

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**01/02/2026**

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# Chautauqua County Legislature

**6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRAYER BY LEGISLATOR HEISER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**Nominations for Chairman of the Legislature**

**Seconding of Nominations**

**Roll Call Vote for Chairman**

**Clerk Lee Announces Chairman**

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**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN**

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Members of the public may comment on any subject relating to any local law, resolution, or motion appearing on the agenda.

Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes and comments representing a group shall be limited to 5 minutes.

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**(REPUBLICAN) DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER**

We, the undersigned members of the Chautauqua County Legislature, and representing the Republican party, one of the two principal parties into which the people of Chautauqua County are divided, do hereby designate for the year 2026 the POST JOURNAL as the Republican newspaper to publish the concurrent resolutions, election notices and official canvas, all pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 1, of the County Law.

Signed: Chagnon, Johnson, Proctor, Penhollow, Heiser, Scudder, Dickey, Gustafson, Vanstrom, Harmon, Anthony, Pavlock

**(DEMOCRATIC) DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER**

We, the undersigned members of the Chautauqua County Legislature, and representing the Democratic party, one of the two principal parties into which the people of Chautauqua County are divided, do hereby designate for the year 2026 the OBSERVER as the Democratic newspaper to publish the concurrent resolutions, election notices and official canvas, all pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 1, of the County Law.

Signed: Bankoski, Nelson, Larson, Buchanan

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### APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT

We, the undersigned being a Majority of the Republican members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Jamie Gustafson as Majority Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2026 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint, as Assistant Majority Leader, Legislator Lisa Vanstrom.

Signed: Chagnon, Johnson, Proctor, Penhollow, Heiser, Scudder, Pavlock, Dickey, Landy, Gustafson, Vanstrom, Harmon, Anthony

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### APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT

We, the undersigned being a Majority of the Democrat members of the Chautauqua County Legislature do hereby designate Legislator Robert Bankoski as the Minority Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2026 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint as Assistant Minority Leader, Legislator Thomas Nelson.

Signed: Bankoski, Nelson, Larson, Buchanan

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### RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-26 Appointing Clerk of the Legislature**
  - 2-26 Appointing Secretary to the Legislature**
  - 3-26 Confirm Appointment - Public Defender**
  - 4-26 Designation of Official Newspapers - 2026**
  - 5-26 Delegate Authority to Chairman of Legislature to Correct Errors on Tax Rolls and to Provide Refunds and Credits of Taxes Pursuant to Section 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law**
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A member of the legislature may speak on any subject.

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RES. NO. 1-26  
Appointing Clerk of the Legislature

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

RESOLVED, That Olivia L. Lee, 5870 South Stockton Cassadaga Road, Sinclairville, New York, is hereby appointed Clerk of the Chautauqua County Legislature as well as performing duties of the Financial Analyst effective January 1, 2026, and shall be placed in Range 6 of the 2024 Management Salary Plan as provided in Local Law 10-23.

Signed: Chagnon, Bankoski, Nelson, Buchanan, Larson, Johnson, Proctor, Penhollow, Heiser, Scudder, Dickey, Landy, Gustafson, Vanstrom, Harmon, Anthony, Pavlock

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RES. NO. 2-26  
Appointing Secretary to the Legislature

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

RESOLVED, That Kristi R. Zink, 8213 Griswold Road, Cassadaga, New York 14718, is hereby appointed Secretary to the Chautauqua County Legislature, who also has the responsibilities of Deputy Clerk, effective January 1, 2026, and shall be placed in Range 3 of the 2024 Management Salary Plan as provided in Local Law 10-23.

Signed: Chagnon, Bankoski, Nelson, Buchanan, Larson, Johnson, Proctor, Penhollow, Heiser, Scudder, Dickey, Landy, Gustafson, Vanstrom, Harmon, Anthony, Pavlock

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RES. NO. 3-26  
Confirm Appointment - Public Defender

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

RESOLVED, that Nathaniel L. Barone, II 600-3 Baker St. Ext., Jamestown, New York, be and hereby is appointed Public Defender of Chautauqua County for one (1) year effective January 1, 2026, to be compensated as follows:

2026 – Annual base salary of \$103,436.26 for 100% time, with an additional salary and benefits supplement totaling \$89,973 to the extent of available grant funds received from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) pursuant to Resolution 312-23. The Budget Director has calculated the appropriate allocation of \$72,582.28 as the salary portion of the supplement.

Signed: Chagnon

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RES. NO. 4-26  
Designation of Official Newspapers - 2026

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

RESOLVED, That the Post Journal, 15 West Second Street, Jamestown, NY and the Observer, 10 East Second Street, Dunkirk, NY be and hereby are designated, pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 2 of the County Law, to be the official newspapers of Chautauqua County during the year 2026 for the publication of all local laws, notices, and other matters required by law to be published.

Signed: Chagnon, Bankoski, Nelson, Larson, Johnson, Proctor, Penhollow, Heiser, Scudder, Dickey, Gustafson, Vanstrom, Harmon, Anthony, Pavlock

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RES. NO. 5-26  
Delegate Authority to Chairman of Legislature to Correct Errors on Tax Rolls  
and to Provide Refunds and Credits of Taxes Pursuant to Section 554 and 556 of  
the Real Property Tax Law

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law authorize a tax levying body to delegate its authority to correct errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less; and

WHEREAS, such delegation would only apply when the County's Director of Real Property Tax Services has investigated an application for correction, refund, or credit and recommended approval based upon that investigation; and

WHEREAS, the delegation of authority would afford the taxpayers of Chautauqua County a mechanism for prompt approval of such applications for correction, refund, or credit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, the County Legislature hereby delegates to the Chairman of the Legislature its authority to correct errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the delegation of authority granted herein, the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby empowered to authorize such correction of errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less, without prior audit by the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution will be in effect from this date until December 31, 2026.

Signed: Chagnon, Bankoski, Nelson, Buchanan, Larson, Vanstrom, Pavlock, Harmon, Gustafson, Landy, Dickey, Scudder, Heiser, Penhollow, Proctor, Johnson, Anthony

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