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Date: November 19, 2026

TO: Members of General Services Committee

FROM: Ryan Piche, County Administrator

SUBJECT: General Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the General Services Committee will meet on ***Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Presentation:

General Services Committee Goals Review- Ryan Piche, County Administrator

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing an Agreement with McFarland Johnson in Relation to Watertown International Airport Terminal Ramp Hardstands and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

2. Urging the United States Congress to Authorize a Regulated Hunting Season For Double-Crested Cormorants and to Provide Localities with the Ability to Implement a Cormorant Management Program

3. Granting a Modification to an Easement held by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

4. Reappropriating Funds in Relation to FY 2022 New York State Interoperable Communications Grant Program (SICG) Grant Thereto

5. Authorizing Agreements for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

6. Increasing Tipping and Recycling Pickup Fees for Recycling and Solid Waste

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

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Airport	Dog Control	Public Defender
Buildings & Grounds	Fire & Emerg. Mgmt./E911	Recycling & Waste Mgmt.
County Attorney	Highway	Sheriff's Office
County Treasurer	Planning	Weights & Measures
District Attorney	Probation	

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement with McFarland Johnson in Relation to Watertown International Airport Terminal Ramp Hardstands and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 351 of 2022, 263 of 2023, 240 of 2025, and 239 of 2026, The Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for grants related to the terminal construction project, and

Whereas, As part of the terminal construction project, a jet bridge was installed allowing for the efficient boarding of passengers by means not subject to inclement weather, and

Whereas, The weight of the jet bridge has proved to be too substantial for the pavement below, causing damage requiring the use of temporary steel plates, and

Whereas, McFarland-Johnson, Inc. has provided a scope and fee proposal for engineering design, bidding services, and full-time construction oversight to install additional hardstand area that can withstand the weight of the jet bridge, at a cost not to exceed $95,529, and

Whereas, Funds are available in the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) account for use in this purpose.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements, including any change orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator, not to exceed the available funding, subject to a review 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
Expenditure

20561000 02088	Airport Terminal	$95,529

Decrease
Expenditure

20561000 02071	PFC Projects	$95,529

and be it further

Resolved, That the Six-Year Capital Plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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

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

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Urging the United States Congress to Authorize a Regulated Hunting Season For Double-Crested Cormorants and to Provide Localities with the Ability to Implement a Cormorant Management Program

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is home to extensive freshwater resources, including Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, the Black River, the Chaumont River, the Indian River, numerous inland lakes and ponds, and associated bays and wetlands that are vital to the County's residents, recreational anglers, tourism industry, wildlife, and local economy, and

Whereas, These waters support substantial populations of recreationally and economically important fish species, including bass, walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, trout, salmon and other species which are the subject of significant public investment in stocking, habitat improvement, and fisheries management, and

Whereas, Increasing concentrations of double-crested cormorants, a highly efficient fish-eating migratory bird present throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River watershed, place heavy predation pressure on local fisheries and create significant conflicts with wildlife habitat, vegetation, other bird species, and waterfront property, and

Whereas, While the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes these conflicts, the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act currently restricts lethal take of double-crested cormorants to special federal permits, preventing New York State and local communities from managing populations through ordinary regulated hunting, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's neighbor across the shared international waters of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, the Province of Ontario, has established a lawful double-crested cormorant hunting season from September 15 through December 31 (with a daily limit of 15 birds, no possession limit, and standard safety and non-toxic ammunition rules), demonstrating that regulated hunting is a practical, science-based management tool, and

Whereas, Because migratory bird populations do not recognize international boundaries, wildlife management practices in Ontario directly affect fisheries and recreational interests on the New York side of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and New York residents should have access to comparable management tools, and

Whereas, The "Responsible Cormorant Management and Control Act of 2026" (H.R. 8195), introduced in the United States House of Representatives, would establish a regional framework for cormorant management, and the Jefferson County Board of Legislators believes this or any companion legislation should expressly authorize New York State to establish a regulated cormorant hunting season modeled upon Ontario's season and conservation standards.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators calls upon the United States Congress to enact federal legislation or establish a regulatory framework expressly authorizing a regulated hunting season for double-crested cormorants in New York State, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators specifically urges the County's representatives in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to support, co-sponsor, amend, and advance H.R. 8195, the "Responsible Cormorant Management and Control Act of 2026," or similar legislation, to provide meaningful state and regional authority to manage cormorant populations through regulated hunting, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators calls upon the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of the Interior to work cooperatively with New York State, the Province of Ontario, and the Atlantic Flyway Council to develop coordinated, science-based management strategies throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River ecosystem, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York's United States Senators, the United States Representatives representing New York's 21st and 24th Congressional Districts, the Governor of New York, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the members of the New York State Legislature representing Jefferson County, the Atlantic Flyway Council, and such other officials and organizations as the Chairman of the Board deems appropriate.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Granting a Modification to an Easement held by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is the owner of a parcel of real property located at 22271 County Route 52, Town of Pamelia, New York known as tax parcel number 74.13-1-37 (the "Premises"), and

