

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Ferris who was excused.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**2025 Inclusions of Viable Agricultural Land in New York State
Certified Agricultural Districts before the Districts' Established Review Periods**

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:01, no one present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Eight Year Review of the Southwest Agricultural District No. 3
and Any Modifications Thereof**

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:01 p.m., no one present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Local Law Intro No. 6 of 2025

**A Local Law Providing a Real Property Tax Exemption from County Property Taxes
Pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 485-A for Non-Residential
Real Property Converted to Mixed Use Property Within the City of Watertown**

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m., no one present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one present wished to address the Board.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none this month.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on legislators expenses.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash In Banks as of August 31, 2025.

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

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Local Law Intro Number 6 of 2025

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 485-A FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY CONVERTED TO MIXED USE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN.

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent and purpose.

A. By Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the New York State Legislature authorized towns, cities and villages to provide an exemption from certain taxes for developers and building owners to convert office space and properties, formerly housing warehouse, manufacturing and retail activities, to residential housing units and commercial mixed uses.

B. Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law further allows a county in which such towns, cities and villages are located may, by local law, exempt such properties from its taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as such towns, cities and villages have done.

C. The City of Watertown adopted such an exemption by local law in 2024 and the County of Jefferson has determined it to be in the public interest that the same exemption be provided to the County portion of the property taxes for qualifying properties within the City of Watertown.

D. The purpose of this local law is to exempt eligible properties within the City of Watertown from County property taxation applied to conversions of Non-Residential Real Property to Mixed-Use Property in accordance with Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Definitions.

- A. “Municipality” means any town, city or village except for a city having more than one million inhabitants.
- B. “Applicant” means any person obligated to pay real property taxes on the property for which an exemption from real property taxes under this section is sought.
- C. “Commercial construction work” means the modernization, rehabilitation, expansion or other improvement of the portion of mixed-use property to be used for commercial purposes.
- D. “Commercial purpose or use” means (i) the buying, selling or otherwise providing of goods or services directly to the public; or (ii) a non-residential lawful use including, but not limited to, an office, hotel, retail store, brewery, distillery, restaurant, café, bar or tavern, gymnasium, theater, or entertainment venue which employs or is anticipated to employ a minimum of five employees primarily at the mixed-use property for which an exemption under Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law is sought.
- E. “Mixed-use property” means property on which will exist, after completion of residential construction work or a combination of residential construction work and commercial construction work, a building or structure used for both residential and commercial purposes of which, at least forty percent of the building or structure’s square footage is devoted to residential purposes or use and at least fifteen percent of the building or structure’s square footage is devoted to commercial purposes or use .
- F. “Person” means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, agency, trust, estate, foreign or domestic government or subdivision hereof, or other entity.
- G. “Residential construction work” means the creation, modernization, rehabilitation, expansion or other improvement of dwelling units, other than dwelling units in a hotel, in the portion of mixed-use property to be used for residential purposes.
- H. “Taxable Assessed Value” shall mean the taxable assessed value of property within a municipality as defined by the Real Property Tax Law of New York State.

Section 3. Exemption granted.

The assessment increases as a result of the conversion of non-residential real property to mixed use real property within the City of Watertown only, shall be exempt from County taxation and special ad valorem levies pursuant to section 485-a of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

For a period of twelve years from the approval of an application with the Assessor of the City of Watertown, the increase in assessed value of such property attributable to such conversion shall be exempt as provided below. Such exemption shall be computed with respect to the “exemption base.” The exemption base shall be determined for each year in which there is an increase in assessed value so attributable from that of the previous year’s assessed value. Such exemption shall be computed in accordance with the following:

Year of exemption	Percentage of Exemption
1 through 8	100% of exemption base
9	80% of exemption base
10	60% of exemption base
11	40% of exemption base
12	20% of exemption base

Section 4. Exclusions from exemption.

No such exemption shall be granted unless:

- (a) Such conversion was commenced subsequent to the date on which the City of Watertown’s local law took effect; and
- (b) The cost of such conversion exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and
- (c) For the purposes of this section the term “conversion” shall not include ordinary maintenance and repairs; and
- (d) No such exemption shall be granted concurrent with or subsequent to any other real property tax exemption granted to the same improvements to real property, except, where during the period of such previous exemption, payments in lieu of taxes or other payments were made to the local government in an amount that would have been equal to or greater than the amount of real property taxes that would have been paid on such improvements had such property been granted an exemption pursuant to this section. In such case, an exemption shall be granted for a number of years equal to the twelve year exemption granted pursuant to this section less the number of years the property would have been previously exempt from real property taxes.

