

Chautauqua County Legislature
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Wednesday, March 25, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Chagnon: I will call to order the meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature on March 25, 2026. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Clerk Lee called the roll and announced a quorum present. (*All 19 present*)

Legislator Lewis delivered the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson and duly carried the minutes were approved. (02/25/26)

1st Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to our first 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 three minutes and comments representing a group shall be limited to five minutes. First to speak to the first privilege of the floor, please introduce yourself.

Good evening, my name is Shelly O'Boyle. I'm the project coordinator for the Clymer, Sherman, Panama merger study, resolution 83-26. I'm here with board leadership of all three districts. They are standing with me tonight to demonstrate a unified front. On behalf of the districts, I want to thank the planning and development and audit committees for their time and for recommending our GRI assistance request for full legislative approval. We are here because the status quo is no longer sustainable. These districts each face a projected gap between revenue and expenditures of 2 million dollars over the next 5 years. This is driven by steadily rising operational costs and decreasing enrollment. While the New York State education department requires this study for any merger, our leaders are pursuing it because it is the right thing to do. A project of this magnitude cannot succeed without support. We have been diligent in taking the pulse of the residents, we have conducted 2 comprehensive community surveys, 1 in May of 2025 and follow up in February 2026. Both sets of data demonstrate clear community support for exploring this path. This project aligns perfectly with the GRI goals by sharing services will reduce administrative overhead and redundant equipment cost and streamline services. Most importantly, we can provide a broader curriculum and more extracurricular resources than any single district can offer alone. I want to emphasize that these districts have significant skin in the game. The districts have already initiated the study and begun service sharing efforts, despite the uncertainty of qualifying for funding at the start. Each district has also passed a formal board resolution committing up to 40 thousand of their own local funds. The districts have listened

closely to their communities needs for transparent communication regarding the merger process and its potential benefits. Beyond just sharing information, they have a responsibility to educate the public on the fiscal challenges they face and the proactive steps they are taking to avert long term financial insecurity. The GRI money will allow the districts to conduct the meaningful outreach of public education necessary for every resident to make an informed decision regarding the merger. We are asking for your partnership through the GRI to complete this state mandated process. This is a proactive fiscally responsible move to protect our tax payers and ensure our students have the future they deserve. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to these school and their communities.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Is there anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor? Anyone else? Seeing no one, I will close the first privilege of the floor.

COMMENDATIONS:

**Jamestown Community College
Boys Hockey Team
Upstate New York Collegiate Hockey League D3 Championship
By
County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

**Tom Erlandson
By
Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon
&
County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

**Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office
Jail Health Services Program
Accreditation Certificate
By
National Commission on Correctional Health**

PROCLAMATION:

**Proclaiming March as
"Choose to Include Month in Chautauqua County"
By
County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

Clerk Lee: There are no veto messages from County Executive Wendel from the February 25, 2026 Legislature meeting.

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL
NO VETOES FROM 02/25/26**

Clerk Lee: There are 4 communications on the agenda, if you would like a copy of any of these items, please let our office know.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter – Emily Woodard, County Attorney – Re: Designation of Order of Succession
 2. Affidavits of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Local Law Intro 1-26 A Local Law Amending the Chautauqua County Charter (Post Journal and Observer)
 3. Affidavits of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Local Law Intro 2-26 A Local Law Providing for a Management Salary Plan for County Officers and Employees (Post Journal and Observer)
 4. Affidavits of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Local Law Intro 3-26 A Local Law Providing for a Management Salary Plan for County Officers and Employees: Director of Real Property Tax Services III and Director of Human Resources (Post Journal and Observer)
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MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to block Resolutions 185-25, 202-25, 9-26 & 10-26 – Unanimously Carried to Block

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to Renew Resolutions 185-25, 202-25, 9-26 & 10-26 – Unanimously Carried to Renew

MOVED by Legislator Nelson, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to Amend Resolutions 185-25, 202-25, 9-26 & 10-26 to the versions on the desks – Unanimously Carried to Amend (All amendments shown below)

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 185-25 – Acceptance of Funds from the FAA for Upgrade Security Gates (Design) at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

RENEW & AMEND CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 185-25

TITLE: Acceptance of Funds from the FAA for Upgrade Security Gates (Design) at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County submitted a project application to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and received a grant from the FAA to pay 95% of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the Upgrade Security Gates (Design) project ("the Project") at the Chautauqua County/Dunkirk airport; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved the Project consisting of development of design documents leading to future Upgrades of Security Gates, which is more fully described in the Project agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 346-24, 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 Security Gate Upgrades (Design) under ACIP, and funding shares for the Project are as follows:

Federal:	\$ 48,011
State:	\$ 1,263
Local:	\$ 1,264
Total Project Costs:	\$ 50,538

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; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended that the County seek this funding as the Project is crucial for the safe and sustained operation of the Chautauqua County/Dunkirk Airport; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Chautauqua County enter into agreements with the FAA for financial assistance for the Project at the Chautauqua County/Dunkirk Airport described above; 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 New York Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with this Project; and be it further

