

## Agenda

Planning & Economic Development Committee

**March 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers**

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (02/18/26)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
  1. Proposed Resolution – Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Town of Pomfret for Sharing and Consolidating of Services between Municipalities
  2. Proposed Resolution – Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Clymer Central School District for Clymer Sherman Panama Merger Feasibility Project
  3. Proposed Resolution – Designate Chautauqua County as Lead Agency Responsible for State Environmental Quality Review of State Funded Snowmobile Trail Updates for 2026-2027 Snowmobile Season
  4. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding 2026 Agricultural District Inclusions
  5. Proposed Resolution – Setting a Second Public Hearing for Chautauqua County Microenterprise Assistance Program Community Development Block Grant
  6. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for Departments of Planning and the Jamestown Airport
  7. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget to Replenish the Lake Maintenance Fund
  8. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget – Occupancy Tax Funded Projects
  9. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Mina
  10. Proposed Resolution – Provide the Federal Cost-Share for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake
  11. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Entry into Agreement with County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) for the I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley
  12. Presentation – Potential Changes to the Administrative Code – *Presented by The Charter & Administrative Code Review Commission*

13. Discussion – CCIDA/CCPEG 2025 Annual Report & 2026 Look Ahead – *Presented by Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Nate Aldrich, Economic Development Coordinator*

14. Other –

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Town of Pomfret for Sharing and Consolidating of Services between Municipalities

**BY:** Public Facilities, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Human Services, Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 4-17 of the County of Chautauqua, the County is authorized pursuant to a duly adopted resolution to “provide assistance to other municipalities in Chautauqua County to accomplish the consolidation and dissolution of local government entities”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 139-17 and Resolution 251-25, the County implemented a Government Reduction Initiative (GRI) Plan in furtherance of Town and Village government efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue its efforts to work alongside New York State by minimizing the layers of local government in order to reduce property taxes, improve the business climate, and spur economic development in Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, the County further wishes to encourage government efficiency initiatives among school districts, cities, and local government entities as defined by New York General Municipal Law § 750(13) (which includes, without limitation: towns, villages, sewer districts, water districts, and fire districts); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pomfret has submitted a request for GRI funding to support sharing and consolidating services in conjunction with the Village of Fredonia, Town of Dunkirk, City of Dunkirk, and Town of Sheridan and

WHEREAS, sharing and consolidating of services between municipalities will involve analyzing and determining the process which best serves all parties in regards to equipment and potential associated debt, staffing and union contracts, taxing districts and funding sources for services, and

WHEREAS, the services to be analyzed in include the dissolving the Village of Fredonia’s Department of Public Works into the Town of Pomfret’s Highway Department with potential services to the Town of Dunkirk, Town of Pomfret and Village of Fredonia consolidating into a single court facility, Town of Pomfret and Village of Fredonia consolidating into a single code enforcement office, and the sharing of a dog control officer and associated needs with the Towns of Dunkirk, Pomfret, and Sheridan, City of Dunkirk, and Village of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, an GRI review group consisting of the County Executive, Chair of Chautauqua County Legislature, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Deputy County Executive for Economic Development thoroughly reviewed Town of Pomfret’s request for consistency with State and Local Laws and County Resolutions 139-17 and 251-25; and

WHEREAS, budget amendments are necessary to authorize funding for Town of Pomfret’s request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into any and all agreements for the aforementioned project, and execute any additional documentation, amendments, or addenda necessary to effectuate the aforementioned project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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County Executive

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INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----917.0000 Unassigned Fund Balance—Unassigned Fund Balance \$50,000

; 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 in order to fund the Town of Pomfret's request:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.-----4 Contractual-Planning \$50,000

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**County Executive**

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Clymer Central School District for Clymer Sherman Panama Merger Feasibility Project