Section 5. Application.

- (a) Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owner of such real property on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance. Such application shall be filed with the Assessor of the City of Watertown on or before the appropriate taxable status date.
- (b) The twelve year period of exemption shall be calculated from the date the application was approved by the Assessor of the City of Watertown. However, in no event may such approval be construed to allow for retroactive application of this exemption.

Section 6. Add Back Provision.

To ensure that the exemption granted by this Local Law is implemented without reducing

County tax collections and to ensure that County property taxpayers in municipalities not requesting the exemption do not have to pay a higher share of County property taxes as a result of the exemption, the County hereby enacts an “add back” provision pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 844(1)(b)(ii), specifying that “taxable assessed value” for purposes of apportionment of county taxes will include the amount of assessed value partially exempt from county taxation under Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law, which shall ensure that the City of Watertown will not pay less county property taxes in the aggregate than it would had the Real Property Tax Exemption for Non-Residential Real Property Converted to Mixed-Use Property not been applied to properties within the City of Watertown.

Section 7. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law 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. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls for which an application has been filed with the Assessor of the City of Watertown prior to the taxable status date of such municipality.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to remove Local Law Intro No 6 of 2025 off the table. Such motion was made by Legislator Reed, seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried. There being no debate, the Board unanimously adopted the local law and it became Local Law No. 7 of 2025.

Resolution No. 253

Payment of Legislators’ Expenses

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Finance & Rules Committee is responsible for examining and auditing claims made by members of the Board, and

Whereas, Claims in the amount of \$982.71 have been audited and deemed allowable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw checks payable to the claimants as audited.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 254

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 359 of County Law, a public hearing on the Tentative Budget for County fiscal year 2026 be held before this Board of Legislators at 6:00 p.m. on the 12th day of November, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That notice of said public hearing be given in accordance with law.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 255

Reclassifying a Position in the County Attorney's Office

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The County Attorney's Office has an opportunity to hire an attorney presently employed by the County in the position of Social Services Attorney II, Grade 4, and

Whereas, A vacant position of Assistant County Attorney, Grade 5, exists within the County Attorney's Office, and

Whereas, In order to employ said attorney at the County Attorney's Office at a salary which is equivalent to the salary in the current position as a Social Services Attorney II, Grade 4, it would be necessary to upgrade the current vacant attorney position to Assistant County Attorney II, Grade 4, and

Whereas, Sufficient funds are available due to vacancies within the County Attorney's Office budget to accommodate a position reclassification for Position No. 1420012 in the department budget from Assistant County Attorney, Grade 5 to Assistant County Attorney II, Grade 4.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Position No. 1420012 be reclassified from Assistant County Attorney, Grade 5 to Assistant County Attorney II, Grade 4.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 256

Authorizing The Local and Regional Plans Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 requires in Sections 106, 107, 108 and 232, Part 679, Subpart D of the Final Rules the development of a Local and Regional Plan every four years with updates every two years, and

Whereas, The plans have been available for a public comment period of no more than 30 days and have been recommend for submission by the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board and require approval by both the Jefferson County Board of Legislators and the Lewis County Boards of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Jefferson County enter into agreements for the Local and Regional Plans for a term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 257

Authorizing an Employment Agreement with the Faculty Association of Jefferson Community College

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, A tentative employment agreement between the County of Jefferson, the Trustees of Jefferson Community College, and the Faculty Association of Jefferson Community College for the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2029, has been agreed to through collective negotiations between the County Legislature's representatives, College Trustees, and the Faculty Association.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Article XIV of the New York State Civil Service Law, this Board does hereby ratify and approve said tentative agreement and authorizes the Chairman of this Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Jefferson.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 258

**Authorizing an Employment Agreement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees
Local 3089, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO**

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The attached employment agreement between the County of Jefferson and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees for the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030, has been reached through collective bargaining in accordance with Civil Service Law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement, in the form hereto attached, with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees, and be it further

