

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017**

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

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

All members present except Legislators Maxon and Fitzpatrick.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None.

### **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED**

The minutes of the May Session stand approved in the absence of objections or corrections.

### **PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees, and legislators' expenses.

### **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of April 30, 2017.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for the month of May, 2017.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessment for the month of May, 2017.

### **LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 98**

#### **Payment of Legislators' Expenses**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

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 \$78.65, we have allowed:

Legislator Expense: \$78.65

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

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 99**

#### **Authorizing the Vacating of Judgment of Foreclosure for Owners of Certain Parcels of Real Property and Discontinuance of Foreclosure Proceeding.**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, certain owners of foreclosed properties have tendered offers to re-purchase County's right of foreclosure obtained in certain Tax Foreclosure proceedings, by depositing in trust with the County funds in an amount equal to all the tax, penalties, and interest, together with the County's established administrative fee, and

Whereas, The said owners and the amounts deposited are set forth in Exhibit "A" which is hereby incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, the Board of Legislators does hereby approve of the re-purchase of the County's right of foreclosure to those individuals set forth in Exhibit "A", in considerations of the amounts paid by such individuals as shown on said Exhibit, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Attorney is hereby authorized to file with the Court a motion seeking an Order to vacate the Judgement of Foreclosure, discontinuing the *in rem* tax foreclosure action and cancelling the Notice of Pendency of such action in regard to the respective parcel(s) of property.

Seconded by Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Jefferson County Delinquent Tax Buybacks - 06/06/17**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Name</b>
Adams	100.17-2-36	William Hulbert

Alexandria	22.15-1-15	Ryan & Michelle Rarick
Antwerp	36.00-2-17.3	Scott R. Brinley
Brownville	71.12-2-22	Shawn Goodenough
Brownville	80.00-1-54.1	William Saiff III
Cape Vincent	40.00-1-10.2	Waheed & Tabassum Khan
Cape Vincent	59.00-1-5.22	Kurt Kirchof et al
Cape Vincent	59.11-1-29.5	Courtney Krumel
Cape Vincent	59.11-1-29.6	Courtney Krumel
Cape Vincent	59.12-1-26	George H. Gould
Cape Vincent	49.00-1-27.1	Donald C. & Kim M. White
Cape Vincent	49.00-1-45.3	Donald White
Cape Vincent	49.00-1-45.2	Donald White
Cape Vincent	40.00-1-62.1	Michey Reff
Cape Vincent	59.00-1-24.2	Hester M. & Tubuloq Chase (Former Owner - Kelly)
Clayton	52.00-1-26.6	Donelle Thompson
Clayton	31.00-2-42	Barbara Thompson
Clayton	52.00-1-15	Roderic C. Paddock
Ellisburg	111.20-1-80	Bradley Lee Lillie
Ellisburg	118.00-1-48.22	Thomas J. Minnick
Ellisburg	118.00-2-1	Randy W. & Tina M. Lillie
Henderson	105.07-1-21	Gail W. Pikuet Trust
Hounsfield	88.36-1-4	David & Elizabeth Cutter
Hounsfield	72.19-1-18.4	Sherry, Steven & Carol Slate
Leray	45.00-3-8.1	Mark J. Forbes
Leray	74.12-1-79	Aubrey & Margaret Walts
Leray	54.00-3-10	Horace & Lenora Davison
Leray	44.00-3-2.4	Larry J. & Renauda Lacey
Leray	55.00-1-23.1	Gregory A. Hess & Holly J. Maccue
Leray	75.56-2-27.2	Vina Aileen C. Bonner
Lyme	61.51-1-7	Robert & Susan Tefft
Lyme	70.14-1-22.6	Jimmy F. Haynes
Lyme	71.06-1-40	Maureen & George W. McDonald
Lyme	70.11-3-74.1	Peggy L. & Walter J. Chambry
Lyme	60.08-1-7	George H. Gould
Lyme	60.00-1-25	Daniel J. Gallagher
Orleans	13.06-1-30.23	Route 57 Development LLC
Orleans	32.11-1-74	Mark F. & Susan M. Scheffner
Orleans	33.00-1-20.7	Debbie Davis
Orleans	13.06-1-30.21	Philip J. Simao
Rutland	75.15-1-79	Jennifer J. Cook
Rutland	75.16-2-45	Thomas R. Greenwood
Watertown	82.08-1-13	Route 57 Development LLC
Watertown	100.06-1-20	Stanley J. & Pamela J. Potoski
Watertown	90.20-1-32.15	Pamela J. Whiting
Wilna	66.20-1-26	Angelea Rogers

