

Chautauqua County Legislature
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Wednesday, July 22, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Robert H. Jackson Center, Jamestown, NY 14701

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

Chairman Chagnon: I will call to order the July meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature on July 22, 2026. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Clerk Lee called the roll and announced a quorum present. *(2 Absent; Merritt, Johnson)*

Legislator Penhollow delivered the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in honor and remembrance of Anthony Dolce, Jamestown City Council Member and community leader.

Legislator Gustafson: Today we pause to honor the life and legacy of Anthony “Tony” Dolce, a devoted public servant, educator, mentor, and lifelong resident of Jamestown. For more than thirty years, Tony faithfully served the residents of Ward 2 and the City of Jamestown on city council, including as council president. Throughout his decades of service, he was known for his integrity, thoughtful leadership, and unwavering commitment to doing what he believed was best for the community. He earned the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle through his ability to work collaboratively and put the needs of the City of Jamestown first. Beyond public service, Tony dedicated more than thirty-five years to Jamestown’s high school as a government and social studies teacher, coach, and advisor. He was my husband’s little league coach. Generations of students benefitted from his guidance, encouragement, and passion for education. He was deeply involved in countless community organizations, his church, the YMCA, the Board of Public Utilities, and many other causes that strengthen the fabric of this great city. Those that knew Tony remember not only his vast knowledge and leadership, but his kindness, his humility, sense of humor, and genuine care for others. He was often described as “Mr. Jamestown” because of his lifelong dedication to the people and institutions that make the community of Jamestown special. As we reflect on Tony’s extraordinary life and service, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Anne, his children, Amelia and Christian, and all who loved him. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations and his impact on Jamestown will be felt for many years to come. At this time, I ask that we observe a moment of silence in memory of Councilman Anthony, “Tony” Dolce, honoring his service, dedication, and the lasting difference that he made to so many lives. Thank you.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson and duly carried the minutes were approved. (06/24/26)

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 tonight's agenda. Individual comments are limited to three minutes and comments representing a group shall be limited to five minutes. Anyone wishing to address the first privilege of the floor, we have a microphone down front and please introduce yourself for the record.

Anthony Toda: Good evening, Anthony Toda. My address is 144 Clifton Avenue, Jamestown, New York. I'm making my comments and opinions based on a recent newspaper report and my own experiences. Legislator Fred Larson's issue of declaring job creation as a number one economic priority is a hollow and useless declaration for the following reasons. No one politician is going to wave a verbal declaration like a magic wand to either rectify or address private sector economic issues that lead to adding or subtracting jobs in any economy and everyone in this legislature agrees that jobs, sustaining and increasing, is a sound policy. The next argument for this hollow declaration is that, it would kick off legislative action to attract jobs. Democratic socialist strategies under Joe Biden, Kathy Hochul, and New York City Mayor Mamdani first deliberately create job losses. Then they campaign to try to address those issues. All Democrats have done to address job loss is to set up more social bureaucratic entities to address a problem that cost the private sector even more tax dollars to support. The simple truth is, New York is taxing and regulating the private sector to death so businesses leave the state for less taxation and less regulation. How are you going to have specific job training programs when you do not know what kind of training is needed for a company that may decide to enter the county? Further, it would be-it would- in a world-class company like Cummins has their own training programs for job availability and needs workers to fill those jobs. From my own personal experience, I saw people failing to show up even for- even to complete their training process at Cummins. Years ago, a former county executive stated that there were scores of jobs available in Chautauqua County but people couldn't pass drug testing. The federal, state, and local governments need to keep out of the county's largest population source, that's the City of Jamestown, and stop encouraging welfare and entitlement and force qualified people to get off of democratic socialism, go to work, and establish pride and a purpose for their lives. When I grew up, a well-balanced education ultimately led to jobs. I ask anyone to check the low math scores that Jamestown High School produces in recent years. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next to address the first privilege of the floor. Good evening.

Corie Maxson: Good evening. I'm Corie Maxson and I am a supervisor with the child protection services here in Jamestown. I am here on the topic of authorizing the lease agreement for 310 to 322 East 3rd Street Ventures. Having worked out of the south county office building for the last nineteen years, I have seen a lot of- I've made a lot of observations with the building itself. That's even after new management ownership took it over. I'm just going to read a bullet point of things that I have seen. These are things that are going on. Things that have been brought to the attention and either go unmet or they get covered up literally with paint. And these observations are also limited to the outside of the front of the south county office building, parts

of the basement section, and the second floor. Different parts of the building, you can be on the same floor. One side, you're literally sweating to death, the other side, you can't find enough blankets to stay warm. The windows that do not open consistently, leak in many places and the façade and tiles are literally falling off. You can stand on the second floor outside one of the elevators and when a particular bathroom is flushed in the men's area, you can hear the water running down the elevator shaft. There's cockroaches throughout the building. The air ducts, the ducts themselves, even extending out several feet out onto the tiles is literally black. From dust, cockroach dander, feces being sprayed into the air. People that have respiratory issues, allergy issues, myself included. My number two triggers for my anaphylaxis is cockroach feces and mold. Both of which are- you are just chronically subjected to that in this building. Consistent flooding from- either from the fifth floor from the roofs down to the basement too, it's just flooding from heavy rains. Even the second floor, how does the second-floor flood from outside rain? This results in mold. It's just growing. Well, they painted over it. They put carpet over it. It's still there. Water faucets in the bathroom, they, you know, everybody's a drip-drip-drip, but when some of these are hard trickles, that's a waste of not only the water resource itself, but financially because somebody's paying for that water. In the basement, part of the wall is actually missing. When I brought it to the attention of people before, their solution? They covered it up with a board. Behind that direct part is resulting in a tunnel is the women's bathroom. The wall is literally buckling down onto itself. That, I'm not an engineer, but that seems like a potential structural issue for me. The men's bathroom in the basement, the handicap stall. People with disabilities, there's no door on the handicap stall. The outside fixture, if you're look- if you're standing on the Fourth Street and you look up at the door, it's up to the top left. I first brought this up to the attention in November of 2025. It's not connected to anything. With ice, water, it's going to shift. It's already shifting. It's going to fall. It's going to shatter on the ground. It's going to hurt somebody, potentially kill somebody.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me. You've exceeded your three minutes.

Corie Maxson: Thank you very much. And that's just bullet points and I have a lot more to share. So, the south county office building has served its purpose in my opinion. Thank you.

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

Jeremy Engquist: Good evening, everybody. Jeremy Engquist, I'm the- 25 Hillcrest Avenue here in Jamestown. I'm actually city councilman at large here in the city and I'm just wanting to discuss the moving of the building to the Third Street office. I'm not against it. I just think that right now, there's a lot of questions that I have, our council has, I think our mayor has, that we need answered before we start displacing tenants, before we start moving parks for parking, I think it's a great idea. I want the DMV in the city, I want mental health in the city, I want it all in the city. I just think we need to pump the brakes a little bit and motion to table this to later on, alright? I think that's it. Thank you so much.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. And next to address the privilege of the floor?

Shane Hawkins: Good evening. My name is Shane Hawkins and I'm the executive director of Infinity Visual and Performing Arts. I have been honored to serve our students and our team for the past twenty-three years. Infinity occupies 14,000 square feet in the Lynn Building. It houses sixteen private lesson rooms, two art rooms, two band rooms, a dance studio, and a 4,000 square foot performance venue that seats 200 and features a 30-foot stage with professional lighting and sound. We have no interest in relocating. Infinity provides services for thousands of our community's young people every year. Students from the high school are able to easily walk across the street to receive mentoring, instruction, and support. During our most recent program year, Infinity served 1,500 students through 200 group classes and 10,000 private lessons. We presented dozens of public talent-showcasing events. Our students range in age from three to twenty-one and attend more than thirty different regional schools. Infinity's programming is an equalizer that welcomes students from all walks of life and all ability levels. The poverty rate for children in Jamestown is greater than 38%. Chautauqua County is chronically among the top ten poorest New York State counties. Students in our community need affordable programs like Infinity and Striders and safe, welcoming spaces. Students in our community need engaging opportunities so they may someday avoid needing some of the county support offices that are included in the proposition that is the final one this year- or, this night. This night. Our current lease rate allows us to provide our services for an affordable membership fee. One third of our enrolled families cannot afford this fee. Each year, we secure more than \$40,000 in grant funding to provide scholarship assistance. We have never turned a student away. In 2022, Infinity opened Pearl City Clay House, which is conveniently located directly across Second Street. Together, Infinity and Pearl City form a downtown arts campus. Since moving into the Lynn Building in 2014, thanks to the generous support of local and regional foundations, local and state government entities, and community donors, we have successfully raised and invested more than \$500,000 in the Lynn Building. We've completed seven discrete renovation projects. We've created a beautiful, customized, secure, and safe space for young people. The safety of our students is our primary concern. We are fiercely protective of these kids. Families must feel comfortable bringing children to the building. The only elevator in the building sits fifteen feet from our entrance. How will the county ensure that sex offenders, individuals with severe mental illness, and violent individuals arriving for appointments will not share our foyer or wander the building? Co-locating youth programs and a county probation and similar offices is extremely concerning to us. I thank you for the opportunity to be heard. To reiterate, Infinity has no interest in relocating. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. And next?

JamieLee Bonfiglio-Davis: Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the legislation. My name is JamieLee Bonfiglio-Davis and I am here representing Chautauqua Striders as a recent board member, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, and most importantly, the hundreds of children and families that walk through the doors of the Lynn Building every week. Throughout my life, I have heard one message repeated by legislature and by organizations across Chautauqua County. Our children are our future. I mean, even Whitney wrote a song about it, right? We say that we are protecting them. We say that protecting them is one of our highest priorities. Today, I am asking that we let those words guide this decision. The Lynn Building is more than just a building. It is a place where children learn, create, grow, and find belonging.

