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*Deputy County Administrator*



March 27, 2026

**TO:** Members of Health & Human Services Committee

**FROM:** Ryan Piche, County Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Health & Human Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Health & Human Services Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Presentation:**

Preschool Budget Discussion – Timothy Ruetten, Community Services Director

**Resolutions:**

1. Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Long-Term Care Advisory Council
2. Authorizing an Agreement with Miracles by the Acre CSA for the Provision of Fresh Produce to Underserved Older Adults Living in Food Deserts
3. Amending Agreement for Provision of Consumer Directed In-Home Services by Western New York Independent Living, Inc.
4. Authorizing an Agreement with YMCA for Evidence Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Program Services through the Office for the Aging
5. Amending the 2026 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding for Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program
6. Amending the 2026 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Current Funding Levels of Mental Health Programs
7. Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities

8. Appointing Members to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board
9. Amending the 2026 County Budget Relative to Accepting Transportation Initiative Program Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

**Informational Items:**

1. Monthly Department Reports:
  - Public Health
  - Social Services
  - Veterans Service Agency

If any Committee Member has inquiries regarding agenda items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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c:	Office for the Aging	Veterans Service Agency
	Community Services	County Attorney
	Public Health/EMS/Medical Examiner	County Treasurer
	Social Services	

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Appointing Member to the Jefferson County Long-Term Care Advisory Council

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Whereas, Said agreement required Jefferson County to create a Long-Term Care Advisory Council ("The Council"), 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 be appointed to the Long-Term Care Advisory Council for three (3) year terms to expire as follows:

New Appointment:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Term to Expire</b>
Victoria Sokolowski	Alzheimer's Association	12/31/2028

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Whereas, Office for the Aging has agreed to purchase 113 CSA shares at a rate of \$360 per share for a total of \$40,320 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, 2026, to December 31, 2026, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending an Agreement for the Provision of Consumer Directed In-Home Services by Western  
New York Independent Living, Inc.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, By Resolution No. 217 of 2025, The Board of Legislators authorized a contract for administration of Consumer Directed In-Home Services (CDIS) with Western New York Independent Living, Inc., for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and

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

Whereas, The contract for programmatic and fiscal intermediary administration is proposed at \$25.74 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and \$26.96 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County continue said agreement with Western New York Independent Living, Inc. at the funding rate of \$25.74 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and \$26.96 per hour, for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, and be it further

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

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing an Agreement with the YMCA for Evidence Based Chronic Disease Self-  
Management Education Program Services through the Office for the Aging

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Federal IIID funds are mandated to be spent on evidence-based programs, and

Whereas, The Watertown Family YMCA provides an evidence based Chronic Disease Self-  
Management Education Program (CDSMP) and a Diabetes Self-Management Program that has  
been approved by the New York State Office for the Aging for IIID funds, and

Whereas, There is approximately \$11,588 available for evidence-based services approved by  
New York State for Office for the Aging, and

Whereas, The YMCA will provide multiple CDSMP Services, for a fee of \$850 per participant  
for each six-week Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, and a fee of \$450 per participant  
for Diabetes Self-Management Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the  
Watertown Family YMCA for the provision of evidence based CDSMP and Diabetes Self-  
Management Program services for County residents 60 and over for the period of May 1, 2026,  
through December 31, 2027, and be it further

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

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2026 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding for Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, By Resolution No. 173 of 2024, Jefferson County accepted funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health for the development and start-up costs of a Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program for Jefferson and Lewis Counties, where Jefferson County was designated as the lead agency, and authorized an agreement with Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, and

Whereas, Resolution No. 86 of 2025 reappropriated the funding for 2025, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 113 of 2025, Jefferson County accepted funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health for startup costs and development of Bi-County Mobile Crisis services, and authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with Lewis County Community Services and an agreement with the Children’s Home of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Funding needs to be reappropriated to cover the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2026 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Fund Balance		
01000000 305999	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$525,012.25
Revenue		
01431000 92280	Health Services for Other Governments	\$525,012.25
Expenditure		
01431000 04416	Professional Fees	\$150,025.00
01432000 04720	Mobile Crisis – Jeff/Lewis	\$899,999.50

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2026 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Current Funding Levels of Mental Health Programs

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has approved an additional State Aid allocation for correctional facilities to help with the cost of a Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment to include Medication Assisted Treatment Program, and

Whereas, Funds will be passed through Community Services to the Sheriff’s Office, and

Whereas, The 2026 County Budget needs to reflect these additional funds and current funding levels for New York State Office of Mental Health State Aid.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2026 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Decrease:**

Revenue		
01431000 93489	State Aid – OMH – Children’s Home	\$374,842
Expenditure		
01431000 04732	Children’s Home – Jeff Co	\$374,842

**Increase:**

Revenue		
01311000 91292	Sheriff Interdept. Services Reimbursement	\$ 6,888
01431000 93484	State Aid - Alcohol & Substance Abuse	6,888
01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	613,588
Expenditure		
01315000 04413	Jeff Co Corrections – Medical Fees	\$ 6,888
01432000 04414	Supporting Services – Internal	6,888
01432000 04707	CMHC Outpatient	285
01432000 04708	NRCIL FSS RIV	3,741
01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	388
01432000 04718	JRC Employment	2,628
01432000 04720	Mobile Crisis – Jeff/Lewis	381,592
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	14,820
01432000 04728	Samaritan Medical Center	596
01432000 04732	Children’s Home - Jeff. Co.	6,530
01432000 04735	Veterans Peer Support	203,008

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for  
 Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County set the following rates for related services to children aged three to five years of age with certain disabilities for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027:

<b>Related Service</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Maximum Related Service Half-Hour On-Site Rate</b>	<b>Maximum Related Service Half-Hour Off-Site Rate</b>
AIDE-1:1 Related Services	Individual	\$10.00	-
AIDE-1:1 Related Services	Group	\$8.00	-
Audiology	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Audiology	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Orientation and Mobility	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Orientation and Mobility	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Occupational Therapy	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Occupational Therapy	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Physical Therapy	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Physical Therapy	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Physical Therapy Assistant	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Physical Therapy Assistant	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Speech Therapy	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Speech Therapy	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Teacher of Hearing-Impaired	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Teacher of Hearing-Impaired	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00
Teacher of Visually Impaired	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00

Teacher of Visually Impaired          Group                                  \$44.00                                  \$62.00

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Appointing Member to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
New Appointment: Benjamin R. Hodson, M.D.	12/31/2028

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2026 County Budget Relative to Accepting Transportation Initiative Program  
Funding from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Jefferson County Department of Social Services (JCDSS) has received notification from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that JCDSS has been allocated an additional \$3,955 under the Transportation Initiative Program, and

Whereas, Funding will be used to meet the transportation needs of individuals eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who are employed or participating in other allowable work activities, and

Whereas, The Transportation Initiative program period for expenditures is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase**

Revenue		
01601000 94610	Federal Aid SS Administration	\$3,955
Expenditure		
01610900 04600	Family Assistance	\$3,955

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