

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present.

PUBLIC HEARING

2026 Community Development Block Grant Community Development Needs

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Peck, Town of Champion Supervisor, spoke in favor of Resolution No. 173 regarding the monument project honoring patriots of the Revolutionary War from Jefferson County. He said a lot of work has gone into this effort and he encouraged legislators to support the resolution. He said the monument unveiling is preliminarily scheduled for before the July 7th Board Session.

County Administrator Ryan Piche presented the Co-Captains of the Jefferson County Team from the North Country Community Cup with the Championship Trophy for coming in first place and representing the County well. He thanked the Co-Captains Jessica Hyde, Ruth Werner and Anne Garno for their participation and congratulated the team on this significant accomplishment!

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There are none this month.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHER

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash In Banks as of April 30, 2026.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of May.

The 2025 Annual Report was received from the Public Health Department.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 165

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce to Support the Bassmasters Elite Series in Clayton, NY

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County is home to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario, offering world-class fishing opportunities that serve as a primary economic driver for the regional tourism industry, and

Whereas, National media attention on the St. Lawrence River as a premier destination for competitive and recreational angling, including live TV coverage on Fox Sports and web streaming, provides a unique opportunity to promote Jefferson County's natural resources to a broad national audience, and

Whereas, It is beneficial to Jefferson County to support major strategic promotional efforts and that increase awareness of the 1000 Islands Region, boost local visitor traffic, and support small businesses, and

Whereas, The Clayton Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in hosting premier fishing tournaments that generate significant revenue and media exposure for the area, and

Whereas, Funds are available to be sourced from interest earned on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce to support the Bassmasters Elite Series to take place August 27th through August 30th, 2026 in Clayton, NY in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a term to expire on December 31, 2026, 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		
21104500 92401	Interest & Earnings	\$25,000
Expenditure		
01642000 04675	Clayton Chamber of Commerce	25,000
Transfers		
21990100 09000	Transfer To General Fund	\$25,000
01899200 95031	Interfund Transfers	25,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 166

Approving Mortgage Tax Report

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Board of Legislators is in receipt of the semi-annual Mortgage Tax Report showing the amount to be credited to each tax district in the County of the money collected during the preceding six months, ending March 31, 2026.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, this Board issue Tax Warrants for the payment to the respective tax districts of the amounts so credited and authorize and direct the County Treasurer to make payment of said amounts to the respective districts in accordance with the report.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 167

Authorizing Appointments/Reappointments to the Workforce Development Board

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, requires that there be established a local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to oversee local job training services and activities, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(a)(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the establishment, membership, and composition of the local Workforce Investment Board, and

Whereas, Chapter 2, Section 107(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act authorizes the appointment and certification for local Workforce Investment Board membership, and

Whereas, The Counties of Jefferson and Lewis seek to appoint individuals to the local Workforce Development Board who have interest and experience in the delivery of local workforce development services.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to serve as members of the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board for the terms indicated.

Member	Term to Expire
Jefferson County Representatives	
Amy Dwyer, Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence	6/30/2029
Marybeth LaVallee, Knowlton Technologies, LLC	6/30/2029
Matthew Cooper, Barton and Loguidice, DPC	6/30/2029
*Robert Killmer, North Star Health Alliance	6/30/2029
*Shannon Parker, Hilton Garden Inn	6/30/2029
*Dylan Soper, Jefferson County Administration	6/30/2029
Jefferson-Lewis Representatives	
*Christopher DiFulvio, Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	6/30/2028
*New Appointment	

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution 168

Authorizing Execution of the FY2023 Cybersecurity Grant Agreement

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Jefferson County Information Technology Department has been awarded a \$50,000 FY 2023 Cybersecurity Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) for the term of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, and

Whereas, The purpose of the grant is to enhance and strengthen Jefferson County's cybersecurity posture, and

Whereas, The grant requires an agreement with the NYSDHSES, which is processed and managed through an electronic format.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement and any necessary electronic documentation with NYSDHSES for FY 2023 Cybersecurity Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000, on behalf of Jefferson County subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all future amendments and agreements with the New York State Division of Homeland Security relative to Cyber Security Grant Program, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control, and Quotations.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 169

Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative 2026-2027 Jefferson Community College Budget

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Resolved, That a public hearing on the Tentative Jefferson Community College Budget for College Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be held before this Board of Legislators on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 170

Amending Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures for Investments

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators recognizes its responsibility to ensure that all public funds are managed in accordance with New York State General Municipal Law and applicable regulations, and

