

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislators Cantwell, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup, Montigelli, and Freeman.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Johnson read a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Jefferson County, recognizing the importance of the Fair Housing Act that provides the right to equal housing opportunities for everyone in the community.

Town of Champion Supervisor John Peck provided an update regarding the proposed Revolutionary War monument, intended to honor patriots who settled in Jefferson County following the war. Supervisor Peck presented a preliminary design mockup, noting that the new monument will be installed adjacent to the existing memorial at the County Office Building and will be designed to ensure architectural consistency. The project will include an integrated QR code, which will allow visitors to access digital historical records and a comprehensive list of patriots. The project's estimated cost is \$25,000, with the Committee partnering with the Northern New York Community Foundation to facilitate fundraising efforts. The target completion date is July 2026, scheduled to coincide with the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the March 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, and on Legislators' expenses.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash In Banks as of February 28, 2026.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of March, 2026.

The 2025 Annual Report for the Department of Social Services was received.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 106

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 107

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

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 108

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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 109

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: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ferris, McBride, Potter, Grant, Nabywaniec, Doldo, Calarco, Jareo, Boulio, Montigelli, Johnson

Absent: Bartlett-Bearup, Cantwell, Freeman, Reed, Montigelli

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 110

Authorizing Change in County Clerk Fees – Mortgage Tax Retention

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 111

Authorizing Memorandums of Understanding in Relation to Health Insurance Premium Holidays

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 112

Revising and Adopting the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 113

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: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 114

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 115

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 116

Authorizing an Agreement with Bowers Advisors, LLC for Payroll Services

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

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: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 117

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

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 118

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye **except Legislator Ferris who abstained.**

Resolution No. 119

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

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

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: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 120

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: Steel E. Potter

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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye except Legislator Jareo who voted nay.

Resolution No. 121

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: Daniel R. McBride

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: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 122

Designating Jefferson County as Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Determining a Type II Action for the Deferiet Paper Mill Demolition Project

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The industrial site formerly known as the St. Regis Paper Mill ("Deferiet Paper Mill") ceased operations in 1999 and has since been neglected, resulting in failing infrastructure, collapsing roofs, and severe weather damage, and

Whereas, Jefferson County took ownership of the former mill site in 2024 through foreclosure and subsequently condemned the structures on the project site due to structural instability and unsafe conditions, and

Whereas, The County is proceeding with the emergency demolition of these condemned buildings to stabilize the site and eliminate potential threats to life, health, property, or natural resources, and

Whereas, The demolition project is supported by RESTORE NY funding from New York State Empire State Development (ESD) Corporation, and

Whereas, Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), "emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources" are classified as Type II actions, and

Whereas, Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and are not subject to further review under SEQRA.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County shall assume lead agency status for this action pursuant to SEQRA, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby determines that the demolition of the Deferiet Paper Mill is a Type II action as defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(42) and that no further action pursuant to SEQRA is warranted for the demolition activities or the funding thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documentation to reflect this determination, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and forward the same to all involved agencies.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 123

Authorizing an Agreement with Green 2 Green Consulting LLC in Relation to Community Air Monitoring Services Associated with the Abbass Foods Buildings 2 & 3 Demolition Project

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County has initiated the Phase 2 demolition of the Abbass Foods Warehouse site in Evans Mills, Town of LeRay, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 93 of 2026, the Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Bronze Contracting LLC for the demolition of Abbass Foods Buildings 2 & 3 (Phase 2) in an amount not to exceed \$395,418.00, and

Whereas, The County has an existing agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for construction phase services, including oversight of the site demolition, and

Whereas, The project requires specialized Community Air Monitoring to include full-time project monitoring, perimeter air sampling, and Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) sample analysis, and

Whereas, Proposals for the services were received and reviewed based on technical response, experience, management, and cost, and

Whereas, Green 2 Green Consulting LLC was the lowest responsible bidder at a cost not to exceed \$58,862.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Green 2 Green Consulting LLC for Community Air Monitoring for the Abbass Foods Buildings 2 & 3 Demolition Project in an amount not to exceed \$58,862.00 (Project Account: ABBASS), 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: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 124

Authorizing an Agreement with 12625 Morris Tract Road for a Temporary Easement of Certain Owned and Obligated Property

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Six-Year Capital Plan includes the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of County Bridge M014, located in the Town of Lyme, and