Each week, more than four hundred young people come through the doors and participate in programs offered by Chautauqua Striders, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, we even have a baseball center upstairs, as well. The building's only ADA-accessible entrance is located just a short walk from our entrance and of Jamestown High School. That's an entrance that's already used daily by students, families, instructors, volunteers, and staff. To be clear, this is not about the dedicated employees, like you just heard, who serve the community or the residents who rely on the county services. My concern is bringing a much higher volume of public traffic into a building that serves hundreds of children each week. Whenever we have the opportunity to reduce unnecessary public access in spaces dedicated to youth, I believe we have the responsibility to do so. I understand that the county needs additional office space and I appreciate the important work of those departments and everything they do, but I also believe that we have an obligation to consider the long-term impact of our decisions and what they will have on the children and the families who already call the Lynn Building their home. I respectfully ask you to reject the proposed relocation to the Lynn Building and continue looking for locations because obviously you need one, based on the testimony earlier, that better meets the county's needs without compromising a space that has become a safe haven for hundreds of children and families. Our children deserve spaces where we can focus on learning, growing, and discovering their potential. I hope that you keep that- them, our children, at the center of your decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next?

Hannah Jaroszynski: Good evening, everybody. My name is Hannah Jaroszynski and I am also a city councilwoman for Ward 5 in the City of Jamestown and I'm also a licensed mental health counselor by trade and I specialize in working with children and families. So, I kind of get a lot of different sides to a lot of different stories, for sure. I also wanted to speak on the agenda item that my other councilman also brought up of moving to the Lynn Building and these other members of the community here. I don't disagree that the south county office building and the employees within it need to be moved with the conditions they are dealing with. But I do think we need to pump the brakes on it, establish some sort of smaller committee, bipartisan committee, and really evaluate our options on where will be best to move these county employees. I would absolutely hate for something to happen to the stability of these programs that my fellow community members just mentioned and for it to be on the County Legislators' hands that something happened with their stability. And as my licensed mental health counselor hat is on, I have seen the dedication in their employees and I have seen the impact that these programs have on our children. You know, kids go to school for an escape sometimes, in some households. What happens when school's not in session? They go to programs like Infinity. Some of us think of these programs of, oh, you know, my- they're just going to dance class or they're going to their singing lesson or oh, little Billy's going to his guitar lesson. But for some of these kids, these programs are their hope for the future. They are the stable adulthood and mentorship that they need to truly succeed and continue to be bright residents of Chautauqua County. So, I just ask not against it. But just to simply table it and let's really look at our options on what is best for County employees. Thank you.

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

Scott Axelson: Good evening. Scott Axelson, Jamestown, 402 Park Street. I come here from a user of both facilities, both the post office and also the DMV because my brother passed in December and I've been the executor for the estate. So, I've spent twelve hours at the DMV, including some time yesterday, with the lack of parking. So, I understand the problem there. But also, there's no parking at the current post office building many hours of the day. And I've got a parking ticket because I parked on the wrong side of the sign, which I paid, no problem. But the accessibility at different times of the day over there, even if you lose some of the Lynn tenants right now, I don't know where you're going to get the places to park the volume of people that need to get there. I understand the location is not a bad location. I'm not saying that it wouldn't be something to look at, but so far, I know nothing has to be done really for another year because of the lease agreements with the current locations. So, again, I think it would be good to look at other locations in the city because we know there's definitely space around the city that could be used. They've talked about Brooklyn Square where odd lots was, or Big Lots, but to kind of come back a little bit and just see if there's a better spot because if- unless you've used these spaces, which I have used almost daily at the post office, dealing with the estate mail, and the DMV which is impossible to get into a lot of times with bigger vehicles. Yes, that's not the right spot, but are we just moving one space to another and not able to really deal with making really accessible to a vast number of people in south county. Because the joke has been, it's easier to get to go to Little Valley to get your drivers' license stuff taken care of because of its accessibility than it is to go to Jamestown. And I really don't feel like driving to either one when I got an office two miles from my house. So, I just ask you to kind of step back, take a look because you've got time. Thank you very much.

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

Legislator DeJoy: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, I had a request from a tenant of the Lynn Building to read a statement on her behalf, if that's okay.

Chairman Chagnon: Our privilege of the floor is for members of the public to speak.

Legislator DeJoy: So, well, it would have been her voice and it would just be reading her letter.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, step up to the microphone please.

Legislator DeJoy: Sure, thank you. So, this letter came, it came in an email to all the Legislators and she asked me today, because I asked her to come and speak to her letter. And this is what Cindy Saxton, CPA, a tenant of the Lynn building had to say. She said, Dear Legislators, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting but I've asked Vincent DeJoy to read my following statement in my absence. I am writing in response to the article in the Post Journal on Wednesday, 7/15/26, regarding the county consolidating some of its offices in the Lynn Building. I have leased space in the building since 2014 when our entire office space was renovated to meet our specific needs. I do not want to move our offices again. I cannot afford the time and expense it would take to find another office and our space is beautiful and exactly what

we wanted. More importantly, though, I am writing in regards to impact on both the non-profits located in the building, as well as the tax payers of Chautauqua County. Both Chautauqua Striders and Infinity moved into the Lynn Building the same year that my firm did after extensive renovations to the space. A great deal of donated money and volunteer time was put into both spaces, especially Infinity's space, as well as an area with a stage for performances by Infinity students. Expecting them to move to new spaces, building out those spaces, find the donations and volunteer time to make those renovations, and getting the rental rates that they are receiving from their current landlord is going to be an extreme hardship on both organizations and provide valuable services to the youth of our county. Chautauqua Striders is in an ideal location due to its close proximity to Jamestown High School. Many students walk directly from the high school to Striders for after-school programs, as do Infinity students. Infinity, in recent years, also renovated a building across from the Lynn Building for Pearl City Clay House. I do not believe either nonprofit can be in the same building as the Chautauqua County Probation Department due to the safety concerns of their students. Even if both nonprofits move from the building, the probation department should not be located in the Lynn Building due to its close proximity to Jamestown High School. In addition to the students coming directly to the building for programming, there's a large number of students walking around the block of our building before and after school. Parents pick up their teenagers after school both on second and third streets. And once again, we need to think about the safety of the students. I'm not familiar with the clients of the offices other county but would like to put the Lynn Building however, I would like to- some thought should be put into whether the Lynn Building is a good location for those clients. As a taxpayer of Chautauqua County, I cannot believe the Legislature is considering a move to this building. It will result in higher rental expense than what is currently being paid in other spaces, according to the article. I'd like to know who else in Jamestown is paying the exorbitant rent that will be charged to Chautauqua County if it moves to the Lynn Building. 2,350 per square foot, 105,000 per month, over 1,250,000 per year. I daresay no one in the Lynn Building is currently paying over \$10 per square foot and the nonprofits are probably not paying over \$5 per square foot. Why would Chautauqua County agree to such lease terms? Another question to be asked if the county's current leases do not expire until late 2027, the county will be paying leases for both our current locations and the Lynn Building. The Post Journal article also said that there were eighty available parking spaces. That is true, but probably at least 75% of those spaces are written into the post office lease.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, Legislator. She's exceeded her three minutes by a substantial amount.

Legislator DeJoy: Okay, well, thank you very much.

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

Legislator Whitney: Bob Whitney, 41 Hallock Street, Jamestown, New York. I am a member of the public. This came to committee last week. I was the first committee it came to. We've only had nine days, at most, to look at it. That's another one of those deals where we take the test and vote on it, then you can study tomorrow. And as I looked into it after voting for it

last week, the parking is a big, big issue. They told me that they had two parking spots across the street and I went by them both this week. They're both 75% full and then they said something about additional parking in the park across from the high school. Which, I don't think we should be losing that park. The kids go over there, some of them hold class over there. I just don't see any reason why we can't sit back and wait another thirty days. Thank you.

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

Joe Roosa: Good evening. My name is Joe Roosa and I am with the group that is interested in purchasing the Lynn Building and we have the contract on it. And I was invited by a number of people in the county, that work for the county, and some of the legislators to come to Jamestown to help them solve a problem. That's why I'm here. I was originally born in Jamestown, started my life out in the Spanish Gates Apartments. My niece is a Jamestown Policewoman. She works here in the community and you know, as I got to know more about Gary Lynn, I realized its legacy. As a father, we all think about, did I do the right thing? What am I leaving behind for my children? Sometimes people want to leave money, buildings, values, everybody is different. So, Gary Lynn, being a very generous man, offered space to nonprofits. They are paying \$2.37 a square foot. In hindsight, I would think that if Gary could come back and redo what he had done, he probably would have said, you know, instead of spreading this out over seven, eight, nine buildings with nonprofits, maybe I should have done it with just one building. Had everybody in one building because now what has happened is it creates a burden, an actual financial burden to the family. How do they maintain the building? How can they keep it up? It's expensive. The taxes, the improvements, the air conditionings, the roofs, all of these things cost money. And right now, at \$2.37 a square foot for some of the tenants, it's not sustainable. What becomes of the building at that rate? If somebody doesn't come in and try to beautify it. If it's not me today, it will be somebody else tomorrow and you'll be back to the same problem. So, you know, it's- you don't want the building to become a blight. We've made a commitment to come to Jamestown to invest monies here to beautify the area. And we're not just looking at one building to purchase. We have plans for other buildings, as well. We're making a commitment here to the Jamestown community with this purchase. We want to be part of the community. Again, I have family here. I was born here. That's all.