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 450 of County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

*Employment Agreement attachment referenced in resolution is included as an addendum to the minutes

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 259

Appointing Director of Real Property Tax Services

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, Upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, and pursuant to Section 1530 of the Real Property Tax Law, Alexander W. Marchenkoff is hereby appointed as Director of Real Property Tax Services at Grade 5-A \$92,074, effective October 1, 2025, for a term of six years, said term to expire September 30, 2031.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 260

Establishing the Position of Administrative Supervisor-Highway

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The loss or departure of key personnel can cause significant disruption, instability, and a loss of institutional knowledge, thereby threatening the organization's operational effectiveness and strategic direction, and

Whereas, A structured succession plan is a critical risk management tool that ensures the smooth transition of key positions and the continuity of essential functions during times of change, and

Whereas, Proactively identifying and preparing future leaders through targeted development, mentorship, and training is essential for maintaining long-term viability and organizational confidence, and

Whereas, The Position of Administrative Supervisor-Highway requires unique knowledge of the workings of County Highway Departments, including specialized funding streams such as Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), BRIDGE-NY, and Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI), and

Whereas, Jefferson County has appropriated funds in the 2025 Budget for Succession Planning (0199000 04965).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Position 5010009, Administrative Supervisor-Highway be established upon the effective date of this Resolution, and be it further

Resolved, That upon the retirement of the employee currently occupying Position No. 5010008, Position No. 5010008 will be abolished.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 261

Authorizing an Agreement with ESI Employee Assistance Group for an Employee Assistance Program

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators recognizes that its employees are its most valuable asset and is committed to their health, well-being, and productivity, and

Whereas, The Board acknowledges that employees may face personal challenges that can impact their work performance, safety, and overall quality of life, and

Whereas, An Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides a confidential and valuable resource for employees and their families to receive professional assistance for a wide range of personal and work-related issues, and

Whereas, "TotalCare EAP" by ESI Employee Assistance Group includes confidential counseling, work-life benefits, legal and financial resources, wellness coaching, and professional development resources for employees and their families, as well as support services for managers and supervisors, and

Whereas, The proposal received for TotalCare EAP outlines an annual cost of \$21.16 per employee per year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement, as well as any and all documents to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, with ESI Employee Assistance Group for an employee assistance program, for the period of one-year for the cost of \$21.16 per employee, per year, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 262

Authorizing an Agreement with UMR, Inc. for Administration of Jefferson County Health Benefits and Health Benefits Managed Care Services

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution No. 345 of 2022, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with UMR, Inc. to provide third party administration (TPA) of the County's Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, and

Whereas, Jefferson County issued a Request for Proposals to provide third party administration for the County's Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, and

Whereas, Following review of proposals submitted, Jefferson County and UMR, Inc. have tentatively agreed to the terms of an agreement for third party administration of the County's Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, and

Whereas, For the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, UMR, Inc. will provide TPA services at the rate of \$26.68 per contract, per month, and

Whereas, For the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, UMR, Inc. will provide TPA services at the rate of \$27.49 per contract, per month, and

Whereas, For the period of January 1, 2028, through December 31, 2028, UMR, Inc. will provide TPA services at the rate of \$28.32 per contract, per month.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with UMR, Inc. for administration of the Jefferson County Health Benefits Plan during the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute such agreement, including any additional or amended agreements for the provision of managed care or cost saving programs within the term of the agreement, with UMR, Inc. on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 263

Authorizing an Agreement with Pro Act, Inc. for Prescription Benefits Management

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, By Resolution No. 48 of 2024, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Pro Act, Inc. to provide prescription benefits management services, and

Whereas, Jefferson County issued a Request for Proposals to provide prescription benefits management for the County's Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, and

Whereas, Following a review of proposals submitted, Jefferson County and Pro Act, Inc. have tentatively agreed to the terms of an agreement for administration of the County's prescription benefits for the County's Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, and

Whereas, Pro Act, Inc. will provide prescription benefits management services with no administration fee and with 100% of the formulary rebates being submitted directly to Jefferson County, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Pro Act, Inc. for prescription benefits management during the period of January 1, 2026, through

