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March 29, 2012

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

This shall serve as notice that the regular session of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators for the month of April, 2012 will be convened on *Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.* in the Board of Legislators Chambers, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY.

If you need additional information relative to any of the Board Session agenda items, please feel free to give me a call.

The agenda for the April meeting is as follows:

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of the Finance & Rules Committee on Financial Resolutions Report of the Finance & Rules Committee on Legislators' Expenses

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Report of the County Treasurer on Investments and Cash on Hand Report of the County Administrator on Budget Transfers for the month of February Report of the County Auditor on Erroneous Assessments for the month of March

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

1. Resolution No. 118

Payment of Legislators' Expenses

2.	Resolution No. 119	Abolishing Various Departmental Petty Cash Funds
3.	Resolution No. 120 Roll Call Vote	Authorizing Agreement with Empire State Development and Amending the 2012 County Budget and Capital Plan with Respect to a New Hanger/Business Center at the Watertown International Airport
4.	Resolution No. 121	Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearings Related to the 2012 Community Development Block rant (CDBG) Process
5.	Resolution No. 122	Memorial for Nancy M. Atkinson
6.	Resolution No. 123	Memorial for Edward E. Cobb
7.	Resolution No. 124	Resolution Requesting Legislation Pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law Relating to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency
8.	Resolution No. 125	Authorizing Agreements in Relation to Juvenile Secure Detention and the Supervision & Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP)
9.	Resolution No. 126 (Roll Call Vote)	Amending the 2011 and 2012 County Budgets in Relation to the Solid Waste and Recycling Fund
10.	Resolution No. 127	Accepting Donation from New York State for Sheriff's Department
11.	Resolution No. 128 (Roll Call Vote)	Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2011 County Budget in Relation to the State FY08 Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant
12.	Resolution No. 129	Endorsing Plan Bv7 to Regulate the Outflows of Lake Ontario and the Management of the Levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River
13.	Resolution No. 130	Adopting Revised Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation to the County's Housing Improvement Program funded by NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards
14.	Resolution No. 131	Resolution Acknowledging Additional Municipal Coapplicants for a 2011-12 Local Government Efficiency

Planning Grant Application for North Country Shared Geographic Information Services (GIS)

15. Resolution No. 132

Supporting New York State Legislation to Permit the Registration of ATV's Weighing up to 1500 Pounds

Sincerely,

Robert F. Hagemann, III

Clerk of the Board

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Payment of Legislators' Expenses

By Legislator:

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	that I have compared the fore	going copy of Resolution No. hereof on file in my office an , 20	d duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said
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Ab	olishing Various Departmental Petty Cash Funds
By Legislator:	T Ouz
•	departments have revolving petty cash funds for various purposes as pursuant to Section 371 of County Law, and
Whereas, The County Tre has found four which are	asurer has recently conducted a review of these petty cash funds and no longer used, and
Whereas, Said funds shou	ld be formally abolished, and
Resolution 232 of 1989 for Resolution 110 of 1987 for established by Resolution	try cash funds are in the Sheriff's Department, established by or criminal investigations, the Highway Department, established by or miscellaneous easement expenses, the County Attorney's Office, 176 of 1986 for document filing services, and the Board of Elections, 9 of 1965 for miscellaneous expenses.
	olved, That the petty cash funds established by this Board pursuant to 110 of 1987, 176 of 1986, and 9 of 1965 are hereby abolished in 371 of County Law.
State of New York) ss.: County of Jefferson)	
	I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the day of, 20 and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.
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Authorizing Agreement with Empire State Development and Amending the 2012 County Budget and Capital Plan with Respect to a New Hanger/Business Center at the Watertown International Airport

By Legislator:

Whereas, Empire State Development has awarded Jefferson County a grant of \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new 14,000 square foot hanger with office space at the Water own International Airport, and

Whereas, The total cost of the project is not expected to exceed \$1,900,000, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize any required agreements from Empire State Development and to amend the 2012 County Budget to establish the capital account and recognize this State revenue.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into any and all necessary agreements with Empire State Development related to this grant and that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to content, and be further

Resolved, That the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

(Expenditure)

20-9006-5610.2099.4

New Hanger

\$1,900,000

(Revenue)

20-9006-5610-999.93589

State Aid - Airport

1,500,000

Decrease:

(Expenditure)