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

Jeff Wereski: My name is Jeff Wereski and I've had the opportunity to be with Joe Roosa through this opportunity. And yes, it is an opportunity. It's not only opportunity for Joe Roosa and his family, but it's an opportunity for Jamestown itself. I worked for Benderson Development for almost forty years and I was responsible for all of the locations here under the Benderson flag in Jamestown, Fluvanna Avenue when Mr. Benderson came in in the '50's, built the Ames, built the Acme Supermarket. Acme Supermarkets was then occupied by Marshall Dillons, which everybody knows about Marshall Dillons. So, we have, between Joe and I, we have eighty years of experience and not only the legacy with Mr. Benderson, with regards to what he's done here, but also myself, taking a supermarket at Hazeltine and Baker and

converting that blight piece of property with relocating Social Security there and also the Resource Center which was with us for fifteen years, social security thirty years. And if you go by those properties now, they're immaculate because we know how to take care of properties. We're developers. We understand what needs to be done not only with buildings but with people. We look at tenants as people. We look at them as customers. That makes a big difference. We're only trying to do what's right for what is needed. And we will continue to do that because we never give up. We're developers. We would love to have your support tonight. We really would because I think it's going to make a difference in Jamestown. I connected with three local brokerage individuals over the past six months here and they're excited to have us be here because we are already looking at other properties. We want to be able to help Jamestown. I've talked to one broker and one owner of a building and they told me that in the past seven years Jamestown hasn't been what it used to be but they're still raising their families here. We want to make a difference, and we need your support to do that. Thank you very much for your time.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Opened
7:19 P.M.

*Public Hearing for Execution of Master Hangar License
Agreement for General Aviation Aircraft Storage
at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport*

Chairman Chagnon: I will now open that public hearing. Is there anyone wishing to speak to this public hearing? Anyone to speak to the public hearing? Seeing no one, I will close the first public hearing.

Closed
7:20 P.M.

***Opened
7:21 P.M.***

*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*

Chairman Chagnon: I will now open that public hearing and please speak.

Rosie Strandburg, IDA Project Manager: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening. My name is Rosie Strandburg and I'm a project manager of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation. This public hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program. We are required to compile a list of people attending the hearings. We ask all members of the public who are attending the hearing to please identify themselves. The Community Development Block Grant, also known as CDBG, Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, known as HUD. Funds are provided directly by HUD to large municipalities, generally over 50,000 in population for cities, villages, and towns and 200,000 for counties through the formula entitlement program. For all other municipalities, the New York State Office of Community Renewal, known as OCR, is New York State's designated agency for distributing the CDBG funds through the Small Cities Program. The CDBG program provides grants to municipalities in order to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing, assists businesses in activities that will create and retain employment opportunities, and provide improved public facilities and services. The OCR generally only funds projects or activities where at least 51% of the activity beneficiaries are low- to moderate-income persons known as "LMI." A low- to moderate-income person is one who is a member of a family whose income is at or below 80% of the area median income established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Municipalities intending to apply for CDBG funding are required to hold a public hearing prior to submitting the application. The hearing is for the purposes of soliciting public input regarding community development and housing needs in the municipality and too, soliciting public comment regarding any specific activities proposed for submission. If funding is awarded, a second public hearing will be required during the implementation phase of the project or activity the CDBG funds are supporting. The Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation has asked Chautauqua County to apply for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the OCR that will be provided as a grant to CREDC which will use the funds to provide a term and deferred loan to Sunnyside Ventures 716, LLC to assist in financing a portion of the cost for equipment and working capital expenses associated with the project in the Village of Mayville. Sunnyside Ventures LLC is proposing to renovate a vacant building located at 31 Southeast Erie Street, Mayville, New York, purchase equipment and incur working capital expenses in connection with the establishment of a boutique, hotel, and spa. The total project cost in connection-I'm sorry, the total project cost is expected to be approximately 495,000. The project is expected to create an estimated six full-time equivalent jobs, the majority of which will be held by or made available to low- and moderate-income individuals. Any persons wishing to make comments regarding community needs or the proposed project is now invited to do so. Please state your name prior to making the comments.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, Rosie. So, is there anyone wishing to address the public hearing? Seeing no one, Rosie, should I close the public hearing?

Rosie Strandburg: Yes, please.

Chairman Chagnon: I will now close the public hearing. Thank you.

Rosie Strandburg: Thank you.

Closed

7:23 P.M.

Clerk Lee: There are no veto messages from County Executive Wendel from the June 24, 2026 Legislature meeting.

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL
NO VETOES FROM 06/24/26**

Clerk Lee: There are 5 communications on the agenda, if you would like a copy of any of these items, please let our office know.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Email – John Machemer, Chautauqua County Airport Manager – RE: DOT Essential Air Service Decision Update
 2. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Public Hearing re: Local Law Introductory No. 4-26 (print 2) – County Executive Public Hearing
 3. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Public Hearing re: Local Law Introductory No. 6-26 – County Executive Public Hearing
 4. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Public Hearing Re: Master Hangar License Agreement for General Aviation Aircraft Storage at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport (Post Journal and Observer)
 5. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Public Hearing Re: Potential Application for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding (Post Journal and Observer)
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**LOCAL LAW INTRO. 9-26 – A LOCAL LAW OPTING OUT OF RPTL SECTION 487
TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND
ENERGY SYSTEMS**

*Local Law Intro 9-26 R/C Vote: 17 YES; 0 NO; 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson)–
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED*

LOCAL LAW INTRO. 10-26 – A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW 7-1990,
AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT
SALARY PLAN BY PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL
ADJUSTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SALARY RANGES
BASED UPON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Legislator Gustafson: Yes, I'd like to make a motion to withdraw this local law. It is to be revised and resubmitted at a future date.

Chairman Chagnon: And is there a second to the motion to withdraw?

Legislator Bankoski: I'll second that.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Bankoski seconds the motion. Is there any discussion on the motion to withdraw the proposed local law? Hearing none, all those in favor of withdrawal, please say, aye. Opposed? It is withdrawn.

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski to withdraw Local Law Intro 10-26– Unanimously Carried

LOCAL LAW INTRO. 11-26 – A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW 6-01
REGARDING BUDGET PROCEDURES AFTER
ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL TENTATIVE BUDGET

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any comments, questions on the proposed local law?
Legislator Larson.

Legislator Larson: Artificial intelligence might be wrong but it indicates that under our charter, local laws need a roll call vote. Can I ask our counsel if that's his understanding? In any event, Mr. Chairman, there'd be nothing wrong with having a roll call on 9-26 and 11-26 to be safe.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, then I will return us to Local Law 9-26, which we all just voted on and I would ask the clerk to please call the roll for proposed local law introductory 9-26.

Results of the roll call vote are indicated above

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Larson, I'm sure you'll agree there's no requirement for a roll call vote on a withdrawal motion.

Legislator Larson: No, of course not.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay. Then, back to proposed local law introductory 11-26. Are there any questions or comments relative to that proposed local law? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll?

Local Law Intro 11-26 R/C Vote: 17 YES; 0 NO; 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson)–
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 166-26 - Amend Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services 2026 Budget for Increased Safety Net Costs

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Gustafson.

Legislator Gustafson: Again, I make a motion that we withdraw this resolution.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to withdraw.

Legislator Bankoski: Second

Chairman Chagnon: We have a second by Legislator Bankoski. Is there any comments or questions on the motion to withdraw Resolution 184-26? Hearing none, all those in favor please say, aye. Opposed? It is withdrawn.

Legislator Bankoski: Mr. Chairman? That should have been 166-26, not 184.

Chairman Chagnon: I'm sorry, 166. Thank you for that clarification. I'm getting ahead of myself again, aren't I?

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski to Withdraw Res. No. 166-26 – Unanimously Carried to Withdraw

RES. NO. 184-26 - Declaring Job Creation the Number One Economic Development Goal

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any questions, comments, discussion? Legislator Larson.

Legislator Larson: As the sponsor of the resolution, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I find, especially being in the minority, at least this year of this Legislature, I work very hard to make my arguments as factual as possible. So, in the first two whereases I'd like to move some factual amendments so that the first whereas reads, whereas since 2022 Chautauqua County has lost 230 jobs at Bush Industries, 84 jobs at Serta Mattress, instead of 100, 350 jobs at Truck-Lite, and 79 jobs at Monofrax, all in the town of Ellicott. In the second whereas, there's one factual change I'd like to offer, which is, whereas the county earlier lost 425 jobs at Carriage House in Fredonia, rather than 500 and 200 jobs at Petri Baking in Silver Creek. So, I would make those factual amendments to the first two whereases, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: So, we have a motion to amend the resolution by Legislator Larson. Do we have a second?

Legislator Nelson: I'll second.

Chairman Chagnon: Second by Legislator Nelson. Any discussion on the motion to amend the resolution? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll?

MOVED by Legislator Larson, SECONDED by Legislator Nelson to amend RES. NO. 184-26

RES. NO. 184-26 R/C Vote to Amend: 8 YES; 9 NO (Anthony, Gustafson, Harmon, Heiser, Pavlock, Penhollow, Proctor, Scudder, Vanstrom); 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson) – Amendment Fails

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Harmon?

Legislator Harmon: Yes, I'd like to amend Resolution 184-26 by substitution. There has been a resolution that-

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, as a point of personal privilege as the author of the resolution. We just voted on an amendment whose terms were exactly those that Chairman Harmon of the Economic Development Committee passed at their committee. They just voted. You didn't, but the rest of them voted against their own changes to my resolution. I would like, as a matter of personal privilege, to speak on my resolution before anybody else moves to replace my resolution.

