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*County Administrator*

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Date: February 13, 2026

**TO:** Members of General Services Committee

**FROM:** Ryan Piche, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** General Services Committee Agenda

Please let this correspondence serve as notification that the General Services Committee will meet on **February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

**Presentation:**

Brownfield and Blight Strategy – Hartley Bonisteel Schweitzer,  
Director of Planning and Community Development

**Resolutions:**

1. Amending an Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation in Relation to Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation
2. Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2025 Revenue from the Passenger Facility Charges for the Watertown International Airport
3. Authorizing an Agreement with the United States Army, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Rapid Refueling Operations
4. Authorizing an Agreement with Bronze Contracting LLC for the Demolition of Abbass Foods Phase 2
5. Authorizing an Agreement and Amending the 2026 Budget in Relation to the New York State Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant Program
6. Reappropriating Unspent Grant Funds for the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto
7. Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to 911 Phone System Support

8. Authorizing an Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in Relation to the Oxbow-Rossie Road (CR 25) Over Vrooman Creek Project and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto
9. Authorizing an Agreement with Indian River Central School District for Two School Resource Officers

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

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

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

Amending an Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation in Relation to  
Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation

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

Whereas, By Resolution No. 110 of 2022, The Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the design and bidding of the Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation Design, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 238 of 2025, The Board of Legislators authorized the agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation, Rifenburg Construction Inc. and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for Phase 2 Construction, anticipating a NYSDOT Matching Grant in the amount of \$76,098, and

Whereas, The NYSDOT Matching Grant of \$76,099 exceeded expectations by one dollar, necessitating a budget amendment to formally accept the funds for the capital project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, Jefferson County enter into an agreement with NYSDOT to accept said grant funds for \$76,099, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into said agreements and the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreements, including any change orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator, not to exceed the funding available, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

**Decrease**

Expenditure		
20698900 02064	Property Acquisition/Improvements	\$1

**Increase**

Revenue		
20900600 93589	Airport State Aid - DOT	\$ 1

Expenditure		
20561000 02087	Runway 10-28	\$ 1

and be it further

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

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

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State of New York    )  
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County of Jefferson )

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

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

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

Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2025 Revenue from the Passenger Facility Charges for the Watertown International Airport

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

Whereas, By Resolution No. 118 of 2022, The Board of Legislators authorized an Application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program at Watertown International Airport, and

Whereas, The FAA approved the application for the period starting in 2023 and expected to mature in 2029, and

Whereas, The County collected \$99,187.80 PFC in 2025, to be appropriated for use in projects that enhance safety, security, operations, or capacity; reduce noise; or increase air carrier competition.

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

**Increase**

Revenue		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$99,187.80
Expenditure		
020698900 02071	PFC Projects	\$99,187.80
Transfers		
019950000 09006	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$99,187.80
020900600 95031	Transfer from General Fund	99,187.80

and be it further

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

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

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

Authorizing an Agreement with the United States Army, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Rapid Refueling Operations

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

Whereas, Jefferson County is the sponsor and owner of the Watertown International Airport, and

Whereas, The United States Army has requested Rapid Refueling operations at the Watertown International Airport to support its mission, and

Whereas, The Watertown International Airport possesses the capacity and resources to meet the fueling requirements requested by the U.S. Army, 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, and

Whereas, The airport will receive payment for these services through an authorized federal government Air Card payment process specified by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and

Whereas, The Director of Aviation has formally recommended the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement related to such purpose with U.S. Army, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content.

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

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

Authorizing an Agreement with Bronze Contracting LLC for the Demolition of Abbass Foods  
Phase 2

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

Whereas, Resolution No. 25 of 2025 authorized an agreement for the Phase 1 demolition of the main Abbass Foods Warehouse Site in Evans Mills, Town of LeRay, which was condemned for occupancy and acquired by Jefferson County by foreclosure of delinquent real property taxes, and

Whereas, Phase 1 has since been completed, and

Whereas, A Request for Proposals (RFP) was solicited for the demolition of Abbass Phase 2 and Bronze Contracting LLC was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder at a cost not to exceed \$395,418, and

Whereas, The County has an existing contract with the Development Authority of the North Country to provide construction phase services, including oversight of the site demolition, periodic site inspections during construction, coordinating and conducting progress meetings with the Contractor, review of payment applications and recommend payments, and to complete the construction closeout process, and

Whereas, The project aligns with The Board of Legislators' goal to rehabilitate and return tax-delinquent properties to the tax roll and funds are available within the Property Remediation Account (20698900 02060).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Bronze Contracting LLC for the demolition of the Abbass Foods Warehouse Phase 2 in the amount not to exceed \$395,418.00 (Project Account: ABBASS#2), and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement with Bronze Contracting in the amount not to exceed \$395,418, on behalf of the County, including any changes orders as recommended by the County Administrator, not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content.