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

INCREASE USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE:
A. 878.0000 Reserve for Capital—Reserve for Capital \$ 1,264

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A. 878.0000 Reserve for Capital—Reserve for Capital \$ 1,263

; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2025 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT
A.9950. 9 Interfund Transfers—Transfer to Capital \$ 1,264

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT
A.9950. 9 Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital \$1,263

ESTABLISH & INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:
HH.255610.25358.4 Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport,
Security Gates - Design (2025) \$ 50,538

ESTABLISH & INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:
HH.255610.25358.R503.1000 Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer \$ 1,264
HH.255610.25358.R359.7001 New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants \$ 1,263
HH.255610.25358.R459.2000 Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants \$ 48,011
Total \$ 50,538

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HH.255610.25358.R503.1000 Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer \$ 1,263
HH.255610.25358.R359.7001 New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants \$ 1,264
HH.255610.25358.R459.2000 Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants \$ 48,011
Total \$ 50,538

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 202-25 – Acceptance of Funds from the FAA and DOT for the Design Phase of the Project for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A West at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

RENEW & AMEND
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 202-25

TITLE: Acceptance of Funds from the FAA and DOT for the Design Phase of the Project for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A West at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, County Legislature Resolution 346-24 authorized Federal and State Aid Applications for the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (the Plan) for FY 2025-2029; and

WHEREAS, the Plan included the design phase of the project for the rehabilitation of Taxiway A West (the Project); and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County submitted a Project application and was awarded an FAA grant to fund 95% of the allowable Project design costs and a DOT grant to fund 2.5% of the allowable Project design costs; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has recommended that the County accept this funding as the Project is crucial for the safe and sustained operation of the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport; and

WHEREAS, funding shares for the Project are as follows:

Federal:	<u>\$ 136,013</u>
State:	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
Local:	<u>\$ 3,580</u>
Total Project Costs:	<u>\$ 143,172</u>

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Local:	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
Total Project Costs:	<u>\$ 143,172</u>

; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the FAA and DOT for the receipt of Project funding, and to execute all documents necessary for the receipt of FAA and DOT Project funds; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Capital Reserve is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE:

A. 878.0000	Reserve for Capital	Reserve for Capital	<u>\$ 3,580</u>
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A. 878.0000	Reserve for Capital	Reserve for Capital	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2025 Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A. 9950. 9	Interfund Transfers	Transfer to Capital	<u>\$ 3,580</u>
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A. 9950. 9	Interfund Transfers	Transfer to Capital	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH.255610.25386.4	Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport, Rehab Taxi A West Design (2025)	<u>\$ 143,172</u>
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25386.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	<u>\$ 3,580</u>
HH.255610.25386.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
HH.255610.25386.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	<u>\$ 136,013</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 143,172</u>

ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25386.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	<u>\$ 3,579</u>
HH.255610.25386.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	<u>\$ 3,580</u>
HH.255610.25386.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	<u>\$ 136,013</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 143,172</u>

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 9-26 – Apply for and accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds for Rehabilitate Taxiway B North (Design) at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

RENEW & AMEND
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 9-26

TITLE: 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	\$	4,150
Total Project Costs	\$	166,000

Federal	\$	162,654
State	\$	4,280
Local	\$	4,281
Total Project Costs	\$	171,215

; 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. 9950. 9	Reserved Fund Balance—Reserve for Capital	\$ 4,150

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:		
A. 9950. 9	Reserved Fund Balance—Reserve for Capital	\$ 4,281

; 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	\$4,150

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:		
A. 9950. 9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$4,281

ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:		
HH.255610.25387.4	Contractual—Chautauqua County-Airport, Rehab Taxiway B North (2026)	\$166,000

ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:		
HH.255610.25387.4	Contractual—Chautauqua County Airport, Rehab Taxiway B North (2026)	\$171,215

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	\$177,700
	Total:	\$166,000

ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:		
HH.255610.25387.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$4,281
HH.255610.25387.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$4,280
HH.255610.25387.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	\$162,654
	Total:	\$171,215

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 10-26 – Apply for and accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds to Rehabilitate Runway 15-33 (Design) at Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

***RENEW & AMEND*
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 10-26**

TITLE: Apply for and accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds to 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	\$	275,500
State	\$	7,250
Local	\$	7,250
Total Project Costs	\$	290,000

Federal	\$	282,735
State	\$	7,440
Local	\$	7,441
Total Project Costs	\$	297,616

; 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 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	\$7,250
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INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A. 878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance - Reserve for Capital	\$7,441
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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	\$7,250
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A. 9950. 9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	\$7,441
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH. 255610.25388.4	Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport, Rehab Runway 15-33	\$297,616
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ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH. 255610.25388.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$7,250
HH. 255610.25388.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$7,250
HH. 255610.25388.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	\$275,500
	Total	\$290,000

ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH. 255610.25388.R503.1000	Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer	\$7,440
HH. 255610.25388.R359.7001	New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants	\$7,441
HH. 255610.25388.R459.2000	Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants	\$282,735
	Total	\$297,616

Chairman Chagnon: Now, discussion on the 4 renewed and amended resolutions, 185-25, 202-25, 9-26 and 10-26. Any questions, comments on any of the 4 blocked resolutions? Hearing none, all those in favor of the renewed and amended resolutions, please say “aye”, “opposed”? And 1 nay from Legislator Scudder.

