

**County of Jefferson**  
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February 21, 2019

**TO:** Members of Finance & Rules Committee  
**FROM:** Robert F. Hagemann, III, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Finance & Rules Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the Finance & Rules Committee will meet on *Tuesday, February 26, 2019, immediately following the conclusion of the Health & Human Services Committee meeting* in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Presentations:**

Cornell Cooperative Extension - Kevin Jordan, Executive Director

Association for the Blind - Olivia Kassoum-Amadou, Executive Director

**Finance & Rules Committee Sponsored Resolutions:**

1. Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation to Samaritan Senior Village, Inc.
2. Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Pamela for Optional County Assessment Services to the Town Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1537
3. Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (McDonald's Corporation)
4. Urging New York State to Fund All Costs Associated with New State-Enacted Voting Reforms Implemented at the County Level

5. Opposing the Proposed and Amended 2020 Executive State Budget Impacting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties
6. Reappointing Member to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency
7. Reappointing Member to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

**General Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:**

1. Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto
2. Authorizing Grant Agreement, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Determination, and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation to a 2018 Community Development Block Grant Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal
3. Amending the 2019 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2019 Revenue from Fort Drum Residential Communities Initiative
4. Amending the 2019 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Funding
5. Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation to Law Enforcement
6. Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Traffic Safety Committee Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto
7. Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto
8. Authorizing FY 2017 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto

**Health & Human Services Committee Sponsored Resolutions:**

1. Amending the 2019 County Budget to Rappropriate DSRIP Funding for the Office for the Aging
2. Amending the 2019 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds and Accepting Additional 2019 Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program
3. Amending the 2019 County Budget to Reappropriate Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department

4. Amending the 2019 County Budget to Reappropriate DSRIP Funding for Community Services Department
5. Authorizing Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto

**Informational Items:**

1. Insurance Claim over \$5,000
2. Monthly Departmental Reports  
County Clerk

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

RFH:jdj

cc:	Audit	Human Resources	Purchasing
	County Clerk	Information Technology	Real Property Tax Services
	Board of Elections	Insurance	County Treasurer
	Employ. & Training	JCC	County Attorney

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation to Samaritan Senior Village, Inc.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 281 of 2011, this Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Samaritan Medical Center, its subsidiaries or related corporations, providing for the transfer of the County's adult home residents of Whispering Pines to a new facility in consideration of a payment of \$5,000,000 for a term of ten years, and

Whereas, Said agreement with Samaritan Senior Village, Inc., among other clauses, specified that the \$5,000,000 payment was in consideration of replacing the services the County would have provided at the County Home for a period of ten years, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 290 of 2012, this Board amended its 2012 County Budget to appropriate the funds for the payment, and

Whereas, The County's outside auditors, with whom the County Treasurer is in agreement, recommend that the County amend its budgets beginning in 2013 and continuing for a ten year period, to reflect the value (\$500,000 per year), of the services rendered by the Samaritan Senior Village, Inc. facility, and

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution No. 129 of 2014 this Board amended its 2013 and 2014 County Budgets and Resolution No. 48 of 2016 amended the 2015 and 2016 County Budgets, and Resolution No. 54 of 2017 amended the 2017 County Budget, Resolution No. 226 of 2018 amended the 2018 County Budget, and amendment of the 2019 County Budget is needed.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2019 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000
01603000 04422	Contracted Health Care	\$500,000

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing a Joint Services Agreement with the Town of Pamela for Optional County  
Assessment Services to the Town Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1537.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, The Town of Pamela currently has a vacancy in the position of Town Assessor, and

Whereas, Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law § 1537, an assessing unit and county shall have the power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate an agreement for appraisal services, exemption services or assessment services, and such agreement shall be considered an agreement for the provision of a "joint services" pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law Article 5-G, and

Whereas, The Town of Parmelia desires the County to assume the duties of Town Assessor for the purpose of providing exemption and assessment services through the staff of the County Department of Real Property Tax Services and has enacted a resolution on February 12, 2019 authorizing an agreement for said purpose, and

Whereas, The parties have agreed that the Town will compensate the County on the basis of \$19.40 per parcel of Town assessment roll properties for each year of such agreement, and

Whereas, The Parties are desirous of entering into a joint services agreement for a period of one year, subject to extension for an additional two year period upon written agreement of the parties.

Now, Therefore, Be, It Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Town of Pamela upon the aforementioned terms, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing  
Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (McDonald's Corporation).

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law, McDonald's Corporation, commenced court proceedings to obtain reductions of the assessed valuation of property in the City of Watertown, and

Whereas, The City of Watertown has reached a settlement of the proceedings with regard to tax map parcel nos. 5-16-101.000 and 8-05-104.001, with proposed assessed values as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>
<u>2014</u>		
5-16-101.000	\$1,163,100	\$910,100
8.05-104.001	\$1,608,700	\$1,450,000
<u>2015</u>		
5-16-101.000	\$1,163,100	\$910,100
8.05-104.001	\$1,608,700	\$1,450,000
<u>2017</u>		
5-16-101.000	\$1,163,100	\$925,000
8.05-104.001	\$1,608,700	\$1,450,000

;and

Whereas, The amount of the refund exceeds the authorization of the County Auditor and Treasurer to pay refunds of up to \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Board of Legislators.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County concurs in the settlements as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate refund as set forth below and to charge back the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with the settlement and Real Property Tax Law §727:

Parcel Nos. 5-16-101.000	\$31,822.02
8.05-104.001	\$19,535.81

Total \$51,357.83

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Urging New York State to Fund All Costs Associated with New State-Enacted Voting  
Reforms Implemented at the County Level

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Counties, through a local Board of Elections, are responsible for managing election operations, and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations, and

