

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Ferris.

Public Hearing

2017-2018 JCC Budget

Chairman Gray called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. No one present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one present wished to address the Board.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The minutes of the June Board Session stand approved, in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A copy of the Watertown/Jefferson County Transportation Council (MPO) - 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan power point presentation from a meeting held on June 14, 2017 was provided to legislators.

Mr. Hagemann reminded legislators that the Proclamation on "*It Can Wait* Pledge Day" was being formally presented to County Clerk Gizelle Meeks on Monday, July 10th to coincide with activities she has planned in her office to bring attention to distracted driving.

Mr. Hagemann advised that Jefferson County's North Country Community Cup team came in 3rd Place overall which is the highest the County team has ever ranked, and commended those employees for their participation.

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 OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on investments and cash in banks for May, 2017.

The County Administrator provided a report on budget transfers for June, 2017.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 121

Adopting the 2017-2018 Jefferson Community College Budget

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 357 of the County Law, the Finance and Rules Committee of this Board has reviewed the requested 2017-2018 Jefferson Community College Budget, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law, said Budget be and is hereby adopted as the Budget of Jefferson Community College for College Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and be it further

Resolved, In accordance with the 2017-2018 Jefferson Community College Budget, the County of Jefferson will provide a Sponsor Contribution in the amount of \$4,961,724 and thereby approving a total operating expenditure for the JCC Budget of \$29,849,848.

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect September 1, 2017.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 122

Appropriation for the Conduct of Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, This Board, by Resolution No. 121 of 2017 adopted a budget for Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 360 of County Law, the several amounts specified in such budget are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect September 1, 2017.

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Gray welcomed incoming JCC President Dr. Ty Stone and commended the efforts of Vice President for Administration and Treasurer Dan Dupee for a good job on the Budget.

Resolution No. 123

Setting and Reporting Standard Work Day Hours to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System for Certain Elected Officials

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson/10022 10 hereby establishes the following as the standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities. maintained and submitted by this official to the Clerk of this body:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max 8 hrs	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activites Result	Not submitted (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials								
County Legislator	7 hrs	Robert D. Ferris				01/01/16-12/31/17	10.619	

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 124

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, This Committee to whom claims of the members of the Board were referred, has examined and audited such claims and finds the total to be \$133.75, we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$133.75

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to draw checks payable to the claimant as audited.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 125

Authorizing Employment Agreement with Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's Association Local 3928, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, The attached employment agreement between the County of Jefferson and the Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's Employees Association Local 3928 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, has been arrived at through collective bargaining in accordance with Civil Service Law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement in the form hereto attached, with the Jefferson County Local of the Deputy Sheriff's Association, and be it further

Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 450 of the County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

All members present voted aye.

(Agreement referenced in resolution is attached as an Addendum to minutes)

Resolution No. 126

Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Jefferson County

Sheriff's Employees Local 3089, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, The attached employment agreement between the County of Jefferson and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020 has been reached through collective bargaining in accordance with Civil Service Law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement, in the form hereto attached, with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees, and be it further

Resolved, That, Pursuant to Section 450 of County Law, the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

(Agreement referenced in resolution is attached as an Addendum to minutes).

Legislator Montigelli understood that this union expressed an interest in participating in the Health Insurance Committee and said it is important for those who receive benefits to understand what goes into the costs associated with providing those benefits.

Chairman Gray recognized Union President Jeff Patterson who was present and expressed appreciation to him for going above and beyond in helping to keep this agreement moving forward.