Whereas, The County Treasurer serves as the chief fiscal officer and is responsible for the prudent investment of County funds, ensuring safety of principal, sufficient liquidity, and a reasonable rate of return, and

Whereas, The County has developed a comprehensive Investment Policy & Guidelines document to establish clear objectives, standards, and procedures governing the investment of public funds, including internal controls, diversification, collateralization, and permitted investments, and

Whereas, Said Investment Policy & Guidelines is designed to ensure compliance with New York State General Municipal Law §§10 and 11, as well as guidance from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and

Whereas, The Policy provides a framework for safeguarding County assets, maintaining adequate liquidity to meet operational needs, and achieving a reasonable return on investments, while ensuring transparency, accountability, and public trust, and

Whereas, Local Law No. 10 of 1986, as amended, provides that the County Administrator shall promulgate such administrative regulations and procedures as may be authorized by the Board of Legislators, and

Whereas, The Investment Policy & Guidelines has been reviewed and is recommended for adoption as the official policy governing the investment of Jefferson County funds, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Board of Legislators to authorize the promulgation of amended administrative policies and procedures for investments, which will replace the investments policies and procedures earlier adopted.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the Administrative Policy Section Finance: 1.07 Investments, and by reference incorporated herein, and its promulgation and implementation by the County Administrator is authorized effective immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to administer the investment program in accordance with the adopted Policy and all applicable laws and regulations, and be it further

Resolved, That the Administrative Policy Section Finance: 1.07 Investments, previously approved and promulgated by Resolution 259 of 2020 is hereby rescinded, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 171

Authorizing an Agreement with Granicus for a Short-Term Rental and Occupancy Tax Management System and Support

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, By Resolution No. 128 of 2025 the Board of Legislators authorized an initial one-year agreement with Granicus to establish a Short-Term Rental and Occupancy Tax Registry, providing essential compliance monitoring services, address identification, and staff training to ensure parity in revenue collection across travel accommodations, and

Whereas, Concurrently, by Resolution No. 89 of 2026, the Board of Legislators approved an additional software module with Granicus to expand system capabilities by integrating registration and permitting functions directly into the platform, and

Whereas, To maintain continuity of these regulatory operations and optimize long-term financial planning, it is beneficial to establish a multi-year software maintenance and support structure that ensures continuous access to the registry and tax collection compliance tools, and

Whereas, Granicus has submitted a three-year renewal proposal to continue providing these comprehensive management system services at a fixed rate of \$32,656.69 for the 2026-2027 period, \$35,922.36 for the 2027-2028 period, and \$39,514.59 for the 2028-2029 period, and

Whereas, The County Treasurer has reviewed this multi-year proposal and recommends its execution to secure stable administrative costs and safeguard county compliance metrics.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Granicus for a Short-Term Rental and Occupancy Tax Registry and Tax Collection System for a term commencing upon the expiration of the current contract and running through the 2028-2029 service period, at a total cost over the three-year term not to exceed \$108,093.64, 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. 172

Supporting Assembly Bill A11024 to Establish a Statewide Competency Restoration Workgroup

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Counties are municipal corporations recognized as political subdivisions of the State of

New York, and as such, local taxpayers frequently shoulder the administrative and financial strains of state-mandated programs and services, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 41 of 2026, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators outlined its 2026 Legislative Priorities for New York State, including modernizing the competency restoration process, and

Whereas, In 2020, New York State mandated that counties cover 100 percent of the state's costs for competency restoration services under Section 730 of the Criminal Procedure Law (CPL), creating a staggering and overwhelming financial burden on local governments with per diem costs reaching approximately \$1,300 to \$1,600 per day per individual, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has experienced exponential growth in these mandated competency restoration expenses, which skyrocketed from an average of \$78,500 per year between 2016 and 2020 to over \$1.5 million in 2025, a financial hit borne entirely by local property taxpayers, and

Whereas, The current statutory process often results in individuals being confined in forensic hospitals or jails for over a year despite mental health professional consensus that restoration beyond one year is unlikely, thereby raising serious constitutional concerns under federal law, and

Whereas, This outdated framework frequently causes judges to mistake temporary competency restoration services for actual, long-term clinical mental health treatment, which ultimately diverts critical local funding away from the community-based behavioral health care and diversion programs that are desperately needed, and

