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March 27, 2026

TO: Members of Finance & Rules Committee

FROM: Ryan Piche, County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Finance & Rules Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Finance & Rules Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, March 31, 2026 immediately following the conclusion of the Health & Human Services Committee meeting*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Resolutions:

1. Payment of Legislators' Expenses
2. Authorizing an Agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services
3. Resolution Determining that the Proposed Action Related to the Department of Social Services Renovation Project is a Type II Action for Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act
4. Bond Resolution of Jefferson County, New York, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 Bonds to Finance the Cost of the Reconstruction and Improvement of the County Department of Social Services Building
5. Authorizing Change in County Clerk Fees – Mortgage Tax Retention
6. Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding in Relation to Health Insurance Premium Holidays
7. Revising and Adopting the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan
8. Authorizing an Agreement for the BENCOR National Government Employees Retirement Plan and an Agreement with U.S. BENCOR/MidAmerica, Inc. for the Provision of Third Party Administrator Services for the 401(a) Special Pay Plan

9. Authorizing Agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP for Professional Accounting Services
10. Authorizing Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc. for Audit Services
11. Authorizing Agreement with Bowers Advisors, LLC for Payroll Services
12. Authorizing an Agreement for Professional Surveying Services with LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C.
13. Authorizing an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Professional Environmental and Related Services for the Airport Business Park
14. Authorizing an Agreement with Bluesky Geospatial, Ltd. for Photogrammetric Flight and Topographic Mapping
15. Resolution of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators Approving of the County's Participation in the Proposed Combined Settlement Agreement Resolving Opioid-Related Claims Against Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries Supervalu and Advantage Logistics) (collectively referred to as the Six Remnant Defendants), and Directing the County Attorney and/or the County Administrator to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the County's Participation in the Settlement
16. Authorizing Host Community Agreements with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC, Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, and Industrial Development Agency for Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont

General Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

1. Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant
2. Amending the 2026 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery Funds and Allocating the Same in Sheriff's Office Budget
3. Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

Health & Human Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:

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

2. Amending the 2026 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Current Funding Levels of Mental Health Programs
3. Amending the 2026 County Budget Relative to Accepting Transportation Initiative Program Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Executive Session:

1. Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law.
2. The employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Informational Items:

1. Revenue and Expenditure Spreadsheet
2. Monthly Department Reports:
 - County Clerk
 - Health Benefits

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

RP:jdj

c:	Administration	County Clerk/Records Mgmt.	JCC
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	Clerk of the Board	Employ. & Training	Real Property Tax Serv
	County Attorney	Human Resources	County Treasurer
	County Auditor	Information Technology	
		Insurance	

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: _____

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 \$1,360.00 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: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is currently undertaking a Department of Social Services (DSS) security and renovation construction project which requires specialized financial planning and the potential issuance of a municipal bond, and

Whereas, Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. has the expertise and experience necessary to provide specialized financial advisory services to local governments and has previously assisted the County in such matters, and

Whereas, The continuation of this professional relationship is beneficial to the County to ensure the successful planning, credit rating reviews, and execution of debt management strategies for the DSS renovation project and other capital needs, and

Whereas, Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. has proposed an agreement to act as the municipal advisor to the County for the provision of services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. for financial advisory services in accordance with the contractual fee schedule for a term to commence February 25, 2026, and remain in effect until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Resolution Determining that the Proposed Action Related to the Department of Social Services
Renovation Project is a Type II Action for Purposes of the New York State Environmental
Quality Review Act

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The County Board of Legislators (the "Board of Legislators") of Jefferson County, New York (the "County") is considering financing the reconstruction and improvement of certain areas of the County Department of Social Services ("DSS") Building, including the construction of an addition, the installation and reconstruction of ventilating systems, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required, whether or not including grading or improvement of the site (the "Project"), and

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations"), the County desires to comply with the SEQR Act and the Regulations with respect to the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the County Board of Legislators of Jefferson County, New York as follows:

1. The County Board of Legislators has determined that the Project constitutes a "Type II Action" as described below, and no further action under the SEQR Act and the Regulations is required:

(a) 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1), maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;

(b) 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(2), replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes) (as defined in the Regulations;

(c) 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(9), construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities; and

(d) 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(31), purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Bond Resolution of Jefferson County, New York, Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 Bonds to Finance the Cost of the Reconstruction and Improvement of the County Department of Social Services Building

By Legislator: _____

Be It Resolved, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Board of Legislators (the "Board of Legislators") of Jefferson County, New York (the "County") as follows:

Section 1. The County is hereby authorized to undertake the reconstruction and improvement of the County Department of Social Services ("DSS") Building, including the construction of an addition or additions, the installation and reconstruction of ventilating systems, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required, whether or not including grading or improvement of the site, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000 and to issue serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law to finance the estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purposes.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$5,000,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 in serial bonds (the "Bonds") of the County authorized to be issued pursuant to this Resolution and the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the DSS Building is a "Class A" building as defined in Section 11(a) of the Local Finance Law, and the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty-five (25) years, pursuant to subdivision 12 of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this Resolution will be in excess of five years.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(9) of the Local Finance Law, current funds are not required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the County, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this Resolution.