Renew & Amend 185-25, 202-25, 9-26, 10-26 - Carried as Amended with Legislator Scudder voting “No”

RESOLUTIONS:

- 69-26 Confirm Appointment – Chautauqua County Ethics Board**, by Administrative Services Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 70-26 Confirm Appointment – Airport Commission**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 71-26 Authorize Acquisition of Avigation Easements for Property Located Near Chautauqua County Airports**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – Adopted with Legislator Scudder voting “No”
- 72-26 Authorize Public Hearing for Supplemental Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to Construct, Operate, and Maintain Navigational Aids at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport**, by Public Facilities Committee – Adopted with Legislator Scudder voting “No”
- 73-26 Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding 2026 Agricultural District Inclusions**, by Planning and Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 74-26 Setting a Second Public Hearing for Chautauqua County Microenterprise Assistance Program Community Development Block Grant**, by Planning and Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 75-26 Amend 2025 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Assigned Counsel Department**, by Administration Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 76-26 Amend 2025 Budget for Year End Reconciliation – Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services**, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to Amend 76-26 to the copy on the desks – Unanimously Carried to Amend (Amendments shown below)

INCREASE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----917.0000	Unassigned Fund Balance--Unassigned Fund Balance	\$128,591
		\$134,751

<u>DECREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:</u>		
A.6010.----.4	Contractual - Social Services Admin	\$ 13,678
		\$ 7,518
A.6142.----.4	Contractual – Emergency Aid for Adults	\$ 4,322
		\$ 18,000
	Total	\$ 11,840

Unanimously Carried as Amended

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to block resolutions 77-26 through 81-26 – Unanimously Carried to Block

77-26 Amend 2026 Budget for Departments of Planning and the Jamestown Airport, by Public Facilities, Planning & Economic Development, and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

78-26 Amend 2026 Budget for Buildings and Grounds (HRC) , by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

79-26 Amend 2026 Budget to Replenish the Lake Maintenance Fund, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

80-26 Amend 2026 Budget – Occupancy Tax Funded Projects, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator DeJoy: Mr. Chairman, resolution 80-26, I have a conflict and have to abstain from voting on that resolution due to the fact that one of the projects is to provide funding for permitting to dredge Dunkirk Harbor as I am directly involved with that project in my position with the City of Dunkirk.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, Legislator Bankoski, considering that would you like to unblock those resolutions so we can vote on those individually?

Legislator Bankoski: No.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you for pointing that out. We appreciate you recognizing that potential conflict of interest. Any other questions or comments on the blocked resolutions? Hearing none, all those in favor of blocked resolutions 77-26 through 81-26, please say “aye”, “opposed”? They are carried.

RES. NO. 80-26 – Adopted with Legislator DeJoy abstaining

81-26 Amend 2026 Public Health Budget Appropriations to Accommodate Acceptance of

Funds to Support Dental Health Workforce Initiatives, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

82-26 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

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, my comments will apply to both resolutions 82 and 83. I'm supporting the use of the Counties unappropriated fund balance or slush fund for the consolidation or efficiency grants this evening. These requests have come from the bottom up. Especially appreciate these school representatives for being here tonight to publicly request our financial assistance. However, when the County Executive in his 2025 election year announced his support for consolidation of local governments or efficiency improvements by local governments, he put 0 dollars into this 26 budget for such an initiative. Why? Because putting for example, 500 thousand dollars into his 26 budget for this initiative would have done 1 of 2 things. First, he and the republican legislature majority would have had to raise the County property taxes by 500 thousand and thereby raise the full value tax rate in an election year. Or second, he could have taken 500 thousand out of the Counties unappropriated fund balance or slush fund. The County Executive and the republican legislature majority could not do that because they had criticized the democrats as being fiscally irresponsible for the democrat's proposal to use just 2 million dollars of the 35-million-dollar slush fund for a property tax cut for the tax payers of Chautauqua County. It is appropriate to call it a slush fund since as tonight's 2 resolutions prove, it can be used for anything. There's no emergency here. It was totally foreseeable last year that municipalities and school districts would ask for this money in 2026. The County Executive made headlines since our last meeting with his proposal that the City of Dunkirk, Town of Dunkirk, Village of Fredonia and Town of Pomfret become 1 new municipality. As reported in the Post-Journal, when a Pomfret Town board member wondered how a City like Dunkirk in New York State could even dissolve, the County Executive is quoted as saying "we don't know". I will save the tax payers a lot of time and money by telling you tonight, there is no prevision of New York law that allows Cities to dissolve. Villages can dissolve back into their Town, as Cherry Creek and Forestville have done recently in this County but, Cities cannot dissolve. It is not wise to go to war or for public officials to make public announcements of a goal without any plan of how to achieve your goal. At my committee meeting last week, our County Planner confirmed that our own Planning Department had not been asked to do any, even preliminary analysis of how the City of Dunkirk, Town of Dunkirk, Village of Fredonia and Town of Pomfret could become 1 municipality. At my committee meeting, our Sheriff confirmed he had not been asked to do any, even preliminary analysis of how Public Safety would be provided in such a municipality where the City of Dunkirk and Village of Fredonia have Police Departments but neither the Town of Dunkirk nor the Town of Pomfret have Police Departments.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, Legislator Larson, are you speaking about either of these resolutions?