Whereas, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation ("NMPC") is the holder of certain rights, privileges and easements affecting the Premises pursuant to an Electric Easement, dated February 27, 1956, recorded in the Jefferson County Clerk's Office in Liber 627 of Deeds at Page 596 conveying a 125-foot-wide strip (Coffeen Street – Black River Circuits) (the "Original Easement"), and

Whereas, Pursuant to the Original Easement, NMPC has installed, operated, repaired and maintained certain electrical transmission facilities upon, across and under the Premises, and continues to exercise all of its rights and privileges thereunder, and

Whereas, In connection with anticipated reconstruction of electric transmission line and facilities, NMPC wishes to relocate electric transmission facilities within an expanded easement area on the Premises, constituting an approximate 32 to 33-foot-wide strip added to the existing strip, consisting of 8211 square feet, and

Whereas, NMPC has offered to pay the County $1,000 for the modification to the easement, and

Whereas, The Original Easement and requested expanded width is located along the northern edge of the Premises and the expansion of the easement will have no impact on the road right of way nor the county's use of the storage building located on the southern edge of the Premises, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a modification to the existing easement shall be granted to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the foregoing easement modification agreement, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Reappropriating Funds in Relation to FY 2022 New York State Interoperable Communications Grant Program (SICG) Grant Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution No. 92 of 2023, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for a FY22 New York State Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG) grant to purchase microwave communication and backup equipment for the Jefferson County radio system, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 95 of 2026, The Board reappropriated unspent funds from said grant which are now needed to maintain communication microwave system, and

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

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

Increase
Expenditure

01341400 04114	Maintenance/Repair	$76,614.21

Decrease
Expenditure

01341400 02300	Technical Equipment	$76,614.21

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing Agreements for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The New York State Stop-DWI Foundation has successfully coordinated and obtained Stop-DWI High Visibility Enforcement Grant (formerly known as Crackdown Enforcement) for 44 counties throughout the state, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's grant is for $15,000 for the period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, to be shared with the Watertown City Police Department, the NYS Park Police, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Black River Police Department, and Village of Theresa Police Department, and

Whereas, The Probation Department received an additional $1,500 in funds for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, to be shared with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and

Whereas, Agreements must be authorized with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the aforementioned agencies, and

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute agreements with involved local agencies and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee as necessary to obtain and distribute funding as described above, subject to approval by 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 involved local agencies and The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee relative to the High Visibility Enforcement Grant, within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations, subject to review of the County Attorney, and be it further

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

Increase
Revenue

01331500 94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	$ 16,500
01311000 92614	Stop DWI Svcs Sheriff	4,500

Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	$ 4,500
01331500 04414	Supporting Services - Internal	4,500
01331500 04428	Public Safety Svcs. - Other Govt	12,000

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Increasing Tipping and Recycling Pickup Fees for Recycling and Solid Waste

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The operations of Recycling and Solid Waste Management are accounted for in an Enterprise Fund and, as such, must be self-sustaining without relying on property tax dollars, and

Whereas, The County must accurately assess the revenue sources of Recycling and Solid Waste to support both operational and capital needs, in order to sustainably operate the business, and

Whereas, The current fees of $37 per ton for municipal solid waste, $87 per ton for residential, and the $125 pick-up fee for municipal recyclables require modification to continue to support the cost of the business, and

Whereas, The 2027 County Budget assumes fee increases of $4 per ton to support the Fund in addition to the tipping fee in effect at the Development Authority of the North Country's ("Authority") Solid Waste Management Facility.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That effective January 1, 2027, the fee for municipal solid waste received at the County Solid Waste Transfer Station from commercial waste permit holders be $41 per ton, in addition to the tipping fee in effect at the Authority's Solid Waste Management Facility, and be it further

Resolved, That effective January 1, 2027, the transfer fee for residential solid waste be $91 per ton, in addition to the tipping fee in effect at the Authority's Solid Waste Management Facility, and be it further

Resolved, That effective January 1, 2027, the municipal recyclable pick-up fee be $150 per pick-up, $156 per ton for electronics, $40.00 per ton for brush, and $310 per ton for bulk waste tires.

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