Chairman Chagnon: Granted

Legislator Larson: Thank you. For those of you in the audience, I don't know if I'm happy or sad that you get to see how this Legislature can be just as partisan as the House of Representatives. The amendments that I move, those four factual amendments, the chairman of the Economic Development Committee meeting was about to offer as a substitution for my resolution. They just voted against their own changes to my resolution. That's how partisan this place can be. Sad, I think. Anyway, as a fellow attorney in the audience knows, I practiced law in this town for 38 years before being a judge for eight years. I did a lot of business law, taught business law part-time at Fredonia for eight years. I saw people lose their jobs. I saw when Cisco closed here in Falconer and moved their operation, consolidated it down into that funny sounding place north of Pittsburg. I represented those people under a legal plan they had. I saw the devastation of people's lives when their job went away. I put forward a simple resolution. It has four whereas's and two resolves. I thought I owed that to the hundred or so people that lost their jobs at Serta. Serta did not disappear from our country. They did disappear from our community. The 230 people that lost their jobs at Bush this summer. The 350 people that lost their jobs at

Truck-Lite, a company that was invented in Jamestown, New York, I think in 1956. We owe it to those people to say something about the loss of employment, jobs, in this county. 14,000 fewer employment numbers than 15 years ago. It's incredible. We owe it to the kids that graduated high school in Chautauqua County this year. As few numbers as they are compared to a generation ago, we owe it to them. We owe it to the recent graduates of JCC, recent graduates of SUNY Fredonia in this county who are having trouble finding employment despite all the help wanted signs at fast food places and other places. We owe it to them to say we understand the importance of a job. Our county industrial development agency has done great work since 1972, but that doesn't mean that they couldn't do better. They suggest that, well, jobs are important, but gee, you know, investment in the county is important, too. Well, a \$10 million solar farm, I learned in a seminar as I was returning to the legislature in 2024. The IDA confirmed that on a \$10 million solar farm, they charged a 1% fee. They get a \$100,000 check from that solar farm developer for a payment in lieu of tax agreement. Maybe an exemption from paying sales tax and maybe an exemption from paying mortgage tax on financing that \$10 million. I don't have anything against \$10 million solar farms, I guess, but they don't create any jobs. One of them, the IDA publicly said it would create a half a job. I don't know what a half a job looks like to support a family. But a \$10 million investment in other kinds of businesses may produce 20, 30, 40, 50 jobs that people can graduate high school, get a job, graduate JCC, Fredonia, other colleges, get a job here. When we lose one manufacturing job, such as a Truck-Lite, an engineer at Truck-Lite moved to Michigan to continue working for Truck-Lite. His spouse went with him, his two children went with him, and his two in-laws followed the grandchildren. We lost six people on one job. Jobs mean almost everything. And so, I presented a very simple resolution with the following two resolves. That the Chautauqua County Legislature declares private sector and not-for-profit sector job creation the number one economic goal of county government and its Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency. And be it further resolved, the government grants payment in lieu of tax agreements, exemptions from sales taxes and mortgage taxes, low interest loans such as LTE loans, and taxpayer funded infrastructure improvements be directed at private investment that will create jobs for our residents. Job creation is so critically needed in this county. Even the not-for-profit sector, we have seen in the last two or three years. We've even lost nursing homes, two of them in the south county, nursing homes. We're a relatively elderly population here and we lost two nursing homes with all those jobs that the nursing homes represented. We have a huge task to rebuild jobs in this county. And the only- I had, believe it or not, I had three or four citizens the last few weeks ask me why the Republican legislators wouldn't just say, "Okay, jobs is the number one goal." And the best that I can answer is- employment, jobs is measured every month by the state and federal government. Every month and has been for probably 60, 70 years. You can't fake those numbers. You can measure how you're doing on employment. A lot of the other talk about economic development, to be kind, cannot be measured. And that's all I have to say about this resolution. And I would hope, on a night where it's not 12-7, it's 10-7 tonight, I believe, I would hope we could have 10 people anyway that would say, okay, whether it's Fredonia with the loss of Carriage House, those 450 jobs that I offered to amend down from 500, was it 425? The County and its IDA, rightly so, is proud of Wells Enterprises, formerly Dunkirk Ice Cream. Almost half a billion-dollar investment. It's fantastic. They told the community that they anticipated 270 new jobs. That's still way short of the 425 or the 500 that we lost at that one employer in Fredonia. I would hope some few of you would say, Okay, let's not oppose this because a Democrat made the resolution.

Especially tonight when we're sitting in a place that was dedicated to Robert H. Jackson and I read out in the hallway on the wall. You can read it on the way out.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Larson, I granted you the opportunity to speak about your resolution. Are you done?

Legislator Larson: This is it. Yeah.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Legislator Harmon, thank you for your patience. I'll now turn to you.

Legislator Harmon: Okay, I want to respect what Mr. Larson has said (*inaudible*). I do- I would like to see this resolution be amended by substitution. Mr. Larson is spot-on with a lot of things, but there's a lot more factors involved than just the title of job creation for the IDA and what we do and how we do. It's pretty simple. The amended resolution as everyone has on their desk is pretty self-explanatory and just enhances the original resolution. That's all we're asking is to-is to pass this amended resolution.

Chairman Chagnon: So, you're making a motion to amend by sub-

Legislator Harmon: Making a motion to-yep. Yes.

Chairman Chagnon: -substitution to what has been laid on the desks? Is there a second to the motion to amend by substitution?

Legislator Pavlock: I'll second it.

Chairman Chagnon: Second by Legislator Pavlock. Discussion on the motion to amend resolution- let me get the right number this time- 184-26? Legislator Scudder?

Legislator Scudder: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This resolution's been kicked around, I think, for a while. Maybe I shouldn't say kicked around, but- kicked around.

Legislator Larson: No, it was. You're good, you're alright. (*laughter*)

Legislator Scudder: Okay, I got the blessing of Legislator Larson. And I think he knows what I'm going to say. I see this as a glorified motion. I don't see how we can enforce this. I think it's on the mind of all the legislators. At least, it is on my mind. Job creation. I cannot wake up in the morning and guarantee everyone here that job creation is going to be my number one thing when I get a call from a Jamestown resident who's concerned about her grandchildren that don't have dental healthcare. Two hours later, I get a call from somebody, the price of gas in Chautauqua County. Two hours later, it's something else. My day is spread out. There's a lot of issues. I can't guarantee you that this is going to be on the forefront all the time. I don't think there's a member of the legislature up here that is not in favor of job creation. I voted against Mr. Larson's amendment because I wanted to see something get passed tonight because I think it's time we get something done with this. And I believe that the amended version that's on our desk

will pass. So that's why I'm going to vote in favor of that tonight. I think it's time that we move on from this topic. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Are there any other comments, questions, discussion on the proposed amendment? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll?

RES. NO. 184-26 R/C Vote to Amend by Substitution: 12 YES; 5 NO (DeJoy, Larson, Lewis, Nelson, Whitney); 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson) – Adopted

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: ~~Declaring Job Creation Sustainable Disposable Income Growth~~ the Number One Economic Development Goal of Chautauqua County Government

AT THE REQUEST OF: Legislator Fred Larson

WHEREAS, since 2022, Chautauqua County has ~~recently~~ lost 230 jobs at Bush Industries, ~~400-84~~ jobs at Serta Mattress, 350 jobs at Truck Lite, and 79 jobs at Monofrax, all in the Town of Ellicott; and

WHEREAS, in 2014/2015, the County ~~earlier~~ lost 425~~500~~ jobs at Carriage House in Fredonia, and in 2014 it lost 200 jobs at Petri Baking in Silver Creek; and

WHEREAS, the County has seen Employment drop by 14,000 (from 64,000 to 50,000) over the past 15 years or so; and

WHEREAS, the loss of employment has played a role ~~resulted~~ in Chautauqua County losing population since the 1970s, and since the the-2010 Census, the County had the at-the-highest rate of population decline of any of the 8 counties of Western New York, shrinking declining from approximately about 135,000 residents to around just 124,000 (a loss of 11,000 residents); and

WHEREAS, over the past five years (2021-2025), CCIDA-supported projects have helped create nearly 4,000 permanent and temporary/construction jobs and retain more than 5,800 existing positions. During that same time period, the CCIDA played a central role in advancing projects that will generate almost \$2 Billion in investment within our county, and will create approximately 400 units of new housing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature declares private sector and not-for-profit sector Job Creation the Number One Economic Development Goal of County Government and the County of its-Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that job creation and retention do not happen without adequate housing, workforce training, shovel-ready sites/infrastructure, and placemaking/quality of life, activities undertaken primarily by the County's Department of Planning & Development in conjunction with the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that government grants, Payment in lieu of tax agreements (PILOTS), exemptions from sales taxes and mortgage taxes, low interest loans, and taxpayer-funded infrastructure improvements will continue to be directed at private investments that will support the creation and retention of jobs for our residents.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 185-26 Authorize Master Hangar License Agreement for General Aviation Aircraft Storage at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 186-26 SCCLSD Sewer Rates**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 187-26 Amend Petty Cash Fund Amount at the South County Transfer Station**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 188-26 Authorize Agreement with the Village of Westfield for Landfill Leachate**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 189-26 Amend D.5112 Capital Improvement Accounts**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 190-26 Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution**, by Administrative Services Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 191-26 Authorize Extension of the 2025 Vote by Mail Grant Award from the New York State Board of Elections**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 192-26 Authorize Acceptance of FY2023 HazMat Targeted Grant Program Funds**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 193-26 Authorize Acceptance of FY2024 HazMat Targeted Grant Program Funds**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 194-26 Authorize Acceptance of FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG25)**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 195-26 Amend Office of Emergency Services 2026 Budget**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 196-26 Amend 2026 Budget for North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 197-26 Requesting AFPB to Remove Parcel from Agricultural District 10**, by Planning & Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

- 198-26 Authorizing Application Submittal for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal**, by Planning & Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 199-26 Approve Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum Non Pointsource Grant Application**, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 200-26 Approve Bemus Creek Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Grant Application**, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 201-26 Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Town of Pomfret for North Chautauqua County Re-Organization Plan**, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 202-26 Authorize Lease Agreement with 310-322 East Third Ventures, LLC**, by Public Facilities, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Human Services, and Audit & Control Committees –

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Gustafson

Legislator Gustafson: Yes, thank you Chairman. Addressing many of the concerns raised this evening, I would like to make two amendments to 202-26. The first being, I'd like to remove any reference to probation occupying the building at 310 through 322 East Third Street. Additionally, I'd like to make an amendment to provide consideration for supporting the continued occupancy of Infinity Visual and Performing Arts and Striders at 310 through 322 East Third Street in an effort to be good community citizens and recognize the value that these organizations bring to our community.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to amend Resolution 202-26. Do I have a second? Legislator Bankoski seconds. Discussion on the motion to amend? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion to amend, please say, "aye". Opposed? It is amended. Now, for discussion on Resolution 202-26, as amended? Legislator Larson.

