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators desires to amend the Management and Management Confidential Compensation Plan for Jefferson County as adopted under Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to provide for a monetary adjustment to attorney titles in the administrative salary schedule, and to adjust increments in accordance with such schedule.

Section 1. The Board of Legislators adopts the Attorney Salary Schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" as the Management Compensation Plan for Attorney Titles for Jefferson County. Said

schedule to be effective on the first full pay period immediately following the effective date of this Local Law.

Section 2: The Board of Legislators adopts a retention bonus of \$10,000 for the attorney titles set forth in Exhibit “A”. The terms and conditions of the retention bonus shall be developed by the Human Resources Director and approved by the County Administrator. Said retention bonus is to be effective on the first full pay period immediately following the effective date of this Local Law and will sunset on December 31, 2027.

Section 3: With the exception of the Management Compensation Plan for Attorney Titles for Jefferson County adopted by this local law, the remainder of the Management and Management Confidential Compensation Plan for Jefferson County as adopted under Local Law No. 1 of 2025 shall remain in full force and effect, except as provided by Local Law No. 2 of 2025.

Section 4: Upon its effective date, the Attorney Salary Schedule shall apply to all positions identified therein and shall continue in effect unless or until amended, repealed or replaced.

Section 5: This local law is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as to the change in the salary of an elected or appointed officer effective during their term of office and the Clerk of the Board is directed to publish notice of the same as required by law.

Section 6: All local laws and resolutions of the Board of Legislators of Jefferson County, to the extent that the same are inconsistent with this local law, are hereby superseded by this local law.

Section 7: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 8: This local law shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

(Exhibit A is not included herewith due to formatting issues but will be included with the minutes)

There being no debate, Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to lay the local law on the table pending a public hearing. Such motion was made by Legislator Montigelli seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried.

Local Law Intro No 4 of 2025

A Local law Amending Local Law No. 2 f 1988 Imposing a Tax on Occupants of Hotel or Motel Rooms in Jefferson County Including Short Term Rentals
(is included as an attachment to the minutes)

Resolution No. 143

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 3 of 2025

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled AA Local Law Amending the Management Compensation Plan for 2025” on July 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators Chambers, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 144

Authorizing an Agreement with New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal for Participation and Insurance Coverage and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, Jefferson County maintains insurance coverage to protect its assets, employees, and operations from claims of bodily injury, property damage, and other liability exposures, and

Whereas, Counties across New York State have experienced rising insurance costs and increased liability exposure due to a growing number of claims, evolving legal standards, and emerging risks such as cyber threats, environmental hazards, and changes in public safety operations, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 49 of 2024 amended the 2024 Budget for an unexpected increase in the cost of insurance coverage of 56 percent, and

Whereas, Costs for the County’s historical level of coverage once again rose substantially in 2025, totaling approximately 40%, and

Whereas, The New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) is a not-for-profit insurance provider established specifically to meet the insurance needs of New York State municipalities, offering comprehensive coverage, risk management services, and competitive rates, and

Whereas, NYMIR has provided a proposal for insurance coverage for Jefferson County and such proposal has been reviewed and determined to be in the best interest of the County due to an approximately 32% decrease in the premium and additional coverage provided, as compared to the current policy, and

Whereas, A refund will be provided on a prorated basis for the current policy, however the timing of required binding requires a full appropriation of the new premium, and

Whereas, Additional funds were assigned to the Risk Retention Reserve upon the close of the 2024 fiscal year due to the rising cost of insurance coverage and such funds are available to cover the cost, and

Whereas, Upon the prorated refund, and the conclusion of the fiscal year, the difference in policy amounts will revert to fund balance.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal to participate in NYMIR, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Insurance is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents with NYMIR required to bind the County for insurance coverage, within funds appropriated therefor, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease:

Fund Balance			
01915400 30915	Assigned-Risk Retention		\$ 931,500

Increase:

Fund Balance			
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance		\$ 931,500