Whereas, In January, State Lawmakers have passed and the Governor has enacted a series of reforms to State Election Law and the voting process, including early voting, consolidating the federal and state primary dates, voter registration transfers, and pre-registration of 16-year-olds, and

Whereas, The State's new early voting law requires counties to open polling sites for early voting for 10 days prior to any primary or general election, starting during the 2019 general election, and

Whereas, These reforms will likely require counties to purchase and use electronic polling books, and make other investments in their election systems initially estimated to cost up to \$200,000 in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Despite their desire to improve voter turnout, state leaders have not invested in our voting system infrastructure in more than a decade.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and the New York State Legislature to create a task force of state and local officials to determine the costs associated with implementing these voting reforms, and be it further

Resolved, That the state fund the costs associated with the new reforms which include such things as equipment, inclusive of electronic polling books, and education and training for poll workers, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Board to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and the New York State Association of Counties.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Opposing the Proposed and Amended 2020 Executive State Budget Impacting Aid  
and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, On February 15, 2019, Governor Cuomo announced a 30-Day Amendment to the 2020 Executive Budget making impacted towns and villages whole from changes to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding by utilizing revenue from county sales tax, and

Whereas, Instead of restoring AIM with State funding and signifying a desire by the State to act as partners with local governments, this budget amendment required counties to make up for lost AIM funding with sales tax revenue, imposing a new mandate on counties, and

Whereas, Already-existing unfunded State mandates are the cause of high local taxes in New York State, and

Whereas, Counties were granted the authority to levy a local sales tax in the late 1960s to help pay for Medicaid, indigent legal defense services, and other state mandates on counties, and

Whereas, Requiring counties to make up for the State's cut in AIM funding to villages and towns sets an unsustainable precedent and unnecessarily shifts the State's burden to local taxpayers who already pay some of the highest property taxes in the nation, and

Whereas, Cutting AIM funding in the first place for Jefferson County towns and villages is a tax-shift from broad-based State income taxes to one of county responsibility, and

Whereas, The Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget recommends a reduction in AIM funding for towns and villages in Jefferson County, cutting a total of \$490,677, and

Whereas, Replacing what had been State AIM assistance with funding from county revenues is simply a tax-shift that ultimately will result in higher property taxes.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators supports the full restoration of this state aid program to local governments and urges the Governor and State Legislature to fully restore this state funding in the final 2019/2020 State Budget, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Board to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Jefferson County Town Supervisors and Village Mayors, and the New York State Association of Counties.

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Reappointing Member to the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 892-e the New York State Legislature created the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, and

Whereas, Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 856(2) the County Legislature shall appoint and reappoint any member of the agency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that pursuant to Article 18-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby reappoints David J. Converse, for a term of four years to expire on December 31, 2022, as a member of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that pursuant to Article 18-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby reappoints W. Edward Walldroff, for a term of four years to expire on December 31, 2022, as a member of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Statement of County Clerk's Fees Received

I, Gizelle J. Meeks, County Clerk of Jefferson County, New York, do hereby report the receipts of the Jefferson County Clerk's Office for the Month of **January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019** as follows:

**DMV Fees:**

CC06	Retention	\$ 45,520.45
CC05	Sales Tax Ret	\$ 493.00
CC05	FS-6 Ret	\$ 659.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 46,672.45</b>

**Land Records Fees:**

CC07	Recording Fees	\$ 40,766.00
CC07	Filing Fees	\$ 1,800.00
CC07	Passport Fees	\$ 1,855.00
CC07	Photo Fees	\$ 580.00
CC07	RETT	\$ 244.00
CC07	RP5217 Ret	\$ 2,079.00
CC07	Notary Ret	\$ 790.00
CC07	NY Ed. Ret/RM	\$ 953.00
CC07	UCC's	\$ 1,120.00
CC07	Miscellaneous	\$ 290.00
CC07	Cover Page Fee	\$ 3,980.00
CC07	Overages	\$ 48.11
CC07	Copy Fees	\$ 3,052.70
CC07	General Int.	\$ 1.72
CC07	DMV Int.	\$ 0.34
CC07	E-Subscription	\$ 5,512.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 63,072.37</b>

**Mortgage Tax Fees:**

CC07	Expense	\$ 29,083.00
CC07	Interest	\$ 0.09
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 29,083.09</b>

**Total By Account**

CC05	\$ 1,152.00
CC06	\$ 45,520.45
CC07	\$ 86,051.01
CC08	\$ 4,325.00
CC50	\$ -
TR50	\$ 2,320.00
TT61	\$ -
<b>Total \$ 139,368.46</b>	

**Court Record Fees:**

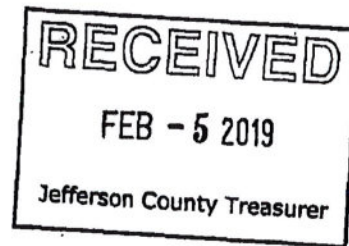
CC08	Index Fees	\$ 3,925.00
CC08	Misc. Court	\$ 400.00
CC50	County Fines	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,325.00</b>

**Fees Collected for Other Depts.:**

TR50	Stop DWI	\$ 2,320.00
TT61	Deposit Into Court	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,320.00</b>

**Adjustments (Deductions):**

CC06	DMV Online Revenue:	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
CC07	Credit Cards	\$ 5,924.45
CC07	Notaries:	\$ 180.00
CC07	Tax Sale - Rec. Fees	\$ -
	Tax Sale - RETT	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ -</b>



I received from Gizelle J. Meeks, Jefferson County Clerk the sum of: \$ **139,368.46**

2/5/19

Date

*Dorena L. Kimball*

Jefferson County Treasurer/Deputy