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RES. NO. 6-26

Confirm Appointment-North Chautauqua County  
Water District Administrative Board

By Public Facilities Committee:

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, the North Chautauqua County Water District (District) was established pursuant to Resolutions 39-16, 81-16, 231-17, 82-19, and 154-24; and

WHEREAS, the District is comprised of all or a portion of the Towns of Portland, Pomfret, Sheridan, Dunkirk, and the Village of Brocton; and

WHEREAS, the District has an Administrative Board established by Resolution 40-16; and

WHEREAS, board member Legislator, Terry Niebel term has expired as of 12/31/25 without seeking reelection, leaving a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the District Board recommends the appointment to the board of the individual named below; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby appoints the following member to the North Chautauqua County Water District Administrative Board effective immediately upon confirmation by the legislature.

Robert Scudder  
348 West Main St.  
Fredonia, N.Y. 14063  
Expiration 12/31/27

Signed: Nelson, Whitney, Scudder

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RES. NO. 7-26

Confirm Reappointment – Chautauqua County Office  
for the Aging Advisory Council

By Human Services Committee:

At the request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr. 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 County Office for the Aging Advisory Council.

Dr. Laila Denoya  
15 University Park  
Fredonia, N.Y. 14063  
Term Expires: 12/31/27  
(Reappointment)  
Signed: Gustafson, Lewis, Pavlock, Harmon

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RES. NO. 8-26

Support Bemus Point Central School District Application for New York  
State Local Government Efficiency Implementation Grant

By Public Facilities Committee:

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon and County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the Department of State of the State of New York has made funding available for the 2025-2026 Local Government Efficiency Program to assist applicants in implementing plans to increase local governments cooperation and consolidation efforts to reduce costs to their taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Funding Application is a unified funding process developed and made available to distribute grant funds to incentivize new actions between local governments that will reduce the cost of municipal operations and modernize the delivery of local services, thereby limiting growth in property taxes and increase efficiencies in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Bemus Point Central School District (“District”) and County of Chautauqua (“County”) find it advantageous to join together in seeking a Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Implementation Grant from the NYS Department of State to allow the District to decommission its existing wastewater treatment plant located on the Maple Grove High School property and construct a pump station and force main to the County’s existing public sewer system within the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District, thereby improving administrative efficiency, reducing operational costs, modernizing services and enhancing intermunicipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the goals and requirements of the LGE Implementation Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Bemus Point Central School District will act as the lead applicant and the County will act as co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, the application will seek \$560,000 in total monies, \$500,000 in a Department of State LGE Implementation Grant, and \$60,000 from the Bemus Point Central School District in required matching funds (at least 10% match required); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chautauqua County hereby offers its support of the project and agrees to act as a co-applicant with the Bemus Point Central School District acting as the lead applicant for LGE Implementation Grant administered by the New York State Department of State for the purposes of reducing operation and maintenance costs for sewage disposal to the participating communities and improving on-going operational efficiencies, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any necessary LGE Implementation Grant application documents for submission to the Department of State’s Consolidated Funding Application, as co-applicant.

Signed: Heiser, Whitney, Nelson, Anthony, Scudder

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RES. NO. 9-26

Apply for and Accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds for Rehabilitate  
Taxiway B North (Design) at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

By Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County requests approval to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) project applications for grants and to accept funds from said grants to pay for 95% and 2.5% respectively of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following project at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport: Rehabilitate Taxiway B North (Design) FAA AIP Project No. TBD (“Project”), the remainder of the project to be funded by a 2.5% local share; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved the Project for Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport consisting of Rehabilitate Taxiway B North (Design), which is more fully described in the Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 313-25, Chautauqua County approved the Project as part of the five-year Airport Capital Improvement Plan (“ACIP”) and approved submission of an application for FAA and NYSDOT grant funds for Rehabilitate Taxiway B North (Design) under the Airport Improvement Program (“AIP”), and funding shares for the project are as follows:

