

Agenda

Planning & Economic Development Committee

June 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (05/20/26)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 1. Proposed Resolution – Appointment to the Chautauqua County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
 2. Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Planning Board
 3. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding
 4. Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Execution of County Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement for the Welch’s Building
 5. Proposed Resolution – Accept Grant Funding from the New York State Education Department for the America 250 CHQ History Expo
 6. Discussions –

Dawson Metal – Request for Funding - Presented by Chautauqua County Planning Department and David Dawson, President of Dawson Metal

*GRI: Clymer, Sherman, Panama Merger Feasibility Study Project Update
—Presented by Shelly O’Boyle, CSP Merger Study Project Coordinator*

Southern Tier West: Project Updates—Presented by Southern Tier West
 7. Other –

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Appointment to the Chautauqua County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

BY: Planning and Economic Development Committee:

AT THE REQUEST OF: Chairman Pierre Chagnon:

WHEREAS, Legislature Chairman Pierre Chagnon, has submitted the following appointment for action by the Chautauqua County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature does hereby confirm the following appointment to the Chautauqua County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board for terms in accordance with Article 25-AA Section 302 of the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law:

Robin Starceski
Active Farmer
2816 Mina French Creek Road
Sherman, New York 14781
Town of Mina
Term Expires: 12/31/2029
(New Appointment – Replacing Heather Woodis resigned 6/5/2026)

APPROVED
VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Planning Board

BY: Planning & Economic Development Committee:

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature does hereby confirm the following appointment to the Chautauqua County Planning Board.

David Shepherd
44 West Terrace Ave.
Lakewood, NY 14750
Term Expires: 12/31/2026
(Replacing Patrick Smeraldo)

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding

BY: Planning & Economic Development Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“OCR”) for an Economic Development Grant to fund the purchase of furnishings, fixtures and equipment, as well as working capital expenses in connection with the development of a hotel and spa located at 31 S. Erie St, Mayville, NY (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County’s application for an OCR Economic Development Grant shall include entering into an agreement with the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) for the implementation of the Project and administration of the OCR Economic Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding community needs and the project proposal prior to submitting an application for CDBG funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature shall hold a public hearing for the aforementioned purposes during the regular meeting of the County Legislature on July 22, 2026, at 6:35 p.m. at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 E 4th St, Jamestown, NY 14701; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized and directed to post notice of the public hearing in the Gerace Office Building and on the County’s website and to publish notice of the hearing at least eight (8) days prior thereto in the official newspapers of the County of Chautauqua in such form as is approved by the Chautauqua County Law Department.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorizing Execution of County Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement for the Welch's Building

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development applied for and was awarded an Empire State Development (ESD) County Infrastructure Grant (project 139,338) in the amount of \$1,000,000 to assist with two Chautauqua County housing infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution Number 246-25 approved the acceptance of grant funds from ESD and authorized all agreements and documents necessary to accept and disburse said funding to the project beneficiaries, 2 Portage LLC and Regan Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Welch's Building project beneficiary has changed from 2 Portage LLC to Upstate Economic Opportunities LLC; and

WHEREAS, the project will include the same infrastructure project encompassing electrical service upgrades, underground vault seal offs, and sidewalk, landscape and lighting improvements, supporting the creation of 46 new housing units; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the project to the satisfaction of the County and ESD, with approval by the ESD Board, Upstate Economic Opportunities LLC, as the new project beneficiary, shall receive \$800,000 in grant funds to support the redevelopment of the Welch's Building infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses associated with this grant funding are reflected in the 2026 Budget so an amendment is not needed at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby authorizes and empowers the County Executive to execute all agreements and documents necessary to accept and disburse said funding.

APPROVED
VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Accept Grant Funding from the New York State Education Department for the America 250 CHQ History Expo

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

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

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua is planning a History Expo in recognition of the America250 initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, with the purpose of celebrating and promoting the history, heritage, culture, and communities of Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department has made America250 grant funding available to support local programs, events, and educational initiatives related to this commemoration; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded a \$15,000 grant (Project #0396260006) from the New York Education Department to support the Chautauqua County History Expo; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the project is estimated to be \$20,310, funded approximately 73%, or \$15,000, from the New York State Education Department and 27%, or \$5,310 from the History Expo Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Fenton History Center will be leading this effort and as the project beneficiary, shall receive \$15,000 in grant funds to support the Chautauqua County History Expo; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to officially accept the New York State Education Department funding, and execute all agreements necessary to implement the Chautauqua County History Expo; and be it further

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.----.4	Contractual—Planning	\$15,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.8020.----.R308.9000	NYS Aid—Other State Aid	\$15,000
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