Section 6. The Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon

all the real property within the County without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes, and the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, and the power to issue bonds providing for level or substantially level or declining annual debt service, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County.

Section 8. This Resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the County's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this Resolution with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 9. The serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized to be issued by this Resolution are hereby authorized to be consolidated, at the option of the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer, with the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by other Bond Resolutions previously or hereafter adopted by the Board of Legislators for purposes of sale in to one or more bond or note issues aggregating an amount not to exceed the amount authorized in such Resolutions. All matters regarding the sale of the bonds, including the date of the bonds, the use of electronic bidding, the consolidation of the serial bonds and the bond anticipation notes with other issues of the County and the serial maturities of the bonds are hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County.

Section 10. The validity of the Bonds authorized by this Resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Resolution or a summary hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution, or a summary of this Resolution, shall be published in the official newspaper of the County for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. The County Treasurer, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, is hereby authorized to enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, requiring the County to provide secondary market disclosure as required by United States Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

Section 13. In the absence of the County Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer of the County is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the County Treasurer in this Resolution.

Section 14. This Resolution is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.

Section 15. The Board of Legislators hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this Resolution.

Section 16. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Change in County Clerk Fees – Mortgage Tax Retention

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, In accordance with Article 11, Section 250 through 267 of the Tax Law, the County Clerk is charged with the collection and administration of mortgage tax monies, and

Whereas, Section 262 of the Tax Law authorizes reimbursement of the costs associated with the collection and administration of mortgage tax monies, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 98 of 2025 the Board of Legislators authorized a decrease to \$419,311 for the mortgage tax administrative fee to cover actual costs, and

Whereas, The County Clerk has estimated that the 2026 actual cost associated with the collection and administration of the mortgage tax amounts to \$467,247, representing an increase of \$47,936.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the County Clerk's Mortgage Tax Fee to be set to \$467,247 per year effective April 1, 2026 and directs the County Clerk to deduct said amount from the mortgage tax monies collected, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for approval.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Memorandums of Understanding in Relation to Health Insurance Premium Holidays

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Jefferson County Government Employees Health Benefits Program is a self-funded plan supported by premium equivalents charged to County departments and employees, and

Whereas, Periodic review of the Health Benefits Fund has determined that the fund balance is sufficient to allow for two single pay period suspensions of premium collections, commonly referred to as a "premium holidays," without compromising the actuarial soundness of the plan or the ability to pay claims, and

Whereas, Premium holidays have the benefit of providing relief, while mitigating drastic swings in premium amounts that can arise in a self-funded plan structure, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators desires to provide financial relief to the County's employees and plan participants by authorizing two such premium holidays during the 2026 fiscal year.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes health insurance premium holidays for all participating employees to occur on the payrolls of April 30, 2026, and October 29, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Human Resources Director is authorized to execute Memorandums of Understanding with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees Local 3089 Council 82, and Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's Association Local 3928 Council 82 for Health Insurance Premium Holidays.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
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County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Revising and Adopting the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution No. 152 of 2018, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators adopted the County Title VI Policy and Plan to comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and

Whereas, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is a recipient of Federal funding from several agencies including the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration, necessitating a formal Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan to ensure compliance with Federal and State regulations, and

Whereas, The County is committed to preventing and eliminating discrimination in all operations, services, and aspects of employment, regardless of whether programs are federally funded, and

Whereas, The proposed Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan includes comprehensive procedures for communication, publication, data collection, public outreach, and a formal complaint procedure to ensure equal opportunity for all residents, and

Whereas, The Plan also incorporates a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to ensure meaningful access for all segments of the population.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Revised Jefferson County Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan effective immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the Deputy County Administrator is hereby designated as the Title VI Coordinator and ADA Coordinator for Jefferson County, responsible for monitoring compliance and implementation of the Plan, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the Title VI Assurances and all necessary documents to implement the Plan on behalf of the County.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement for the BENCOR National Government Employees Retirement Plan
and an Agreement with U.S. BENCOR/MidAmerica, Inc. for the Provision of Third Party
Administrator Services for the 401(a) Special Pay Plan

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County desires to sponsor a voluntary retirement program under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to certain eligible employees, and

Whereas, The BENCOR National Government Employees Retirement Plan provides an Accumulated Leave Alternative Master Defined Contribution Plan designed leverage vacation leave assets upon retirement for the benefit of employees and the County in the savings of FICA taxes of 7.65% for each, and