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman, I had planned to focus my efforts on the jobs resolution tonight but it occurred to me that out of these nineteen well-meaning legislators, I can give a unique perspective on this decision, where to put county offices. I was a county legislator; I believe in 1987. How about that, thirty-nine years ago. When the county submitted to me, a legislator, a proposition that we buy three old buildings that was not a building, three buildings, and call it the South County Office Building. I thought about it long and hard. I thought at the time that it would be a bad place for our employees. A bad place for our customers. So, as a Jamestown Legislator, I voted against that particular concept of a south county office building. Thirty-nine years later, there's lots of people that agree with me that that was and is a mistake. Then, it occurred to me, I hadn't thought of it until sitting here tonight, making some notes.

Around about 1990, '91, a different County Executive had the county legislature approve a bond issue for a brand-new north county office building. Those of you from the north county or those of you that are just Tim Hortons fans, where the Tim Hortons stands, where the Tim Hortons is today, near the hotel, near the waterfront, not on the waterfront. I voted as a Jamestown legislator, I voted in favor of a bond issue to give the people in the north county and our employees a brand-new county office building. Designed and built for our needs. Not some old building or buildings gerrymandered around. So, the County Executive had for only the second time in his term as County Executive when I was a legislator, asked me to come to Mayville and he asked me as a Jamestown legislator, was I in favor of building that new north county office building? I asked, as a lawyer, a simple lawyer-like question. Did the bids come within the bond amount? He said, yes. I said, well, then. Build it. I apologize to the folks in the north county and our county employees. Had I said don't build it, I think he might have signed the contract to build that building. But I said, build it, sign the contracts. And this County Executive, he didn't and so 33, 36 years later that stands as a mistake that we didn't build that north county office building to the county's specifications and to serve our employees well and the public. So, tonight, we have a proposition here to commit the county for the next ten years, and based on experience, it probably commits the county for twenty or thirty years to this particular location. I don't have any automatic problems with this location. But I have a problem with it, it's two-fold. One, I learned about it in the Post Journal, and I thank the Post Journal. There's still more detail in the Post Journal, I think, story than there is in the resolution. But the first public presentation of it, I believe was a week ago Monday. In nine days, we are being asked to decide a multi-million-dollar investment cost for the next ten years technically and as a practical matter, twenty or thirty years. That's a ridiculous short amount of time to make that major decision. The second concern I have is, someone that for eight years was also part-time the county attorney for Chautauqua County, I don't understand why there's never been a public request for proposals for office space in the City of Jamestown. I think that's all I have to say on this resolution tonight, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Legislator Penhollow, I believe, had his hand up next.

Legislator Penhollow: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, in discussion over the last seven to ten days, my questions were this. We know the current condition of the building that we're *(inaudible)* deplorable. Eye witness accounts, bills not being paid by the building owner, so on and so forth. Factual, true. A question I asked, is this a cost reduction going from the current three buildings to this one location? I'm pretty sure that it is, but I'd like to have that verification. Verification of cost-comparison and savings in today's numbers, current three locations that we're in and moving to 310 through 322. That needs to be answered for me. Number two, we have commitment-

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Penhollow, I believe the budget director is here to answer your question?

Legislator Penhollow: Fantastic. Thank you.

Jennifer Swan: Good evening. Jennifer Swan, budget director. So, to answer your question and I believe all of you were supplied the details of a spread sheet that I created earlier this week. Essentially, the local-share cost, yes, estimated would be going down. Taking into account revenue reimbursements for the Human Services Departments that would be moving there and also a cut to our parking expenses, would primarily be the cause of our savings. But yes, overall, the local-share cost would go down.

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, Legislator Penhollow, has your question been answered?

Legislator Penhollow: Yeah, thank you, thank you. However, I still have a few. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: You keep the floor.

Legislator Penhollow: Yeah, thank you. You know, one of my concerns was the Strider and Infinity program in that building, which is detrimental to the community. Can agree with the cases presented or the justification for it, absolutely. And I certainly respect Mr. Lynn. Didn't know him very well, but I knew he was a very kind and generous man. And I assume he's being recognized in the afterlife right now for his generosity. It's the way I believe. So, to the, to the developers, I would ask their commitment to keep those square foot rental amounts the same. I believe that's a commitment. And, correct me if I'm wrong, somebody here in the floor, that the Infinity lease right now, the arts program, is between seven to ten years on the books is the way that it stands now, that will be recognized going forward. And I believe that if the county's not in that building, I believe in my opinion, Striders and Infinity, are they, is it sustainable if they're the only few that are left in that building? That's the other question. And I'm probably going to be hit with a baseball bat when I leave tonight for asking this question, but I still have interest in the Chautauqua Mall. And I know that doesn't make people from the City of Jamestown happy but I look at the Chautauqua Mall and I think ample parking, possible green space. It's near the Village of Lakewood. It's near the city line, Town of Ellicott, that commercial corridor. And I know we discussed it last year and it was shot down and it was pretty clear, it was communicated to us that it was a bad idea, but I am going to vote for this and a couple reasons why. One, the cost reduction. Two, the current condition that we're in. They're deplorable. I believe that the iron is hot and sometimes in life you have make that decision and I believe we're at that point. And I would be concerned without the County doing this, the sustainability and long-term future for Infinity and Striders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Legislator DeJoy, you were next.

Legislator DeJoy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I, too, have some extensive experience with this building, development, in general, in downtown Jamestown. Having been awarded the first downtown revitalization initiative back in 2016 and again Jamestown has been fortunate to been awarded again with an excellent submission. With that, comes a local planning committee that will be assembled and will be evaluating and looking at various projects and investments in downtown Jamestown. I, too, learned about this because it wasn't brought to economic- Planning

and Economic Development Committee. I admit that I wasn't there. I was on my return trip from a vacation down south and I tried the best I could to get there, but nevertheless, it wasn't on the agenda and I knew nothing about it 'til I read about it in the paper. So, we've heard from Infinity tonight. We've heard from Striders. We've heard from Jamestown City Council members. We saw in the Post Journal and Dunkirk Observer. We've heard from leases to the, of the building, to basically pump the brakes and what I've suggested and I've suggested it to yourself and to the leadership that, perhaps, we pause this. I'm not so sure it's the wrong place yet, but I'm not so sure it's the right place. I've looked at all of these things. I've worked with Benderson Development in the past in my previous job and you know what, I think this has been pushed through much too quickly. There's not an urgent need right now to do this tonight. I'd like to make a motion that we one, do two things. That the County Executive and perhaps yourself set up a bipartisan committee or commission to look at it with officials from the City of Jamestown that are going to be involved in the redevelopment of downtown Jamestown. Members of the Legislature. Members of the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, the Gebbie Foundation. All those stakeholders that need to voice their concerns and look at the best possible alternative for downtown Jamestown and for Chautauqua County and for the taxpayers. So, I'd like to make a motion that we- that one, set up this committee and two, that bring it back to our respective committees for recommendations to hear what they have to say and any amended proposals from the developers. And I appreciate Legislator Gustafson making those amendments. Striders and Infinity have been very important to me and they were important during the development of the Lynn Building, which made it a success. And I know Gary Lynn and he was a very devout Christian and he did this for those very reasons. Trying to help the youth and those that aren't advantaged in the City of Jamestown and southern Chautauqua County with those programs. So, I respectfully would like to propose that motion tonight to form this committee and bring it back to respective committees.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator DeJoy, there's two separate actions that you're proposing. One is to amend the resolution and the second is to refer it back to committee.

Legislator DeJoy: Well, I don't have any specific amendments other than to, I guess my request, the motion is to, I guess there are two actions. One, establish a committee or commission and two, send it back to committee and not vote on it tonight because I think there are far too many questions. We've heard from the public and I think there's no reason that we shouldn't try to pump the brakes rather than ram this through tonight.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so which of those proposals would you like to take first? Your proposal to establish a committee or your proposal to refer the resolution to committee?

Legislator DeJoy: I guess what makes logical sense is to establish a stakeholder committee to look at this entire project. As Legislator Larson said, it's a ten-year commitment here. We're going to be committing twelve-, thirteen-million dollars over ten years and you know, it's going to have a long-term effect on downtown Jamestown. So, I think that there should be a local committee that looks at it, bipartisan, members of the Legislature, members of Chautauqua County Planning and Economic Development, you know. Be a true stakeholder, kind of like the local planning committee will be for the downtown revitalization initiative.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so if I may take the opportunity to phrase your proposed motion, you're moving to establish a committee of the community to review this resolution.

Legislator DeJoy: The resolution and all the potential alternatives and Mr. Chairman of this-

Chairman Chagnon: Right. We're discussing this resolution at this time so-

Legislator DeJoy: Sure

Chairman Chagnon: Is that adequate?

Legislator DeJoy: Yeah, that's adequate.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so we have a motion to that effect. Do we have a second?

Legislator Whitney: I'll second.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a second by Legislator Whitney. Discussion on the motion to establish a committee to discuss this project? Legislator Nelson.