Wilna 77.16-1-18  
Wilna 78.17-1-1

Gerald H. & Tammy Mack (Former Owner-Cassoni)  
Dean R. & Julie L. Smith

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 100**

#### **Approving Mortgage Tax Report**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, This Board 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 ended March 31, 2017.

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: Michael J. Docteur

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 101**

#### **Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative 2017-2018 Jefferson Community College Budget**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Resolved, That a public hearing on the Tentative Jefferson Community College Budget for College Fiscal Year 2017-2018 be held before this Board of Legislators on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 5:30 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: Daniel R. McBride

Legislator Peck wondered when legislators could expect to receive a copy of the tentative JCC Budget, and how the College expected to balance out the Excelsior Program put forth by Governor Cuomo in terms of more/less students. Mr. Hagemann advised that staff were working out last minute details with the College and a summary document should be available in a week

or two. He said there has been a 1% reduction in enrollment trend for the last few years, and while there is more funding from the State per FTE it is a balancing act. He advised that only about 5% of the typical students who attend JCC will be eligible for the free tuition initiative; Chairman Gray added that the College is being conservative in an effort to guard against what they think may be more students going to four year institutions because of the free tuition.

Legislator Maxon arrived at the meeting.

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 102**

#### **Appointing Director of Planning**

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Resolved, That, pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1979, Michael J. Bourcy be and is hereby appointed as Director of Planning for a term to commence on June 12, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2017, at Grade IV-B of the Management Schedule.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Legislator Peck said he has worked with Mr. Bourcy as a Town Board Member, a Member of the Ag & Farmland Protection Board and a County Legislator, and he highly recommended Mr. Bourcy for this position.

Chairman Gray agreed saying that he has been a pleasure to work with, and he is glad Mr. Bourcy is accepting this position.

All members present voted aye. Chairman Gray congratulated Mr. Bourcy on his new position.

### **Resolution No. 103**

#### **Amending the 2017 County Budget Relative to Capital Projects**

By Legislator: William W. Johnson

Whereas, The County has had multiple capital projects in the works that have required up front Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) before bonding the projects, and

Whereas, The costs to issue the BANs are to be paid out of the General Fund and the costs to issue Bonds are to be paid out of the Debt Service Fund, and

Whereas, Per Resolution 163 of 2016 the County did a BAN for the 911 Radio project, and

Whereas, The recent Bond issue includes \$400,000 to retire that BAN liability, in which Bond proceeds now need to be recognized as revenue, and

Whereas, The appropriation for JCC Bond Issue Principal payment in the Debt Service Fund needs to be recognized in the applicable account.

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

**Increase:**

01973000 06000	Bond Anticipation Note Principal	\$ 50,000
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	95,000
20900600 95731	BANs Redeemed from Appropriations	50,000
20900600 957105	Bonds 911 Communication System	400,000
55138000 04406	Fiscal Agent Fees	60,000
55971000 06008	JCC Bond Issue-Principal (2006)	420,000
Transfers:		
01990200 09003	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	60,000
55915000 95031	Transfer from General Fund	60,000

**Decrease:**

01138000 04406	Fiscal Agent Fees	15,000
20000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	450,000
55971000 06003	JCC Bond Issue-Principal (1998)	420,000

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 104**

**Amending the 2017 County Budget to Provide for  
Hudson River - Black River Regulating District Payment**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, The Hudson River – Black River Regulating District maintains several facilities in the Black River Area, some of which provide protections to Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The costs to maintain such facilities are now apportioned to five counties, along with hydroelectric facility owners, less an amount chargeable to New York State, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's portion was not known prior to the County's 2017 budget preparation.