Whereas, U.S. BENCOR/MidAmerica, Inc. provides implementation and ongoing administration services for such plans and has proposed to act as the third-party administrator for Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Implementation of the Plan requires the execution of an Adoption Agreement for the Jefferson County NY 401(a) Special Pay Plan with an original effective date of January 1, 2026, and

Whereas, Funding for the Plan will be provided through a Group Fixed Annuity Contract with Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York, and

Whereas, There is no cost to the employer or the employee to participate in the Plan.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement for the BENCOR National Government Employees Retirement Plan and a Services Agreement with U.S. BENCOR/MidAmerica, Inc. for third party administrator services for the Jefferson County NY 401(a) Special Pay Plan, for a term to commence on January 1, 2026, subject to approval of 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 documents with U.S. BENCOR/Mid America, Inc. or its partners to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
)ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP for Professional Accounting Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, which mandates that state and local governments recognize certain leases as both a liability and a corresponding right-to-use asset on their balance sheets to improve financial transparency effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and

Whereas, GASB Statement No. 96 requires government entities to recognize a right-to-use subscription asset and a corresponding subscription liability for Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), such as cloud computing or software-as-a-service (SaaS) agreements effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Treasurer recommends the retention of professional accounting services to ensure the County remains in full compliance with these complex reporting standards, which require detailed identification and valuation of lease and subscription assets, and

Whereas, Bonadio & Co., LLP possesses specialized expertise to assist the County with the implementation and ongoing reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 87 and GASB Statement No. 96.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP for professional accounting assistance related to GASB Statement No. 87 and GASB Statement No. 96 implementation in an amount not to exceed \$9,850.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2026, and continuing until terminated by either party with thirty-day advance notice, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
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County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc. for Audit Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, GASB Statement No. 75, effective for fiscal years after June 15, 2017, requires governmental employers to report their net Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability on their financial statements, and

Whereas, This standard replaces GASB 45, requiring that the net OPEB liability (unfunded portion) be recognized within the notes to the financial statements, to ensure greater transparency and accurate representation of the County's long-term financial obligations, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Treasurer recommends the retention of professional actuarial services to ensure compliance with these mandated reporting requirements and to provide precise updates for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2026, and

Whereas, The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc. (Nyhart, LLC) has the necessary expertise to provide these specialized actuarial updates to ensure compliance with GASB Statement No. 75 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 at a cost of \$7,000 and an update for fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 at a cost of \$2,500.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, In. (Nyhart, LLC) for the provision of OPEB actuarial services in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 and \$2,500 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, for a term commencing retroactive to January 1, 2026, and continuing until terminated by either party with thirty-day advance notice, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with Bowers Advisors, LLC for Payroll Services

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Professional assistance assists in ensuring the accuracy and compliance of the County's payroll federal and state tax filings and reporting obligations, and

Whereas, Bowers Advisors, LLC provides specialized payroll services including the quarterly review and preparation of state and federal payroll returns, review of state and federal payroll tax deposits, and the verification of required state and federal quarterly and annual returns, including Forms W-2 and W-3, and

Whereas, Engaging such professional services are beneficial to the County to mitigate the risk of state and federal payroll tax filing errors and provide the Treasurer's Office with expert guidance on complex payroll-related questions as they arise, and

Whereas, Bowers Advisors, LLC has proposed to perform these services at a cost of \$190 per hour starting January 1, 2026, and continuing until terminated by either party with thirty-day advance notice.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bowers Advisors, LLC for payroll tax and advisory services for a term commencing January 1, 2026, at a rate of \$190.00 per hour for standard scope services, and hourly rates for additional work not to exceed \$360.00 per hour for Partner, \$240.00 per hour for Outsourced Controller, and \$100.00 - \$195.00 per hour for Accounting Staff, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
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County of Jefferson)

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement for Professional Surveying Services with LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C.

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is currently engaged in the planning and development of the Airport Business Park area for economic development purposes, and

Whereas, A comprehensive boundary survey is necessary to establish precise property limits, and

Whereas, LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C. has submitted a proposal to perform a boundary survey of the property, as well as ground control surveys to support aerial topographic mapping, and

Whereas, The surveying services are essential to ensure the accuracy of the site data and potential property use limitations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C. for professional surveying services, including boundary and ground control surveys, in an amount not to exceed \$9,700.00, for a term to expire no later than December 31, 2026, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Professional Environmental and Related Services for the Airport Business Park

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is committed to the continued economic development and infrastructure readiness of the Airport Business Park to attract high-quality commercial investment and facilitate job creation within the region, and

Whereas, To ensure the developability of acreage in the park and surrounding area, it is necessary to conduct specialized environmental field studies and regulatory reviews to identify constraints and potential mitigation requirements, and

Whereas, Barton & Loguidice, DPC has submitted a proposal to provide professional services including a Wetland Field Delineation, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), and State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

