

Agenda

Human Services Committee

August 20, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes (7/16/25)

C. Privilege of the Floor

1. Proposed Resolution – Confirm Reappointments - Chautauqua Opportunities Board of Directors
2. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Grant Application for 2025 CDBG Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal – Septic and Wells Program
3. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing and Approving Settlement Agreement in Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Sandoz Inc.)
4. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing and Approving Settlement Agreement in Actions Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc.)
5. Proposed Resolution – Authorize of Lease Agreement with Town of Chautauqua for Office Space for Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene
6. Proposed Resolution – Authorize of Lease Agreement with City of Jamestown for Office Space for Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services
7. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Lease Agreement with SUNY Fredonia for 2026 Senior Expo Event
8. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of 2025 Exhale Grant Award
9. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Office for Aging Services and Department of Social Services to Submit Application for NY Connects Funding on an Annual Basis
10. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreements with Governmental Entities for Emergency Assistance, Facilities and Training
11. Other –

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Confirm Reappointments - Chautauqua Opportunities Board of Directors

BY: Human Services Committee:

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

WHEREAS, Paul M. Wendel Jr., County Executive, has submitted the following reappointments for action by the Chautauqua County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature does hereby confirm the following reappointments to the Chautauqua Opportunities Board of Directors.

Marie Carrubba
19 Widrig Ave.
Jamestown, NY 14701
Term Expires: 6/30/26

Robert Bankoski
407 Lake Shore Drive East
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Term Expires: 6/30/26

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Grant Application for 2025 CDBG Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal – Septic and Wells Program

BY: Human Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit a 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal seeking \$300,000.00 for a private water and wastewater assistance project (the Project), designed to assist low and moderate income persons with repair and replacement of their water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 189-25 the Chautauqua County Legislature held a public hearing to obtain public input relevant to the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project grant application requires the applicant to certify that the governing body has authorized and directed certain actions by a designated representative of the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Public Health Director, Lacey Wilson, is hereby designated as the official representative of the County to act in connection with the submission of this CDBG Project application; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Public Health Director is authorized and directed to submit a Project application for CDBG funding and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and to provide such additional information as may be required; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to execute any agreements and associated documents necessary to receive such funding.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorizing and Approving Settlement Agreement in Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Sandoz Inc.)

BY: Human Services Committee:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr. and
Legislature Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, there is pending litigation on behalf of various New York municipalities against Sandoz Inc. regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of Chautauqua is either a named plaintiff or is eligible to participate in the action (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Action and a proposed settlement pertain to Sandoz Inc. and its affiliates (the Defendant), which includes manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids, and/or chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against the Defendant based on claims that the Defendant contributed to the opioid epidemic by various acts that contributed to a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve the claims involving the Defendant without further litigation, and enter into an agreement that settles all allegations against the Defendant (the Agreement) and avoids protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive and the County's counsel are each authorized and empowered on behalf of the County of Chautauqua to execute the Agreement with the Defendant and to settle the Action of the County against the Defendant relating to the opioid addiction crisis, and to execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate said settlement with the Defendant.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorizing and Approving Settlement Agreement in Actions Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc.)

BY: Human Services Committee:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr. and
Legislature Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, there is pending litigation on behalf of various New York municipalities regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of Chautauqua is either a named plaintiff or is eligible to participate in the action (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids, and/or chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants based on claims that these entities contributed to the opioid epidemic by various acts that contributed to a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, there is an opioid settlement opportunity that will resolve all of the County's claims against small manufacturer companies Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. (the Defendants); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve the claims involving the Defendants without further litigation, and enter into an agreement that settles all allegations against these companies (the Agreement) and avoids protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive and the County's counsel are each authorized and empowered on behalf of the County of Chautauqua to execute the Agreement with the named Defendants and to settle the Action of the County against these Defendants relating to the opioid addiction crisis, and to execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate said settlement with these Defendants.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorize of Lease Agreement with Town of Chautauqua for Office Space for Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene

BY: Public Facilities, Human Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County desires continuance of a lease from Town of Chautauqua approximately 4,962 square feet on the 2nd floor located at 2 Academy Street, Mayville in the County of Chautauqua, State of New York, for use by the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been undertaken to obtain a renewed lease agreement mutually beneficial to the County and Town of Chautauqua in which the rate will remain the same; and

WHEREAS, since the lease rate will remain the same, this expense is included in the 2025 Budget and an amendment is not needed at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a lease agreement with Town of Chautauqua upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Premises. Approximately 4,962 square feet (Rooms 200,201,202 and public space including the stairways and hallways needed for access thereto) of office space on the 2nd floor of the 2 Academy Street, Mayville, New York.
- 2) Term. August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028.
- 3) Rent. \$3,743.25 per month, at the rate of approximately \$0.754 per square foot.
- 4) Utilities. Landlord shall be responsible for all utilities, including heat and electric. County is responsible for the cost of the phone and computer lines, including installation fees.
- 5) Other. As negotiated by the County Executive.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize of Lease Agreement with City of Jamestown for Office Space for Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services