Whereas, New York State Assembly Bill A11024 has been introduced to amend the mental hygiene law to establish a 19-member Statewide Competency Restoration Workgroup, tasked with analyzing the system's current flaws and releasing a comprehensive report by June 30, 2027, to outline medium and long-term solutions, and

Whereas, This proposed workgroup would directly evaluate funding models to ensure an appropriate allocation between the state and counties, while identifying measures to safely reduce the number of defendants in restoration services, expand outpatient community-based treatment options, and lower recidivism rates, and

Whereas, Counties would be represented by the Executive Director of the New York State Association of Counties to advocate for the interests of its membership, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's legislative advocacy strategy includes actively fostering dialogue on the local administrative and financial effects of State policy to protect its taxpayers and improve the efficacy of the criminal justice system.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby fully supports the passage of Assembly Bill A11024 (Simon) to establish a statewide competency restoration workgroup to evaluate, modernize, and reform the CPL § 730 competency restoration

process, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 173

Authorizing an Agreement with the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northern New York Community Foundation for the NY 250 Commemoration Monument Project Honoring Patriots of the Revolutionary War from Jefferson County

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, The New York State 250th Commemoration Commission, through the New York State Education Department (NYSED), is providing grant allocations to counties to celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has been allocated funding based on a K-12 enrollment formula to foster community and civic engagement through local historical commemorations, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has submitted a proposed project budget to the State Education Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the placement of a granite monument honoring patriots of the Revolutionary War from Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County utilizes partnerships with local heritage, arts, and non-profit community organizations to efficiently administer and sub-allocate project funds for countywide historical and cultural initiatives, and

Whereas, The Northern New York Community Foundation is the financial repository for a fund-raising campaign by the Joint Patriot Project, consisting of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and

Whereas, It is beneficial to Jefferson County to execute a memorandum of agreement with the Northern New York Community Foundation to act as the recipient entity to manage the pass-through funds from the County for the execution of the monument project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission/New York State Education Department to accept the NY 250

Commemoration allocation in the amount of \$15,000 for a term expiring no later than September 2, 2026, subject to the 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 a memorandum of agreement with the Northern New York Community Foundation to pass through \$15,000 in funding towards the NY 250 Commemoration Monument Project, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the County hereby accepts the donation of a monument to be placed on County property from the Northern New York Community Foundation, in partnership with Patriot Soldier's Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01751000 93089	State Aid Other	\$15,000

Expenditure		
01751001 04673	Historical Preservation	\$15,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 174

Authorizing an Agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for Bidding, Construction Administration and Observation Services for the General Aviation Parking Lot Improvements Project at Watertown International Airport and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 120 of 2023, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with airport consultant McFarland-Johnson, Inc. to complete the design phase of the main terminal parking lot, general aviation parking lot, and associated parking lanes, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 179 of 2024, the Board classified the Airport Terminal and Gateway Redevelopment Project, including parking improvements, as a SEQR Unlisted Action and authorized a determination of non-significance, and

Whereas, The County is currently in the construction phase of the main terminal parking lot, utilizing internal labor through collaboration with the Highway Department, and

Whereas, In order to maintain planned construction season projects in both the Airport and Highway Departments, it is prudent to solicit outside vendors for the completion of the general aviation parking lot, and

Whereas, It is necessary to retain professional engineering services to oversee the bidding process and provide construction administration and observation services during the construction phase, and

Whereas, McFarland-Johnson, Inc. has provided a proposal to provide such services at an amount not to exceed \$65,966.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter an agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc for \$65,966 including any change orders as recommended by the County Administrator and Director of Aviation, not to exceed the available appropriations, subject to review 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

Expenditure		
20561000 02073	Airport Parking Improvements (APPRKG23)	\$65,966

Decrease

Expenditure		
20561000 02001	Airport Facility (AP FAC)	\$65,966

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 175

Authorizing Agreements for the Human Services Building Reception Security and Renovation Project

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution No. 65 of 2026, The Board of Legislators recognized the need to improve security conditions at Human Services Building in concert with capital improvements as a 2026 Strategic Priority for the Health and Human Services Committee, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 109 of 2026, the Board authorized the reconstruction and improvement of the County Department of Social Services Building, also known as the Human Services Building, to support security and renovation of the reception and client meeting areas at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000 and authorized the issuance of serial bonds to finance said project, and

Whereas, The safety and security of Jefferson County employees and the public they serve is of paramount importance, and modernizing the facility's infrastructure is a critical investment to mitigate potential risks and provide a secure environment for the delivery of essential services, and

