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Date: June 11, 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 ***Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board of Legislators' Chambers.

Following is a list of agenda items for the meeting:

Presentation:

239-M Exemptions to Municipalities- Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer
Director of Planning & Community Development

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Watertown International Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation – Phase 2
2. Amending Fee Schedule in Relation to the Jefferson County Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement of the Uniform Code and Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2026 Providing for Permitting of Commercial Renewable Energy Conversion Systems
3. Adopting Revised General Municipal Law 239-M Referral Exemption Framework and Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto
4. Authorizing a Grant Application with the New York State Department of State for a Brownfield Opportunity Area Program Pre-Planning Grant
5. Authorizing a Grant Application to the New York State Department of State Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 for Resilience and Drainage Improvements on County Route 123 in the Town of Henderson
6. Authorizing a Grant Application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the 2026 Jefferson County Natural Resources Inventory
7. Authorizing an Agreement and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Site Paving at the Recycling and Waste Management Facility

8. Authorizing an Agreement with the New York Division of Criminal Justice Services Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Grant 2025-2026 Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto
9. Reappropriating Funds in Relation to the FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

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

RP:jnl

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. _____

Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Watertown International Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation – Phase 2

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 237 and 238 of 2025, The Board of Legislators authorized agreements with New York State, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), McFarland Johnson, Inc., and Rifenburg Construction, Inc. in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation – Phase 2, and

Whereas, Said resolutions authorized the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to execute any change orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator not to exceed the funding available, and

Whereas, Various field changes are required to the contract due to unforeseen site conditions, including the discovery of subbase materials that differed from those anticipated during design, resulting in modifications to the pavement design, including the addition of an asphalt binder course to strengthen the overall pavement section, and

Whereas, A field change is required to add and replace signage to address operational needs and ensure compliance with FAA requirements, and

Whereas, A construction change order in the amount of \$1,413,595 will be necessary to Rifenburg Construction, Inc. to complete said modifications to ensure project completion, and

Whereas, Watertown International Airport anticipates grant funding in an amount of up to \$221,593 from the FAA through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) through an amendment to the grant authorized by Resolution No. 238 of 2025 with an additional grant in an amount of up to \$1,062,306 to be issued in FY 2027, and

Whereas, Watertown International Airport anticipates grant funding from New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as a match to the grant authorized by Resolution No. 238 of 2025 in an amount of up to \$5,832 and anticipates an additional grant in Fiscal Year 2027 in an amount of up to \$59,017.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with the FAA to accept said grant funds through AIP in an amount not to exceed \$1,283,899, with NYSDOT to accept said grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$64,849, and with Rifenburg Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,413,595, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements and change orders on behalf of the County as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator not to exceed the funding available, subject to the 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:

Revenue		
20900600 94589	Federal Aid – Airport Capital Project	\$1,283,899
20900600 93589	Airport State Aid – DOT	64,849

Expenditure		
20561000 02087	Runway 10-28 Reconstruct (AP762424)	\$1,413,597

Decrease:

Expenditure		
20698900 02064	Property Acquisition/Improvements (AP762424)	\$ 64,849

and be it further,

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

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
 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 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Amending Fee Schedule in Relation to the Jefferson County Rules and Regulations for
Administration and Enforcement of the Uniform Code and Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2026
Providing for Permitting of Commercial Renewable Energy Conversion Systems

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code in municipalities within Jefferson County that have opted not to administer and enforce the same, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators adopted Local Law No. 2 of 2026, which provides for the permitting of commercial renewable energy conversion systems to ensure their safe and orderly development within the jurisdiction of Jefferson County Fire Prevention and Building Code, and

Whereas, Commercial energy storage systems and renewable energy conversion systems require specialized technical review to protect the safety of residents and property, and

Whereas, It is beneficial to Jefferson County to establish specific fees for these permits to more closely reflect the real value of the administrative resources required and to review and permit commercial renewable energy conversion systems.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That pursuant to Section 13 of the Jefferson County Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement of the Uniform Code, the attached Fee Schedule and Construction Value Factors are hereby enacted for permits issued in connection with County administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE OFFICE**

175 Arsenal Street
Watertown, New York 13601
(315) 785-5130

FEES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE
PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE
(NOT INCLUDING ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS)

Permit Fee is based on construction value.*

Up to \$500	No Charge					
\$501 to \$2,000	\$45.00					
\$2,001 to \$25,000	\$45.00	for the first	\$2,000.00	+	\$2.60	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
\$25,001 to \$100,000	\$105.00	for the first	\$25,000.00	+	\$1.84	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
\$100,001 to \$250,000	\$243.00	for the first	\$100,000.00	+	\$1.33	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$444.00	for the first	\$250,000.00	+	\$1.38	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$788.00	for the first	\$500,000.00	+	\$1.44	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	\$1,508.00	for the first	\$1,000,000.00	+	\$1.54	for each additional \$1,000.00 after that.
Over \$5,000,001	\$7,694.00	for the first	\$5,000,000.00	+	\$1.64	for each additional \$5,000.00 after that.