Legislator Larson: Yes. I'm talking about using fund balance to provide this government reduction initiative and I said I'm voting for them but I'm explaining why with another 60 seconds, I won't vote for any others that don't have the written request from the municipalities involved. Our County Executive's announcement raises the question, does he support the concept of the City of Jamestown, Town of Ellicott, Town of Busti, Village of Lakewood, Village of Celeron and Village of Falconer, becoming 1 new municipality in the South County. I will not support spending any of the Counties slush fund on such off the cuff proposals by the County Executive unless the municipalities involved ask us to do so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

RES. NO. 82-26 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

83-26 Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Clymer Central School District for Clymer Sherman Panama Merger Feasibility Project, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator Proctor: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to say as a resident of the Town of Mina, which is in the Clymer School District and as a representative of the Sherman District and the Clymer School District, I'd like to commend the boards of all 3 schools and their consultant on the work they've done and coming to the County and asking for this assistance. I believe it is creating an opportunity for creating opportunity for our children and their education and I hope that this continues throughout the County, thank you.

Legislator Johnson: Yes, sir. I was gratified at committee when these schools came and committed and have already put as she said, skin in the game. So, in this case, the committees have put – the communities have put money in it going forward, before they came to us. I congratulate them for that. This is a study and I support the study. However, as I mentioned then, if we – when it comes back to us as a real proposal, I fully expect that distance learning be thoroughly analyzed. In this 21st century, and we're already a quarter through it, it makes a lot more sense to move electrons than it does to move kids on buses.

Legislator Larson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It occurs to me that for most of us in the room, including legislators, we probably just have the agenda in front of us and the agenda doesn't indicate how much money is involved in resolution 82 and 83 coming out of the unappropriated fund balance or slush fund. The Town of Pomfret one and related municipalities is 50 thousand dollars of County money and the school one is 100 thousand dollars of using our unappropriated fund balance or slush fund, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Legislator DeJoy: I just want to say that I fully support this resolution and the previous one. I think it's about time that we take a very serious look at consolidation, shared services in a very serious way. I however, don't share the same sentiment that the measure is, how much skin is in the game because many of these municipalities are coming to this because they are in such desperate need and I don't believe that the program mandated some type of match. Its always welcome, I think it's a good thing to have but I don't think that we need to measure whether it's a good proposal or not if the municipalities involved don't provide skin in the game or funding unless its (*inaudible*) type of contribution with staff time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other comments, questions, discussion on the resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor please say “aye”, “opposed”? It is carried.

RES. NO. 83-26 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

84-26 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 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

85-26 Authorizing DEC Open Space Grant Application and the Setting Aside of Funds for the Acquisition and Preservation of Land in Cassadaga, New York, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator Scudder: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to make a motion to postpone this resolution indefinitely.

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to postpone Resolution 85-26 indefinitely

Chairman Chagnon: Any discussion?

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, under our rules or Roberts rules of order, I’m not sure what that means. Maybe an alternative would be to refer it to whatever committee it might have come out of and it can sit in committee until the committee decides that – if they ever do, to send it back to us. So perhaps referral to committee would comply with out known rules.

Chairman Chagnon: Our rules allow a referral to committee, it also allows a tabling and it also allows postponement indefinitely. So, the motion that was made, is in accordance with the rules and regulations with the County Legislature.

Legislator Larson: I apologize. I’m not familiar with the motion to postpone.

Nathan Harp, Legislature Parliamentarian: Not, not a problem. I can read from rule 8a 10 postpone indefinitely, the object is to kill a local law, resolution or motion. That’s from our rules.

Legislator Larson: To kill it huh? I didn’t know if you wanted to kill it or send it somewhere for thinking about it. I don’t care, it’s not in my district.

Chairman Chagnon: Any other questions on the motion to postpone indefinitely, resolution 85-26? Hearing none, all those in favor please say “aye”, “oppose”? It is postponed indefinitely.