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

**Increase:**

01195000 04632	Taxes & Assessments on Municipal Property	\$30,557
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**Decrease:**

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$30,557
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Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Legislator Maxon asked if funding was still being funneled from the Black River side to the Hudson River side of the Regulating District to fund shortfalls.

Chairman Gray said the short answer is no, as there was litigation and different funding models were put forth from both sides. He said they have changed the funding model on the Black River side to mirror the funding model on the Hudson River side. He said the County has been given assurances that they are not commingling funds.

Attorney Paulsen advised that the Regulating District may beg to differ that he is oversimplifying things, but the budget deficit on the Black River side is largely a result of the settlement of litigation with the National Grid. The settlement resulted in the District losing revenue to that entity, and it had to be made up from the other entities on the Black River so they turned to the counties.

Administrator Hagemann advised that each county's assessment is based upon how much river frontage they have with Jefferson first and Lewis second; and the reassessments will stand for five years. Chairman Gray advised that there is no more negotiation as far as assessment, and this is our second payment under this new model.

Attorney Paulsen related that hearings were held last year and the Regulating District Board overruled every argument of the entities to pay anything less than their full assessment, then the District reaffirmed their assessment against each county. To his knowledge there have been no

appeals or court challenges to the assessments which renders them final.

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 105**

##### **Authorizing Extension of Agreement with Blue Wing Services, Inc for Engineering Services Relative to the County's Public Safety Communications System.**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, By Resolution 100 of 2013, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Blue Wing Services for the provision of engineering services relative to the development and distribution of a Request for Proposals (RFP) and the review of vendor proposals and selection of a vendor for communication equipment, and

Whereas, Said agreement with Blue Wing Services was limited in scope and term to the anticipated period before system construction and the original RFP provided for post system design services and project management, including; technical assistance, system review, acceptance testing, construction supervision, equipment, and software installation supervision, and

Whereas, The current agreement expires on December 31, 2017 and tower construction and equipment installation is anticipated to begin in 2017 and continue into 2019 requiring an extension of the agreement, and

Whereas, Blue Wing Services original proposal contains a time and expenses fee structure for services rendered post vendor selection, and it is currently anticipated that the total fees for post vendor selection services will be \$1,200,000.00.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Blue Wing, Services, Inc. for the provision of engineering services as set forth above, on the terms set forth in its proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, for a period extending to December 31, 2019, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 106**

##### **Accepting Gift of Motor Vehicles from the State of New York for Use in Law Enforcement**

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride



Whereas, Four motor vehicles have become available for donation to Jefferson County for use in law enforcement purposes.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that pursuant to Section 215 of the County Law, this Board of Legislators does hereby gratefully accept said donation.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

Legislator Maxon inquired what type of vehicles we are receiving this time. Chairman Gray advised that we are not receiving military surplus vehicles, they are simply motor vehicles for a special unit. There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 107**

##### **Authorizing the Award of a Bid to Sands Brothers Roofing Company, Inc. for the Installation of New Roof System at the Jefferson County Public Safety Building**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The current capital plan includes roof repair and replacement at the Jefferson County Public Safety Building and garage, and

Whereas, Bids have been sought and submitted for the project and a low bidder selected, and

Whereas, Sands Brothers Roofing Company, Inc. of Antwerp, New York submitted a low bid of \$453,000 plus \$5.00 per square foot for removal and replacement of damaged insulation panels.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Sands Brothers Roofing Company, Inc. for the sum of \$453,000 plus \$5.00 per square foot for removal and replacement of damaged insulation panels for the replacement of the County Public Safety Building roofing system, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 108**