Legislator Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the County Executive's effort to keep the building in Jamestown, in the city, and the amendments that were made tonight. I think those were good, important changes that were necessary. As I sit here and we listen to all kinds of speakers, I've learned more about it in the last couple hours than I knew earlier today. And I think, what more will we learn in the next thirty days? So, I would agree, I think that we need more time to look at this. So, I would, I think Legislator DeJoy's idea is, has merit, I think it's a good idea.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, other comments on the motion to establish the committee? Any other comments on the motion to establish the committee? Then, sorry Olivia, will you call the roll please on the motion to establish the committee?

MOVED by Legislator DeJoy, SECONDED by Legislator Whitney to Establish a Stakeholder Committee to Review 310-322 E Third Ventures, LLC Lease - R/C Vote: 7 YES; 10 NO (Anthony, Gustafson, Harmon, Heiser, Pavlock, Penhollow, Proctor, Scudder, Vanstrom, Chagnon); 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson) – Motion to Establish Committee Fails

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator DeJoy, you had a second item that you wanted to propose.

Legislator DeJoy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I propose that we send this back to committee for further review and analysis.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to refer Resolution 202-26 back to

Committee. Do I have a second? By Legislator Whitney. Discussion on the motion to refer. Legislator Larson.

Legislator Larson: A point of information if our budget director could come back to the microphone? To indicate how difficult it is in nine days to get a handle on a ten year, thirteen-fourteen-million-dollar commitment, the document that you indicated you prepared shows in 2028 the gross, the out-of-pocket lease payments to the developer by the county is a million two hundred seventy-five thousand.

Jennifer Swan: Yes

Legislator Larson: You reported on local share and answered when earlier questioned.

Jennifer Swan: Yes

Legislator Larson: But the rent is projected to be a million two hundred seventy-five thousand. The rent where we are currently with an arbitrary four percent increase which I take it is not in any current lease is a million twenty-three thousand.

Jennifer Swan: Correct

Legislator Larson: So that's-that's 250, that's a quarter of a million more in gross rental than current leases, right?

Jennifer Swan: Yes

Legislator Larson: Okay. And you were then saying, well, when you take out the reimbursements, given actions particularly in Washington with the chainsaw, are these federal reimbursements guaranteed beyond one budget year?

Jennifer Swan: I'm not entirely sure how those reimbursements are structured-

Legislator Larson: Reimbursements from the State of New York, are they more than one budget year commitments? In other words, you-

Jennifer Swan: I cannot speak to that. I don't know.

Legislator Larson: Well, alright. I can speak to this. The million two hundred seventy-five thousand would be an obligation of ours in that lease, regardless of how much reimbursement we get.

Jennifer Swan: Correct

Legislator Larson: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: You're welcome. Other questions, comments on the motion to refer the resolution back to committee? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll on the motion to refer?

MOVED by Legislator DeJoy, SECONDED by Legislator Whitney to Refer Resolution 202-26 Back to Committee - R/C Vote: 7 YES; 10 NO (Anthony, Gustafson, Harmon, Heiser, Pavlock, Penhollow, Proctor, Scudder, Vanstrom, Chagnon); 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson) - Motion to Refer Back to Committee Fails

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so we're back to Resolution 202-26 as presented. Further questions, comments on the resolution? Legislator Vanstrom?

Legislator Vanstrom: Yes, I just want to remind this room that during committee week when this was introduced and brought up and presented and unveiled more, it passed unanimously. Unanimously. And I understand why it did because it's a very good resolution. Sometimes a shoe doesn't fit perfectly but it's a perfect fit so there's been a lot of discussion about this. There's been a lot of consideration. There's been a lot of properties looked at, a lot. A lot. And they weren't chosen for a multitude of reasons. And I know there's people sitting in this room that know what I'm talking about. Not one little reason. A lot. So, I'm going to support this as amended by my colleague, Mrs. Gustafson. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator DeJoy

Legislator DeJoy: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, it's obvious that this legislature doesn't give a darn about what an organization that helps and supports kids and music and arts. Doesn't care about mentoring with Striders. Doesn't care about the opinion of Jamestown City Council members. Doesn't care about the City of Jamestown and their downtown development initiatives that will be looked at. Doesn't care what our local media feel about pumping the brakes. Doesn't care about taxpayers likely being on the hook for an additional amount of lease money. To me, it stinks of hubris and a rubber stamp and I'm ashamed that there wasn't even one person who said, let's go back and look at this. I haven't even seen this for one week and you're going to make this momentous decision? I think that it's shameful, quite frankly and I'm extremely disappointed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Other comments, questions?

Community member: I know that I'm speaking out of turn and I apologize for that, however, for fourteen million dollars and to save Infinity? Granted the south county office building has had its moment, knowing the building is not the best, for fourteen million dollars, we could build a brand new one (*inaudible*). There's a great place near Big Lots (*inaudible*). Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Please, please. Legislator Anthony.

Legislator Anthony: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Last Monday, I was the chair for Public Facilities when this was first presented to the legislative bodies- committees. I was shocked. Blown away. There was a lot of questions to be answered and Mr. Russa and his team answered questions when asked. Our finance department answered questions when asked. I've been on the phone with multiple committee members almost every day for the last week. I had talked with County Executive Wendel. I have talked with Mayor Ecklund. You know, I had conversations today at noon, six hours before this meeting as to, you know, where we were, what we were going to do because this is a huge leap, huge step. Two years ago, County Executive invited the legislatures on a tour of our office buildings to see what our county employees work in every day but not only what our county employees work in, but the buildings that are used to serve the residents of Chautauqua County and what they are paying for. And I used the example of walking through mental health in the south county office building and the lights being off because it's too hot. And one of the questions I asked during committee was, what's going to happen when it's ninety-five degrees again, stagnant air and we have a hundred employees sitting in the building unproductively doing work, serving the people of Chautauqua County, and I will take a step back. These gentlemen are the landlords to the DMV in Dunkirk and we had discussed it earlier as to why we haven't heard of Mr. Russa and the reason that we haven't heard of Mr. Russa is because that's the exceptional service that we've been provided as tenants to the north county facilities, which is spectacular. I don't want to hear of issues in our county offices. I have talked with employees that work between multiple offices and, you know, they had obviously voiced the concerns of cockroaches and the issues that we've heard tonight. Which, I know that I certainly would not want to work in those conditions and I give them credit for showing up every day and caring about the job that they are there to do. I thank them sincerely. I thanked our budget director when I got here today for getting us our numbers. By Monday afternoon, as I was on my way home, I was comparing numbers just before I called Mayor Ecklund. It's taken a lot. I get this is not a lot of time to digest, but the phones have been there to call people. They've been willing to talk. They've been willing to listen and answer questions. And with any business deal, there's always going to be questions that are unanswered. But regardless of whether we renegotiate a lease in the three buildings we occupy in the City of Jamestown or if we move into the Lynn Building. We are going to be on the hook for the lease agreements whether the reimbursements come back or not and that's a fact that we need to face as a legislative body and it's been a goal of this body to be one stop shop for my three years and I would love to see it come to fruition and unfortunately increases are going to come whether we like it or not in a negotiation and what those may be, we never know. It's part of business, but thank you.

Legislator Larson: Mr. Chairman

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Lewis

Legislator Lewis: Thank you. So, as a SUNY or state employee for over thirty years, the one thing that I was concerned about is on the Human Services Committee was not unanimous in voting for it. The request for proposals, it was just standard business that we have some time to compare with, especially if you're dealing with a multi-million dollar and multi-year decisions. I know you said there was a lot of information, but during my session, I, you know, I could use

more to see and have other people chime in and see if they can present us with something as well. We have time. As I understand it, the lease is not up until next year, late year. So, I did not understand the urgency. I, too, would not want to work in a horrible environment. And maybe there is something we can do in the meantime to address those kinds of issues. But to spend this amount of money, and to commit ourselves for ten years without looking at other options, I think, it's a waste of our tax-payers money.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Whitney

Legislator Whitney: I have two points of interest. Number one, we never heard from the developers that said, this is such a great deal, we're buying the building. It was all dependent on an aggressive vote tonight. They never said they're going to buy the building no matter what. And point number two is, once again, I said it earlier. Rush, rush, rush. Take the test. You can study for it next week. Then we've done it again.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator DeJoy

Legislator DeJoy: Mr. Anthony, I think it's a non sequitur argument about the current conditions. I agree that something needs to be done. All I asked was a reasonable thing. To just give us some more time. I read about this, again, in the Post Journal, same as many others and it wasn't brought to the committee that I'm in. I wasn't there but, nevertheless, I didn't see anything about it. And in terms of Mayor Ecklund, I had conversations with her all this weekend and her quote was, "Yes, Vince. Please help with that." And help with that meant, slowing down this process. And especially the issue of parking. I don't know how many buildings that you have helped to redevelop anywhere or any economic development that you have directly been involved in but I have done it. And I've done it for this building. I know what the heck I'm talking about here. And we just needed more time. But obviously the legislature doesn't, the majority doesn't feel that that's appropriate. So, again, I think that was a non sequitur argument that they are enduring these conditions because something can and should be done and there's likely some better alternatives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Jeff Wereski: The way this was put together was an opportunity-

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, Jeff. If you would like to request an opportunity to speak to the legislature, I will grant that after the legislature has an opportunity to speak.

Jeff Wereski: Thank you, I'm sorry.

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Larson

Legislator Larson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Out of our 1,200 or so county employees, we have long had a distinguished county planning department. Long time planner, John Luensman. We have an overlook named after him, appropriately. So, I knew John Luensman,

worked with John Luensman. It's inconceivable to me that our current planning department has not been asked to look at this proposed location, this proposed project and give an analysis. Have you received any such thing, Mr. Chairman, from our planning department?

Chairman Chagnon: I have not.

Legislator Larson: Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay. Any other comments, questions on the resolution as amended? Legislator Proctor.