Expenditure			
01191000 04219	Insurance		\$ 931,500

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Freeman, Jareo, Calarco, Montigelli, Nabywaniec, McBride, Cantwell, Doldo, Potter, Johnson

Absent: Ferris, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Boulio, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 145

**Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative
2025-2026 Jefferson Community College Budget**

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That a public hearing on the Tentative Jefferson Community College Budget for College Fiscal Year 2025-2026 be held before this Board of Legislators on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 146

**Authorizing an Agreement with Three+One for CashVest Services and
Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Efficient cash management is an essential responsibility of county government, ensuring that taxpayer funds are safeguarded and earning optimal value when not in immediate use, and

Whereas, Three+One provides CashVest, a proprietary cash management and liquidity analysis service tailored to public sector entities, which supports local governments in maximizing the value of idle cash through data-driven insights, and

Whereas, Three+One is providing a significant benefit to counties by providing a comprehensive view of cash assets, helping counties in the North Country and Adirondack Region earn a total of

\$66,158,00 in interest over the past twelve months, and

Whereas, Per proposed Agreement, Three+One will develop and analyze accurate, reliable future forecasts of all cash and liquidity levels provide independent analysis of all current interest rate offerings, and provide an ongoing analysis of all bank fees to ensure fairness and equity, and

Whereas, Three+One will provide the Treasurer’s Office with third-party confirmation that Jefferson County has sufficient liquidity to satisfy future expenditures or unanticipated emergencies, provide interest rate benchmarking to ensure cash is performing at the highest possible levels, and provide full compliance with all New York State Office of the State Comptroller cash-management audit and investment requirements, and

Whereas, If Three+One is unable to show a one-to-one benefit through its CashVest initial analysis compared to the proposed annual fee for the County, the initial CashVest analysis will be provided at no cost with no further obligation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with Three+One for CashVest in the amount of \$57,250 for the initial term of one year, with the right to terminate with 30 days’ notice without obligation thereafter, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01104500 92401	Interest & Earnings	\$ 57,250

Expenditure		
01132500 04416	Professional Fees-External	\$ 57,250

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Jareo, Freeman, Calarco, Potter, Nabywaniec, Montigelli, Cantwell, Doldo, Boulio, McBride, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Grant, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup, Boulio

Resolution passed.

(Insert copy of LL Intro No 4 of 2025)

There being no debate, Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to lay the local law

on the table the pending a public hearing. Such motion was made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 147

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 4 of 2025

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Resolved, That this Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled AA Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 of 1988 Imposing a Tax on Occupants of Hotel or Motel Rooms in Jefferson Count Including Short Term Rentals” on July 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators Chambers, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 148

Authorizing an Amended Agreement with Sabre Demolition and Amending the 2025 Budget in Relation to Demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill and RESTORE NY Grant Funding

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County, the Village of Deferiet, Town of Wilna, Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation, the Development Authority of the North Country and New York State Energy Research and Development Corporation are collaborating to revitalize and redevelop the Community of Deferiet, NY and the industrial site formerly known as the St. Regis Paper Mill (“Deferiet Paper Mill”), and

Whereas, Resolution No. 271 of 2022 recognized that the demolition and revitalization of the Deferiet Paper Mill (“The Project”) be in the best interest of the people of Jefferson County and supported a grant application for RESTORE NY funding for the purpose of the demolition and remediation, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, in collaboration with community partners, was awarded RESTORE NY funding from New York State Empire State Development (ESD) Corporation in the amount of \$8,572,986, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 362 of 2024 amended the budget related to the required RESTORE NY

Grant local match funds of 10%, and

Whereas, A Request for Proposals (RFP) was solicited for the demolition of the Project and Sabre Demolition was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 24 of 2025 authorized an agreement with Sabre Demolition for the Demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill in the amount of \$5,672,000, and

Whereas, Demolition projects of this scale and complexity inherently involve unpredictability and the potential for uncovering unknown or concealed conditions that must be safely and effectively addressed during the course of work, and