December 31, 2028, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute such agreement, including any additional or amended agreements for the provision of prescription benefits management or cost saving programs within the term of the agreement with Pro Act, Inc. on behalf of Jefferson County, 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. 264

Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Alexandria for County Assessment Services Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 1537

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, Pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law 1537, an assessing unit and county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate an agreement for appraisal services, exemption services or assessment services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a “joint services” pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article G-5, and

Whereas, The Town of Alexandria desires the County to assume the duties of the Town Assessor on an interim basis for the purpose of providing exemption and assessment services through the staff at the County Office of Real Property Tax Services, and has enacted a resolution on September 17, 2025, and

Whereas, The Town will compensate the County \$20.00 per parcel for the first year of the agreement, and

Whereas, The Town will compensate the County an amount to be agreed upon by both parties for subsequent years, and

Whereas, The joint services agreement will be for the period of three years from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, subject to two additional three-year extension periods upon written agreements of both parties.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement with the Town of Alexandria for the aforementioned terms, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 265

Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Clayton for County Assessment Services Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 1537

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law 1537, an assessing unit and county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate an agreement for appraisal services, exemption services or assessment services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a “joint services” pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article G-5, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 346 of 2022, The Board of Legislators authorized a joint services agreement on an interim basis, whereby the County assumed the duties of the Town Assessor for the purpose of providing exemption and assessment services through the staff at the County Office of Real Property Tax Services, and

Whereas, Said shared services partnership has been successful, and has expired as of September 30, 2025, and

Whereas, Both parties recommend continuing the arrangement, and

Whereas, The Town will compensate the County on the basis of \$20.00 per parcel of the Town assessment roll properties for the first year of such agreement, and

Whereas, The Town will compensate the County an amount to be agreed upon by both parties for subsequent years, and

Whereas, The joint services agreement will be for the period of three years, from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, subject to two additional three-year extension periods upon written agreements of both parties.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement with the Town of Clayton for the aforementioned 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. 266

Authorizing Amended Agreements with Sabre Demolition and Green 2 Green Consulting LLC 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 Empire Development 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. 111 of 2023 amended the budget related to the required RESTORE NY Grant local match funds of 10%, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 231 of 2023 authorized the execution of a project funding agreement with National Grid for the Economic Development Grant Program in the amount of \$300,000, 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, Resolution No. 103 of 2025 authorized an agreement with Green 2 Green Consulting LLC for professional services associated with the Deferiet Paper Mill Redevelopment Project amount of \$108,470, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 148 of 2025 authorized an amended agreement with Sabre Demolition for an additional \$562,060 due to unforeseen buried structures and environmental issues, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 198 of 2025 authorized an additional amended agreement with Sabre Demolition for \$2,766,760 due to further additional unforeseen environmental remediation conditions, and

Whereas, Demolition projects of this scale and complexity inherently involve unpredictability, and as the project has progressed, uncovered buried structures and debris in previously inaccessible areas have determined a need to significantly increase the total amount of environmental waste being hauled from the site, and

Whereas, Such circumstances require further changes to Sabre Demolition’s contract for abatement, removal, and disposal, and additional environmental monitoring by Green 2 Green, totaling a cost increase of \$2,241,643, and

Whereas, A site review has determined that a line item for imported backfill can be reduced, making \$1,168,120 available to be transferred to cover a portion of these new costs, resulting in a net change order of \$1,059,948, and

Whereas, It is recommended to award all change orders to ensure the complete demolition and removal of all debris from the site, which necessitates an increase to the total contract price and an amendment to the County budget to cover the shortfall, and

Whereas, Additional RESTORE NY Grant funding, along with the National Grid Economic Development Grant Program funding in the amount of \$300,000, will need to be recognized to fund the increase in the contracts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County authorizes change orders in the net amount of \$1,059,948 and to enter into an amended agreement with Sabre Demolition for the demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill (Project Account: DEFERIET), and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an amended agreement with Green 2 Green Consulting LLC for additional environmental monitoring, for an amount not to exceed \$13,575 (Project Account: DEFERIET), subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said amended Agreements, on behalf of the County, including any additional changes orders as recommended by the County Administrator, within the authorized level of appropriations, 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	\$267,615
20900600 92770	Unclassified Revenue	300,000

Expense

20698900 02060	Property Remediation	\$567,615
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Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 267

Amending 2025 County Budget for the Airport Department Relative to Fuel

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, Appropriations for the purchase of fuel in the Airport are expected to exceed 2025 budgeted figures, and

Whereas, Revenue from Airport fuel sales help offset the cost of Airport operations, and

Whereas, Fuel sales are expected to exceed forecasted figures in 2025 by approximately \$75,000 due to higher-than-anticipated air traffic volumes.