Whereas, It is necessary for the County and their contractors and/or employees to temporarily occupy and use a portion of the land of 12625 Morris Tract Road, LLC (“the Owner”) located at 12625 Morris Tract Road, Tax Map Parcel Number 61.44-1-2, Town of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York (“the Property”), and

Whereas, The Temporary Easement granted herein is described in a deed, dated the 7th day of April 2020, recorded in the office of the Jefferson County Clerk as Instrument No. 2020- 4281, and

Whereas, The Owner has granted the County a Temporary Easement to enter upon and occupy a portion of the Property as described for a term beginning on the date of this Temporary Easement and expiring on October 1, 2026.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Owner for temporary easement access and to execute documents as necessary to complete said Easement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 125

Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreements for Shared Services with The Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition Members

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article §119-o, municipal

corporations may enter into cooperative agreements to share services for their mutual benefit, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition includes the following municipalities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Coalition Members”: Town of LeRay, Town of Rutland, Town of Watertown, Village of Black River, Village of Brownville, Village of Carthage, Village of West Carthage, City of Watertown, Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County owns and maintains, through the Jefferson County Highway Department, a street sweeper vacuum truck and desires to make such equipment available to the other Coalition Members at no cost to promote efficiency and enhance roadway maintenance across participating municipalities, and

Whereas, The street sweeper shall be operated within Coalition Member jurisdictions upon execution of intermunicipal agreements with each such Coalition Member, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Department shall be responsible for: Training members to operate the street sweeper; providing trained and qualified county highway personnel to assist with operating the street sweeper; scheduling and coordinating street sweeper use as requested by Coalition Member municipalities; routine and non-routine maintenance, repairs, and upkeep; fuel, supplies, and consumables; and compliance with all applicable safety and regulatory requirements, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Department shall be responsible for all costs associated with the operation, maintenance and repair of the street sweeper, and

Whereas, There shall be no charge to Coalition Members for services provided under this Agreement, and

Whereas, Coalition Members agree to: Request services in accordance with county procedures; provide trained operators; provide storage and disposal of all materials swept in the municipality’s jurisdiction; provide all required insurance; provide reasonable access to roadways and work areas; coordinate on scheduling, traffic conditions, or special circumstances; and notify the county of known hazards or local constraints, and

Whereas, Coalition Members shall be responsible for their own acts and omissions to the extent permitted by law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute inter-municipal agreements with the other Coalition Members providing for the shared services of owning, operating, and maintaining a street sweeper vacuum truck for a period of five years to commence upon execution of such inter-municipal agreements, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution N. 126

Authorizing an Agreement with Volunteer Transportation Center for First Mile, Last Mile Services and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution No. 310 of 2022, Jefferson County entered into a continuing multi-year agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to provide rural transportation services and receive reimbursement of Federal and State shares, and

Whereas, First Mile, Last Mile is a rural transportation program in which volunteer drivers connect public transit passengers to the bus system in the County, and

Whereas, The County issued a Request for Proposal for vendors to provide First Mile, Last Mile services and Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. was deemed to be the vendor of best value, and

Whereas, First Mile, Last Mile will be fully funded by NYSDOT with a local match that is satisfied by the vendor, and no County local funds are used to provide this service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to provide First Mile, Last Mile services, for an amount not to exceed \$258,640, for the term of April 1, 2026, through February 29, 2028, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase

Revenue

01563000 94594	Fed Aid Bus Transportation	\$37,330
01563000 92705	Local Source Donations	37,330

Expenditure

01563000 04416	Professional Fees-External	\$74,660
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Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Legislator McBride asked when this program was going to start. Legislator Boulio who is a member of the Transportation Committee advised that the soft target date for start of the program is the middle of May; they are currently recruiting drivers. In response to Legislator Jareo's question about funding, County Administrator Piche confirmed that this program is fully covered

by grant funding.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ferris, Doldo, Jareo, Potter, Grant, Nabywaniec, Calarco, Boulio, McBride, Johnson

Absent: Reed, Cantwell, Montigelli, Bartlett-Bearup, Freeman

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 127

Authorizing Supplemental Agreement #1 with the New York State Department of Transportation for the 2024-2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution No. 292 of 2021, the County adopted the Jefferson County Coordinated Transportation Plan, which describes the development and implementation of a Countywide public transportation system in coordination with the City of Watertown's CitiBus system, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, and by Resolution No. 310 of 2022, Jefferson County submitted a grant request for funds to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for capital funds to provide mobility management services for rural Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and NYSDOT have entered into continuing agreements which authorize the undertaking of the Project and reimbursement of the federal and applicable state shares, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 56 of 2026, the County authorized the contract with NYSDOT in the total amount of \$1,123,080.00 in federal funds, including \$285,962.00 for capital and mobility management activities and \$837,118.00 for operating assistance to support the County's core and specialized employment services transportation programs, and