Whereas, The project will significantly renovate the reception and client meeting areas while enhancing facility safety by incorporating a modernized entrance designed to facilitate the efficient screening of visitors and their belongings, ensuring that all persons entering the building are properly vetted before accessing service areas, and

Whereas, Modernization of the Human Services Building is essential to provide adequate workspace for personnel and accessible service environments for the public, thereby improving the delivery of vital social services to the residents of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Jefferson County, in accordance with General Municipal Law, advertised for sealed bids for various prime construction contracts related to said project, and

Whereas, After a thorough review of the bids received, it has been determined that the low bidders for the respective divisions of work are qualified to complete the project within the necessary specifications and timelines, and

Whereas, Due to favorable bid results, the issuance of serial bonds authorized by Resolution No. 109 of 2026 will be for a total of \$4,000,000, instead of the maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby

authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the County, including any changes orders as recommended by the County Administrator not to exceed available appropriations, with the following vendors for the Human Services Building Project in the amounts specified:

- Con Tech Building Systems, Inc., for General Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,850;
- Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for Mechanical work in an amount not to exceed \$336,811;
- J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp for Plumbing in an amount not to exceed \$312,900;
- Tri County Electric for Electrical work in an amount not to exceed \$244,300;
- Bernier, Carr & Associates, Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. for Construction Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;

for terms to expire upon completion of the project, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulion

All members present voted aye.

Local Law Intro. No. 1 of the Year 2026

A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING BUILDING PERMITS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

By Legislator:

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “**A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING BUILDING PERMITS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS.**”

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Accessory Facilities or Equipment: Any structure and other equipment other than the Renewable Energy Conversion System, related to the use and purpose of reviving, collecting, storing or distributing energy from such a system, located on or associated with the Renewable Energy Conversion System.

Applicant: Owner/Operator/Developer (with authorization from the landowner) of a Renewable Energy Conversion Device/System/Farm.

Building Code: NYS Building Code as currently in effect and as the same may hereinafter be amended.

Code Enforcement Officer: Code Enforcement Officer, including any building inspectors, appointed by the Director of the Jefferson County Fire Prevention and Building Code Office (who shall also be a Code Enforcement Officer). _

Permit: A permit issued pursuant to this law granting the holder the right to install, construct and Operate a Renewable Energy Conversion System or its Accessory Facilities or Equipment.

Renewable Energy Conversion System: A system that converts naturally replenishing resources into usable energy, such as, but not limited to, Solar Energy Conversion Systems and Wind Energy Conversion Systems/Wind Turbines.

Solar Energy Conversion System: The components and subsystems required to convert solar energy into electric energy suitable for use. The term includes, but is not limited to, Solar Panels and Solar Energy Equipment.

Uniform Code: New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, as currently in effect and as the same may hereafter be amended (19 NYCRR 1201 *et seq.*).

Wind Energy Conversion System/Wind Turbine: A machine that converts the kinetic energy in the wind into a usable form of mechanical or electrical energy (commonly known as a “wind turbine” or “windmill”). The Wind Energy Conversion System includes all parts of the system, including but not limited to the tower, the concrete platform, turbine housing and associated control, electronics and equipment. The turbine may be on a horizontal or vertical axis, rotor or propeller.

All definitions contained in the NYS Building Code, including, but not limited to, renewable energy conversion systems, are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply with respect to the administration and enforcement of this Local Law.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT

A. The purpose of this Local Law is to provide building permits for the construction and operation of Renewable Energy Conversion Systems located within the County of Jefferson, and to regulate their reasonable installation and construction conditions by permit in order to protect public health and safety.

B. The County of Jefferson is committed to the development of renewable energy resources in an effort to promote green energy and to reduce its carbon footprint. Renewable energy systems in Jefferson County, which when converted to electricity, will reduce

dependence on nonrenewable energy sources, and decrease pollutants that are traditionally associated with the production of electricity from conventional carbon energy sources.

C. Conversion of energy to electricity requires the construction and operation of systems, consisting of one or more solar arrays, wind/water turbines, battery energy storage, and other accessory structures and buildings, including substations, meteorological towers, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines and other appurtenant structures and facilities directly associated with measuring, converting and transmitting energy produced for electric generation.

D. The construction of Renewable Energy Conversion Systems involves the installation of engineered structures and accessory facilities. Potential failure of these structures and systems, which can adversely affect the health and safety of workers, property owners and the general public, can be minimized by a permit system and procedure which requires periodic inspections to ensure proper installation, construction, maintenance and appropriate safety measures during all processes.