Legislator Proctor: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I know this was introduced last week to our committees and I did take the time to talk to several employees. Mostly our public facilities who I know they've been working, looking at other properties and other situations. The Chautauqua Mall was mentioned. For four years or somewhere around there. I know this lease has been worked on for several months. We have another year left and that year will go by very quickly. There's a lot to do to move three buildings into one and all these departments and all the stuff that needs to be done. This building is for sale. It's going to be for sale to somebody. The existing leases will be under the tenure of another landlord. We don't know who that landlord might be. If Mr. Russa and Benderson development don't buy this, it could be somebody else and we could be having the same discussion with Striders and Infinity and the other tenants. We know who Mr. Russa is. We, as Mr. Anthony alluded to, we currently have property with him in the north county, the DMV, and we've had a very good relationship with him. So, in my opinion, I'd rather do business with somebody I'm familiar with and someone who we've had very good relationship with and I think we do need to act on this now, because of that. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Are there any other comments, questions on the resolution? Legislator Scudder.

Legislator Scudder: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Monday night, we were, or a week ago Monday night, we were presented with this in committee. And to be honest with you, I lost sleep that night. It was overwhelming. There was a lot of stuff coming at us. I regrouped. I had the good fortune of also being on Audit & Control and the County Executive came to our meeting and answered some questions. The developers answered a lot of questions we had opportunities. As far as the urgency goes, a decision has to be made. We're never going to get all of our questions answered. It's, and forgive me, it's kind of an excuse, well, I didn't get all my answers. What color is the roof going to be? I don't know. But it's time to move forward. This has been looked at. We just assume that the county hasn't looked at anything. They have. I know that this is kind of just a general lease right now, there's a lot of details to be worked out. We're just approving the lease to go forward. I'm going to vote in favor of this as a legislator. Not as a Republican legislator. I have never voted, in my career, seventeen years, how's that, Fred?

Legislator Larson: Close

Legislator Scudder: No, no, it's longer. As the longest serving, active legislator, I have never voted with a letter after my name, other than L, for legislature. I've been accused because you vote the other way, that you're voting with your party. You can ask my party. I have never voted with my party. I have voted as a legislator in Chautauqua County. But if we're going to play the partisan game, in committee, we had four Democrats vote in favor of this. Now, we don't have enough answers or questions answered. We don't have enough; we don't have enough but it's going to be very interesting when it comes time to vote how many Democrats vote for this that voted for it in committee and I know. We have more questions, but to me that sounds like an excuse and I also have the misfortune of representing a hundred and twenty-seven thousand people in Chautauqua County which is more than just the city of Jamestown with all due respect, they are also citizens of the county. But we have to represent everyone. I feel a vote for this, it gets us moving on. I think it's the right direction. And all of my questions have been answered. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Legislator Nelson.

Legislator Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you know, Bob, I was one of those Democrats that voted for it in committee. Walked away with some questions. I have more questions tonight that were answered and some I was satisfied with, some not. The amendments, I appreciate, that were added. I think those were good ideas. I, again, I wanted to go back to what Legislator DeJoy said, as far as giving these another thirty days. I've learned a lot in the last couple of days. What more could we learn in the next thirty? And then make that decision. As far as it stands tonight, this checks a lot of boxes. And I'm glad it's in the city and I'll tell you up front, I will support it. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments? Legislator Pavlock.

Legislator Pavlock: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Serving on this Legislature for some time, the decision in front of us tonight is an important one. As it's been stated, we're considering entering a ten-year lease, but realistically it's twenty, thirty years. You know, I want the basis of my decision being made upon, looked at by others down the road, my children, other legislators down the road, other county employees. I extensively did some research since learning of this potential lease. I called people, I've studied things, I've looked at numbers and most importantly, my decision tonight is based upon what Legislator Penhollow opened the meeting with, is a prayer that we can have wise decisions and my decision is based on that. So, I'll be supporting this tonight.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments? Questions? With the permission of the legislature, I would then invite Jeff, representing the developer, if he would like to speak. If you would, please come down to the microphone. I'm not requiring you to speak, I was trying to respond to your outburst earlier.

Jeff Wereski: I apologize for my outburst earlier. There's a lot of different things that are happening in regards to how the leaks- would you like me to go to the microphone?

Chairman Chagnon: Please, if you would like to be heard, please step up to the microphone.

Jeff Wereski: First of all, I want to apologize for the outburst. I'm passionate about this and we spent a lot of time doing what we need to do- what's right. And there's a lot of different things that have come into the picture because of timing and we've expressed that time is of the essence. Because of multiple reasons. And I think the most important reason is, what we heard from the employer, I'm sorry, employee, that works there on a daily basis with the employees at the existing location. That makes me even more passionate. We have, we are able, because of the vacancy in the building to be able to do things in phases. And we're able to be-we're able to bring in different departments, more sooner than later if it's required. And I think those are the kinds of things that the body doesn't know about. We want to be able to express every single benefit and I mean the word, benefit. The one concept that, that I bring-that I brought to Joe Russa is don't forget to do a load factor. When you do square footage, you have to do a load factor. He said, I'm not going to do that. Whatever the square footage is that we rent to the county, that's what we're going to charge them for. That's the kind of people that you're dealing with. And we're very sensitive in regards to Striders, we're very sensitive to Infinity. We will deal with all the tenants on a very professional level going forward. That's our commitment. That's what we all need to think about. I don't work for Benderson Development. I did work for Benderson for almost forty years. I was nurtured in a very good way when I started there at twenty-nine. To understand that tenants are customers. Not only customers, but they are people. Try to satisfy needs because that's what makes the difference in a good landlord and a bad landlord. That's the reason why I brought up what I brought up earlier. And I really appreciate this extra time. Thank you for your time, everyone. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. And at this time, I would ask the clerk to call the roll on Resolution 202-26, as amended.

RES. NO. 202-26 as Amended – R/C Vote: 12 YES; 5 NO (Buchanan, DeJoy, Larson, Lewis, Whitney); 2 Absent (Merritt, Johnson) – Adopted

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: And that brings us, finally, to announcements. Are there any announcements by any legislators for the good of the order? Legislator Gustafson.

Legislator Gustafson: Yes, I would like to invite everybody to the Chautauqua County Airport on Saturday, August 29th. It's actually the rain date for the fly in/drive in fundraiser for the Alan D. Fuller Memorial Flying Scholarship. There will be rides from Whisky 7, there will be a car show, and I invite everyone up to the airport to join in.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other announcements? Legislator Nelson.

Legislator Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would invite everybody to the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, August 6th through the 9th and there's too many events to even start here, but I hope to see you there.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Other announcements? Legislator Bankoski.

Legislator Bankoski: Yes, I'd like to, on behalf of myself and Legislator Scudder, we'd like to invite you to the Dunkirk Airport this weekend for the Rotary Club Fly-In Breakfast. Come one, come all. We will be serving pancakes.

Chairman Chagnon: Well, I changed my mind, then. *(laughter)* Thank you. Legislator Buchanan, did you have your hand up?

Legislator Buchanan: Well, I thought he was going to mention the Chautauqua County Fair, but he didn't. So, I'd like to invite everyone down. It was a nice ceremony. I was chosen to light the cannon and I'm not sure- *(laughter, inaudible comments)* I blame it on the weather, so, but it was a great experience. So, I'll just invite everyone out. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Great, thank you. Other announcements? Legislator Proctor.

Legislator Proctor: I'd like to invite everybody to Sherman August 1st for Sherman Days. A lot of fun, a lot of vendors, parade. Come on down to Sherman. Thanks.

Chairman Chagnon: Oh, a lot going on. Any other announcements? Hearing none, we will move on to our second privilege of the floor.

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.

Chairman Chagnon: Is there someone already interested in speaking to the second privilege of the floor? Please introduce yourself.

Nancy Bargar: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members, ladies and gentlemen of the legislature. My name is Nancy Bargar. I live at 11 West Terrace Avenue in Lakewood. I want to thank you as a member of the board of the Robert H. Jackson Center for coming here this evening and I know that Legislator Larson and I think Terry Frank may be the reporter, may be the only two people here this evening with the institutional memory that- where is Kristan? I think she may, are you here?

Kristan McMahon: I'm here.

Nancy Bargar: Okay, so I just have to set the record straight that, as your colleague mentioned a second ago, the county fair has opened, I believe yesterday. And it was something that we did at least twice, maybe more, during the ten years that I was a member of your Body. We met during the week of the County Legislature, or excuse me, the county fair going on. We met at the fairgrounds in Dunkirk. So, there is a precedent for leaving Mayville. And we also met at the Lenna Hall at Chautauqua Institution during their nine-week season and I know that because I sponsored that move. But I also wanted to comment that it's such a pleasure to be in this audience and see your faces and I'm sure you're aware of the fact that in the Mayville Chambers, we always had our backs to the public and I think it's a real difficult thing. The audio is fantastic here and I heard every word of everything that was said but most of all, I believe it's very important to see faces. So, I think I've covered everything I wanted to. I think there was some understanding that not only the nonprofits in the move that you just made should be considered, but I do have some visits with Saxton Accounting Firm and I know you will treat that business with respect. I think that's it. Thank you for being here. Come back.