Federal	\$	157,700
State	\$	4,150
Local	\$	<u>4,150</u>
Total Project Costs	\$	166,000

; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended that the County approve the application submission and acceptance of funds as the Project is crucial for the operation of the Airport; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chautauqua County submit to the FAA and NYSDOT a project application and accept said funds, entering into agreement with the FAA and NYSDOT for financial assistance for the Project described above at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Chautauqua County with the FAA and NYSDOT in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the FAA and NYSDOT by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance--Reserve for Capital	\$ 4,150
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Director of Finance is directed to make the following changes to the Capital budget:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$4,150
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH.255610.25387.4	Contractual – Chautauqua County Airport, Rehab Taxiway B North (2026)	\$166,000
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25387.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$4,150
HH.255610.25387.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$4,150
HH.255610.25387.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	<u>\$157,700</u>
	Total:	\$166,000

*(1/20/26 P.F. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

*(1/22/26 A.C. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

Signed: Heiser, Nelson, Whitney, Anthony, Johnson

## RES. NO. 10-26

Apply for and Accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds for Rehabilitate Runway  
15-33 (Design) at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

By Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County requests approval to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) applications for grants and to accept funds from said grants to pay for 95% and 2.5% respectively of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following project at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport: Rehabilitate Runway 15-33 (Design) FAA AIP Project No. TBD (“Project”), the remainder of the project to be funded by a 2.5% local share; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved the Project for Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport consisting of Rehabilitate Runway 15-33 (Design), which is more fully described in the Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 313-25, Chautauqua County approved the Project as part of the five-year Airport Capital Improvement Plan (“ACIP”) and approved submission of an application for FAA and NYSDOT grant funds for Rehabilitate Runway 15-33 (Design) under the Airport Improvement Program (“AIP”), and funding shares for the project are as follows:

Federal	\$	426,455
State	\$	11,222
Local	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,223</u>
Total Project Costs	\$	448,900

; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended the County approve the application submission and acceptance of funds as the Project is crucial for the operation of the Airport; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chautauqua County submit to the FAA and NYSDOT a project application and accept said funds, entering into agreement with the FAA and NYSDOT for

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financial assistance for the Project described above at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Chautauqua County with the FAA and NYSDOT in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the FAA and NYSDOT by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.----.----.878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance--Reserve for Capital	\$11,223
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Director of Finance is directed to make the following changes to the Capital budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$11,223
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH.255610.25388.4	Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport, Rehab Runway 15-33	\$448,900
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25388.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$11,223
HH.255610.25388.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$11,222
HH.255610.25388.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	<u>\$426,455</u>
	Total	\$448,900

*(1/20/26 P.F. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

*(1/22/26 A.C. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

Signed: Heiser, Pavlock, Nelson, Anthony, Whitney, Johnson

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RES. NO. 11-26

Apply for and Accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds for Terminal Building Renovation  
(Construction) at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport

By Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County requests approval to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) project applications for grants and to accept funds from said grant to pay for 95% and 2.5% respectively of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following project at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport: Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) FAA AIP Project No. TBD (“Project”), the remainder to be funded by a 2.5% local share; and

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WHEREAS, the FAA has approved the Project for Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport consisting of Terminal Building Renovation (Construction), which is more fully described in the Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 314-25, Chautauqua County approved the Project as part of the five-year Airport Capital Improvement Plan (“ACIP”) and approved submission of an application for FAA and NYSDOT grant funds for Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) under the Airport Improvement Program (“AIP”), and funding shares for the project are as follows:

Federal	\$ 1,201,750
State	\$ 31,625
Local	<u>\$ 31,625</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 1,265,000

; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended that the County approve the application submission and acceptance of funds as the Project is crucial for the operation of the Airport; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chautauqua County submit to the FAA and NYSDOT a project application and accept said funds, entering into agreement with the FAA and NYSDOT for financial assistance for the Project described above at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Chautauqua County with the FAA and NYSDOT in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the FAA and NYSDOT by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.----.878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance--Reserve for Capital	\$ 31,625
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Director of Finance is directed to make the following changes to the Capital budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$31,625
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INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH.255610.25340.4	Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport, Terminal Building Renovation (Construction)	\$1,265,000
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INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25340.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$31,625
HH.255610.25340.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$31,625
HH.255610.25340.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	\$1,201,750
	Total	\$1,265,000

*(1/20/26 P.F. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

*(1/22/26 A.C. – Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”)*

Signed: Heiser, Pavlock, Nelson, Anthony, Whitney, Johnson

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RES. NO. 12-26

Authorize Lease of Restaurant Facilities at Chautauqua County  
Jamestown Airport to Archies Airport Diner, LLC

By Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the County owns and operates the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport in the Town of Ellicott in a manner that provides services and facilities on a non-exclusive basis for the general use of the public and to enhance current and future economic development in the County; and

WHEREAS, Archies Airport Diner, LLC has shown an interest in leasing the restaurant space within the terminal building for the purpose of operating a restaurant and events catering business; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommends leasing restaurant space in the airport terminal building to Archies Airport Diner, LLC for the purpose of operating a restaurant and events catering business; and

WHEREAS, this revenue is included in the 2026 Budget so an amendment is not needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute a lease agreement with Archies Airport Diner, LLC for the restaurant space at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport upon substantially the following proposed terms and conditions:

1. Term One year, commencing on March 1, 2026, and terminating on February 28, 2027 with the option to negotiate renewal at the end of the term.
2. Premises Chautauqua County Jamestown terminal building restaurant space comprising 2,909 gross square feet of open floor plan office. County, at no additional cost to Lessee, shall provide for the use of parking adjacent to the Terminal Building next to restaurant door entrance directly to the outside.
3. Payment Tenant shall pay County a monthly fixed rental fee of Nine Hundred and No Dollars (\$900).
4. Other As negotiated by the County Executive.

Signed: Heiser, Pavlock, Nelson, Anthony, Whitney, Scudder, Johnson

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RES. NO. 13-26

Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NYSDOT for PIN 5764.60

By Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Resolution 221-23 approved a project for the replacement of the Kortwright Road Bridge over Brokenstraw Creek, in the Town of Harmony, Chautauqua County, PIN 5764.60 (the "Project") and committed 100% of the Project's total cost; and

WHEREAS, the total cost is now estimated at \$2,000,000, to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the additional Non-Federal Share for the Project's cost; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that New York State will provide reimbursement to the County equal to 75% of the Non-Federal share; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua hereby approves the advancement of the above-subject Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the amount required to pay the full Federal and Non-Federal shares of the cost of the Project's phases exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Chautauqua shall convene its Legislature as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive of the County of Chautauqua be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications and/or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid on behalf of the County of Chautauqua with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the County's first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-Aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.----.----.878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance--Reserve for Capital	\$83,500
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Director of Finance is directed to make the following changes to the Capital budget:

INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$83,500
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INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

D.5112.389.4	Contractual - Funded Bridge Program	\$1,670,000
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INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

D.5112.389.R358.9003	New York State Aid-Marchiselli Funds	\$250,500
D.5112.389.R458.9002	Federal Aid-Surface Transp Program	\$1,336,000
D.5112.389.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	<u>\$83,500</u>
	Total	\$1,670,000

Signed: Heiser, Pavlock, Nelson, Anthony, Whitney, Scudder, Johnson

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RES. NO. 14-26  
Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security  
Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICTG)  
Program FY 2024 and FY 2025

By Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff has received notification that the State of New York Office of Homeland Security approved the application submitted to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to help close gaps in National Interoperability Channels and implement Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant Program (SICTG); and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will provide funding in the amount of \$1,900,000.00 with no local funds required for the contract period from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow us to make improvements to our national calling system and infrastructure for improved interoperability between in-county and out-of-county agencies; and

