

Agenda

Public Safety Committee

**May 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers**

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
  - B. Approval of Minutes (04/15/26)
  - C. Privilege of the Floor
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- 1. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Criminal Justice Discovery and Bail Reform Funding FY 2025-2026
  - 2. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of the Statewide Targeted Reductions to Intimate Partner Violence (“STRIVE”) Grant funds for 2026-2027
  - 3. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for the Navigation/Snowmobile Department – Office of the Sheriff
  - 4. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Explosive Detection Canine Team FY 2023
  - 5. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2023
  - 6. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2024
  - 7. Other –

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

**TITLE:** Authorize Acceptance of Criminal Justice Discovery and Bail Reform Funding FY 2025-2026

**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 \$1,068,942 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 their 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 Departments; and

WHEREAS, the funding for such contracts and agreements will be derived from the sum of the total award, all of which total of \$297,000; and

WHEREAS, the expense and revenue for these police contracts and equipment was not included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the revenue was not included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for the Probation Department and Sheriff's Office; and

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WHEREAS, the revenue will be included in the 2027, 2028, and 2029 Budgets for the District Attorney; 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 \$1,068,942; 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 2026 Adopted Budget:

**District Attorney:**

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.1165.----.3	Equipment - District Attorney	\$10,039
A.1165.----.4	Contractual - District Attorney	<u>\$223,000</u>
	Total	\$233,039

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.1165.----.R308.9000	New York State Aid-OTH STATE AID	\$233,039
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**Probation:**

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.3140.----.4	Contractual - Probation	\$34,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3140.----.R158.9000	New York State Aid-OTH PUBLIC SAFTEY SUPERVISION FEES	\$34,000
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**Sheriff's Office:**

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.3110.GRNT.2	Equipment - Sheriff - Grants	\$40,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3110.GRNT.R338.9000	New York State Aid-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	\$40,000
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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorize Acceptance of the Statewide Targeted Reductions to Intimate Partner Violence (“STRIVE”) Grant funds for 2026-2027

**BY:** Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has awarded \$970,907 to Chautauqua County through multiple agencies for the Statewide Targeted Response to Intimate Partner Violence (“STRIVE”) initiative; and

WHEREAS, the agencies involved in STRIVE are to reduce intimate partner violence throughout Chautauqua County and more specifically the City of Jamestown and City of Dunkirk; and

WHEREAS, the funded STRIVE partnership consists of the City of Jamestown Police Department, the City of Dunkirk Police Department, the Salvation Army of Jamestown and the Chautauqua County agencies of the District Attorney, Office of the Sheriff and the Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown Police Department has been awarded \$290,478, the City of Dunkirk Police Department has been awarded \$5,000, and the Salvation Army of Jamestown has been awarded \$156,061 of the total STRIVE funding and will sign and administer a separate contract with New York State DCJS for its portion of said funding; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County’s portion of the funds is \$600,368, the agencies will share the remaining funds as follows: \$366,482 to the District Attorney’s Office; \$85,000 to the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff; and \$148,886 to the Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, the awards for offices of the District Attorney, Sheriff and Probation have exceeded the amount of funds included in the 2026 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the offices of the District Attorney, Sheriff and Probation will include the balance to be spent in 2027 in their proposed 2027 Budget; and

WHEREAS, this program will run from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; now, therefore, it be

RESOLVED, that the County of Chautauqua accepts the grant funds and authorizes the County Executive to execute the STRIVE Grant contracts with the New York State DCJS in the total amount of \$600,368 for the term of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to enter into agreements with various government and municipal entities, including but not limited to universities, local school districts, towns, cities and villages, as well as contracted agencies and vendors in furtherance of the purpose of the grant; 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:

**District Attorney:**

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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.1165.----.4 Contractual - District Attorney \$71,582

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.1165.----.R308.9000 New York State Aid-OTHER STATE AID \$71,585

**Probation:**

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3140.----.1 Personnel Services - Probation \$92,254

A.3140.----.4 Contractual - Probation \$13,500

A.3140.----.8 Employee Benefits - Probation \$43,132

Total \$148,886

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3140.----.R308.9000 New York State Aid-OTH STATE AID \$148,886

**Sheriff's Office:**

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3110.GRNT.1 Personal Services - Sheriff - Grants \$24,660

A.3110.GRNT.4 Contractual - Sheriff - Grants \$6,000

Total \$30,660

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3110.GRNT.R338.9000 New York State Aid-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY \$30,660

                      
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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
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**TITLE:** Amend 2026 Budget for the Navigation/Snowmobile Department – Office of the Sheriff

**BY:** Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, some Office of the Sheriff departmental appropriations will exceed initial budgetary estimates but will be covered partially by the Snowmobile Law Enforcement State Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff is requesting to amend the 2026 Adopted Budget to accommodate the appropriations and revenue that will exceed initial budgetary estimates; now therefore be it

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.3189.3111.2	Equipment – Navigation/Snowmobile	\$11,121
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DECREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.3189.3111.4	Contractual – Navigation/Snowmobile	\$131
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3189.R331.7000	New York State Aid – Snowmobile Law Enforcement	\$10,990
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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Explosive Detection Canine Team FY 2023

**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 New York State Office of Homeland Security approved the application submitted to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Program grant for the further implementation of the Explosive Detection Canine Team; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will provide funding for a FY 2023 grant in the amount of \$15,000, with no local funds, for a contract period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, this grant is included in the 2026 Adopted Budget so no amendment is needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement to secure the grant funding with the New York State Office of Homeland Security.

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
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**TITLE:** Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2023

**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 notice that the State of New York Office of Homeland Security approved the application submitted to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Program Grant for the further implementation of the Bomb Squad Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will provide funding for a FY 2023 grant in the amount of \$77,500, with no local funds, for a contract period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027; and

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement to secure grant funding with the New York State Office of Homeland Security.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**TITLE:** Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2024

**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 notice that the State of New York Office of Homeland Security approved the application submitted to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Program Grant for the further implementation of the Bomb Squad Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will provide funding for a FY 2024 grant in the amount of \$44,014, with no local funds, for a contract period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027; and

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement to secure grant funding with the New York State Office of Homeland Security.

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