Whereas, NYSDOT has requested Supplemental Contract Agreement #1 expanding the contract value, wherein the amount of the grant pursuant to this Agreement shall be limited to Project Eligible Costs actually incurred, in an amount not to exceed \$1,411,988.70.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Supplemental Agreement #1 and all necessary documents with the New York State Department of Transportation for the 2024-2025 FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program, 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 future amendments and agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation relative to FTA Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations.

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 128

Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee’s Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, By Resolution No. 367 of 2025, The Board of Legislators accepted \$15,000 in New York State Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant funding,

Whereas, There remains \$9,913.21 unspent, to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, New York State Park Police, Black River Police, and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, and the Village of Theresa Police Department, and

Whereas, The 2026 County Budget must be amended to appropriate said remaining funding and allocate it to the appropriate accounts.

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

Increase

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$9,913.21
Revenue		
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	\$1,051.83
Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$1,051.83
01331500 04414	Supporting Services	1,051.83
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. – Other Govt	8,861.38

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Jareo, Grant, Boulio, Calarco, Ferris, Nabywaniec, McBride, Potter, Johnson

Absent: Freeman, Cantwell, Montigelli, Reed, Bartlett-Bearup

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 129

Amending the 2026 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery Funds and Allocating the Same in Sheriff's Office Budget

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The Sheriff's Office has received an insurance settlement check in the amount of \$39,565 for a patrol unit vehicle which was deemed a total loss, and

Whereas, The settlement check was received late in 2025 and the Sheriff's Office has requested that the amount be used in the 2026 Budget to replace the patrol unit vehicle.

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

Increase

Revenue		
01311000 92680	Insurance Recoveries	\$39,565

Expenditure		
01311000 02401	Automotive Equipment	\$39,565

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, McBride, Nabywaniec, Jareo, Calarco, Ferris, Grant, Potter, Boulio, Johnson

Absent: Cantwell, Bartlett-Bearup, Reed, Montigelli, Freeman

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 130

Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 327 of 2023, 94 of 2024, and 184 of 2025, The Board of Legislators recognized FY 2023 and FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Program grants, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 326 of 2023, and 94 and 382 of 2024, the Board recognized FY 2023 and FY 2024 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP) grant awards, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 184 of 2025, the Board reappropriated unspent Operation Stonegarden and LETTP grants, and

Whereas, There remain unspent amounts in the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden and FY 2024 LETTP grants to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines for 2026.

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

Increase

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$281,848.03
Expenditure		
01311400 01300	Overtime	\$168,565.04
01311400 04111	Trackable Items	39,768.98
01311400 04120	Computer Subscriptions	5,000.00
01311400 043101	Internal Fleet Expense	14,930.91
01311400 04311	Gasoline and Oil	7,464.34
01311400 04514	Uniforms and Clothing	8,000.00
01311400 04585	Operating Supplies	800.00
01311400 08010	Retirement	17,722.68
01311400 08030	Social Security	14,837.94
01311400 08040	Workers Compensation	4,758.14

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Calarco, Jareo, Potter, Doldo, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Grant, McBride, Boulio, Johnson

Absent: Bartlett-Bearup, Cantwell, Reed, Freeman, Montigelli

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 131

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

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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:

Name	Affiliation	Term to Expire
Victoria Sokolowski	Alzheimer’s Association	12/31/2028

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 132

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

By Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

Whereas, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares are a subscription model where consumers purchase a share of farm harvests, 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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 133

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

By Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

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.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 134

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

By Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

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.

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 135

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

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

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: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Potter, Jareo, Calarco, Doldo, Grant, McBride, Ferris, Boulio, Nabywaniec, Johnson

Absent: Cantwell, Freeman, Bartlett-Bearup, Reed, Montigelli

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 136

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: Christopher S. Boulio

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

Seconded by Legislator: Tina M. Bartlett-Bearup

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Potter, Jareo, Calarco, Doldo, Grant, McBride, Ferris, Boulio, Nabywaniec, Johnson

Absent: Cantwell, Freeman, Bartlett-Bearup, Reed, Montigelli

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 137

Appointing Member to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

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: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 138

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: Christopher S. Boulio

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