##### **Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2017 County Budget in Relation to the FY16 State Interoperability Communications Formula (SICG) Grant**

By Legislator: Jennie M. Adsit

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a FY16 State Interoperability Communications

Formula (SICG) Grant in the amount of \$659,672, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive these grant funds to be utilized for funding to support the Jefferson County Emergency Radio Communications project, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize an agreement with the State and to amend the 2017 County Budget to appropriate the funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement 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 2017 County Budget is amended as follows:

**Increase:**

Revenue		
20900600 93397	State Aid Fire & Emergency Services	\$ 659,672
Expenditure		
20302000 02067	P25 Radio Communications System	\$ 659,672

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 109**

**Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Fire & Emergency Management and Amending the 2017 County Budget**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Northern New York Community Foundation's Garrett W. Loomis Firefighters Fund has presented the Jefferson County Department of Fire and Emergency Management with a check for \$2,600 for the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras used in the training and safety of firefighters in the County, and

Whereas, The 2017 County Budget must be amended to recognize this donation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Pursuant to County Law Section 215 (3), this Board of Legislators gratefully accepts said donation and be it further

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

**Increase:**

Revenue:

01341000 92705	Gifts and Donations	\$ 2,600
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Expenditure:

01341000 041111	Audio-Visual Equipment	\$ 2,600
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Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

**Resolution No. 110**

**Amending the Jefferson County Highway System Map to Remove a Certain Section of County Route 191 in the Town of Orleans Therefrom**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent is required to maintain a map of the current active sections of highway, roads, bridges, culverts and drainage works pursuant to New York State Highway Law, and

Whereas, Upon recent investigation and consultation with the New York State Department of Transportation it has been determined that a section of County Route 191, known as Bridge Road, in the Town of Orleans, is in the formal right of way of Interstate 81, and is owned by New York State and therefore not a part of the Jefferson County Highway system, and

Whereas, It is appropriate to amend the County Highway system map to accurately reflect the legal ownership status of the section of road.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Jefferson County Highway System map be amended to reflect County Route 191 in the Town of Orleans beginning at County Road 100, at mile marker 0.00 proceeding North and ending at mile marker 3.61, and the description of County Road 191 be reduced from 3.94 to 3.61 miles.

Seconded by Legislator: Jennie M. Adsit

All members present voted aye.

#### **Resolution No. 111**

##### **Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property by Concurrent Use and Occupancy from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Purpose of a Highway Realignment Project**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, County Route 95 in the Town Worth between Tremaines Corners and Bullock Corners is in need of realignment of the approach to a single lane bridge, and

Whereas, In order to realign the bridge approach, real property must be acquired from the neighboring land owner, Tug Hill State Forest, under the management of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, The Department of Environmental Conservation is able to make the required property available to the County Highway Department pursuant to a Concurrent Use and Occupancy Agreement whereby the County will be granted indefinite use and occupancy of the designated parcel with reversion of the parcel to New York State upon abandonment of use by Jefferson County.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Concurrent Use and Occupancy documents on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye, except Legislator Maxon who abstained.

#### **Resolution No. 112**

##### **Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Caregiver Respite Services with U.S. Care Systems, Inc.**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging is participating in the Caregiver Support Initiative grant which is being administered by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. d/b/a Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter, and which provides funding for caregiver respite services, and

Whereas, U.S. Care Systems, Inc. is willing and able to provide caregiver respite services for those persons in Jefferson County who qualify under the Caregiver Support Initiative.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter in to an agreement with U.S. Care Systems, Inc. for the period 6/15/17 – 12/31/18 at an hourly rate of \$18.75/hour in 2017 and \$19.77/hour in 2018 for the provision of caregiver services, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislators: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 113**

#### **Authorizing Agreements for Provision of In-home Housekeeping Services (PC I & PC II)**

By Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Whereas, The Jefferson County Office for the Aging receives State and Federal funding to provide in home personal care and housekeeping services(PC I & PC II) to County Seniors, and