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to postpone

Resolution 85-26 indefinitely – Unanimously Carried to postpone

RES. NO. 85-26 – *Postponed Indefinitely*

- 86-26 New York State Department of Transportation Undertaking**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 87-26 Authorize Acceptance of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Upstate Model Family Representation Office Grant for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 88-26 Authorize Agreement with North Lake Fire District to Purchase 2 Cardiac Monitors**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 89-26 Authorize Agreement with Village of Lakewood to Lease Space for Fly Car M73 and Paramedic**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 90-26 Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant Program FY2024-2026**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 91-26 Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Operation Stone Garden FY 2025**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 92-26 Authorize Agreement with County School Districts for School Resource Officer Services**, by Public Safety Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 93-26 Authorize Agreement with Clymer Central School District for a Special Patrol Officer Services**, by Public Safety Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 94-26 Authorize Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Mina**, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 95-26 Provide the Federal Cost-Share for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake**, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 96-26 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 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

97-26 Cancellation of Uncollectible Tax Liens, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**98-26 Quit Claim Deeds**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees

RES. NO. 98-26 R/C Vote: 19 YES; 0 NO; 0 Absent

99-26 Authorize Transfer of Tax Foreclosure Property to the City of Jamestown, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, I believe the resolution only identifies - this resolution probably and many others on property transfers only refers to section (*inaudible*) kind of identification. I went on our own Counties GIS system and it also on the GIS system gives at least a street reference so anybody looking at a resolution like this can be directed to at least what street are we talking about. I will request in the future that when these resolutions are put together, they take advantage of our own County GIS and tell the 19 legislators what street in the township, what road, at least gives us an idea of what property we might be talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

RES. NO. 99-26 R/C Vote: 19 YES; 0 NO; 0 Absent

100-26 Annual Public Disclosure of Elected Officials' Salaries

Legislator Scudder: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Its pleasantly to me why resolution 100-26 was not brought before any committees last week but directly to tonight's legislative meeting. We have a process of reviewing and discussing resolutions in committee, where questioning and possibly debate takes place to make us more informed as to how we might vote on the resolution. I would guess that 98% or more of non-emergency resolutions go through committee. Why this particular resolution did not, is puzzling to me and also a little disappointing. I am totally in favor of resolution 100-26 but I would have loved to have the opportunity to add my name as a sponsor. I would like to suggest that in the future, all resolutions, except emergency ones, go through committee, so we can do our best work as legislators for the great people of Chautauqua County. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Legislator Larson: I have no objection to if there are 18 other legislators, that want to lend their name to this resolution, I believe it's perfectly appropriate that they be allowed to sign their names to it this evening and be on record in favor of this public disclosure. Why not send it to committees? Well, this one was so self-evident that this particular legislator who took the time to actually write a piece of legislation, just thought that it's so self-evident, let's just bring it here tonight and apparently it is self-evident. Legislator Scudder said he would like to join in being a sponsor, you don't need my permission to add your name as a sponsor based on my memory as County Attorney and sitting up on the dais. I would ask that Mr. Chairman, the Clerk allow any legislator that wants to be added as a sponsor this evening, they be allowed to do that. In addition to voting in favor, letting the public know. I thought the WHEREAS' explained things perfectly clear and in defense of this legislator, I wasn't going to bring this up but now I will. 2 years ago

when a local law came along to increase the County Clerk by something like 17 thousand dollars in a lump sum, January 1 of this year, and increase the Sheriff by a lump sum which wont take place until next year when his – after his reelection, he’s unopposed, and the lump sum increase for the Executive starting January in 26, I did point out to the legislature that night that that local law did not tell the public or the legislators what the salary of the County Executive was, even the night we passed the local law. So, you can’t – there’s nothing in the public record that tells you what the salary is since introductory local law 7 of 2016 and its just ridiculous that a citizen would have to do a freedom of information request or know to call the payroll department and ask gee, what is the County Executive making this year? So, since my request was ignored 2 years ago, I felt free to draw this resolution, bring it here tonight. I had a feeling for once, Legislator Larson’s sponsorship would not be the kiss of death and that it might pass 19 to nothing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Legislator Johnson: Back to the process of referring to committee which I think is helpful. But when we’re talking about making public the salaries, which of course we should do, what are we talking about? Prospectively or the last fiscal year or what? And the reason I ask, is because if you want to know anybody’s salaries for the full year of 2025, its 2 clicks away on your phone.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so are you posing a question or you were making a comment?

Legislator Johnson: So, it’s really a comment. I would rather go through committee to answer questions like that because if it is retrospect, the data is all there and you can compare it to other counties and it’s as easy as pie and this is unnecessary. But if its prospective then its something new.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments, questions?

Legislator Anthony: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I am all for favor of resolution 100-26 as it is public information and I am all for transparency. Although, the way this resolution was not sent through committee as we have discussed tonight, that’s not in the form of transparency. We’ve been told in this legislature that that’s what we’re here to do is talk and do what’s best for the people of Chautauqua County and while this is more of an informational resolution, I still would like to see it go before at least the administrative services committee as this does affect the work load on behalf of our Clerk so I would like to make a motion to send this back to administrative services committee for review to go from there.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so you’re making a motion to refer resolution 100-26 back to committee?

Legislator Anthony: Yes.

MOVED by Legislator Anthony, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to refer resolution 100-26 to Administrative Services Committee

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, discussion on the motion to refer back to committee, resolution 100-26?