BY: Public Facilities, Human Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County desires to relocate from another location and lease from City of Jamestown approximately 2,180 square feet on the 3rd floor located at Jamestown City Municipal Building, 200 East Third Street, Jamestown in the County of Chautauqua, State of New York, for use by the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been undertaken to obtain a tentative lease agreement mutually beneficial to the County and City of Jamestown that is equivalent to the lease rate of the space previously occupied; and

WHEREAS, since the lease rate will remain the same from the previous location to the new location, this expense is included in the 2025 Budget and an amendment is not needed at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a lease agreement with City of Jamestown upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Premises. Approximately 2,180 square feet of office space on the 3rd floor of the City of Jamestown Municipal Building, 200 East Third Street, Jamestown, New York.
- 2) Term. October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.
- 3) Rent. October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026: \$14.86 per square foot, with annual rent increases not to exceed four percent (4%) per year.
- 4) Utilities. Landlord shall be responsible for all utilities, including heat and electric. County is responsible for the cost of the phone and computer lines, including installation fees.
- 5) Other. As negotiated by the County Executive.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Lease Agreement with SUNY Fredonia for 2026 Senior Expo Event

BY: Human Services Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (CCOFAS) seeks to guide, connect and advocate for long-term services and supports to help older adults remain in the community; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS celebrates national Older Americans Month each year in the month of May, and CCOFAS has grown this annual event and will serve many older adults, caregivers, families and providers in the County-wide Senior Expo event on May 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS will provide this outreach event for any and all people interested in services, activities, and program information regarding CCOFAS services, as well as other agencies, organizations and providers of services for adults in Chautauqua County New York, enabling Chautauqua County residents to acquire knowledge of services, programs, benefits, information, and resources available to enhance successful aging in our County; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS has negotiated with SUNY Fredonia to lease space for this event to take place at their Williams Center Building, located on the SUNY Fredonia campus; and

WHEREAS, as an annual event, all related expenses will be included in the 2026 Budget;
now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a one-day lease agreement with SUNY Fredonia for the purpose specified in this Resolution.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Acceptance of 2025 Exhale Grant Award

BY: Human Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (CCOFAS) seeks to guide, connect, and advocate for long-term services and supports to help older adults remain in the community; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS partners with the Alzheimer’s Association of Western New York to provide services including education, caregiver consultations and funding through the Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Initiative (ADCSI), a grant funded through the New York State Department of Health and designed to support caregivers and people with dementia in the community using evidence-based strategies; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS and the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York use funding to directly provide services such as in-home care, caregiver support groups, social adult day services, transportation, personal emergency response systems including GPS devices, and overnight in-facility respite care, to assist and unburden Chautauqua County caregivers and to continue to maintain individuals with a memory deficit in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Exhale, the Family Caregiver Initiative, funds assigned to CCOFAS will support temporary respite services including adult day programs, in-home personal care aide services, consumer-directed services, and overnight in-facility respite care; and

WHEREAS, CCOFAS has been awarded Exhale grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2025 year; and

WHEREAS, this funding is included in the 2025 Adopted Budget so an amendment is not needed at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all contracts and documents necessary to accept the grant award and receive grant funds.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date _____

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

TITLE: Authorize Office for Aging Services and Department of Social Services to Submit Application for NY Connects Funding on an Annual Basis

BY: Human Services Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging and Department of Health have established standards for the design of long-term care Point of Entry systems, referred to as The NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care Program, which is statutorily mandated by New York State Elder Law §203(8) and complies with federal statute prescribed in the Older Americans Act (OAA); and

WHEREAS, the program was implemented in counties across the state with the goal of promoting seamless access to long-term services and supports for older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities, to enable them to remain at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County's Department of Social Services (CCDSS) and the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (CCOFAS) have reviewed and participated in the process to develop an application for a Point of Entry system for Chautauqua County's future long term care needs; and

WHEREAS, CCOFA and CCDSS are designated the lead agencies as such term is defined in the applicable legislation and regulations establishing the Point of Entry for long term care services; and

WHEREAS, funding for the NY Connects program is included in the 2025 Adopted Budget and will be an annual application going forward; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to submit annual applications for funding through the NY Connects program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary contracts and documents to accept these annual grant awards and receive grant funds.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Agreements with Governmental Entities for Emergency Assistance, Facilities and Training

BY: Human Services Committee:

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

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §119-o authorizes municipalities to cooperate in the performance of their activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2-B of the Executive Law, upon the threat or occurrence of a disaster, the chief executive of any political subdivision is authorized and empowered to provide or accept assistance and share the use of facilities upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed by the chief executives of the requesting and assisting political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County where possible to enter into emergency response agreements with municipalities and other governmental entities in advance so that in the event of the threat or occurrence of a disaster, Chautauqua County will be in a position to render and receive aid under prearranged terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to participate in emergency practice drill and training activities, to enhance the County's ability to respond to the threat or occurrence of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, grant funds and State emergency response reimbursement may be available for activities engaged in pursuant to prearranged agreements between aid-rendering and aid-receiving governmental entities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with municipalities and other governmental entities, as an ongoing emergency preparation measure, for the rendering and receipt of emergency aid upon the threat or occurrence of a disaster, including, but not limited to, addressing an imminent public health threat as declared or approved by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with municipalities and other governmental entities for the conduct of emergency training and practice activities, as the same may be warranted from time to time.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date _____