E. The County of Jefferson finds and declares that the impact of Renewable Energy Conversion Systems upon the health and safety of the residents of and visitors to Jefferson County necessitates implementation of building permits for all commercial renewable energy conversion systems.

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY

A. By enactment of this local law, the County of Jefferson declares that a building permit shall be required and issued prior to the construction and operation of Renewable Energy Conversion System(s). The provisions of this Local Law shall apply to any building or equipment located in Jefferson County and where the town or village where the property is located has relinquished to the County the responsibility of enforcing and administering the Uniform Code pursuant to Section 1202.1 of the Uniform Code.

B. This local law is separate from and is in addition to any Federal, State, Local, Town or Village law and/or regulation pertaining to zoning and the location and placement of Renewable Energy Conversion Systems within the County of Jefferson.

SECTION 5. PERMITS

A. No Renewable Energy Conversion System shall be constructed, reconstructed, and/or altered for operation in the County of Jefferson without a permit issued by the County of Jefferson through its Fire Prevention and Building Code Office as provided under this law.

B. A permit under this law shall not be required for mechanical, non-electrical wind turbines utilized for applicant's onsite agricultural activities.

C. A permit under this law shall also not be required for those Renewable Energy Conversion Systems whose end use is limited to the onsite structure where the system is located, to include residential, commercial or agricultural use.

SECTION 6. PERMITTING PROCEDURE

A. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall have complied with any local municipalities' zoning and planning board procedures and approvals, and shall comply with any other Federal, State, Local government laws, regulations and applicable processes. The applicant shall provide proof of compliance of the above to the Code Enforcement Officer with submission of the permit application.

B. Simultaneously with submission of the application required herein, the applicant shall pay the permit fee established by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators by Resolution, or as may be amended by Resolution of said Board from time to time.

C. Upon review of the application, design documents, specifications, applicable zoning and planning board approvals, if required, together with any other documents the Code Enforcement Officer may request, and the payment of the permit fee, the Code Enforcement Officer may issue a valid permit for a period of up to three (3) years or until the project is completed, whichever event occurs first. If the Renewable Energy Conversion System is not completed within said period of time, the Applicant must re-apply and submit a request for renewal of the permit for an additional period of time to be determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Applicant must pay an additional permit fee upon such re-application/renewal in accordance with the permit fee in effect at that time.

D. The County of Jefferson designates the onsite engineers of the owner/operator/developer and the third party inspection agents employed by the owner/operator/developer as "special inspectors". Such special inspectors are responsible for geotechnical evaluations, inspections of reinforcement and concrete slump and placement, tower foundation anchorage, structural erection of the tower, certification of all welded/bolt connections, certification of electrical, mechanical, life safety and final commissioning of the Renewable Energy Conversion System and associated equipment and facilities. Said certifications shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.

E. If at any time during the permitting process the owner/operator/developer fails to abide by the procedures and technical building specifications of the Code Enforcement Officer, the owner/operator/developer may be subject to a Stop Work Order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

F. Upon completion of the project and prior to distribution of energy to the Grid, the special inspector(s) employed by the owner/operator/developer shall certify in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer that the foundation, structural components, and equipment are all sound and meet the manufacturers' recommended specifications and warranties.

G. Upon completion of the project and prior to distribution of energy to the Grid, the special inspector(s) employed by the owner/operator/developer shall certify in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer, that the electrical systems(s) is in compliance with accepted electrical engineering practices and pursuant to the provisions of the National Electrical Code as

adopted by New York State.

H. Upon completion of the project and prior to distribution of energy to the Grid, the special inspector(s) employed by the owner/operator/developer shall certify in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer that systems are compliant with manufacturers' installation recommendations and design specifications.