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, I've only heard 1 question about the resolution, that was from fellow Legislator Fred, and I can answer the question. The reason the resolved is no later than April 30, 2026, the Clerk will post publicly what the salaries are for elected officials because what we did Legislator Johnson, when we – when I didn't but, when the legislature created an automatic cost of living adjustment each year, our Finance Department, payroll folks, at some point at the end of 2025, they make a calculation of what the consumer price index, the appropriate consumer price index is in the local law. They calculate what the salary is for the coming year of 2026. So, until they do that, our Clerk would not be able to extract what the salary is for 2026. So, going to See Through New York website, is not going to tell you the 2026 salary of anybody. It's all historical, so I can answer that question for Legislator Johnson, if there are no other questions about letting the public easily find out what we're making under current law, we're going to have a cost-of-living adjustment as legislators January 1 of 27 and nobody knows, we don't know what that's going to be and until the bureaucracy says what the adjustment is, nobody knows, including us as legislators, what our pay is going to be in 2027. This resolution simply, clearly, no doubt, lets the Clerk know, check without own payroll department on or before April 30 and put it on the website, public record that this legislature and keep it there forever, what was our salary in 27? What is it in 29? And that's the downside legislators, of having the automatic cost of living adjustments, we don't know what those are until they're calculated by somebody and applied and the public has a right to know that our for example, our County Executive this year is at \$135,400. You can't find that anywhere. I only know because I asked the office to find out and they came back and let me know what they found out. Its ridiculous that a reporter for the Post-Journal even has to call and beg for information on gee, what is the salary this year? So, I've only heard one question and I've answered that one question. I would ask that it not be referred but if you want to give me publicity next month or the month after about open disclosure, I guess I'll vote in favor of sending it to committee, thank you.

Legislator Johnson: Just one technical one. So, sure we get to add the cost-of-living factor to the historical number that see through New York has but we're not going to know what raises or what changes in scale or whatever else happens through the rest of 26 to in fact, give us a number for the year of 26 until 26 is over.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, any other questions, comments or discussion on the motion to refer to committee? Hearing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

RES. NO. 100-26 R/C Vote: 13 YES; 6 NO (Lewis, Pavlock, Proctor, Scudder, Vanstrom, Whitney); 0 Absent – Motion to refer back to Committee is Carried

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so that concludes our discussion on the resolutions. And at this point, before we get into announcements, I would like to ask the legislators if there are any comments or any questions regarding the potential changes to the administrative code that were

presented to all the committees last week. This is our last opportunity for giving our comments, questions to the County Executive before the County Executive enacts those changes, those potential changes.

Legislator Larson: I'll take a swing at this one since we're going to start major league baseball season. For the benefit of the legislators and everybody in the room, and the press, as I recall, the promulgation of the code is done by the Executive and it stands unless there's a 2/3rds rejection vote by this legislature. Obviously, we're not going to have a 2/3rds rejection of the code so but that's the procedure, we don't vote to approve it, we have to do a reverse veto to reject it and that's the procedure that would be followed and obviously that's not going to happen so when the Executive promulgates the new code, that will do it. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you for that, Legislator Larson. I explained this at each of the committees that the process is that the County Executive promulgates his changes to the administrative code, the legislature gets a chance to approve or disapprove. But, because the charter and code review commission brought forth substantial number of proposed changes to the charter and to the code, I felt it was appropriate that the legislature get a chance to review and understand the proposed changes to the administrative code so that when we would have an opportunity to make suggestions to the County Executive before he promulgated it. So, that's the reason that we went through this process as you point out, its not required to do it that way but, I wanted to give the legislature a greater opportunity to review the potential changes before they were promulgated. So, thank you for opening that door for me so I could explain it again. Now, are there any other questions or suggestions regarding the administrative code? Hearing none, we will move on to announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to announcements on our agenda. Are there any announcements from any Legislators for the good of the order?

Legislator Gustafson: Yes, I would just like to let everyone know that Archies at the Airport is now open and operating 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch and we invite you up to the Chautauqua County Airport in Jamestown for a great meal.

Legislator Scudder: Yes, I would like to give my announcement time to Sheriff Quattrone please.

Jim Quattrone, Sheriff: Thank you, Mr. Scudder. In light of the announcements with the (*inaudible*) and Special Olympics, I'd like to let everyone know on April 16, from 5PM-8PM at either the Applebee's in Lakewood or the Applebee's in Dunkirk, they have a Law and Order dinner where you have an opportunity to make a donation to Special Olympics and part of the proceeds of the dinner will go there and I will be at the Dunkirk Applebee's helping serve. We will have other officers down at the Lakewood so I would invite all of you, as well as everybody in the gally, to be there. I'd also invite all the legislators to join us in the law enforcement torch

run. One is on Wednesday, May 27 at Fredonia. It starts at Dunkirk High School and the second one is Tuesday, June 2nd, starts at City Hall and runs to Strider field. It is a slow trot but you're all welcome to join us and they both start at 9AM.

Legislator Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to announce that the St. Susan's Center is having their annual basket fair, this Saturday, March 28th. It's their largest fundraising event. The doors open at 11 and they announce the winners at 2 o'clock.

Chairman Chagnon: And where abouts is it?

Legislator Nelson: It's at the Fluvanna Community Church.