Whereas, The services are beneficial to the County as they provide the technical data required for planning, permitting, and the mitigation of environmental risks, thereby ensuring the site is shovel-ready for future economic development projects.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Professional Environmental and Related Services in an amount not to exceed \$26,800, for a term to expire no later than December 31, 2026, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with Bluesky Geospatial, Ltd. for Photogrammetric Flight and
Topographic Mapping

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County desires to obtain new topographic mapping and aerial flight data for approximately 240 acres across three sites located east of the Watertown International Airport to support future planning and development initiatives, and

Whereas, Bluesky Geospatial, Ltd. has submitted a proposal to perform these services, including an aerial flight in Spring 2026 using a calibrated Ultracam Eagle Mk3 sensor to produce imagery with a maximum ground sampling distance of 4 centimeters, and

Whereas, The resulting data will be utilized to compile traditional photogrammetric stereocompilation mapping at a scale of 1"=40' with 1' contours, to be delivered in AutoCAD Civil 3D format, and

Whereas, This project will utilize ground control services provided by LaFave, White & McGivern to ensure the imagery is properly georeferenced in conjunction with airborne GPS data, and

Whereas, The total fee for the base mapping services is \$16,420, and the County may optionally include a color orthophoto for an additional \$450.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bluesky Geospatial, Ltd. for photogrammetric flight and topographic mapping services in an amount not to exceed \$16,870, for a term to expire no later than December 31, 2026, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Resolution of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators Approving of the County's Participation in the Proposed Combined Settlement Agreement Resolving Opioid-Related Claims Against Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries Supervalu and Advantage Logistics) (collectively referred to as the Six Remnant Defendants), and Directing the County Attorney and/or the County Administrator to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the County's Participation in the Settlement

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country including impacts to Jefferson County, New York by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by the County's various departments and agencies, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, New York has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the County, and

Whereas, A settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause six opioids defendants, Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) ("Six Remnant Defendants") to pay approximately \$97,625,000 nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims by state subdivisions against it, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, New York will be entitled to a portion of the settlement proceeds despite not having filed suit against any of the Six Remnant Defendants, and

Whereas, The County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic, and

Whereas, The County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the Six Remnant Defendants settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide, and

Whereas, The County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Jefferson County Board of Legislators, this 7th day of April, 2026, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Six Remnant Defendants and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County Administrator to execute the documents necessary to

effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Six Remnant Defendants.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
County of Jefferson) ss.:

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Host Community Agreements with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC, Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, and Industrial Development Agency for Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC, (Collectively known as “NSF”) has submitted a Notice of Intent to Jefferson County that it plans to build and operate a “Solar Energy System” as defined in New York Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 487 (1)(b) in the Village of Chaumont and Town of Lyme (hereinafter the "Projects"), and

Whereas, The Projects consist of five solar energy systems with an expected total nameplate capacity of 23 Megawatts AC and associated battery energy storage systems, providing renewable energy infrastructure while generating non-tax revenue to support public purposes within the taxing jurisdictions, and

Whereas, NSF has submitted to the Assessor of the Town of Lyme an RP-487 Application for Tax Exemption of Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems, demonstrating its eligibility for a real property tax exemption pursuant to RPTL Section 487, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has not opted out of RPTL Section 487, which has allowed the Projects the real property tax exemption provided thereunder, and

Whereas, In connection with the Projects, Jefferson County, Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, and NSF have agreed to enter into Host Community Agreements relating to the subject properties, thereby providing financial support to the residents of the taxing jurisdictions that would otherwise be unavailable in the form of real property tax dollars, and

Whereas, The Agreements provide for an annual Host Community Benefit Payment of \$3,500 per Megawatt AC, to be shared pro-rata among the taxing jurisdictions with an agreed-upon allocation of 45% to Jefferson County, 22% to the Town of Lyme, and 33% to the Village of Chaumont, providing a predictable long-term revenue stream for a period of eleven years, a term is equivalent to the remainder of the RPTL Section 487 exemption period, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency will serve as the administrator of the Host Community Agreements for an annual administrative fee of \$300 per site, ensuring efficient collection and distribution of payments to the participating municipalities while reducing the administrative burden on the County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute Host Community Agreements with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC (Parcels

61.35-1-1 and 61.35-1-1.-801), NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC (Parcels 61.44-1-1 and 61.44-1-1.-801), NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC (Parcels 61.35-1-2 and 61.35-1-2.-801), NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC (Parcel 61.43-1-3.3), and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC (Parcels 61.43-1-3.4 and 61.43-1-3.4-801), Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, and Industrial Development Agency for solar energy systems in the Village of Chaumont and Town of Lyme, in a total annual amount for the five sites equal to the County's 45% share of the \$3,500 per Megawatt AC payment (approximately \$36,225.00 annually), for an eleven year term commencing January 1, 2027, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
)ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators