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

Increase:

Expenditure

01561000 04575	Cost of Fuel & Oil Sales	\$36,125
01561000 04407	Credit Card Fees	12,000

Revenue

01561000 91776	FBO Airport Sale of Fuel & Oil	\$48,125
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Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 268

Authorizing an Agreement with the United States of America in Relation to Several Federal Navigation Facilities at the Watertown International Airport

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 41 of 2006, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the City of Watertown and other incidental acts related to the assumption of certain contractual and regulatory obligations and assurances to the United States to assume ownership and operation of the Watertown International Airport, and

Whereas, One of the incidental acts related to the assumption of operations was authorization of a 20-year agreement with the United States of America for access to several Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) navigation facilities for the purposes of maintenance, construction, operation of FAA owned navigation, communication and weather aids for the support of Air Traffic Operations supporting the National Airspace System, and

Whereas, The airport property is covered by certain obligations and assurances to the Federal Government for the purposes of an airport, and

Whereas, Assurance number twenty-eight, requires the airport sponsor to furnish land for use in connection with any air traffic control or air navigation activities, or weather reporting and communication activities related thereto, or any areas of land or water, or estate therein as the Secretary considers necessary or desirable for construction, operation and maintenance at Federal expense of space or facilities for such purposes, and

Whereas, The current agreement expires September 30, 2025, and the Federal Government has a continuing need to occupy, and

Whereas, The Federal Government desires to extend the term for an additional 20-year period, beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2045, and

Whereas, The Federal Government has a requirement to add one new security clause related to the cooperation with Defensive Counterintelligence Program Requirements for the protection of sensitive information and national security concerns related to the Navigation Facilities, and

Whereas, The Director of Aviation has reviewed the document and confirmed the list of current facilities is correct and recommends approval of the agreement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the United States of America in relation to

Navigation Facilities, as well as and any supplemental agreements or amendments that may be necessary to complete said agreement, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 269

Authorizing an Agreement with McFarland Johnson for Parking Lot Construction Administration and Amending the 2025 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 120 of 2023, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with airport consultant McFarland Johnson to complete the design of the main terminal parking lot, general aviation parking lot, associated parking lanes, drainage, grading, base, paving, and lighting improvements, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 367 of 2024, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with S&L Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$159,000 for the parking lot lighting and electrical improvements construction, and

Whereas, The Highway Department is contributing to the project with site preparation work, drainage, catch basin installations, and paving, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize agreement with McFarland Johnson for construction administration and project construction representative services for the Project in the amount not to exceed \$42,870.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to and directed to execute an agreement with McFarland Johnson in an amount not to exceed \$42,870 for construction administration and project representative services for said Project, and be it further

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

Increase:

Expenditure

20561000 02073	Airport Parking Improvements	\$ 42,870
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Decrease:

Expenditure

20561000 02001 Airport Facility \$ 42,870

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 270

Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation to Buildings Department Accounts

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Jefferson County Buildings Department is experiencing a higher number of vacancies than anticipated and, due to the current competitive job market, vacancies are remaining unfilled longer than the usual lengths of time, and

Whereas, Retirements within the department have also contributed to the number of vacancies and staff shortages, and

Whereas, The department has utilized retirees as temporary employees to meet workflow and staffing requirements, and

Whereas, There was a significant increase in New York State Prevailing Wage Rates for armed and unarmed security guards, effective July 1, 2025, in relation to the County's security services provider, and

Whereas, There were increases in New York State Prevailing Wage Rates for janitorial staff, effective July 1, 2025, in relation to the County's contracted janitorial services provider, and

Whereas, Funding is available in personal services due to vacancies within the department.