Legislator Larson: On the subject of the new restaurant at our County Airport terminal, the County Airport in Jamestown, Town of Ellicott. I drove up there the other day and just a suggestion, to those involved which I'm not, there use to be, whenever there was a restaurant at the Airport, on the sign at the road they hung a separate sign that said "Restaurant" and I didn't see a sign indicating restaurant yet.

Legislator Gustafson: The signs have been ordered and they will be up by the end of this week both at the road and on the building.

Legislator Larson: Good, that's good. We wish them the best and with all the FedEx employees next door, it might be a good time to try a restaurant up there again. Thank you.

Legislator Pavlock: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before our next meeting, another very important event will take place and I would promote that each community has several churches within their districts and we have the celebration of Easter coming up and I think – pointing out that that celebration is very important and anyone that is looking for something in their life or something different or some sort of hope, I think attending one of those church services is very important so probably the most informal in my opinion announcement or discussion we've had this evening, thank you.

Legislator Whitney: I've been up to the restaurant at the Airport and I go *(inaudible)* breakfast to a local place in Jamestown and at most it costs me 2 dollars more so its very financially affordable and if Mr. Scudder would like to go to the Airport someday, I'll buy you breakfast. *(Inaudible)*

Legislator Scudder: I will be there for lunch tomorrow, Bob, thank you.

Legislator Whitney: I could do lunch tomorrow; will you be there anyway?

Legislator Scudder: I didn't invite you I just – I'm going to be at lunch tomorrow
(laughter)

Legislator Scudder: You're welcome to come.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, any other announcements? And that concludes our announcements. I'm happy to hear we had some announcements this evening, thank you.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public may comment on any subject.

A member of the legislature may speak on any subject.

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

Hello, my name is Mike Dee, I'm from Silver Creek. I'm speaking on behalf of myself. I'd like to speak a little bit more on the things that have happened on the CLCPA and the green energy movement this past week. So, we've known for a long time that zero requirements of CLCPA are just not possible economically or technically, alright. And we know that continuing to put money into that is economically (*inaudible*). Once again, I'll say it, just look at England, look at Germany, what's happened to them. Now, there has been a good thing happened here. After 7 years, our Governor finally admitted the impossibility of CLCPA but she stops short of asking for it to be repealed. What she did was ask the legislature because the courts forced her to do this, to modify CLCPA by pushing off the dates by which we had to meet certain goals to 2031, which is conveniently kicking the can down the road until after she is definitely out of office whether she wins next time or not, doesn't matter. So, we've already wasted 79 billion dollars in this State on the wind and solar battery stuff you see running around here. At most, we get 10% of our current electrical energy from wind and solar after all that time. And, as I've mentioned before, and I'll glad to show anybody the calculations, in order for us to meet net 0, now we're talking out to 2050, would require (*inaudible*) to meet the requirements of 98% assuredly against the blackout, given a 4 day (*inaudible*) to period, I've talked about (*inaudible*) before, would require 40 times more wind and solar than we have right now and about 200 times more battery, BESS, you've heard of it, okay? It's economic totally unfeasible, alright. That would be like 3.6 trillion dollars every 10 years just for the batteries because they have to be replaced that often so, I would just like to encourage the legislature and anybody else here to not to do anything you can to stop us from throwing away good money after bad to resist putting any more of this stuff in our backyards, to resist these silly (*inaudible*) programs that don't help anybody and we're not seeing anybody going to work there so my request is simple. Do what you can to resist any more of this nonsense, otherwise we are going to totally take the State broke, thank you.

Karen Engstrom, from the Town of Chautauqua and I'm speaking for the group, Chautauqua Energy Water regarding the adverse human health effects of industrial wind in our community. Support and guidance is needed because developers know that our rural towns are isolated and when they see that, they know it works to their advantage. So, this past week, a number of people presented their experiences to the Chautauqua County Board of Health. The first one was from the Town of Forestville and her experience was with the Ball Hill Wind. She's a farmer and I'd like to quote an excerpt, you do have the full transcript of the Chautauqua