Chairman Chagnon: Nancy, thank you for supporting the decision to be here. Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Doug Scotchmer: Good evening. My name is Doug Scotchmer. I live at 19 Widrig Avenue in Jamestown, New York. It was my privilege to work as a mental health counselor for thirty years for the county and more recently, I've become the representative for the Fourth Ward in Jamestown, which overlaps with Mr. Whitney's district and Ms. Gustafson's district. Kind of on to a completely different topic tonight, what I came to talk about. When I campaigned for my position, I went door-to-door, talked with a lot of people. Major concerns that people talked about were housing stock and, *(clears throat)* excuse me, and the issue of homelessness. After getting into my position, I've talked with staff from the city department of development. I was encouraged to see that the county put in a homeless program that's now on the third floor of city hall. And in talking with staff there, I learned that the people that they work with need to be on Medicaid or food stamps, or somehow linked in with social services already. And what I've heard from both city staff and from county staff, what we're lacking is outreach to the homeless. We're kind of going with a scattered program of volunteers, other agencies have had their budgets cut for outreach worker. I know for the office located in City Hall; they have a person that comes in two days a week that can do outreach. One of the things in my time at mental health that I really saw change, was when I started out, we were primarily therapists, doctors. We had one case manager who was split between Jamestown and Dunkirk. One of the offices that you're looking at moving is in old Jamestown Radiology building because we have developed so many, now they're called Care Coordinators, not case managers, that they needed their own office space because they couldn't be housed with us on the fifth floor of City Hall. We need to develop more outreach for the homeless. For people who aren't necessarily connected to the system in any way in order to do a more effective job. And I heard lots of concerns when I campaigned about the housing stock and the homeless issue were by far and away, the two most important issues that I've heard constituents saying. Thank you.

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

Legislator Larson: Thank you. My constituents- sorry. My constituents have a right to know why I voted against the new home of the south county offices. The Chairman called for the vote, nobody had called a question, so I didn't have the chance to explain then, but I will now. It's two reasons. One, there's been no request for proposals for county office space in Jamestown to the many respectable, responsible developers in western New York. Secondly, there's no plan for our county offices in the city of Jamestown from our own planning department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Scott Axelson: Scott Axelson, 402 Park Street, Jamestown. I was at a meeting last month, where a member of the legislature spoke a group of private citizens and a group. We asked questions about various topics about the county. The big contingency fund, the lake, things like that, consolidations. But the lake was an issue that I made sure I wanted to come to tonight. If you see the Chautauqua Gazette last week, what did it say? The aquatic economic engine. Five local lakes and a few facts. You've got Bear Lake, you got Cassadaga Lake, you've got Lake Erie, Chautauqua Lake, and I'm missing one. Findley. Findley Lake. Thank you. Economic drivers. We always hear that 28% of the taxes from, for this county, come from Chautauqua Lake. When I was asking a question of the Legislator person, who doesn't live along the lake and there are five legislative districts that directly border the lake, and then the City of Jamestown has the Chadakoin, the Outlet, and now they're trying to do more development of the basin down behind the comedy center to make it part of the waterfront. So, you really have Jamestown directly involved, although they don't technically touch the lake. And the question I asked was, how are you voting or what do you think about it? And the answer was, I don't know enough about the issues with Chautauqua Lake to be able to answer those questions. Now, if anybody reads the post journal, goes to a meeting from-for CLA, CLP, Chautauqua Lake Property Owners Association, they'd be very well knowing what's going on and that might influence how they are able to be much better at voting or asking questions and how to spend money on resources. And that same person also told me that another legislator of a neighboring district was of the same thought. We're just going to go along with the rest of our group says. So, it really concerns me that this major economic engine, a couple miles away from here, there are-you're not taking enough time to really understand what is going on with the problems of the lake, the history, and if anyone reads the Post Journal, the Dunkirk Observer, and just stays up on some of this information that's being presented all the time should be able to at least either, if they don't know, go to one of these groups when they have their seminars or when they have their open, public hearings. And we know there will be some more on Labor Day up in Bemus. But how can you vote on stuff that you don't even understand? And it's not like this information is not available to everybody out there. I read the paper. I hear things on the news, WJTN, Terry Frank presents stuff. But 28% comes from- of our economic comes from- our taxes come from the lake. So, I would think that you would all want to be a little more up to speed before making some decisions. Thank you.

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

Legislator Buchanan: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: I've been waiting all night to say, come on down!

Legislator Buchanan: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. No, ladies first, please.

Andrea Hatfield: Oh, okay. Thank you. Oh, no. I'm going to have to adjust this. There. Can you hear me?

Chairman Chagnon: Yes.

Andrea Hatfield: I am Andrea Hatfield. I live at 72 Siebert Street, Jamestown, New York. First off, I'd like to make a little comment about the decision about the south county office building. I would like to see a write-up, maybe, some basic, bare-bones write up of how you came to that decision. You know, I'm a taxpayer. My county taxes are going to pay for this rent and I know if I even have somebody come over for a couple hundred dollars-worth of work on my house, I get quotes and proposals and look at them. And I think that might put some fears to rest if we have a better idea of what the logic was behind this. Another thing I would like to mention as an aside, is I know the concerns is with Striders and Infinity being in the same building as some other people, you know, it's concerning. Would the developer be able to offer a better location for Striders and Infinity? That would help develop two sites in Jamestown. You know, it's a challenge to think about. Thinking about, would it benefit the community, would it benefit the developer, the city. Could we expand and develop more sites as a compromise to deal with some of the issues of using that particular building. Now, my next topic is quite different. It has to do with the wild fire smoke that we experienced this past week. We have plans in place for blizzards and floods. Is there any kind of county or city plan in place to deal with wildfire smoke because I do believe this will probably be a recurring, if not an annual, event. I'm thinking of people, you probably drove by some of the brick buildings, apartment buildings, on your way here. Picture somebody, third, fourth floor, and they only thing between them and 90-degree weather is a window and a box fan and then the smoke rolls in. We were well above 300, which is hazardous, especially for young kids. So, do we have a plan? Do we have notification, education about what's dangerous levels? Education about which filters work and don't work, and a lot of people think, oh, I've got an air conditioner. Well that flimsy little filter is not going to help. Maybe providing no-and low-cost air purifiers or having some sort of plan in place and actually having breathing space in communities. You know, a place where people can go to if they need to, to get out of the smoke. May not ever need to use it, but I think we ought to think about it because we're pretty much at the mercy of whichever way the wind blows. This is going to be a long-term issue, I think in Canada. The other thing-

Chairman Chagnon: You've exceeded your three minutes.

Andrea Hatfield: Oh, I should be all done?

Chairman Chagnon: Yep

Andrea Hatfield: Oh, darn, 'cause I had one more big thing that tied into downtown, so I guess I'll hand it to you in person.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Legislator Buchanan, you were interested?

Legislator Buchanan: Okay. You can use a minute of mine. *(laughter)* While I was at home, getting dressed before the meeting, I heard some devastating news up here in the City of Jamestown, outside the hospital. And I see no one spoke on it today. I'm not going to speak on it, either, but I just want to say prayers to all of those that was involved. My heart just goes out to them and their family. And, I'm just looking forward to some of our county services people reaching out to those people, soon as possible. And I'm not going to share that news here. I'm sure everyone's going to find out later. That's it.

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

Legislator DeJoy: I just had one quick thing and I wanted to address our last speaker, Andrea, correct? So, next Monday night, there's going to be a meeting at the Prendergast Library. It's a countywide resiliency plan public meeting. And we're just starting to look at this plan, county planning, and other community stakeholders, Crystal will probably be there, too. I'm sure. But I think that's something that I honestly hadn't thought about when it comes to resiliency, is this thick smoke. I'm not sure what could be done about it, but I think it should be something that's addressed in this county resiliency plan. So, I just wanted to let you know that it's Monday night, 5:30 at the Prendergast Library.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else to address the second privilege of the floor? Kristan, you're back.

Kristan McMahon: I am back. Kristan McMahon, president of the Robert H. Jackson Center. I want to remind everyone that all of our programs are free and open to the public all the time, as is the building. We charge for nothing here. And I want to invite you all to our next program, which is this Friday at 6 pm. It is, Who Decides What Justice Looks Like? With the former, sorry, former special prosecutor for the crime of aggression. Her name is Jessica Kemp. So, please do join us.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anthony, must be your turn.

Anthony Toda: Good evening. Anthony Toda. My address is 144 Clifton Avenue, Jamestown, New York. I'm making my comments and opinions based upon- I think I got the wrong- there it is. Based on media reports, I am continuing to produce substance evidence in the capital murder case of US vs Payton Gendron, which is in the United States District Court, Buffalo, Judge Lawrence J. Ballardo, presiding. The case involves the Tops slaughter in 2022. I am continuing to obtain evidence showing that FBI, including the Buffalo field office, headed by sack man Philip Tahara, is at least negligent and possibly was aware of Payton Gendron's intent to allegedly murder at this Tops site in advance of the shootings. Recently, I made Sonya

Zoghlin, a US public defender for the case, aware of the FBI Buffalo office, is intercepting my phone calls to Ms. Zoghlin concerning this capital case. However, Ms. Zoghlin, along with a US attorney, refuses to accept my exculpatory evidence in violation of federal case of Brady vs Maryland in an effort to show a shared responsibility- in my effort to show a shared responsibility by the FBI. Further in my own action, in the same federal court against the New York State DMV in the City of Jamestown, the same Buffalo FBI office intercepted a call that I made to the Town of Ellicott police to look for a defendant in my own action. I am going to continue to publicly state the human rights violations by the FBI upon myself until these perpetrators including sack man Tahara, the public defenders' office, US Attorney's office in Buffalo are held accountable for these violations. In the meantime, the FBI is conspiring with the Jamestown police to use noise harassments, an old federal government torture practice in an attempt to entrap myself. There's a shared responsibility by the FBI failing to prevent this terrible tragedy at the Buffalo Tops site. A responsibility that has been ignored by Governor Kathy Hochul and US Attorney General Letitia James and I just want to say one thing. We're in a forum where a person who is historically famous for the protection of the Constitutional human rights and, as everybody talks about, the rule of law. That has not been applied to me. In fact, I've been oppressed in the very city where this forum exists and that's a terrible hypocrisy regarding the human rights in a city that is supposed to be championing that through this particular institution. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Legislator Larson: I move that we adjourn, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to adjourn by Legislator Larson, a second by Legislator Bankoski. All in favor, please say, aye.

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

Unanimously Carried (8:59 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia Lee, Clerk of the Legislature, Amanda Guillory, Senior Stenographer