Resolution No. 127

**Adopting Revised Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation
to the County's Housing Improvement Program funded by NYS
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards**

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, Jefferson County has received consecutive annual competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards from 2007 through 2016 from the New York State Office of Community Renewal to implement and administer a county-wide Housing Improvement Program, and

Whereas, Local Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for implementation and local administration of the program were last adopted by the County Board of Legislators on June 7, 2016 by Resolution 153 of 2016, and

Whereas, Guidelines and administrative forms are periodically updated to incorporate changes to meet program and regulatory requirements associated with all current and subsequent awards, and

Whereas, Updates to the Guidelines and Administrative Procedures must be adopted by the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators, having been provided with an updated copy of the Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for Jefferson County for the 2016 grant award hereby adopts them and they shall become effective immediately for all County-sponsored housing rehabilitation activities conducted with Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 128

Amending the 2017 County Budget in Relation to the Highway Department CHIPS Funding

By Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Whereas, The New York State Governor and Legislature have reached an agreement on the State FY 2017-2018 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding level, which includes an Extreme Winter Recovery apportionment of \$519,996 and PAVE NY funding of \$740,339.25 over and above the Jefferson County Budget, and

Whereas, The County Highway Superintendent has requested that this additional revenue be placed in the Department's various Highway accounts.

Whereas, In order to recognize and allocate the new funding it is necessary to amend the 2017 County Budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2017 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

(Revenue)

05900300 93501	Consolidated Highway Aid	\$ 1,260,335.25
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(Expenditure)

05331000 04480	Highway Pavement Marking	\$ 40,000.00
05511000 04482	Surface Treatment	400,000.00

05511000 04589	Gravel, Stone, Sand	70,335.25
05511000 04686	Hired Machines	150,000.00
05511200 04930	Paving	600,000.00

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Doldo, Jareo, Maxon, Docteur, Nabywaniec, Reed, McBride, Peck, Fitzpatrick, Montigelli, Johnson, Adsit, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 129

Amending the 2017 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Sheriff's Department Budget

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department has received an insurance settlement check in the amount of \$897.00 for damage to a patrol unit, and has requested that the settlement be used to supplement the external fleet expense line to pay for needed repairs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2017 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue:		
01311000 92680	Insurance Recoveries	\$ 897.00

Expenditure:		
01311000 043102	External Fleet Expense	\$ 897.00

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Docteur, Peck, Fitzpatrick, Drake, Nabywaniec, Doldo, Johnson, Reed, Montigelli, McBride, Adsit, Maxon, Gray

Nays: Jareo

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 130

Recognizing NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Program Grant and Amending the 2017 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Program grant in the amount of \$9,600, and

Whereas, The goal of the grant is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury and death from traffic accidents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby accepts said grant award for the project period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, 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, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2017 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue:		
01311000 94389	Federal Aid Other Public Safety	\$ 9,600

Expenditure:		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$ 9,600

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Reed, Fitzpatrick, Maxon, Adsit, Docteur, Montigelli, McBride, Peck, Drake, Nabywaniec, Johnson, Doldo, Gray

Nays: Jareo

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 131

**Authorizing Agreements with NYS Department of Education Approved Agencies
for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities**

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, New York State Education Law requires that municipalities enter into agreements with agencies approved by the NYS 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 a number of 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, 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>
Benchmark Family Services	Evaluations Integrated Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT Family Services, PLLC	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center	Evaluations Integrated Special Education Classroom Special Education Itinerant Teaching
Milestones Children's Center	Evaluations Special Education Itinerant Teaching

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 NYS 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 NYS 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: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 132

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

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

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 require 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). The term of said agreement shall be for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the State Education Law and regulations:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Service</u>
Benchmark Family Services	Speech Therapy Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy

Building Blocks SLP, OT & PT
Family Services, PLLC

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

Jefferson Rehabilitation Center

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

Special Programs, Inc. D.B.A. Little
Lukes Childcare Center

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

The Rowland Center, Inc.