County Health Board in your possession. She says “I am a farmer and I live with 3, 600ft wind turbines in the back of my property and 3, 500ft wind turbines in the front of my property across the road. The 500ft turbines are less than a half a mile away and the 600ft turbines are less than a mile away. When it began in October, 2023, I began to experience headaches, severe migraines, sleep disruption, dizziness, tinnitus, nausea, vomiting, spontaneous vomiting, equilibrium disruptions and heart issues such as palpitations and rapid heart rates. The twirling of the turbine blades is a constant visual disruption. The proximity of the turbines causes severe debilitating shadow flicker and these symptoms affect my ability to work outside. As a farmer, it is very debilitating. When I drive downtown to Forestville, which is 2 miles away, the symptoms disappear”. The second speaker said “I live in the Cassadaga wind project with 3 turbines in front and 3 on the side and 3 behind. When they are running it sounds like a jet plane that never lands. The noise, the vibrations, the shadow flicker are very aggravating. The mental stress and the construction that went on for 2 years, there is no wind turbine police and at night, it is simply a pounding, pounding, pounding noise close to the house 1700ft away. Our property taxes were supposed to go down and they actually went up”. The third person lives in Arkwright wind project and her closest turbine is 1400ft away. Her ears began to ring and the tinnitus has been so bad that she claims its going on there day and night and night and day, day and night and it never stops. That it has destroyed her life and that her 28 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she describes 8 of whom cannot come to visit her because they become nauseous when they come to her home. The fourth person is a person who is also in Arkwright and she has found the sound unbearable in the 7 years. Now you may well know that there was a lawsuit of 150 people in Arkwright that are silent because of the lawsuit. The reason these people brought their concerns to the Health Board was because the Health Board issued a recommendation to the Towns that the only safe setback for wind turbines and all audiologists who study this, know that distance is the only protection and they recommend 4-mile distance per setbacks. Our Health Board recommended a 1.5-mile setback. You have before you, the New York Department of Health testimony which recognizes health related effects of audible noise from wind turbines which include annoyance, sleep disturbance, cognitive performance reduction, effects on social behavior, cardiovascular effects and psychophysiological effects. So, Towns in our area are trying to write laws to protect their communities but, they’re writing these laws in isolation and that is a tremendous advantage for the developers. So, we’re hoping – I also provided another document which just came out last week, 23 cases of wind turbine sickness in the Barren Hills wind project in a newspaper article. It just began in December so it’s been 4 months, less than 4 months and these people, 23 of them, are sick. So, that is the situation and we hope that the positive effects of the suggestion or recommendation that the Dunkirk powerplant be reactivated. Could alleviate the scam that these people are perpetrating on our communities, but in the meantime, we have 1 recommendation. There are 3 listed here. I’ll end it, if you require that no PFAS or PFOS, the very substance that contaminated the drinking water of Mayville, was not allowed in any components of energy projects. No PFAS or PFOS, those are forever chemicals. The State should have done that long ago. If that requirement were put forward countywide, that would be a very responsible environmental position to take and it would protect the Towns across the County and its (*inaudible*) so I can show you where it has been done. It has been done; several Towns have done it so thank you very much.

Good evening, again. Sheriff, Jim Quattrone. I just wanted to address the comment that was made earlier tonight. The County Executive has not reached out to me regarding police

services on any consolidation efforts and I believe because on either February 13th or 14th, I had reached out to him with a text message saying this may be the time that we should consider consolidation and part of the reason I did that was a meeting, I believe it was in December with all the Chiefs of Police, which conversation came up that we should start considering consolidation. The reason that came up is the difficulty in finding staffing and we wanted to be able to provide the best services for the County. I again, discussed this with the Chiefs last week regarding whether we wanted to move forward with doing some of our own investigation and research on this. I am still of the mindset that we should only consider police consolidation when the Chiefs and the communities that are involved are asking for it or in favor of this. I also don't think we need to continue to do studies. There's been study after study after study done on this and as I read some of them, they were set up for failure from the beginning in the way they were set so I don't think any of you are in the best position to evaluate what the best police services are and I think that should be done by professional police executives. We are starting to work on that, we are very early stages but we will continue to figure out what is needed for different parts of the County and variations of any type of consolidation, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Good evening, my name is Anthony Toda and I live at 144 Clifton Avenue, Jamestown, New York. I am making my opinions and comments based on media reports and my own experiences. I recently contacted the Federal Public Defenders office to attempt to offer relevant and mitigating evidence and evidence that shared responsibility for the May 14, 2022 Biden era, Tops Market massacres. The 18 year old defendant at the time of the murders, Payton Gendron, is facing the death penalty in Federal Court. Yet, the Federal Public Defender will not contact me to be interviewed, potentially suppressing evidence I may offer. There is a shared responsibility here like there was in the slender man attempt murder case where 2 young children were told by an internet meme, to kill their girlfriend or their parents would be killed. I personally attended 5 days of the slender man hearing where no such shared responsibility was given to any website. No responsibility has been given to the radical extremist websites or platforms that prompted Mr. Gendron to allegedly commit mass murder. Who's behind these radically biased websites? Why hasn't the FBI investigated these radical sites in the Gendron case? I videoed statements by an ex-FBI agent made one day after the Tops shootings who stated that the FBI can't possibly track activity erratically extremist sites or track the continuing threatening statements of upcoming dates, location and targets allegedly made by Mr. Gendron, months before the Tops shootings. This is after Edward (*inaudible*) exposed federal agency eavesdropping on cell phone and internet statements of potentially every U.S. citizen. Further my attempts to report evidence of FBI crimes including entrapment upon myself, has been suppressed by Senator Schumer and Gillibrand and representatives Reed and Langworthy. It is illegal and immoral to allow federal intelligence agencies who may have been negligent in duties to recognize internet threats, respond to such threats and prevent crimes to escape responsibility in this murder case. And also escape responsibility for the (*inaudible*) Florida murders under FBI Director McCabe. It is illegal and immoral to fail to hold radical extremist websites responsible because such sites or platforms providing means to justify and cultivate ideas and activities that led and 18-year-old, Mr. Gendron, to allegedly act, thank you.

MOVED by Legislator Larson, SECONDED by Legislator Anthony to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (8:08 p.m.)

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