Whereas, The demand for in home personal care and housekeeping services has surpassed the ability of existing contractors to fulfill the requirements for housekeeping services(PC I & PC II), and

Whereas, A waiting list of eligible seniors has been created due to the inability to immediately meet the demand for in home care and housekeeping services(PC I & PC II), and

Whereas, U.S. Care Systems, Inc. is willing and able to provide in home care and housekeeping services (PC I & PC II) and reduce the number of seniors waiting for the in home assistance.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter in to an agreement with U.S. Care Systems, Inc. for the period 6/15/17-12/31/18 at a blended (PCI & PC II) hourly rate of \$21.65/hour in 2017 and \$22.67/hour in 2018 for the provision of housekeeping services, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to

execute such agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislators: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 114**

**Amending the 2017 County Budget Relative to Community Services Programs  
and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, County and State Aid funds need to be reallocated to better align with County mental hygiene priorities within mental health agency programs to both ensure the quality of existing mental health services and increase the number of agencies able to provide these important services.

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

**Increase:**

01432000 04702	Credo Foundation	\$40,000
01432000 04712	Contracted M.H. Services	38,075

**Decrease:**

01432000 04711	Carthage Area Hospital	\$27,292
01432000 04732	Children's Home - Jeff Co	25,783
01432000 04736	NCCC - Children's Clinic	25,000

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 these changes.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

**Resolution No. 115**

**Amending 2017 County Budget for Community Services Relative to**

## **Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP)**

By Legislator: Carolyn D. Fitzpatrick

Whereas, A portion of Department of Health State Aid is Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) funding and has been received by the Community Services Department, and

Whereas, DSRIP funding will be used for provider training, and

Whereas, The 2017 County Budget needs to be amended to receive and allocate the funding.

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

### **Increase:**

Revenue		
01431000 93488	State Aid - Other Health	\$418.65
Expenditure		
01431000 04613	Training	\$418.65

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.

## **Resolution No. 116**

### **Accepting Funding in Connection With Public Health Rabies Control Activities and Amending the 2017 County Budget in Relation Thereto**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) was notified by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets that additional funding in the amount of \$12,500 for enhanced rabies control activities to county residents is included in the New York State 2017-2018 Budget, and

Whereas, The Public Health Service will use these funds to support increased offerings of rabies vaccinations within Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The donated funds are to be used to cover all associated costs of additional clinics inclusive of Public Health staff time (for logistics, planning and operations), veterinarian staff, advertising and necessary supplies (vaccines, syringes, etc.), and any remaining funds will be utilized to support vaccination clinic operations in 2017 and 2018 as traditionally offered by JCPHS, and

Whereas, The Public Health Service recognizes the importance of collaboration with community partners in enhanced rabies control through rabies education and vaccination efforts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby authorizes the receipt and use of the funding to reduce rabies incidence in the county, 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 the approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

**Increase:**

Revenue

01405000 93452	State Aid Public Health Other	\$12,500
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Expenditure

01404200 1110	Temporary	\$ 480
01404200 1300	Overtime	470
01404200 4313	Travel	200
01404200 4415	Advertising	821
01404200 4510	Medical Supplies	1,375
01404200 4416	Professional Fees	9,000
01404200 8010	Retirement	82
01404200 8030	Social Security	72

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

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

Absent: Fitzpatrick

Resolution passed.



## **Resolution No. 117**

### **Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program**

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been reallocated \$94,952 for a 1 year term renewal from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Research, Inc. (HRI) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the period 07/01/17-06/30/18 to improve its capacity to address Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) functions, and

Whereas, The Public Health Service will use these funds to further develop its plan and improve capacities to respond to public health threats pursuant to guidelines developed by CDC and the NYSDOH, and

Whereas, The PHEP Plan and other improvements will require use of existing personal services authorized in the 2017 Budget, purchase of certain equipment and payment of operating expenses, all to be 100% funded by the grant.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby again accepts such funding covering the period of July 01, 2017 through June 30, 2018, contingent on continued state and federal funding, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept such funding and to execute a renewal agreement with HRI/NYSDOH, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

All members present voted aye.