Renewable Energy Projects

Up to \$100,000 in value \$300.00
Over \$100,000 in value, \$300.00 for the first \$100,000 + \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000.00

Mobile Home Permit	\$150.00
Modular Home Permit	\$200.00
Installation of Swimming Pool	\$60.00
Swimming Pool and Deck	\$70.00
Installation of Heating Unit (Gas, Oil or Solid Fuel)	\$50.00
Heating Unit and Chimney	\$60.00
Installation of Septic System	\$60.00
Operating Permit	\$50.00
Deck (raised above grade)	\$40.00
Sprinkler System or Fire Alarm System	\$40.00
Alteration of Issued Permit	\$35.00
Final Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	No Charge
First Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	No Charge
Second Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	\$50.00
All other Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	\$100.00
Solar Array (Building Attached)	\$80.00
Communication Tower (Building Attached)	\$150.00
Communication Tower Upgrade (Building Attached)	\$80.00

All Temporary Certificates are valid a maximum of 90 days from date of issuance.

In the event that a building permit must be renewed, a fee of not less than \$25.00 nor more than 50% (excluding permit fees under \$50.00) of the original building permit will be charged prior to re-issuance of the permit.

In the event an application for a permit is not approved, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of the fees paid, less \$35 application fee, provided no work has commenced. IF work has commenced and the application is not approved, the fees paid shall not be refunded.

*Local Base Construction Cost Factor is \$150/sq. ft. for heated structures. Factor is .5 for interior renovations/build outs to heated structures, and 0.25 for unheated structures.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Adopting Revised General Municipal Law 239-M Referral Exemption Framework and
Authorizing Agreements in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Jefferson County Planning Board was established pursuant to Article 12-B of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 239-M requires local municipal boards to refer certain land use actions located within five hundred feet of specified features to the County Planning Board for review and recommendation, and

Whereas, The statute further provides that a county and a municipal governing body may enter into an agreement identifying classes of actions that are primarily of local concern and therefore exempt from regional referral, and

Whereas, Jefferson County and its municipalities recognize that routine zoning actions do not produce intermunicipal or countywide impacts and can be more efficiently addressed at the local level, thereby enabling the Jefferson County Planning Board to focus its review resources on development projects with significant regional, environmental, or infrastructural implications, and

Whereas, These administrative changes are implemented in an effort to reduce bureaucratic red tape and eliminate county reviews or involvement in projects that are of local concern only, and

Whereas, Adopting the aforementioned 2026 exemption framework for minor residential, nonresidential, accessory, and administrative actions streamlines local economic development and reduces unnecessary administrative delays while ensuring that critical areas, such as highway access, municipal boundaries, and airport safety zones, remain protected under county review.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the attached Revised General Municipal Law 239-M Referral Exemption Framework, to be effective upon the adoption of this Resolution, and

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute intermunicipal agreements with participating local municipalities within Jefferson County for the implementation of the attached 2026 Updated Section 239-M Referral Exemption Framework at no cost to Jefferson County, upon adoption of a corresponding municipal resolution by each participating municipality, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of Jefferson)

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

Proposed 2026 Jefferson County 239-m Exemption Framework

New York General Municipal Law §239-m allows a county and local municipality to enter into agreements exempting certain actions that are determined to be “local rather than inter-community or countywide concern.”

Most counties implement these agreements through formal intermunicipal exemption lists adopted by both the county and participating municipalities.

Across New York counties, exemption lists consistently focus on three categories:

- Residential actions
- Accessory or minor development
- Administrative zoning changes

Actions typically retained for county review include:

- Comprehensive plans
- Rezoning and zoning map amendments
- Large commercial development
- Large-scale energy infrastructure
- New telecommunications towers
- Projects affecting regional infrastructure, such as airports, highways, or military installations

Based on common practice across counties, Jefferson County should continue to require referral for issues related to the above actions. These retained categories align with the statutory purpose of General Municipal Law §239-m, which is to ensure that development with potential intermunicipal or countywide impacts receives regional review.