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

Decrease

Expenditure		
01162000 01100	Personal Services	\$117,000

Increase

Expenditure		
01162000 01110	Temporary	\$ 35,000
01162000 04212	Building Maint Contract	12,000
01162000 04218	Building Security	70,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 271

Revising the Jefferson County Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, Jefferson County is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code in certain municipalities in Jefferson County that have opted not to administer and enforce the same, and

Whereas, The County last adopted an amendment to Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code by Resolution No. 241 of 2000, and

Whereas, There have been several changes made to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code subsequent to the adoption of Resolution No. 241 of 2000, and

Whereas, It is necessary to revise the Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to reflect such changes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 79 of 1993, and the revisions to said rules and regulations adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators by Resolution No. 241 of 2000, be and are hereby rescinded, and be it further

Resolved, That the attached Jefferson County Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, be and are

hereby adopted.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 272

Authorizing an Agreement and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program Grant

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) provides grants to local governments including the State-funded Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program Grant to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded \$172,413.00 for the FY 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program Grant, and

Whereas, Funding from this grant will be used to develop and maintain the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plan, the Jefferson County Threat Assessment and Management capability, and to enhance outreach, awareness, and training for the communities in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, DHSES now processes grants through an electronic format.

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

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FY 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program Grant, as well as all documents as may be required of this grant on behalf of Jefferson County, 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 DHSES relative to the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program Grant within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations, and be it further

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

Increase

Revenue

01341000 93389	State Aid – Other Public Safety	\$65,133
Expense		
01341000 01100	Personal Services	\$ 2,702
01341400 04416	Professional Services	57,965
01341400 04313	Travel	4,000
01341000 08010	State Retirement	403
01341000 08030	Social Security	50
01341000 08040	Workers Compensation	13

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 273

Authorizing an Agreement with the Community Action Planning Council to Promote Fair and Equal Housing

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County is the grant recipient of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding from the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs, and said funds are committed to housing assistance programs for income eligible County residents, and

Whereas, To ensure compliance with funding requirements the County is obligated to promote fair and equal housing opportunities for residents of Jefferson County consistent with federal legislation and regulations, and

Whereas, The County has annually entered into a contract for the provision of fair housing services including acting as the County’s fair housing office for public education, information and referral, and complaint assistance, and

Whereas, Funds for a fair housing contract are appropriated in the 2025 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Planning Council (CAPC) in

the amount of \$9,000.00 for promoting and furthering fair and equal housing opportunities in the County for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 274

Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of the 2025 Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land to Existing Agricultural Districts' Established Review Periods and Making a Determination of Non-Significance

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b requires counties to establish an annual thirty-day period within which to accept requests by landowners to have viable agricultural land included in a certified Agricultural District, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 98 of 2004, Establishing an Annual Thirty-Day Period from June 1 to June 30 for Landowners to Submit Proposals to Include Viable Agricultural Land within an Existing Agricultural District before the Districts' Established Review Period, and

Whereas, In accordance with Section 303-b of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the 2025 requests for inclusion were referred to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for review and recommendation, and

Whereas, The recommendation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has been submitted to the Board, and

Whereas, A public hearing was held on October 7, 2025, to receive public comments, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators has reviewed the requests for inclusion, the recommendation of the Jefferson County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and the Public Hearing record concerning the inclusion of viable agricultural land in certified agricultural districts before the districts' established review periods, and

Whereas, The inclusion of viable agricultural land within an existing Agricultural District before the Districts' established review period is an action subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been completed, which reviews potential environmental impacts and determines that no significant impacts will occur

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to SEQR and has determined that this is an unlisted action that will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25 AA, Section 303-b, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the inclusion of three parcels consisting of 209.65 acres to existing Agricultural Districts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form/Determination of Significance and forward the same to all involved agencies.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 275

Adopting Modifications Pursuant to the Eight-Year Review of the Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 3 and Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of Making a Determination of Non-Significance

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Board of Legislators formally received notification from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to commence the Eight-Year Review of the Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 3, and

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25AA, as amended, a review notice was published and the Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 3, was placed on file with the County for a thirty (30) day review and modification period, and

Whereas, During the review period, 459.15 acres of land were requested to be added and no acres of land were requested to be removed from the District, and

Whereas, The District and proposed modifications were referred to the Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for its review and recommendations, and