WHEREAS, this grant is not included in the 2026 Adopted budget, therefore a budget amendment will be needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Executive is authorized to execute the appropriate agreement with the New York State Office of Homeland Security; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2026 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3110.GRNT.2	Equipment - Sheriff - Grants	\$950,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

A.3110.GRNT.R338.9000	New York State Aid-OTH PUBLIC SAFETY	\$950,000
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Signed: Pavlock, Johnson, Anthony, Scudder, Nelson

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RES. NO. 15-26

Authorize Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Dunkirk for  
Installation Costs of Public Safety Camera System

By Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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, Chautauqua County was awarded a New York State Aid to Prosecution grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services with the purpose to offset expenses incurred by prosecutorial offices during the prosecution of violent felony offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County District Attorney has determined that public safety camera capabilities at critical locations within the City of Dunkirk supports the purpose of the grant by assisting with crime deterrence, criminal and traffic investigations, emergency response, and serve as a force-multiplier in efforts by the City of Dunkirk (hereinafter "City") to achieve its law enforcement and public safety objectives, providing real-time intelligence to police officers and other first responders; and

WHEREAS, the City has already purchased and partially installed public safety cameras (hereinafter "Camera System") and has entered into a Purchase Agreement with DFT Communications Corporation (hereinafter "DFT") for the purchase, installation, and provision of said services; and

WHEREAS, the Camera System project description is as follows: placement of six cameras at major intersections located in the City to monitor traffic in those locations and assist law enforcement when an incident occurs; and

WHEREAS, the balance due to DFT under the terms of the Purchase Agreement between the City and DFT is \$36,760.33, which the County wishes to utilize its Aid to Prosecution grant funds to pay the balance thereof, and to additionally pay for electrical contractor charges on behalf of the City so installation of the Camera System can be completed by DFT; and

WHEREAS, the County shall in consideration for said funding be provided by the City access to surveillance footage generated from the Camera System to aid with prosecution of criminal cases and access to "real-time" footage for emergency situations, law enforcement purposes, and for any other County-related matter as may be requested; and

WHEREAS, this expense was not included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for the District Attorney's office; now therefore it be

RESOLVED, the County Executive is authorized to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Dunkirk for the Camera System project as described above; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2026 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.1165.----.4	Contractual - District Attorney	\$37,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.1165.----.R308.9000	New York State Aid-OTHER STATE AID	\$37,000
Signed: Pavlock, Johnson, Anthony, Scudder, Nelson		

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RES. NO. 16-26

Emergency Medical Technician Student Ride Time

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County Emergency Services offers Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes to the public; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) mandates that students have ride time in an emergency service vehicle where they would gain field experience and practice patient contact; and

WHEREAS, additional assistance is needed from other governmental agencies to meet the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the assistance supplied by these other agencies is free of charge so a budgetary amendment is not needed for these agreements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements With any and all NYS certified Emergency Medical Services agencies, including but not limited to governmental agencies, to allow County's students to satisfy the NYS DOH requirements.

Signed: Chagnon

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RES. NO. 17-26

Amend Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Legislature

By Administrative Services Committee:

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature values public comment on matters relevant to the powers, duties and/or responsibilities of the County Legislature or County government in general; and

WHEREAS, Section I Rule 3(A)(9) of the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Legislature currently provides for the Second Privilege of the Floor during each session upon the following terms: "Privilege of the floor for members of the Legislature and the public to speak on any subject"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section IV Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Legislature, the legislature may amend the Rules and Regulations "by a majority vote of the Legislature upon resolution"; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section I Rule 3(A)(9) of the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Legislature is hereby amended to read as follows: "Privilege of the floor for members of the Legislature and members of the public to speak on any matter relevant to the powers, duties, and/or responsibilities of the County Legislature, or of the County Government in general, in consideration of the County's authority pursuant to State law and the Chautauqua County Charter. This privilege shall extend to any person appearing for himself in which case each individual appearing shall be limited to three minutes; and to persons representing any group in which case there shall be allowed only one spokesman for the group, who shall be limited to a maximum time of five minutes."