Proposed Updated Jefferson County Exemption List

Small-Scale Nonresidential Development

Site plans or special permits for nonresidential structures under *2,000 square feet shall be exempt, provided that the project:

- does not include a drive-through or fuel pumps
- does not create a new curb cut on a state or county road
- does not involve outdoor storage or processing
- does not involve towers or energy facilities
- parcel is not within 500 feet of municipal boundaries

***Note:** The threshold for exemption shall be increased to 5,000 square feet within municipalities that have staff planners. In particular, the Department should review and/or comment on County-wide or intermunicipal impacts as the **primary focus** of responses.

Precedent

St. Lawrence County exempts:

“Commercial projects under 5,000 square feet.”

Policy Logic

Small commercial structures generally produce localized impacts and are frequently exempted in rural counties. *(Examples of use sizes: Starbucks averages between 1,500 and 2,000 sq ft; convenience store average size: 2,500 sq ft or larger; McDonald's often between 4,000 and 4,500 sq ft; Chick-fil-A is 5,000 sq. ft.)*

Area Variances for Permitted Uses

Area variances for permitted uses shall be exempt from County Planning Board review, provided that the variance:

- does not involve building/structure height
- does not affect access to a state or county road
- does not occur adjacent to a municipal boundary
- does not affect airport compatibility (FAA or DOD Part 77) imaginary surfaces

Precedent

Dutchess County exempts many variances.

Policy Logic

Dimensional relief rarely produces intermunicipal impacts and is widely treated as a local zoning matter.

Signage

Site plans, special permits, or variances for signs shall be exempt from County Planning Board review provided that:

- the sign is not located within one hundred feet of an intersection with a state or county roadway or
- the sign does not exceed twenty-five feet in height and is not located within airport approach or imaginary surface zones associated with Watertown International Airport or Wheeler Sack Army Airfield.

Precedent

Livingston County exempts several routine sign-related zoning actions, including certain illuminated sign variances, under its county referral exemption framework.

Policy Logic

Most local sign approvals involve modest height and visibility impacts that are confined to the immediate site. Taller pole signs, however, may affect aviation safety and visibility near airports or major roadway intersections. Retaining review of taller signs and those within airport influence areas ensures that potential impacts to aviation safety and transportation infrastructure continue to receive county-level evaluation.

Agricultural District Trigger

Actions requiring referral solely due to proximity to a certified agricultural district shall be exempt except for:

- projects that disturb more than 1 acre or result in 50% or more impervious lot coverage.
- wind turbines
- battery storage facilities

Precedent

State law already exempts certain area variances triggered solely by agricultural districts.

Policy Logic

Routine zoning actions near farms generally do not produce countywide effects.

Accessory Structures and Uses

Site plans or variances for accessory structures, including garages, sheds, decks, pools, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and similar structures, shall be exempt unless:

- the structure exceeds 25 feet in height
- the structure is directly adjacent to state or county property
- the structure is within airport takeoff\approach zones (FAA Part 77 Imaginary Surfaces)

Precedent

Lewis County and other rural counties routinely exempt accessory structures.

Example policy description:

- Single-family dwellings and related accessory structures
- Docks or waterfront structures associated with single-family residences
- Expansion of existing uses within existing buildings on existing lots

Policy Logic

Accessory structures for residential uses typically have minimal off-site impacts and are among the most common exemptions statewide.

EV Charging Stations (Accessory Installations)

EV charging stations installed as accessory infrastructure within existing parking lots shall be exempt.

Exception

Large charging facilities, charging plazas as the primary use, or projects involving significant site reconstruction shall require referral.

Policy Logic

Accessory chargers are considered infrastructure upgrades rather than land-use changes.

Telecommunications Co-Location

Modification, replacement, or co-location of telecommunications equipment (e.g. antennae) on existing towers or structures shall be exempt.

Exception

Construction of new towers requires review.

Policy Logic

Upgrading equipment on existing infrastructure rarely produces new land-use impacts.

On-site Consumption Solar and Small Accessory Energy Systems

On-site consumption solar installations, battery storage facilities, and accessory solar systems serving a principal use shall be exempt, except the following uses always require review:

- Utility-scale solar,
- Battery storage facilities, and
- Wind turbines.

Policy Logic

Accessory energy systems are analogous to other accessory structures.