20-9006-6989.2064

Property Acquisition/Improvement \$ 400,000

and be it further

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

Seconded by Legislator:/

Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearings Related to the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Process

By Legislator:	the Ony
	nty is in the process of evaluating grant opportunities in anticipation of a oppment Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the NYS Office and
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	plication process requires applicants to hold two public hearings to eneral public on community development needs,
Community Developmen April 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.	esolved, Pursuant to Section 104(A)(2) of the Federal Housing and nt Act, as amended, CDBG public hearings shall be held on Wednesday, m. and Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers, 5 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, and be it further
Resolved, Notice of such	public hearings shall be given in accordance with law, and be it further
application documents, a agent to act in connection	a of the Board is hereby authorized to execute all necessary CDBG and the Department of Planning is hereby authorized as the County's n with the submission of any authorized application and to provide any n that may be required by the NYS Office of Community Renewal.
State of New York)) ss.: County of Jefferson)	
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	Memorial for Nancy M. Atkinson
By Legislator:	Cett Cour
Resolved, That a Proceedings in m Watertown, NY. Second Ward Suwas elected for the	suitably inscribed memorial page be set apart in the 2012 Journal of emory of the late Nancy M. Atkinson who died March 14, 2012 at her home in Mrs. Atkinson served on the Board of Supervisors as the City of Watertown - pervisor filling out her husband's term in 1989 at the time of his passing and the 1990-1991 term.
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Resolution Requesting Legislation Pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law Relating to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

By Legislator:

Whereas, The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the"Agency") was established as a public benefit corporation pursuant to Section 892-e of the General Municipal Law ("GML") of the State, as enacted by Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971, as amended by Chapter 378 of the Laws of 1974 and Chapter 157 of the Laws of 1983 (collectively, the "Agency Act"); and

Whereas, Pursuant to and in accordance with Title 1 of GML Article 18-A (the "IDA Act"), the Agency has since 1971 provided coordinated and effective economic development services for the benefit of the County and its citizens; and

Whereas, Consistent with the IDA Act and the Agency's mission, the Agency has over time provided both County-wide and focused economic development services to communities throughout the County through coordinated programming with certain local development corporations, including the Jefferson County Job Development Corporation, Watertown Local Development Corporation, Jefferson County Agricultural Development Corporation, Carthage Industrial Development Corporation and the Economic Development Corporation of Carthage (collectively, the "Development Corporations"); and

Whereas, The Office of the State Comptroller of the State of New York ("OSC") recently issued determination letters to twelve (12) Agency employees (the "Agency Employees") stating that OSC intends to remove the Agency Employees from the New York State and Local Retirement System ("NYSLRS") based upon a determination that the Agency Employees are employees of the Development Corporations; and

Whereas, The OSC determination is detrimental to the Agency's ongoing operations and activities and to the livelihoods of the Agency Employees that serve the County and its citizens; and

Whereas, Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law ("MHRL"), the County desires to request the enactment of a special law relating to the property, affairs and government of the County to support the Agency's continued provision of economic development services through the Development Corporations to and for the benefit of the County; and

Whereas, In furtherance of the foregoing, and with the approval of the Chairperson of the Board of Legislators, the County requests herein that a special law be enacted to amend the Agency Act.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law ("MHRL"), the County hereby requests the enactment of a special law amending the Agency Act, such amendment to be substantially consistent with the proposed amendment attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. This request is made in furtherance of the property, affairs and government of the County to support the Agency's continued provision of economic development services through the Development Corporations to and for the benefit of the County.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

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County of Jefferson) ss.:)
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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF AGREEMENT

GML§892-e. Jefferson county industrial development agency.

For the benefit of Jefferson county and the inhabitants thereof, an industrial development agency, to be known as the JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, is hereby established for the accomplishment of any or all of the purposes specified in title one of the article eighteen-A of this chapter. It shall constitute a body corporate and politic, and be perpetual in duration. It shall have the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred by title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter upon industrial development agencies and provide that the exercise of the powers by such agency with respect to the acquisition of real property whether by purchase, condemnation or otherwise shall be limited to the corporate limits of Jefferson county, and such agency shall take into consideration the local zoning and planning regulations as well as the regional and local comprehensive land use plans. It shall be organized in an manner prescribed by and be subject to the provisions of title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter. Its members shall be appointed by the governing body of Jefferson county. The agency, its members, officers and employees and its operations and activities shall in all respects be governed by the provisions of title one of article eighteen-A of this chapter. Pursuant to the authorization provided for in subdivision twenty-four of section two hundred twenty-four of the county law, the agency may operate and maintain any foreign trade zone or zones established in such county. Additionally, individuals that have heretofore acted or act under the direction and control of the officers and directors of the agency on or after April 1, 1985 shall be considered performing Government Services under Section 2(11) of the Retirement and Social Security Law, even where services have been provided by the individual to one or more local development corporations or not for profit corporations, provided the agency board has determined from time to time that said services are promoting the specific or general pursposes of the agency.

