

Agenda

Public Safety Committee

May 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (4/16/25)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
- 1. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Payment of \$132,500 for Settlement of Claim of the Estate of Gregory Gallaway
- 2. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Criminal Justice Discovery and Bail Reform Funding FY 2025
- 3. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES for Culinary Arts Instruction 2025-2026
- 4. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Regional Partnership Agreement with the City of Dunkirk Police Department and Southern Tier Drug Task Force
- 5. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Various School Districts for School Resource Officer Services 2025-2026
- 6. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Clymer Central School District for Special Patrol Officer Services 2025-2026
- 7. Other –
 - Presentation – Jail Needs Study
 - Discussion – Request for Proposals - Crime Lab Feasibility Study

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorize Payment of \$132,500 for Settlement of Claim of the Estate of Gregory Gallaway

BY: Administrative Services, Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, payment for the settlement of claims for amounts equal to or greater than \$25,000 require approval of the County Legislature pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-n and Local Law 4-86 of the County of Chautauqua, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the County's Law Department has recommended settlement of the claim of the Estate of Gregory Gallaway for the sum of \$132,500, of which the County will be responsible for \$66,250 pursuant to the County's insurance deductible, with the remaining half of the settlement sum expected to be paid by the County's insurance carrier; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature approves the payment of \$132,500 to the Estate of Gregory Gallaway, to be paid out of the County's Liability and Casualty Reserve Fund for the settlement of the claim of the Estate of Gregory Gallaway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That CS Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

CS.-----863.0000	Fund Balance, Reserved Fund Balance – Insurance Reserve	\$66,250
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2025 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

CS.1930.----.4	Contractual – Judgments & Claims	\$66,250
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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorize Acceptance of Criminal Justice Discovery and Bail Reform Funding FY 2025

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature passed Discovery and Bail Reform legislation in 2020 under Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) Chapter 11-A, Part 2, Title J, Article 245 (Legislation), which Legislation requires prosecutors to share evidence in their possession soon after arraignment and well in advance of trial; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation, which affords defendants the opportunity to review evidence prior to pleading guilty, requires prosecutors to share names and contact information of victims and witnesses to the defense, but also provides for the ability to protect victims and witnesses from intimidation and coercion; and

WHEREAS, Bail Reform eliminated bail for many non-violent and low-level offenses to reduce the number of people held in jail prior to trial; and

WHEREAS, the Discovery and Bail Reform laws were enacted on January 1, 2020, resulting in increased expenses for District Attorney’s offices, Probation Departments, and law enforcement agencies statewide to implement these laws; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has again awarded each county outside of New York City a sum of money to be used to offset the increased expenses associated with implementing the Discovery and Bail Reform laws, with the award amount determined according to each County’s average criminal court arraignments; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County has been awarded a total of \$945,058 to be shared between the District Attorney’s office, Probation Department, Sheriff’s Office, and local police agencies in the County to assist with Discovery and Bail Reform, with priority given to the District Attorney and police agencies; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the DCJS Discovery Reform Funding Plan by the County and approval of the plan by DCJS, the County will receive the entire award in one payment; and

WHEREAS, Funds can be used until they are spent in entirety, with no specified end date; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the effective implementation of the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform funding for Chautauqua County to enter into contracts and agreements with the Probation Department, Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Office and the following police agencies: Village of Fredonia, Village of Westfield, Village of Lakewood/Busti, Town of Ellicott, City of Dunkirk and City of Jamestown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funding for such contracts and agreements will be derived from the sum of the total award, and the contracts and agreements will amount to a total of \$286,000; and

WHEREAS, the revenue for these police contracts and equipment was not included in the 2025 Adopted Budget for the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the revenue was not included in the 2025 Adopted Budget for the Probation Department and Sheriff’s Office; and

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WHEREAS, the revenue will be included in the 2026, 2027, and 2028 Budgets for the District Attoreny; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Chautauqua County Legislature accepts the total award and authorizes the County Executive to execute the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Funding contract and associated documents for the grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a total of \$945,058; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute contracts and agreements between and among the District Attorney’s office and the Chautauqua County Probation Department, the Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Department and the municipal police departments in Chautauqua County identified above for the purposes of implementing the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2025 Adopted Budget:

District Attorney:			
<u>INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:</u>			
A.1165.----.2	Equipment - District Attorney		\$12,000
A.1165.----.4	Contractual - District Attorney		<u>\$228,000</u>
		Total	\$240,000
<u>INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:</u>			
A.1165.----.R308.9000	New York State Aid-OTH STATE AID		\$240,000

Probation:			
<u>INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:</u>			
A.3140.----.4	Contractual - Probation		\$20,000
<u>INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:</u>			
A.3140.----.R158.9000	New York State Aid-OTH PUBLIC SAFTEY SUPERVISION FEES		\$20,000

Sheriff’s Office:			
<u>INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:</u>			
A.3110.GRNT.2	Equipment - Sheriff - Grants		\$40,000
<u>INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:</u>			
A.3110.GRNT.R338.9000	New York State Aid-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY		\$40,000

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES for Culinary Arts Instruction 2025-2026

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County is required pursuant to the New York State Correction Law and Education Law to provide appropriate educational services to eligible inmates housed at the County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES has successfully administered various education programs at the jail, and has the ability to oversee a culinary arts program; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County desires to offer a culinary arts program to eligible inmates in an effort to assist such inmates in obtaining gainful employment when released from jail, and has negotiated a tentative agreement with BOCES for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with payments to be made by BOCES to the County of Chautauqua for a total sum not to exceed \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, this revenue has already been included in the 2025 Budget, hence an amendment is not needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES for a culinary arts instruction program.

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Regional Partnership Agreement with the City of Dunkirk Police Department and Southern Tier Drug Task Force

BY: Public Safety Committee:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office and the City of Dunkirk Police Department are in partnership with Southern Tier Drug Task force to work together in investigations throughout the Southern Tier of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff proposes that an inter-municipal partnership agreement be established, allowing the regional agencies to work together on common projects, goals, and objectives; and

WHEREAS, such partnership agreements do not involve any payment of funds; and

WHEREAS, the below agencies will be Participating partners in the initial regional partnership agreement:

City of Dunkirk Police Department
Southern Tier Drug Task Force

; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute regional partnership agreements with regional municipalities for so long as they are a participating agency with the Southern Tier Drug Task Force.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Various School Districts for School Resource Officer Services 2025-2026

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, various school districts have requested the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff provide a School Resource Officer during the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Sheriff has negotiated a tentative agreement with these entities for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for an estimated cost not to exceed amounts listed, based on a per deputy rate of \$117,899.93:

Brocton Central School \$117,899.93
 Frewsburg Central School \$117,899.93
 Pine Valley Central School \$117,899.93
 Silver Creek Central School \$117,899.93
 Forestville Central School \$117,899.93
 Panama Central School \$117,899.93
 BOCES Chau-Catt Erie II \$235,799.86* (1 deputy for each of 2 locations)

; and

WHEREAS, this revenue is included in the 2025 Budget so no budget amendments are needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with these entities for enhanced police services as set forth above with revenues to be credited to revenue account A.3110.R226.0000.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Clymer Central School District for Special Patrol Officer Services 2025-2026

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Clymer Central School District (the District) has requested that the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff provide a Special Patrol Officer during the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Sheriff has negotiated a tentative agreement with the District for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for an estimated cost not to exceed an hourly rate of \$34.00; and

WHEREAS, this revenue is included in the 2025 Budget so no budget amendments are needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with the District for enhanced police services as set forth above, with revenues to be credited to revenue account A.3110.R226.0000.

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