Temporary Uses

Uses that do not require building permits are considered temporary and shall be exempt if the duration is less than one year. Temporary uses include:

- temporary construction trailers
- seasonal structures
- short-term RV permits
- farmers' markets\ flea markets

Policy Logic

Temporary approvals rarely generate permanent intermunicipal impacts.

Zoning Board Interpretations

Zoning interpretations by the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be exempt.

Precedent

Several counties treat interpretations as purely local administrative determinations.

Policy Logic

Interpretations do not authorize development; they only clarify code language.

Administrative Zoning Amendments

Amendments to zoning laws addressing:

- fees
- procedures
- enforcement
- administrative corrections

shall be exempt from referral.

Precedent

Dutchess County exempts:

“Administrative amendments (fees, procedures, penalties).”

Policy Logic

Administrative amendments do not change land use patterns or development intensity.

Renewals or Extensions of Existing Approvals

Renewals or extensions of previously approved site plans or special permits that do not materially change the project shall be exempt.

Precedent

Dutchess County exemption language includes:

“Renewals/extension of site plans or special permits that have no changes from previous approvals.”

Policy Logic

These actions do not represent new development or policy decisions.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Authorizing a Grant Application with the New York State Department of State for a Brownfield Opportunity Area Program Pre-Planning Grant

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution No. 47 of 2026, The Board of Legislators adopted the 2026 Strategic Priorities for the General Services Committee, including developing a strategy for brownfield redevelopment and blight removal, and

Whereas, Section 970-r of the General Municipal Law authorizes State assistance to eligible parties for Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program grants by means of a State Assistance Contract to enable municipalities to realize community revitalization, environmental remediation, and economic growth, and

Whereas, Jefferson County has identified concentrations of known or suspected brownfields and underutilized properties that present significant opportunities for redevelopment, which will directly benefit local residents, restore blighted areas, and stabilize the property tax base of Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Participation in the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program will enable Jefferson County to conduct an area-wide identification and preliminary analysis, facilitating future specific planning and redevelopment efforts that are in the public interest and benefit, and

Whereas, The proposed project, to be known as the Jefferson County Pre-Planning Area Project, consists of conducting an area-wide inventory and preliminary analysis of known or suspected Brownfield areas to identify focus areas for future planning and revitalization, and

Whereas, Territory boundaries shall encompass targeted rural, municipal, and waterfront corridors across Jefferson County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby authorized to submit an application with the New York State Department of State for a Brownfield Opportunity Area Program Pre-Planning Grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, with the required local match of 10% of the total project cost.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

State of New York)
) ss.:
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 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing a Grant Application to the New York State Department of State Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 for Resilience and Drainage Improvements on County Route 123 in the Town of Henderson

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County is eligible to apply for funding under the Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program, administered by the New York State Department of State through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, and

Whereas, Severe drainage deficiencies along County Route 123 in the Town of Henderson actively contribute to accelerated pavement deterioration, potholes, winter refreezing, and reduced roadway resilience, necessitating disproportionate and repetitive maintenance efforts by the Highway Department to mitigate public transportation safety risks, and

Whereas, Proposed improvements would include full-depth pavement reconstruction, installing curb and closed drainage systems, replacing and consolidating deteriorated culverts, completing gaps in the stormwater collection system, installing underdrains to relieve subsurface water, and incorporating green infrastructure and stormwater-quality practices where feasible, and

Whereas, These targeted improvements will significantly enhance stormwater conveyance, minimize localized runoff damage, manage stormwater quantity and quality, protect the adjacent Lake Ontario shoreline, and maintain reliable access for nearby residents, emergency services, recreational users, and local commercial activity, and

Whereas, The Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program requires a local match of at least 10% of the total eligible project cost, and this 10% match is anticipated not to exceed \$250,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby authorized to submit an application with the New York State Department of State for Resilience and Drainage Improvements to address severe drainage deficiencies on County Route 123 in the Town of Henderson.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing a Grant Application with the New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation for the 2026 Jefferson County Natural Resources Inventory

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, Jefferson County's most recent Natural Resources Inventory was completed in 1992,
and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 47 of 2026, The Board of Legislators adopted the 2026 Strategic
Priorities for the General Services Committee, including address land use, permitting, and
taxation policies regarding clean energy development, and

Whereas, the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) possesses the
authority to bypass local municipal zoning and land-use regulations when permitting major solar
and renewable energy facilities, making it imperative that Jefferson County establishes strong,
data-driven baselines to protect its landscape, and

Whereas, ORES is legally required to consider substantive local environmental, agricultural, and
ecological factors during its review process, but relies heavily on applicants' self-reported data in
the absence of comprehensive, updated local studies, and