Authorizing Agreements in Relation to Juvenile Secure Detention and the Supervision & Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP)

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed Sr.

Whereas, New York State Executive Law was amended to create the Supervision & Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) in order to encourage the use of effective alternatives to detention, and

Whereas, Said law requires that a lead agency be designated in each County for administering secure and non-secure detention and STSJP programs, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has designated the Probation Department as its lead agency, and

Whereas, Available funding has been included in the 2012 County Budget and will be used to provide services and programs through the Jefferson County Children's Home and Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Counties, and to provide for GPS monitoring and monitoring equipment for the Probation Department, as well as some overtime, and

Whereas, It is necessary to authorize agreements with the Jefferson County Children's Home (\$133,610 for a term ending 3/31/13) and the Resolution Center of Jefferson County and Lewis Counties (\$25,000 for a term ending 3/31/13), for the provision of STSJP services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute agreements with the Jefferson County Children's Home (\$133,610 for a term ending 3/31/13) and the Resolution Center of Jefferson County and Lewis Counties (\$25,000 for a term ending 3/31/13), to provide said services, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

State of New York)) ss.: County of Jefferson)	
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Amending the 2011 and 2012 County Budgets in Relation to the Solid Waste and Recycling Fund

By Legislator:

Whereas, By Resolution 57 of 2010, This Board of Legislators provided funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 from the General Fund for a capital project at the County Solid Waste facility, which was to be paid back in the amount of \$100,000 per year by the Enterprise Fund, and

Whereas, The Treasurer had determined that the principal amounts do not need to be budgeted, but that the interest portion should be, which will be at a rate similar to that earned each year (0.4% for 2011 and 2012), by the County's General Fund investments, and

Whereas, The 2011 and 2012 County Budgets must be amended to reflect said determination.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2011 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01-1040-999.92401.015 15-9101-9789.7049	Interest - Recycling Loan Interest - General Fund Loan	\$ 5,200 5,200
Decrease:		
01-8992-999.95031 15-9101-9002.9003	Interfund Transfers Transfer to Debt Service	\$100,000 100,000
and be it further		
Resolved, That the 2012 Cou	anty Budget is amended as follows:	
Increase:		

Decrease:

15-9101-9789.7049

01-1040-999.92401.015	Interest - Recycling Loan	\$ 95,179
15-9101-8160.9003	Transfer to Debt Service	100,000

Interest - General Fund Loan

\$ 4,821

Seconded by Legislator:

Accepting Donation from New York State for Sheriff's Department

By Legislator:	of Seal In
	d "Justice", two engines and a trailer.
Now, Therefore, Be It Redonation.	solved, That this Board of Legislators does hereby gratefully accept said
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Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2011 County Budget in Relation to the State EY08 Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant By Legislator: Whereas, The New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services provides grants to local governments to prepare for terrorist events through funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness, and Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded \$2,891 from the office's FY08 grant funding (Spider Operations)(CFDA 97.067) to reimburse 2011 expenses, and Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Homeland Security to receive this grant and the 2011 County Budget must be amended to recognize the revenue. Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson agrees to accept the \$2,891 grant, and be it further Resolved. That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute said grant 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 2011 County Budget is amended as follows: Decrease: 01-0599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 2,891 Increase:

Federal Aid Other Public Safety

2,891

01-3110.999.94389

Seconded by Legislator:

Endorsing Plan Bv7 to Regulate the Outflows of Lake Ontario and the Management of the Levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River

By Legislator: July Seel S.