## **Resolution No. 118**

### **Authorizing Agreement with New York State Department of Health in Relation to Children with Special Health Care Needs Grant**

By Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service has been notified by the NYS Department of Health of the re-award of funding for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) in an annual amount of \$25,270 for the new period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020, with 1-year renewals within that time period, and

Whereas, The purpose of the CSHCN is to provide information and referrals to patients and families for knowledge and use of health and related services in conjunction with the fiscal component of the Physically Handicapped Children's Program (PHCP) and other insurances'

coverage, and

Whereas, Such funds are already in the 2017 and 2018 County Budgets.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement with the NYS Department of Health, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

### **Resolution No. 119**

#### **Authorizing Agreement with Lewis County for Provision of Diagnostic and Treatment Center Services**

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Provisions of the NYS Department of Health Municipal Public Health Services Plan require that the Lewis County Public Health Agency possess a system to minimize the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and the current level of such diseases in said County is insufficient to warrant the establishment of a Lewis County STD/HIV clinic.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County renew an agreement with Lewis County for the provision by the Jefferson County Public Health Service for sexually transmitted disease clinic services to residents of Lewis County during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 for the following services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Clinic visit	\$55 per visit
Syphilis Serologic Testing	\$10 per test
Trichomonas Vaginalis – Female	\$45 per test
Trichomonas Vaginalis – Male	\$45 per test
Amplified CT/GC – Rectal Swab	\$15.50 per combo
Amplified CT/GC – Throat Swab	\$15.50 per combo
Gonorrhea culture testing	\$2.50 per test through Center for Disease Detection or \$20 per test by Carthage Area Hospital,

said amounts to be paid by Lewis County. Laboratory rates may be revised if the prevailing charges change during the term of this agreement, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, with the approval of the County Attorney

as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Gray inquired if there was any objection to going into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. There being no objection expressed, the Board by unanimous consent entered executive session at 5:50 p.m. The Board returned to open session by unanimous consent at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman Gray entertained a motion to waive the Standing Rules to permit the introduction of an additional resolution for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Maxon and unanimously carried.

### **Resolution No. 120**

#### **Authorizing the Elimination of Positions Within the Dog Control Department**

By Legislator: Patrick R. Jareo

Whereas, The County Dog Control Department is funded by work performed under contract with the various Towns and City of Watertown, and

Whereas, A Decreased number of Towns have contracted for services with the County Dog Control Department in 2017 resulting in the Departments level of activity being reduced, and

Whereas, Pursuant County Law § 204 and Civil Service Law § 80, existing positions may be eliminated by this Board based on economy, abolition of functions, curtailment of activities, or otherwise, and

Whereas, Based on the current demand for services, two full time and one part time dog control officer positions are no longer necessary to the operation of the Department.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the following positions are hereby eliminated from the Dog Control Department, effective July 9, 2017:

Dog Control Officer #05      Part time

Dog Control Officer #07      Full time

Dog Control Officer #08      Full time

Seconded by Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Legislator Doldo said he would not be supporting the resolution as he was caught off guard by the need to make these changes now. He understood why we were doing this, but wanted to see more communication as it progresses down the road. He said the program has run for 35 years with very little changes until recently, and he hoped a committee could be formed to look at all the options on the table and a compromise could be reached.

Chairman Gray stated that the County administers the program but there needs to be two parties at the table in order to make it work. He, the former Chair and Mr. Hagemann, who is very passionate about the program, have done everything they can to keep the program working as we know it. He noted the changes in the program from a facility that largely euthanized animals to a more humane approach not only for the animals, but for the owners of those animals. There is certainly sensitivity whenever you have employees' livelihood involved and that is why this resolution was not brought forth before now. Discussion has been ongoing for some time and the towns have been offered a variety of different options. He acknowledged that the resolution should have been adopted sooner rather than later, but every attempt was being made to make the program work. He said there is optimism that towns will see the merits of services that we provide and if that point comes we will welcome them back and revamp our services again depending upon their needs. If that does not happen there will need to be directional and policy decisions about how the program is run. Chairman Gray acknowledged that besides Legislator Fitzpatrick he was more engaged with the legislators who represent the towns rather than City representatives because it is and has been a very hot topic at the town board meetings they attend.