Whereas, The report of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board with its recommendation to modify and re-establish the district for eight years has been duly received by

the Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, A public hearing was held on October 7, 2025, at which time consideration was given to the original Agricultural District, the recommendation of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and the proposed modifications to the District, and

Whereas, The Eight-Year Review process is an action subject to environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law "State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)" Act, and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been completed which evaluates potential environmental impacts, expresses the County's desire to serve as lead agency, determines that no significant impacts will occur, and is incorporated in this resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to SEQR and has determined that this is an unlisted action and will not have any adverse environmental impacts, and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby modify and re-establish the Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 3 to consist of 78,343.33 acres of land, for a period of eight years, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form and forward same to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and be it further

Resolved, The modified boundary is depicted on a set of maps entitled Jefferson County Southwest Agricultural District No. 3 (2026).

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 276

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Correctional Facility Medical Expenses

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is required by New York State Law to comply with mandates related to incarcerated individual medical care, and

Whereas, Recent criminal justice reform initiatives in New York State, including mandated Medical Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder, have further increased the obligations both administratively and financially on the Sheriff's Department, and

Whereas, Medical expenditures have dramatically increased beyond budgeted figures due to a high number of incarcerated individual population and those individuals with acute medical need, and

Whereas, Due to the additional mandates, jail population, and medical needs, the actual costs for medical fees and supplies in the last four years have increased by approximately \$3,750,000 or 1,681%, representing an unfunded mandate that is born almost entirely by local taxpayers.

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

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01315000 04114	Maintenance	\$ 20,000

Increase:

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$380,000

Expenditure		
01315000 04510	Medical Supplies	\$400,000

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 277

Authorizing an Agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Statewide Targeted Reduction of Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Grant Award for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2025 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a New York State Division of

Criminal Justice Services Statewide Targeted Reduction of Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Grant in the amount of \$10,000, and

Whereas, The STRIVE initiative provides for preventative and enforcement strategies to focus efforts on the reduction of Intimate Partner and Domestic Violence utilizing evidence-based practices, and

Whereas, Said grant will be used to offset expenditures for mandatory training for Law Enforcement Personnel specifically related to implementing the grant and the chosen initiatives for the County.

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

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

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all future amendments and agreements with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services relative to the STRIVE Grant, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations, and be it further

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01311000 93389	State Aid – Other Public Safety	\$10,000
Expenditure		
01311000 04313	Travel	\$10,000

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 278

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’s grant is for an additional \$2,500 in funds for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and is to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Parks Police, 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 Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all future amendments and agreements with The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee relative to the High Visibility Enforcement Grant, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations, and be it further

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

Increase

Revenue

01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$ 2,500
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	1,000

Expenditure

01311000 01300	Overtime	1,000
01331500 04414	Supporting Services Internal	1,000
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. Other Govt	1,500

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 279

Approving the 2026 Stop DWI Plan

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Board of Legislators is in receipt of the Stop DWI Budget for County Fiscal Year 2026.

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 2026 be and is hereby adopted as the Jefferson County Stop DWI Plan for 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to sign the Certification Page of the 2026 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 2026 Jefferson County Budget is hereby authorized.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 280

Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

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

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

Whereas, Said Council is to consist of between 15 and 20 members and the Director of the Office for the Aging is recommending the appointment of a new member.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
New Appointment Cheryl L. Matson	Senior Citizen Volunteer	12/31/2027

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 281

Amending the 2025 County Budget Relative to Public Health Accounts for Security

By Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Whereas, There was a significant increase in New York State Prevailing Wage Rates for security guards, effective July 1, 2025, in relation to the County's security services provider, and

Whereas, Funds need to be transferred in the 2025 County Budget to cover Security Costs through year-end 2025.