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

Authorizing an Agreement and Amending the 2026 Budget in Relation to the New York State  
Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant Program

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

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a New York State Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant in the amount of \$689,655 for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive these grant funds to enhance public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure, and

Whereas, The grant will fund the development of an ESInet for Jefferson County Public Safety Point in accordance with NENA i3 Standards for the implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG911).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be further

Resolved, The Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all future amendments and agreements with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services relative to the New York State Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant within available appropriations, per Purchasing Policy 4.01 – Policy, Control and Quotations, and be it further

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

**Increase**

Revenue

01341000 93397	State Aid & Emergency Service	\$689,655
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Expenditure

01341400 02300	Technical Equipment	\$639,655
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01341400 04416	Professional Fees	50,000
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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Reappropriating Unspent Grant Funds for the Fire and Emergency Management Department and  
Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

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

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 356 of 2022, 317 of 2023, 371 of 2024, The Board of Legislators recognized State Homeland Security (SHSP) grants for FY22, FY23 and FY24 respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 166 of 2024, The Board of Legislators recognized Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program funding for FY22 Hazmat Grant Program, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 42 of 2023 and 272 of 2025, The Board of Legislators recognized FY22 and FY23 Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) grant respectively, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 92 of 2023, The Board of Legislators recognized FY22 New York State Interoperable Communications Target Grant (SICG), and

Whereas, Unspent amounts remain in FY22, FY23 and FY24 SHSP grants, FY22 Hazmat Grant, FY22 and FY23 DTP grants and FY22 SICG grants, to be reappropriated and placed in the appropriate expenditure lines in the 2026 Budget.

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

**Increase**

Fund Balance		
01000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,349,553.90
Expenditure		
01341400 02300	Technical Equipment	\$1,165,659.00
01341400 04111	Trackable Durable Expense	4,500.00
01341400 04112	Membership & Dues	500.00
01341400 04114	Equipment Maintenance	5,064.00
01341400 04115	Telephone	1,386.00
01341400 04117	Printing	1,500.00
01341400 04313	Travel	7,500.99
01341400 04415	Advertising	3,500.00
01341400 04416	Professional Fees	131,977.00
01341400 04585	Operating Supplies	23,466.91
01341400 04613	Training	4,500.00

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

Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation to 911 Phone System Support

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

Whereas, Jefferson County owns and operates a Motorola Vesta 911 Phone System to support 911 emergency dispatch operations, and

Whereas, The System requires 24 hour/7 day a week maintenance and cybersecurity support to ensure this vital public safety system continues to operate, and

Whereas, Jefferson County procures said maintenance via New York State Contract with Motorola Solutions for said maintenance and monitoring, and

Whereas, 911 Reserve Funds are available to be utilized for funding said maintenance and monitoring.

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

**Decrease**

Restricted Fund Balance

01000000 30888	911 Wireless Surcharge Restricted Funds	\$135,809
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**Increase**

Expenditure

01341100 04120	E911 Computer Subscriptions	\$135,809
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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Authorizing an Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in Relation to the Oxbow-Rossie Road (CR 25) Over Vrooman Creek Project and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

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

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 144 and 192 of 2022, and 250 of 2024, the County advanced the Oxbow-Rossie Road (CR 25) Over Vrooman Creek, PIN 775403 (the “Project”) by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share in the amount of \$201,325, for the preliminary design and right of way incidental phases of the Project, and

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 177 and 178 of 2025, the County appropriated \$2,709,225 for construction and construction inspection for the Project, and

Whereas, Additional County funding is required for construction inspection work and the final design phase to complete the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for construction inspection and final design in an amount not to exceed \$433,360, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, including any change orders as recommended by the County Administrator, not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

**Increase**

Fund Balance		
05000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$433,360
Transfers		
05995000 09007	Transfer to Capital Bridges	\$433,360
20900600 950315	Interfund Transfer Roads	433,360
Expenditure		
20511300 02838	C37 Oxbow-Rossie (CR25)/Vrooman	\$ 433,360

and be it further

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

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

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

Authorizing an Agreement with Indian River Central School District for Two  
School Resource Officers

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

Whereas, By Resolution No. 75 of 2023, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office entered into contracts with the Indian River Central School District to provide School Resource Officers under two separate contracts, both expiring December 31, 2025, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has negotiated and agreed to enter into a new five-year contract with Indian River Central School District to continue to provide two School Resource Officers under existing conditions, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with the Indian River Central School District for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030, for the provision of two School Resource Officers, and be it further

Resolved, That the Indian River Central School District agrees to fund 100% of all of the program costs, including but not limited to salary, benefits, equipment, training, overtime, and supplies, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian River Central School District as outlined above on behalf of the Jefferson County, with the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

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

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