Legislator Jareo said it is not productive to rehash how we got to this point as everyone pretty much knows, but hoped we would learn from it. He heard there was an opinion that the County should be picking up a portion of the cost of this program and expressed strong disagreement for that to move forward, or to fund this program in any other manner.

Legislator Maxon stated that this was a very good example of a shared services arrangement that worked well for 35 years, and is also a great example of why one size does not fit all. Towns are concerned about their costs and believe this is one way to save the taxpayer money, whether that works out in the end is yet to be seen, but it is good government to examine the matter. He felt it would be a good case setting for shared services, as it developed organically, has dissolved organically and may come back together organically. He did express concern that if costs increase for the towns in his district that remain in the program, they would also opt out of the County providing this service for them. Chairman Gray agreed that this is a work in progress and said it will be a policy decision later in the year whether the County buffers any increased costs to the remaining towns.

Legislator Ferris asked how things work in terms of someone calling 911 regarding a loose dog. Mr. Hagemann advised that Dispatch has a list and for the 14 towns that still participate they contact Dog Control, and have contact information for who is covering the other towns as well. He noted that if an official from the towns not participating is not responding Dog Control will be dispatched, but only when it is a public safety issue.

Legislator Docteur questioned how a non-participating town is notified and/or charged when Dog

Control does have to go out on their behalf. Mr. Hagemann stated that in the short term it is documented, but we are trying to be user friendly and they are not charged. In the long run, a cost will be assigned and they will be charged. Chairman Gray advised complaints have been made that it has been tying up law enforcement more as they can not leave until an official shows up to take the dog. Legislator Docteur likened it to the issue with the ambulances where certain towns pay for the service, but other towns end up reaping the benefits without sharing in the costs and did not want to see that continue.

Legislator Peck gave credit to Administrator Hagemann for his diligence with the program as it has been a multi year project and said it is disappointing that it has come to this point. Continued participation by towns in his district was with an expectation of a reduction in costs. As hard as it is to deal with this resolution, it was expected and reasonably must go forward. He still felt there were options available in terms of different models and revamping the County's model, but discussions with the towns still participating as well as the towns that are privatizing was necessary in order determine what works best for everyone. He did not believe the County is ready to close the program, but wondered if it was a casualty of the 2% tax cap as towns are trying to find ways to save money and balance their budgets.

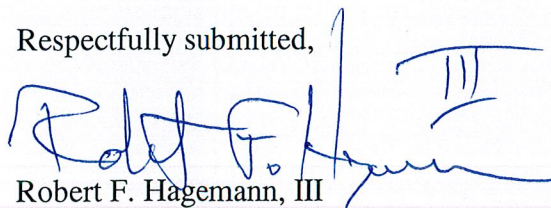
There being no further discussion all members present voted aye except Legislator Doldo who voted nay.

Legislator Peck inquired about when comments on the new UTEP were due. Chairman Gray stated that they were due now, and understood that the IDA Board was targeting July to adopt a new policy. Legislator Johnson stated that UTEP discussions at the IDA Board will begin in June.

Legislator Doldo wondered if any letters have been sent to the Article 10 Board on Little Galloo Island Wind Project as it relates to possible emergency communications issues on the Lake. Mr. Hagemann advised that the DEC is submitting issues to the Article 10 Board that will be studied and understood that the possibility of interference came up with the Horse Creek Wind Farm further north. Attorney Paulsen stated that he was not aware of any studies being conducted on interference with radio communications.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "H" and "M".

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board