Whereas, Such circumstances have arisen during the course of the demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill, necessitating additional work and costs not originally accounted for in the base contract due to unforeseen environmental issues and buried structures, with costs to be funded through RESTORE NY funding, and

Whereas, In addition, it is recommended to provide additional funding and authority in the amount of \$20,000 for other potential unforeseen circumstances.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County authorizes change orders in the amount of \$562,060 and to enter into an amended agreement with Sabre Demolition for the demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill in the total amount of \$6,234,060 (Project Account: DEFERIET), and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said amended Agreement, on behalf of the County, including any additional changes orders as recommended by the County Administrator, up to an additional \$20,000, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

20900600 93297	State Aid Other	\$582,060
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Expense

20698900 02060	Property Remediation	\$582,060
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Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Jareo, Calarco, Cantwell, Freeman, Montigelli, Potter, McBride, Nabywaniec, Doldo, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Grant, Bartlett-Bearup, Ferris, Reed

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 149

Authorizing an Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for an Easement for the Placement of Fiber Optic Cable

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 267 of 2001, Jefferson County expressed its support for the Development Authority of the North Country (“Authority”) to construct a fiber optic system throughout Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties to provide affordable access and redundancy for business and community institutions, as well as promote competitive telecommunications services in the region, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 46 of 2003, Jefferson County granted an easement for the purpose of installing fiber optic cable under both the parking lot of, and future pedestrian walkway adjacent to, the Jefferson County Office Building, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 251 of 2003 Jefferson County authorized an agreement with the Authority to permit installation of an underground conduit to install fiber optic cable and develop a point of presence in the basement of the County Office Building, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 95 of 2005 the point of presence was expanded, and

Whereas, The Authority has requested a second easement for the purpose of installing a new underground conduit to install additional fiber cable for the point of presence, and

Whereas, Such installation will be accomplished by the Authority without interruption of County business, or permanent impairment to County property, and

Whereas, Jefferson County continues to support the Authority network program and wishes to accommodate said easement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to grant the aforementioned easement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 150

Amending the 2025 County Budget for the District Attorney’s Office Relative to General Ledger Coding Review

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Since the 2025 budget process, a review has been conducted to ensure uniformity in general ledger coding with best practices, the adopted Chart of Budgetary Accounts, and IRS Regulations, and

Whereas, In an effort to reflect expenses in their most appropriate account and strengthen County financial reporting, it is necessary to transfer funds between certain accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01116500 04416	Professional Fees	\$22,500

Increase:

Expenditure		
01116500 04114	Maintenance/Subscriptions	\$22,500

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 151

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of 100% of the Costs of a Transportation Project (Replacement of Weaver Road over Skinner Creek), of Which May Be Eligible for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid or Reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds, Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2025 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, A Project for the Replacement of Weaver Road over Skinner Creek, PIN 775404 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson will design, let and construct the Project, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the project by making a commitment of

100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 143 and 193 of 2022 and 249 of 2024, the County of Jefferson advanced the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal cost of the Preliminary Design and Right of Way Incidentals of the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the duly convened Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the Project, and authorizes the County of Jefferson to pay 100% of the cost construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,971,351 is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02855 in the 2025 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby agrees that the County of Jefferson shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid, state-aid or NY Bridge funding awarded to the County of Jefferson, and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators shall convene as soon possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Jefferson all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for federal-aid and/or state-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and substance, in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and County of Jefferson's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Projects costs and all Projects costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the County as necessary to advance and complete the Project, including any construction agreements, within the funds appropriated for the Project, subject to review of

the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$ 1,565,933
Fund Balance		
05000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	82,418
Transfers		
05995000 09007	Transfer to Capital Bridges	82,418
20900600 95031	Interfund Transfer Roads	82,418
Expenditure		
20511300 02855	H02 Weaver Road/Skinner Creek	1,648,351

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Jareo, Calarco, Potter, Montigelli, Doldo, Freeman, Johnson

Absent: Grant, Boulio, Reed, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 152