*(01/20/26 A.S. – Amended by Substitution)*

Signed: Scudder, Buchanan, Heiser, Vanstrom, Anthony

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RES. NO. 18-26

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Affordability Act of 2026

At the Request of Legislators Bankoski and Nelson:

WHEREAS, residents of Chautauqua County continue to struggle with high gasoline prices, escalating food prices, increasing property taxes, inflation that stubbornly continues around 3% and increasing health care costs that make it difficult to afford to live here, and

WHEREAS, the majority in the Chautauqua County Legislature in 2024 refused to raise the income limit for the Senior Citizen partial property tax exemption from \$30,000 to almost \$38,000, and

WHEREAS, residents of Chautauqua County pay an 8% sales tax that is much higher than our neighbors and business competitors in Erie County and Warren County Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, the 8% sales tax has produced ever-increasing revenue to the Chautauqua County treasury at a rate above inflation, and

WHEREAS, the County has made do with a sales tax rate less than 8% for most of the past 57 years since the sales tax began, and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature just raised County property taxes for 2026 by almost \$2,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature has it within its power to make living in Chautauqua County more affordable; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Chautauqua County Legislature will use \$2,000,000 of its Unappropriated Fund Balance (approximately \$35,000,000) to lower County property taxes in 2027 from \$75,000,000 in 2026 back to the \$73,000,000 in 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature will make more senior citizen homeowners eligible for the senior citizen partial property tax exemption by raising the income eligibility from \$30,000 to \$38,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature intends to seek State Home Rule Legislation reducing the County Sales Tax to 7 ¾% and to share more of the extra ¾% sales tax with our cities, towns and villages.

Signed: Bankoski, Nelson

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RES. NO. 19-26  
Amend Senior Real Property Tax Exemption

At the Request of Legislators Bankoski and Nelson:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County has offered a partial real property tax exemption since 1967 to senior citizen homeowners whose incomes are below a certain level as set by occasional resolution; and

WHEREAS, the current \$30,000 income limit has not been modified since 2024 and as a result, several senior citizens who were once eligible for the exemptions are no longer eligible; and

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law section 467 authorizes an income ceiling of up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the income limit be increased to \$38,000 effective as of the next taxable status date (March 1, 2026); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective as of the next taxable status date (March 1, 2026), the County of Chautauqua does hereby increase the income eligibility limit to \$38,000 for partial real

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property tax exemption for senior citizens pursuant to section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

Signed: Bankoski, Nelson

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RES. NO. 20-26  
Setting the Salary for the Senior Motor Vehicle Representative

By Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees:

At the Request of County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Clerk's Office has requested that the salary be set for a new title having responsibility for providing both front-line customer service and operational supervisory support in the daily transactions of the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Motor Vehicle Representative will assist the Motor Vehicle Office Supervisor in overseeing staff, coordinating workflow, ensuring compliance with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV) procedures, including REAL ID and Enhanced ID requirements; and

WHEREAS, this position will also be responsible for maintaining the security of office operations, materials, and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Motor Vehicle Representative will work as an active member of the service team while also performing delegated supervisory duties, such as training new staff, monitoring transaction accuracy, addressing routine operational issues and reporting unusual occurrences to the Motor Vehicle Office Supervisor or Motor Vehicles Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has classified the position as Senior Motor Vehicle Representative and supports the request that the salary be set at Grade 9; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the title of Senior Motor Vehicle Representative be added to the Chautauqua County CSEA Unit 6300 Salary Plan at Grade 9.

Grade 9        2026: (\$21.62 - \$27.62) per hour

Signed: Scudder, Pavlock, Buchanan, Heiser, Vanstrom, Anthony, Johnson, Nelson