I. Upon receipt of any and all required certifications from the special inspector(s), the Code Enforcement Officer shall make a final visit, and if all is in satisfactory condition and compliance, shall issue a Certificate of Compliance.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance in which such order or judgement shall be rendered.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its being duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Seconded by Legislator:

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to amend section 5(C) of the Local Law as was distributed with the agenda and copy of which is on legislators desks. Such motion was made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried. (The above local has the changes incorporated into it.) Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to lay the Local Law as amended on the table pending a public hearing. Such motion was made by Legislator Montigelli seconded by Legislator Jareo and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 176

Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2026

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators shall hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law Requiring Building Permits for All Commercial Renewable Energy Conversion Systems" on July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Legislators Chambers, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Legislators shall give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 177

Authorizing a Concurrent Use and Occupancy Agreement with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Relation to a Culvert Replacement at County Route 8, Millens Bay Road in the Town of Lyme

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent deems it necessary to replace a culvert structure on County Route 8, Millens Bay Road, Town of Lyme over Shaver Creek at Ashland Flats Wildlife Management for highway drainage purposes, and

Whereas, This project will require the removal of the old Millens Bay Road Bridge and adjacent Culvert under County Route 8, necessitating a Concurrent Use and Occupancy Agreement with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reconstruct said culvert, pursuant to the provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute the above referenced agreement on behalf of the County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further,

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 178

Reappropriating Previously Allocated Funds for the Purchase of a 2024 International Dump Truck and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, By 2025 Purchase Order 25001437, the purchase of a 2024 International Dump Truck from Navistar Inc. was authorized in the amount of \$243,709.30, and

Whereas, Said purchase order was inadvertently closed during the 2025 Fiscal Year while

awaiting delivery of the dump truck, and

Whereas, The applicable funds totaling \$243,709.30 remain unspent and have reverted to fund balance, and

Whereas, It is necessary to reappropriate these funds from Highway Fund Balance to the 2026 County Budget to facilitate the completion of this vital equipment acquisition for the Highway Department.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
10000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$243,709.30
Expenditure		
10513000 02404	Dump Truck Replacement	\$243,709.30

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 179

Amending the 2026 County Budget for the Highway Department Relative to General Ledger Coding Review

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, The Highway Superintendent has identified that funds currently allocated for paving projects are more accurately classified as surface treatment activities under the established budgetary guidelines, and

Whereas, In an effort to reflect expenses in their most appropriate account and strengthen Jefferson County financial reporting, it is necessary to transfer funds between certain accounts.

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

Increase

Expenditure		
05511000 04482	Surface Treatment	\$1,000,000

Decrease

Expenditure		
05511200 04930	Paving County Roads	\$1,000,000

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 180

Amending the 2026 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating the Same in Highway Department Budget

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County received insurance settlement checks totaling \$12,613.92 for damage to County guide rails, and

Whereas, These funds represent recoveries for necessary repairs carried out on the guide rail infrastructure to ensure the safety and integrity of County roadways, and

Whereas, The Highway and Insurance Departments have requested that the settlements be used to fund repairs carried out on the guide rails.

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

Increase:

Revenue		
05900300 92680	Insurance Recoveries	\$12,613.92

Expenditure		
05511000 04588	Guide Rails	\$12,613.92

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 181

Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to the Community Development Block Grant and the Housing Improvement Program

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, By Resolution No. 296 of 2021, The Board of Legislators adopted Local Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for implementation and local administration of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Award, and

Whereas, Said Guidelines include a requirement that if an owner-occupied unit rehabilitated by CDBG funds through this program is sold within five years of receiving such funds, the owner must make a pro-rata reimbursement to the County, and

Whereas, Upon submission of a CDBG Income Report for the period of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), the County has received clearance from OCR to retain captured CDBG funds in the amount of \$13,258.65, and

Whereas, The 2026 County Budget must be amended to recognize this revenue and appropriate it to the proper account.

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

Increase

Revenue		
30866800 92170	Community Development Inc	\$13,258.65

Expense		
30866800 04021	Community Development Expense	\$13,258.65

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 182

Amending the 2026 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating the Same in Recycling and Waste Management Department Budget

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Jefferson County received an insurance settlement check in the amount of \$1,164.36 for damage to a Recycling Department vehicle, and

Whereas, The Recycling and Insurance Departments have requested that the settlement be used to fund the external fleet line for the repairs performed to the vehicle.

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

Increase

Revenue

15910100 92680	Insurance Recoveries	\$1,164.36
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Expenditure

15816000 043102	External Fleet Expense	\$1,164.36
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Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 183

Increasing Recycling and Waste Management Petty Cash Fund

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution No. 153 of 1990, a petty cash fund was established for the Recycling and Waste Management Department, and

Whereas, Said petty cash fund was increased initially by Resolution No. 144 of 1998 from \$300.00 to \$500.00, then from \$500.00 to \$800.00 by Resolution No. 212 of 2011 to ensure that the department had sufficient cash on hand to pay for transportation and other miscellaneous expenses related to the operation of the County's Solid Waste and Recycling program, and

Whereas, The County Treasurer has recommended increasing the petty cash fund by \$700.00 to a total of \$1,500.00 to provide necessary flexibility for daily operations, thereby streamlining the processing of daily deposits and cash receipts, and

Whereas, Increasing this fund is beneficial to Jefferson County as it ensures the Recycling and Waste Management Department can maintain uninterrupted service and administrative efficiency in handling high-volume daily transactions.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 371 of County Law, the funding level of the Recycling & Waste Management petty cash fund be increased from \$800.00 to \$1,500.00 for the purpose of providing adequate funds for departmental operations.