Speech Therapy
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Individual Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 34.00	\$ 59.00
Individual Over 60 Minutes	\$ 49.00	\$ 73.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 25.00	\$ 39.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 39.00	\$ 54.00

and be it further

Resolved, That the rates of payment for Preschool Related Services by Certified Occupational Therapy and Licensed Physical Therapy Assistants are hereby established as follows:

	On-site	Off-site
Up to 59 min.	\$ 25.00	\$ 39.00
Over 60 min.	\$ 34.00	\$ 47.00
Group Up to 59 Minutes	\$ 22.00	\$ 34.00
Group Over 60 Minutes	\$ 31.00	\$ 44.00

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: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 133

**Amending the 2017 County Budget Relative to Children's Home of Jefferson County
and Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The NYS Office of Mental Health provided additional 2017 State Aid for the Children's Home of Jefferson County to support 2.5 full time equivalent (FTE) children's school-community liaison positions, and 1 FTE Non-Medicaid case manager, and

Whereas, This allocation is intended to reduce in-patient hospitalizations and ensure continuity of care, and

Whereas, The 2017 County Budget needs to be amended to recognize the additional revenue, and

Whereas, Authorization for local contracts for services to be obtained as needed to establish the various functions of this new funding is necessary.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2017 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue		
01431000 93490	State Aid - Mental Health	\$116,667
Expenditure		
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff. Co.	\$116,667

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Legislators does hereby grant its approval for the Community Services Board to enter into any necessary agreements/amended agreements with the agencies for provision of these services.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Montigelli, Johnson, Maxon, Doldo, Jareo, Fitzpatrick, Reed, Drake,
Docteur, Nabywaniec, Peck, Adsit, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 134

Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2017 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service – Preventive Services unit has been recognized by the New York State Department of Health for High Standards of Communicable Disease Reporting Measures, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service is eligible to receive an incentive award for this achievement, and

Whereas, The clinic is in need of e-mail encryption, additional training, tick removal kits, and N-95 masks and fitting equipment, which are accepted uses of the award to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That Jefferson County hereby accepts the incentive award funding, and the 2017 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01405000 93401	State Aid Public Health	\$19,000
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Expenditure:

01405100 041143	Software Maintenance	\$2,100
01405100 04415	Advertising	3,400
01405100 04613	Training	2,000
01405100 04510	Medical Supplies	8,000
01405100 04313	Travel	1,500
01405100 04430	Vaccines	2,000

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Peck, Doldo, Nabywaniec, Adsit, Reed, McBride, Maxon, Drake, Docteur, Johnson, Jareo, Montigelli, Gray

Absent: Ferris

Resolution passed.

Legislator Reed advised that because of a possible lack of quorum the General Services Committee meeting for July has been moved to Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 5:30, which means all of the Committee meetings for the month will be held on that date.

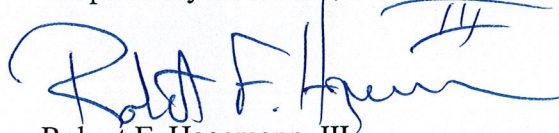
Legislator Maxon stated that he recently read with interest that St. Lawrence County had adopted a comparable policy regarding the taxation of wind farms. He said it is nice to see that Jefferson County has taken a position on that issue that history will prove is the right decision and are leading the State relative to the taxation of wind farms in particular. Chairman Gray said he had extensive conversations with Legislator Joe Lightfoot from St. Lawrence County and will likely speak further with their Board Chairman, and added that Oswego County will likely adopt a policy with the same position.

Legislator Docteur reported that he had a chance to spend some time on the St. Lawrence River this weekend and the Cuomo/Gray initiative for safe boating practices on the water because of the high level was successful. He said people were observing the new speed limits and as a result erosion of the banks was being protected. Legislator Fitzpatrick added that the slower speed was also necessary because there is still quite a bit of debris in the water.

Legislator Peck inquired about progress concerning shared services with the towns and villages. Mr. Hagemann advised that on average the meetings are attended by 60% - 70% of the towns and villages, and about six items have been brought up for discussion. He could not say at this time if a plan would be developed for implementation in 2018 or 2019 as discussions are ongoing, but he should have a better idea in the next couple weeks. He said some efficiencies may be identified, but no real tax savings are readily apparent currently. Any recommendations/plan of the Panel will be submitted to the Board on August 1st however no action is required by the Board. Public hearings will be held and the plan will then go back to the Panel for a vote before September 15th and then the plan will be submitted to the State.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III". There is a small mark resembling the number "114" written above the signature.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board