**BY:** Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 4-17 of the County of Chautauqua, the County is authorized pursuant to a duly adopted resolution to “provide assistance to other municipalities in Chautauqua County to accomplish the consolidation and dissolution of local government entities”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 139-17 and Resolution 251-25, the County implemented a Government Reduction Initiative (GRI) Plan in furtherance of Town and Village government efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue its efforts to work alongside New York State by minimizing the layers of local government in order to reduce property taxes, improve the business climate, and spur economic development in Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, the County further wishes to encourage government efficiency initiatives among school districts, cities, and local government entities as defined by New York General Municipal Law § 750(13) (which includes, without limitation: towns, villages, sewer districts, water districts, and fire districts); and

WHEREAS, the Clymer Central School District has submitted a request for GRI funding to support the Clymer Sherman Panama (CSP) Merger Feasibility Study Project in conjunction with Sherman Central School District and Panama Central School District; and

WHEREAS, CSP Merger Feasibility Project will evaluate the potential for a formal merger to address rising operational costs, declining enrollment, and the need for expanded educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, CSP Merger Feasibility Project will identify academic and extra-curricular gains, operational consolidation, facility optimization and resource sharing efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, an GRI review group consisting of the County Executive, Chair of Chautauqua County Legislature, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Deputy County Executive for Economic Development thoroughly reviewed CSP Merger Feasibility Project for consistency with State and Local Laws and County Resolutions 139-17 and 251-25; and

WHEREAS, budget amendments are necessary to authorize funding for CSP Merger Feasibility Project; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into any and all agreements for the aforementioned project, and execute any additional documentation, amendments, or addenda necessary to effectuate the aforementioned project; and be it further

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**County Executive**

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RESOLVED, That A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----917.0000 Unassigned Fund Balance—Unassigned Fund Balance \$100,000

; 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 in order to fund the CSP Merge Feasibility Project:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.-----4 Contractual-Planning \$100,000

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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County Executive

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Designate Chautauqua County as Lead Agency Responsible for State Environmental Quality Review of State Funded Snowmobile Trail Updates for 2026-2027 Snowmobile Season

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development Committee:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 59-26, Chautauqua County acts as the local sponsor for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservations (NYS OPRHP) New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the Program requires individual participating snowmobile clubs to collect global positioning system (GPS) data of their trails for any updates including reroutes, new trail requests, Trail Maintenance Entity assignment changes; and

WHEREAS, these updates are processed by the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) requires reroutes or expansions of the existing trail system to have an environmental assessment; and

WHEREAS, the following trails are being updated, with anticipated SEQR completion if modifications are being made to the existing trails or clubs are applying for new trail funding:

Trail	Snowmobile Club	Municipality
C1	Cherry Creek Sno-Goers, Inc.	Charlotte, Cherry Creek, Hanover
S16A	Cherry Creek Sno-Goers, Inc.	Charlotte, Cherry Creek
C1	Lake Effect Trail Breakers, Inc.	Ellington
C1D	Lake Effect Trail Breakers, Inc.	Ellington
S887	Lake Effect Trail Breakers, Inc.	Poland

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WHEREAS, NYS OPRHP recommends obtaining a SEQR determination prior to receiving approval for trails submitted as part of Phase I of the Program, to avoid delays or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment is the responsibility of the agency which undertakes to be the lead agency in the SEQR process; and

WHEREAS, final SEQR determination(s) are required to be reviewed by the Chautauqua County Legislature prior to authorization by the County Executive for specific proposed action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Chautauqua County hereby agrees to act as the SEQR Lead Agency for the 2026-2027 program year and as such is authorized to comply with all SEQR requirements for all snowmobile trails within Chautauqua County applying for State funding, including any reroutes or changes to existing trails receiving State funding.