Whereas, A modernized 2026 Natural Resources Inventory will provide Jefferson County and its
constituent towns with an authoritative, scientifically sound, and legally defensible repository of
data regarding prime agricultural soils, critical wildlife habitats, wetlands, and water resources,
and

Whereas, Possessing an updated Natural Resources Inventory equips Jefferson County with the
empirical evidence necessary to actively intervene in ORES proceedings, challenge unsuitable
developer proposals, and enforce strict adherence to local environmental constraints, thereby
restoring a critical measure of local control over utility-scale solar siting, and

Whereas, Financial assistance is available through the New York State Climate Smart
Communities grant program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15,
and

Whereas, This funding will provide significant economic benefit to Jefferson County by
offsetting the costs of this vital project, and

Whereas, Jefferson County certifies that it has identified \$20,000 of matching funds from general
county funds to include in-kind personnel services pursuant to the requirements of
Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15, thereby successfully leveraging \$80,000
in state funding for a total project value of \$100,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby authorized to submit an application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to update Jefferson County's Natural Resources Inventory in the amount of \$80,000, plus a local match of \$20,000 for a total project value of \$100,000.

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
Resolution No. _____

Authorizing an Agreement and Amending the 2026 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation
to Site Paving at the Recycling and Waste Management Facility

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution No. 81 of 2025, The Jefferson County Board of Legislators authorized a loan from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund for capital infrastructure needs in the amount of \$1,000,000, and

Whereas, By Resolution No. 134 of 2025, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with Barton and Loguidice for professional engineering services that included engineering services for potential paving needs, and

Whereas, Jefferson County solicited sealed bids for the Transfer Station Site Paving Project to perform essential pavement rehabilitation and modifications at the Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Facility to maximize site durability, traffic safety, and proper water drainage, and

Whereas, Barrett Paving Materials Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid, including recommended additive bids, in the amount of \$427,863.50, and

Whereas, The necessary asphalt concrete products required for the project will be procured separately by Jefferson County under its existing asphalt materials award in an approximate amount of \$272,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for the Jefferson County Transfer Station Site Paving Project in an amount not to exceed \$427,863.50, for a term expiring upon final completion by May 1, 2027, subject to 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:

Increase:

Fund Balance			
15000000 30599	Appropriated Fund Balance		\$202,460
Expenditure			
15816000 02014	Paving		\$700,000

Decrease:

Expenditure

15819000 02010

Transfer Station Construction

\$497,540

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 New York Division of Criminal Justice Services Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Grant 2025-2026 Relative to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) 2025-2026 Grant in the amount of \$39,000, and

Whereas, The GIVE initiative provides for preventative and enforcement strategies to focus efforts on hot spot policing, deterrence through community outreach and resource alignment, and specialized training, and

Whereas, Said grant will be used for Sheriff's Office overtime costs, community engagements and specialized training.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County hereby accepts said grant award and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That 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 Criminal Justice Services relative to the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) 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		
01311000 93389	State Aid – Other Public Safety	\$39,000
Expenditure		
01311000 01300	Overtime	\$35,000
01311000 04313	Travel	3,500
01311000 04613	Training	500

Seconded by Legislator: _____

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 ____.

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Resolution No. _____

Authorizing the Amendment of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Services 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Office and
Amending the 2026 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: _____

Whereas, By Resolution Nos. 185 of 2025 and 130 of 2026, The Board of Legislators authorized an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) and subsequently reappropriated the 2024 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant (OPSG), and

Whereas, There remain unspent funds in the 2024 OPSG Program Grant, and

Whereas, The Sheriff's Office applied for and received an amendment to the 2024 Stongarden Program Grant to support the purchase of two (2) engines for the County-owned 2007 AMC Kingfisher patrol vessel which is used to support Operation Stonegarden border security.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators enter into an agreement with the NYSDHSES to amend the 2024 OPSG grant as described above, and be it further

Resolved, That Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this this grant amendment on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

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

Increase:

Expenditure		
01311400 02100	Equipment (SHSTON24)	\$45,000

Decrease:

Revenue		
01311000 943201	Fed Homeland Sec-Sheriff	\$21,000

Expenditure		
01311000 02100	Equipment	\$21,000
01311400 01300	Overtime (SHSTON24)	44,000
01311400 08010	Retirement (SHSTON24)	500
01311400 08030	Social Security (SHSTON24)	500

Seconded by Legislator: _____