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Weaver Road over Skinner Creek) and Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2025 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, A Project for Weaver Road over Skinner Creek, PIN 775404 (the “Project”) is eligible for Funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 143 and 193 of 2022 and 249 of 2024, the County of Jefferson advanced the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal cost of the Preliminary Design and Right of Way Incidentals of the Project, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost of Construction of the Project, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the duly convened Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the Project, and authorizes the Jefferson County Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Construction of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,045,700 is hereby appropriated in the 2025 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the full federal and non-federal share of the costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators shall convene to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid, State Aid, and/or Marchiselli Aid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and substance, on behalf of the County of Jefferson with New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefor that are not so, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the County as necessary to advance and complete the Project, including any construction agreements, within the funds appropriated for the Project, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
20900600 94592	Federal Aid Bridges	\$ 836,560
20900600 93592	State Aid Bridges	156,855
Fund Balance		
05000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	52,285
Transfers		
05995000 09007	Transfer to Capital Bridges	52,285
20900600 95031	Interfund Transfer Roads	52,285
Expenditures		
20511300 02855	H02 Weaver Road/Skinner Creek	\$1,045,700

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Montigelli, Jareo, Potter, Freeman, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Cantwell,
McBride, Johnson

Absent: Bartlett-Bearup, Reed, Boulio, Grant, Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 153

**Authorizing An Amended Agreement for Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring
Settlement Relative to Indigent Defense**

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, Resolution No. 251 of 2019 authorized a five-year agreement for the implementation of the statewide expansion of the Hurrell-Harring settlement through the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) to improve the quality of public criminal defense by ensuring counsel at arraignments, caseload relief and quality improvement initiatives, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 159 of 2024, the Board of Legislators authorized a second agreement and additional award of \$9,308,891.07 for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027, and

Whereas, The award has been amended to a total of \$9,867,424.53, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said amended agreement for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027 in the amount of \$9,867,424.53 with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all future amendments and agreements with the Office of Indigent Legal Services relative to the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Settlement, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 154

This resolution was defeated (see below)

Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolutions 180 of 2023 and 327 of 2023, the Board of Legislators recognized 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 (LETPP) grant, and

Whereas, By Resolutions 94 of 2024, the Board re-appropriated remaining unspent funds from Operation Stonegarden and LETPP grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY22 and FY23 Operation Stonegarden and FY22 and FY23 LETPP grants to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2025.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue
01311000 943201 Federal Homeland Security- Sheriff \$181,088.88

Expenditure
01311400 01300 Overtime \$ 46,100.00
01311400 02100 Equipment 40,000.00
01311400 04111 Trackable Items 16,596.98
01311400 04114 Maintenance/Repair 38,410.00
01311400 04115 Telephone 4,400.00
01311400 04118 Computer Hardware 5,000.00
01311400 04119 Computer Software 5,000.00
01311400 043101 Internal Fleet Expense 2,260.11
01311400 04311 Gasoline and Oil 1,129.89
01311400 04514 Uniforms & Clothing 8,000.00
01311400 04585 Operating Supplies 800.00
01311400 08010 Retirement 6,359.81
01311400 08030 Social Security 5,324.62
01311400 08040 Workers Compensation 1,707.47

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Legislator Jareo made a motion to amend the resolution to add an “be it further resolved that these funds will not be used for the purchase of license plate readers or their maintenance”. The motion was seconded by Legislator McBride and carried with Legislators Freeman, Nabywaniec voting nay.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution, as amended

Ayes: Calarco, McBride, Jareo, Johnson

Nay: Freeman, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Potter, Cantwell, Montigelli

Absent: Boulio, Bartlett-Bearup, Grant, Reed, Ferris

Resolution defeated.