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**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding 2026 Agricultural District Inclusions

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature is responsible for the Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts No. 1, 7, 8, and 10; and

WHEREAS, Article 25AA section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law authorizes the inclusion of viable agricultural lands into an existing agricultural district within the County of Chautauqua, in accordance with the procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 280-03 the Chautauqua County Legislature designated January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> as Chautauqua County's annual period for landowners to submit a request for inclusion of their land in a State-certified Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, an inclusion of viable agricultural land in Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts was conducted in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) reviewed the submitted inclusion requests on February 13, 2026, found that the below parcels of land proposed to be included in the Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts consist of predominantly of "viable agricultural land" as defined in Article 25AA section 301(7) and that inclusion of the land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district; and

Ag. District	Parcel #	Landowner	Acres
8	230.00-2-5	Hirsch, B.	88.7
8	368.07-2-10	Pletts, S. & K.	6.7
8	368.07-2-11	Pletts, S. & K.	0.2
1	112.00-1-2	Sam, G.	5.6

WHEREAS, The AFPB vote to recommend that the Legislature accept the proposed inclusion parcels into an existing agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the County must hold a Public Hearing prior to accepting proposed inclusion requests to an existing agricultural district; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby set a public hearing for the aforementioned purposed during the regular meeting of the County Legislature on April 22, 2026 at 6:35p.m., in the Legislative Chambers, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York, where all interested parties shall be heard regarding the proposed inclusion requests for modifications to Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts; and it be further

RESOLVED, That at least eight (8) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of the Legislature by the due posting thereof in the Gerace Office Building and on the County's website, and publishing such notices in the official newspaper of the County.

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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County Executive

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:**       Setting a Second Public Hearing for Chautauqua County Microenterprise Assistance Program Community Development Block Grant

**BY:**            Planning and Economic Development Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature wishes to hear public comments relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project supporting the Chautauqua County Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP), and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, OCR requires that grant recipients hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding CDBG funded projects to help make determinations for the future use of CDBG funds, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby calls for a Public Hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing shall be held on April 22, 2026 at 6:35 PM in the Legislative Chambers of the Gerace Office Building located at 3 N. Erie Street, Mayville, New York, before the Chautauqua County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least eight (8) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the County Clerk by the due posting thereof in the Administration Building and on the County's website, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

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**County Executive**

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Amend 2026 Budget for Departments of Planning and the Jamestown Airport

**BY:** Public Facilities, Planning & Economic Development, and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County's 3% occupancy tax program for tourism development supports activities including, but not limited to: programs to improve the aesthetic qualities of the county; to enhance the environment; to improve infrastructures related to tourism, conventions and trade shows; to develop, operate and maintain parks, recreational facilities and tourist attractions; and such other programs as authorized by local law; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Planning & Development awards competitive grants annually from the 3% Occupancy Tax,

WHEREAS, The Jamestown Airport applied and was awarded \$15,000 for preplanning the Chautauqua County Airshow; now therefore be it

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.5610.5610.----.4	Contractual-Jamestown Airport	\$15,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.6420.TOUR.----.4	Contractual-Promotion of Industry	\$15,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.5610.5610.R111.3000	Non Property Tax Items-Hotel Room Occupancy	\$15,000
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DECREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.6420.TOUR.R111.3000	Non Property Tax Items-Hotel Room Occupancy	\$15,000
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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Amend 2026 Budget to Replenish the Lake Maintenance Fund

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, a Lake Maintenance Fund of \$500,000 was established in the 2024 Budget to provide funding for lake associations and municipalities challenged by lake maintenance issues that impact the attractiveness and usability of the County's Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget included \$500,000 for Lake Maintenance Fund; and

WHEREAS, \$350,000 was obligated from the Lake Maintenance Fund during the 2025 Budget Year leaving \$150,000 unspent; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 budget includes \$300,000 for Lake Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 Budget to re-appropriate the unspent balance from 2025 so it is available to use for its intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$50,000 is needed to increase the 2026 budget in order to restore the fund to the intended total of \$500,000; now therefore be it

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

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE

A. ----. ----.917.0000 Unassigned fund balance-Unassigned fund balance \$200,000

; and be it further

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.WTRS.4 Contractual - Planning-Watershed Administration \$200,000

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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County Executive

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Amend 2026 Budget – Occupancy Tax Funded Projects

