

Finance & Rules Committee Minutes
March 31, 2026

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, Frances Calarco, Steel Potter, Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Karen Freeman, Christopher Boulio, Steel Potter, Corey Grant, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Ryan Piche, Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney John Sabik, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Kristy O'Shaughnessy, County Auditor Stefanie LaPier, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Sheriff Pete Barnett, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones, Confidential Secretary Jaimie Lee

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and offered Privilege of the Floor however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the February meeting, as written.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution for Payment of Legislators' Expenses and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a 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 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution 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 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Change in County Clerk Fees – Mortgage Tax Retention and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding in Relation to Health Insurance Premium Holidays and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Revising and Adopting the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution 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 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP for Professional Accounting Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc. for Audit Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Bowers Advisors, LLC for Payroll Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Professional Surveying Services with LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C. and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Professional Environmental and Related Services for the Airport Business Park and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Bluesky Geospatial, Ltd. for Photogrammetric Flight and Topographic Mapping and entertained a motion

for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a 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 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution 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 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli advised that if there were no objections, the resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees would each be dealt this as a block and legislators could pull out any resolution to discuss or vote on separately if desired. Legislators did not express objections to approving those resolutions in that manner.

On a motion by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Potter and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

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

On a motion by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2026 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding for Bi-County Mobile Crisis Program
- ✓ Amending the 2026 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Current Funding Levels of Mental Health Programs

- ✓ Amending the 2026 County Budget Relative to Accepting Transportation Initiative Program Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

On a motion by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Reed and unanimously carried, the Committee entered executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, and 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. On a motion by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Reed and unanimously carried, the Committee returned to open session at 6:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board