Resolution No. 155

This resolution was defeated (see below)

**Authorizing an Agreement with New York State Department of Homeland Security and
Emergency Services and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation to the FY24
Operation Stonegarden**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Sheriff’s Office has been awarded \$125,000 in funds from the FY24 Operation

Stonegarden Program Grant (CFDA 97.067) from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) for the purpose of increasing security at the border, and

Whereas, Said funds will be used for border security operations, to provide for overtime payments for details, and equipment purchase and maintenance for the Sheriff’s Office, and

Whereas, Said grant requires an agreement with NYSDHSES, which processes grants through an electronic format, and potentially with involved police agencies, and

Whereas, The 2025 County Budget must be amended to recognize the revenue and appropriate it to expenditure accounts.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators enter into an agreement with the NYSDHSES to accept the grant as described above, as well as any other agreements with involved police agencies as necessary for the grant, 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 of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That The 2025 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01311000 943201	Federal Homeland Security- Sheriff	\$125,000.00
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Expenditure:

01311400 01300	Overtime	\$ 24,500.00
01311400 02100	Equipment	40,000.00
01311400 04114	Maintenance/Repair	40,000.00
01311400 04115	Telephone	5,000.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	3,333.50
01311400 04311	Gasoline & Oil	1,666.50
01311400 08010	State Retirement	4,986.45
01311400 08030	Social Security	4,174.80
01311400 08040	Workers Compensation	1,338.75

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator Jareo made a motion to amend the resolution to add “be it further resolved that these funds will not be used for the purchase of license plate readers or their maintenance”. The motion was seconded by Legislator McBride

Roll Call Vote on Amendment

Ayes: Cantwell, Calarco, McBride, Jareo, Montigelli, Johnson

Nays: Freeman, Potter, Doldo, Nabywaniec

Absent: Bartlett-Bearup, Boulio, Grant, Reed, Ferris

Amendment defeated.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution No. 155

Ayes: Freeman, Montigelli, Doldo, Potter, Cantwell, Nabywaniec, Calarco

Nays: Jareo, McBride, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Boulio, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup, Grant

Resolution defeated.

Resolution No. 156

Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation to Unauthorized Waste at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, In April, the Jefferson County Recycling and Transfer Station experienced a rejected load of hazardous waste by the Development Authority of the North Country that contained radioactive material which required specialized handling and removal, and

Whereas, The County incurred costs via a third-party environmental vendor to safely identify, handle, and transfer the material, and

Whereas, The County has identified the responsible party and cost recovery is expected.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

15910100 92131	Tipping Fees	\$20,000
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Expenditure

15910100 04416	Professional Fees	\$20,000
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Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Nabywaniec, Freeman, Cantwell, Potter, McBride, Jareo, Montigelli, Calarco, Johnson

Absent: Grant, Bartlett-Bearup, Boulio, Reed, Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 157

Authorizing Agreements for The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee’s Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

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 has been awarded 24,500 for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, the NYS Park Police, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Black River Police Department, and

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

Whereas, The 2025 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 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$ 18,281.05
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Services- Sheriff	3,627.31
Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 3,627.31

01331500 04414	Supporting Services - Internal	3,627.31
01331500 04428	Public Safety Services Other Govt	14,653.74

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Potter, Jareo, Calarco, McBride, Nabywaniec, Freeman, Montigelli, Cantwell, Doldo, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Reed, Ferris, Bartlett-Bearup, Grant

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 158

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. Grant

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, By Resolution 82 of 2025 the Jefferson County Board of Legislators Reappropriated funds for the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. Grant for the period of August 1, 2024 to July 30, 2025, and

Whereas, Equipment purchased for the grant came in lower than expected while costs for the subscriptions related to said equipment will exceed the amended budget, and

Whereas, In an effort to reflect expenses in their most appropriate account and strengthen County financial reporting, it is necessary to transfer funds between certain accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01677200 04114	Maintenance/Subscriptions	\$8,400
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Decrease:

01677200 04111	Trackable Durable Expendables	\$8,400
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Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 159

Authorizing an Agreement with Miracles by the Acre CSA for the Provision of Fresh Produce to Underserved Older Adults Living in Food Deserts

By Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

Whereas, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares are a subscription model where consumers purchase a share of farm harvests in advance, and

Whereas, Office for the Aging has agreed to purchase 85 CSA shares at a rate of \$360 per share for a total of \$30,600 using Title IIIB Funding, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Office for the Aging (OFA) contracts to provide CSA shares of fresh, local produce to Jefferson County residents in underserved areas located in food deserts, and

Whereas, The program provides and delivers fresh produce for 13 weeks to designated underserved senior housing locations in Jefferson County weekly to approximately 700 Jefferson County older adults.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Miracles by the Acre CSA to provide and deliver CSA food shares effective July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute such 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. 160

**Accepting NYS Department of Health Grant Award Extension
in Connection with Rabies Program**

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been notified by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) of a two-year award extension on the existing contract for the Rabies Program to provide human rabies treatment, specimen collections, pet vaccination clinics, and education and prevention activities within Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Funding of \$28,713 has been awarded for a two-year extension for the period April

1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, and

Whereas, Said funds are already appropriated in the Adopted 2025 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby accepts the award extension funds covering the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 161

Authorizing an Agreement with Quantify Consulting for a Homelessness Data Analytics Platform and Implementation and Amending the 2025 Budget Related Thereto

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County has experienced a dramatic increase in individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability, much of which can be directly attributed to the opioid epidemic, and

Whereas, Jefferson County recognizes the importance of addressing homelessness through a data-driven, strategic approach to better allocate resources and improve service outcomes, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 117 of 2025 authorized an Agreement for a Data Collection Program related to homelessness, and

Whereas, Internal scoping meetings related to the Program have led to a right-sized alteration focused on targeted information, simplicity, and partner participation, and

Whereas, Quantify Consulting has submitted a proposal to assist the County in implementing a simple, secure, scalable analytics platform for data warehousing and visualization and reporting, and

Whereas, The scope of services includes limited advisory support during the County's data strategy phase, full implementation of the analytics infrastructure, importation and integration of historical data, dashboard development, and six months of ongoing support and training to ensure successful adoption and sustainability, and

Whereas, The County has determined that entering into this agreement will enhance its ability to

make informed policy and funding decisions through robust analytics and improve its position for future grant opportunities, and

Whereas, The change in scope for the project will result in a significant cost decrease and reduce opioid settlement fund appropriations to be utilized for future purposes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Quantify Consulting for a Homelessness Data Analytics Platform and Implementation, for a maximum term of nine months, with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows

Decrease:

Revenue		
01104500 92735	Direct Opioid Settlement Funds	\$153,960
Expenditure		
01432000 04712	Contracted Mental Health Programs	\$153,960

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Nabywaniec, Potter, Doldo, Jareo, Cantwell, Calarco, Freeman, McBride, Monigelli, Johnson

Absent: Boulio, Bartlett-Bearup, Ferris, Reed, Grant

Resolution passed.

In light of both Resolution 154 and 155 being defeated, Administrator Piche asked Deputy Administrator Soper to clarify funding deadlines for the 2023 funds. Mr. Soper advised that funds for the 2023 grant have to be expended by August, and that the equipment line may have been for license plate readers but other lines in the resolution help offset County costs.

Legislator Jareo explained that is why he wanted to amend the resolution rather than just vote it down so the other funds could move forward in a timely manner.

Clerk/Administrator Piche clarified votes on the amendments and the resolutions for Resolution Nos. 154 and 155, noting that it takes eight votes to approve either, and the absent members count as no votes in both instances.

Legislator Montigelli wanted to support Legislator Jareo's position that surveillance is rampant

in our society, but also pointed out that we are being surveilled many different ways without realizing it, and personally he could not, not support the license plate readers for that reason and because it helps law enforcement.

Legislator Nabywaniec asked if these resolutions would go back through Committee next month. Administrator Piche confirmed that they would, in a slightly different format.

Legislator Jareo questioned how much of Resolution No. 154 was 2022 funding and how much was 2023 funding. Deputy Administrator Soper said he did not have that information in front of him, but he would get it and report back to Legislator Jareo.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Potter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Piche". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board