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development (DPD) administers the Chautauqua County Occupancy Tax Program and four Occupancy Tax funded projects that were included in the 2025 Operating Budget have not been completed; and

WHEREAS, expenditures associated with the total project costs are not included in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, DPD recommends that the 2026 Budget be increased to fund the completion of the following four projects:

Lakewood Fairmount Avenue Stormwater Basin and Watershed Improvement Project in the amount of \$40,000; and

Chadwick Bay Marina Dredging Permitting Project in the amount of \$30,000; and

Cattaraugus Creek Stabilization Project in the amount of \$35,920; and

Bear Lake Dredging Permitting Project in the amount of \$20,000; now therefore be it

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

INCREASE THE USE OF APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.----.----.889.WATR	Fund Balance – Reserved Fund Balance	\$125,920
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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 2026 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.WTRS.4	Contractual - Planning - Watershed Administration	\$125,920
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**County Executive**

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**Date**

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorize Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Mina

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Findley Lake within the Town of Mina is an invaluable resource to Chautauqua County and New York State; and

WHEREAS, the environmental health of Findley Lake is threatened with excessive Macrophyte growth and Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) caused by nutrient influx and internal loading; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mina received funding through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's 2022 Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant to conduct a Nutrient Study Report for Findley Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Report evaluated the feasibility for projects that reduce internal nutrient loading within Findley Lake and recommended that Oxygen Saturation Technology (OST) was the preferred option for an in-lake nutrient control system; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget includes a \$500,000 Lake Fund to improve the attractiveness and usability of the County's lakes; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County wishes to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Mina for engineering services for the preliminary design of the OST system at a cost not to exceed \$27,500 which would be funded with a portion of the aforementioned Lake Fund above so an amendment is not necessary for this project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into any and all contracts necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**County Executive**

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**Date**

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Provide the Federal Cost-Share for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake

**BY:** Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened excessive weed growth and Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs); and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County successfully advocated to our Congressional Representatives for a Federal Authorization in America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to undertake the cooperative Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (AER) Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County entered into a Federal Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) with USACE to advance the AER Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake, which established Chautauqua County's cost-share commitment at a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million dollars over the three year term of the FCSA; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County committed \$600,000 from the 2024 County Budget to fulfill its cost share for Federal Fiscal Year 24-25; and

WHEREAS, USACE has requested \$25,000 to further fulfill Chautauqua County's cost share for Federal Fiscal Year 2026, and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County desires to use \$25,000 from the Lake Fund that is already included in the 2026 Budget to continue the AER Feasibility Study for Federal Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, since this funding is already included in the 2026 Adopted Budget an amendment is not needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into any and all contracts necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**County Executive**

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**Date**

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorizing Entry into Agreement with County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) for the I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley

**BY:** Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that improving the vitality of the business community will bring benefits to the populace at large in the form of improved job opportunities, a higher standard of living, and a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, previous investments in the development of land and infrastructure within the County's industrial parks support the original intention of retaining and attracting businesses in Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, limited industrial land with infrastructure exists within the County's current industrial parks; and

WHEREAS, Local Law 1-16 authorized the County of Chautauqua to assist the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) in undertaking economic development programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this local law is to support CCIDA's economic development initiatives to actively promote, attract, encourage and develop industry and commerce in order to enhance the safety, health, and well-being of County residents and property; and

WHEREAS, CCIDA seeks to expand the amount of industrial land available for business by pursuing shovel readiness activities, and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Board has recommended capital projects funding used for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the greatest advantage to the County to meet the goal of supporting, retaining, and attracting business activity, the CCIDA requests that \$700,000 be allocated to the CCIDA for the completion of the I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley; and

WHEREAS, the County previously appropriated capital funding for this effort in 2024 and 2025, with the Greenfield Development Capital Account (HH-376420-37008-4699) having a current balance of \$720,147.50; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any and all agreements with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency for purposes of transferring \$700,000 in capital funding for the aforementioned Project.

**APPROVED**

**VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)**

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**County Executive**

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**Date**