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 184

Recognizing the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Award and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Award for 2026 in the amount of \$2,800, and

Whereas, The Child Passenger Safety Program Grant aims to support the educational activities of child passenger safety programs through fitting stations, awareness training, car seat check events and car seat education & distribution programs for low-income families.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby accepts said grant award in the amount of \$2,800 for the project period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to review 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 Governor's Traffic Safety Committee relative to the Child Passenger Safety Program Grant with the Sheriff's Office, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control, and Quotations, and be it further

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

Increase

Revenue		
01311000 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$2,800

Expenditure		
01311000 04112	Membership and Dues	\$ 200
01311000 04313	Travel	300
01311000 04585	Operating Supplies	750
01311000 04613	Training	1,550

Seconded by Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 185

Reappropriating New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Statewide Targeted Reduction of Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Grant Award Funds Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Steel E. Potter

Whereas, By Resolution No. 277 of 2025, The Board of Legislators recognized a Statewide Targeted Reduction of Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Sheriff's Office for fiscal years 2025-2026, and

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

Whereas, Unexpended grant funds remain from the 2025 fiscal year and must be reappropriated into the 2026 Jefferson County Budget to allow for the completion of planned activities.

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

Increase

Revenue		
01311000 93389	State Aid Other Public Safety	\$10,000

Expenditure		
01311000 04313	Travel	\$ 5,000

01311000 04613 Training

5,000

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 186

Authorizing Agreements for the Provision of Rent for Congregate Meal Sites for Nutrition Program Services through the Office for the Aging and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, The Office for the Aging provides Nutrition Service Programs that are approved by the New York State Office for the Aging for Title III-C1 funds for Congregate Nutrition Program Services, and

Whereas, The Office for the Aging recommends authorizing agreements to add two congregate meal sites to serve Jefferson County residents 60 years and older, and

Whereas, The Watertown Senior Center and Black River American Legion have agreed to provide facility space at a rate of \$100 per day of use for the period of June 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County is authorized to enter into agreements with Watertown Senior Center, 167 Polk Street, Watertown, NY and Black River American Legion, 113 East Dexter Street, Black River, NY to provide congregate meal sites Congregate Nutrition Program Services at the rate of \$100 per day, effective June 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval by 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

01432000 93772

State Aid Programs for Aging

\$32,000

Expenditure		
01677200 04210	Building/Property Rental	\$32,000

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 187

Authorizing an Agreement with ACR Health for Homelessness Street Outreach and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

Whereas, Jefferson County has realized a dramatic increase in individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability, and

Whereas, Statistical trends indicate that the ongoing opioid epidemic has directly contributed to heightened rates of housing displacement, underscoring the critical need for proactive, targeted field engagement to connect vulnerable individuals with stable, permanent housing solutions, and

Whereas, Jefferson County Community Services has been provided with Regional Abatement funding to assist in the reduction of opiate related issues in the amount of \$155,350 of which \$141,147 is included in the 2026 budget, and

Whereas, ACR Health has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to regional health equity and possesses the specialized expertise, infrastructure, and existing community presence necessary to deliver optimized, data-driven street outreach services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with ACR Health for the provision of a Homelessness Street Outreach and Engagement Program in an amount not to exceed \$155,350, for a term commencing June 1, 2026, and expiring no later than May 30, 2027, 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

01431000 92735 OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds \$14,203

Expenditure

01432000 04712 Contracted Mental Health Program \$14,203

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 188

Authorizing Agreements with New York State Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boullo

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the New York State Commissioner of Education to offer special education services to preschool children with disabilities who are determined by the board of education of local school districts to require placement in such special education programs, and

Whereas, The New York State Commissioner of Education has approved providers of services and has set rates for all special education program services, and

Whereas, In conjunction with the operation of the Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities Program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with approved services providers at said established rates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, Jefferson County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for the provision of special education services to children ages three through five with disabilities with the following New York State Education Department approved service providers:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Alexandria CSD	Evaluations
Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching

Belleville Henderson CSD	Evaluations
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations
Carthage CSD	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Evaluations
Copenhagen CSD	Evaluations
General Brown CSD	Evaluations
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	Evaluations
Lyme CSD	Evaluations
Milestones Children's Center	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
South Jefferson CSD	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Thousand Islands CSD	Evaluations
Treehouse Hourly Child Care Center, LLC	Evaluations Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Watertown CSD	Evaluations Special Education Classroom

and be it further

Resolved, That the need for such special education services is to be determined by local School Boards of Education, at rates established by the New York State Commissioner of Education as certified by the Director of the Budget of the State of New York, and shall be in a form and contain such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the New York State Commissioner of Education, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Director of Community Services are hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson

County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and substance, and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of Community Services is hereby directed to send a letter notifying local school boards of education of the rates of each of the special education service providers and the percentage of local share of such cost.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 189

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

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boulio

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

Whereas, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989 requires that counties maintain a list of appropriately certified or licensed professionals to deliver related services to preschool children with disabilities and set a reasonable reimbursement rate for such services, subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 4410 of the Education Law, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with each of the following parties for the provision of the indicated service(s), and be it further

Resolved, The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
315 Therapy for PT, OT and SLP, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Alexandria CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy

Belleville Henderson CSD	Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Carthage CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
Michelle Carr, CCC-SLP	Speech Therapy
Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Orientation and Mobility Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Copenhagen CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
General Brown CSD	Speech Therapy Physical therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
Jefferson-Lewis BOCES	Audiological Teacher of the Deaf
Lewis County Hospital	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Lyme CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
South Jefferson CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy

Thousand Islands CSD	1:1 Aide Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide
Treehouse Hourly Child Care Center. LLC	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy
Watertown CSD	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy 1:1 Aide

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 are hereby established as follows:

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

Teacher of Visually Impaired	Individual	\$53.00	\$73.00
Teacher of Visually Impaired	Group	\$44.00	\$62.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 190

Amending the 2026 County Budget for Community Services Mental Health Programs and Authorizing an Amended Agreement with the Mental Health Association

By Legislator: Karen J. Freeman

Whereas, The Community Services Department is requesting the reallocation of excess State Aid and County funds to the Mental Health Association to better align with County Mental Hygiene priorities within Mental Health Agency Programs to ensure the quality of existing mental health services, and

Whereas, The 2026 County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the current funding levels.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an amended agreement with the Mental Health Association for this additional funding, with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

Increase:

Expenditure		
01432000 04721	Mental Health Assn	\$142,028

Decrease:

Expenditure		
01432000 04712	Contract Mental Health Prog	\$142,028

Seconded by Legislator: Christopher S. Boullo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 191

Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to the New York State Department of Health Lead Rental Registry Grant Program

By Legislator: Christopher S. Boullo

Whereas, By Resolution 336 of 2024 and Resolution 59 of 2025 Jefferson County accepted a grant and authorized an agreement with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Lead Rental Registry Program for \$554,200 in annual funding for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029 to address lead exposure concerns in pre-1980 rental units in the City of Watertown, and

Whereas, The NYSDOH has increased the annual award of funding by \$35,775, bringing the total amended award funding amount to \$589,975.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby accepts said additional funding and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute an amended agreement and any and all future amendments and agreements with the NYSDOH relative to this grant, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, be it further

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

Increase:

Revenue		
01405000 93452	St Aid PH Other (Grants)	\$ 35,775
Expenditure		
01405500 01100	Personal Services	\$ 19,775
01405500 04415	Advertising	3,000
01405500 04416	Professional Fees	4,000
01405500 04585	Operating Supplies	5,000
01405500 04613	Training	4,000

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 192

Appointing Members to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Resolved, That the following individuals be and are hereby appointed as members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board for terms to expire as indicated below:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
New Appointments:	
John Green, MD	12/31/2027
Kelley Tiernan, CEO	12/31/2027

and be it further

Resolved, That Resolution No. 137 of 2026 is hereby amended to correct the term of Benjamin R. Hodson, MD to expire on 12/31/2027.

Seconded by Legislator: Frances A. Calarco

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion and second to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a particular person. Chairman Johnson requested that only legislators remain in the Board Chambers. The Committee entered Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried. The Committee returned to open session at 6:49 p.m. on a motion by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Potter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board