Whereas, The International Joint Commission (IJC) is a bi-national organization established by the Boundary Treaty of 1909 between the United States and Canada, and

Whereas, The IJC commissioned a \$20 million, five-year study to analyze the procedures and plans to regulate the outflows of Lake Ontario and the management of the levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River (LOSL study), and

Whereas, The LOSL study has been compiled and new regulation plans are being considered which will each have a significant impact on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River water levels for years to come, and

Whereas, Jefferson County's water resources are one of its most important assets and provide the basis for the County's tourism industry and quality of life depends on the continued quality of the area's fishing, boating and recreational resources, and

Whereas, The International Water Level Coalition, Inc. (IWLC) made a presentation explaining each of the Plans being considered by the IJC for implementation, and

Whereas Based on the foregoing, by Resolution 187 of 2005, this Board of Legislators endorsed Plan B as most closely following the natural rhythm of the flow of the water pre-St. Lawrence Seaway Project and offering the most positive influence on the overall environment and tourism when compared to the other plans under consideration, and

Whereas, Said Plan has now been revised and is called Plan Bv7, which has been endorsed by Save the River, the International Water Levels Coalition and the Lake Ontario Fisheries Coalition.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby endorses Plan Bv7 and urges the IJC to accept Plan Bv7 when making decisions concerning procedures and plans to regulate the outflows of Lake Ontario and the water levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the IJC

Seconded by Legislator:

to the Con	rised Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation unty's Housing Improvement Program funded by NYS munity Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards
Development Block Gran	y has received consecutive annual competitive Community t (CDBG) awards from 2007 through 2011 from the New York State newal to implement and administer a county-wide Housing and
	es and Administrative Procedures for implementation and local gram were last adopted by the County Board of Legislators on
	administrative forms are periodically updated to incorporate changes latory requirements associated with all current and subsequent awards,
Whereas, Updates to the Goard of Legislators.	Guidelines and Administrative Procedures must be adopted by the
updated copy of the Guida, 2012, hereby adopts the	solved, That this Board of Legislators, having been provided with an elines and Administrative Procedures for Jefferson County, dated April em and they shall become effective immediately for all County-litation activities conducted with Small Cities Community t funding.
State of New York) ss.: County of Jefferson)	
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	wledging Additional Municipal Co-applicants for a 2011-12 Local fficiency Planning Grant Application for North Country Shared Geographic Information Services (GIS)
Whereas, The Board support for participat application to secure	of Legislators, through Resolution No. 111 of 2012, expressed ing in a 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant (LGE) planning study funds for North Country Regional Shared ion System (GIS) services, and
applicant for the LGI services, partnerships	opment Authority of the North Country has offered to act as lead E project which, if funded, will study the feasibility of shared GIS s, and service delivery efficiencies among governments that mapping technology in the region, and
	ce County, Lewis County, the City of Watertown, and the Tug Hill w been identified as additional co-applicants for this project, and
	opment Authority of the North Country has offered to pay the ten or the grant, which would be approximately \$7,000 based on an t of \$70,000.
inclusion of the abov	t Resolved, That the Board of Legislators acknowledges the re additional co-applicants as required for the LGE application to be department of State by the Development Authority of the North cant.
	ed, That the County authorizes the lead applicant to execute all inistrative processes relating to the implementation of the planning
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	Supporting New York State Legislation to Permit the
	Registration of ATV's Weighing up to 1500 Pounds
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Whereas, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (NYS V&T law) Section 2281 defines All Terrain Vehicles and limits them to 1,000 pounds dry weight, and

Whereas, Several manufacturers of ATV's now produce vehicles that exceed this weight limit, and are generally made for the driver and passenger to ride side-by-side, and

Whereas, Said larger ATV's do not meet the current NYS V&T law definition and therefore cannot be registered or operated in New York State, and

Whereas, The State Senate has recently passed S3318, sponsored by Senator Pattie Ritchie, which would amend said law to include ATV's up to 1,500 pound dry weight, and

Whereas, An identical bill, A7743, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, is currently in the Assembly, and

Whereas, Objections to said bill are primarily related to concerns over the potential for increased environmental damage that may be caused by these larger machines, and

Whereas, Said objections have little grounding in fact, because the larger machines are manufactured for side-by-side seating, and both appeal to mature riders and are physically incapable of the kind of maneuvering that causes such damage, and

Whereas, Allowing for the registration and operation of said larger ATV's would increase tourism opportunities and encourage outdoor riding activity for a more mature population group.

Now, Therefore be It Resolved, That this Board of Legislators supports State legislation to permit the registration and operation of ATV's weighing up to 1,500 pounds dry weight in New York State, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be provided to Jefferson County's New York State representatives.

Seconded by Legislator:

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