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

Increase:

01118500 04218	Building Security	\$ 650
01401000 04218	Building Security	12,100
01405000 04218	Building Security	32,800
01405100 04218	Building Security	18,200
01405500 04218	Building Security	500
01405700 04218	Building Security	650

Decrease:

01405500 04416	Professional Fees	\$64,900
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Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 282

Establishing Charges for Certain Public Health Services

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Resolved, That pursuant to Public Health Law Article 3, Section 356 Counties, new charges effective December 1, 2025, shall be as follows for the listed discipline of home health care provided by the Public Health Service:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Established Charges</u>
Nursing per visit	\$350*
Physical Therapy per visit	\$200*
Speech Pathology per visit	\$250
Occupational Therapy per visit	\$255
Nutritionist per visit	\$200
Medical Social Worker per visit	\$300
Home Health Aide per visit	\$155
per hour	\$130

*Will maintain at the current rate

Seconded by Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 283

Authorizing the 2025/26 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Development Program Agreements

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Bureau has received notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services of awarded Youth Development Program funding in the amount of \$130,261 to support positive youth development by advancing the well-being of youth, to be operated and administered by various eligible organizations in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the following State Aid allocations for Youth Development Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through

September 30, 2026, which requires an agreement between the County and respective Agency or Municipality for the provision of pass-through funding:

Agency/Program	State Aid Allocation
Jefferson County DSS/Recreation Scholarships	\$ 12,000
CHJC SoZo Teen Center	30,000
Resolution Center Family Visitation Program	7,500
YMCA Youth Empowerment Project	20,006
CCE Jefferson Healthy Plate Project	20,000
ACR Health/The Q Center	10,000
NCPPC Babysitting Course	5,975
Watertown Salvation Army Kids Club	12,000
Hearts for Youth	12,780

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the 2025/26 fiscal year for State Aid funding for County Youth Development Program Administration for the above listed Youth Development Programs, and be it further

Resolved, That upon final approval and execution of said Resource Allocation Agreement, Jefferson County enter into agreements with the aforementioned Agencies/Municipalities for provision of Youth Development Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and with Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$6,050 to provide support for the Youth Advisory Board for 2025 through 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Agreement and the various contractual Agency Agreements 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. 284

Authorizing the 2025/26 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program Agreements

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Bureau has received notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services that the Jefferson County Youth Bureau has been awarded Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program funding in the amount of \$77,915 to advance programming for youth ages 6 through 17, and

Whereas, The funding will support a variety of sports/organized activities for a broad range of youth in under-resourced communities to effect positive youth development and family engagement, and improve the lives of young people by promoting positive social, emotional, health and education outcomes, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the following State Aid allocations for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, which requires an agreement between the County and respective Agency for the provision of pass-through funding:

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>State Aid Allocation</u>
CHJC Summer Recreation Program	\$35,000
Watertown Family YMCA-STEAM and Sports	9,800
Encompass Recreation	22,000
CYC Junior Division Sailing Program	11,115

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the 2025/26 fiscal year for State Aid funding for County Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Program Administration for the above listed Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs, and be it further

Resolved, That upon final approval and execution of said Resource Allocation Agreement, Jefferson County enter into agreements with the aforementioned Agencies for provision of Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Agreement and the various contractual Agency Agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 285

Authorizing the 2025/26 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Authorizing Contractual Youth Team Sports Program Agreements

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Bureau has received notification from the New York State

Office of Children and Family Services for the award of Youth Team Sports funding in the amount of \$62,455 to support team sports programming for underserved youth, to be operated and administered by various eligible organizations in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has endorsed the following State Aid allocations for Youth Team Sports Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, which require an agreement between the County and respective Agency or Municipality for the provision of pass-through funding:

<u>Agency/Program</u>	<u>State Aid Allocation</u>
John B Lyman American Legion/Alexandria Bay Jr. Shooting Sport	\$ 17,243
YMCA Valor Cheer	16,300
Thousand Islands Youth Hockey	25,027
CYC Junior Division Sailing Program	3,885

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into a Resource Allocation Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the 2025/26 fiscal year for State Aid funding for County Youth Team Sports Administration for the above listed Youth Team Sports Programs, and be it further

Resolved, That upon final approval and execution of said Resource Allocation Agreement, Jefferson County enter into agreements with the aforementioned Agencies/Municipalities for provision of Youth Team Sports Programs for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Agreement and the various contractual Agency/Municipality Agreements 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. 286

Authorizing Agreements with Treehouse Child Care Center for the Provision of Special Education and/or Related Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the New York State 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 approves 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, and upon 4410 approval by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter an agreement for the term to begin on or after the date of conditional approval from NYSED through June 30, 2026, for the provision of special education services and/or related services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following service provider:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Treehouse Child Care Center	Services as Approved by NYSED

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 New York State 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 New York State 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 agreement 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: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

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 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board