

Minutes
Planning & Economic Development Committee
March 18, 2026, 6:00 pm, Legislative Chambers
Livestreamed on YouTube
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Penhollow, Johnson, Merritt, DeJoy, Harmon

Others: Chagnon, Lee, Sharp, Geise, Pacos, Sample, Zafuto, McCoy, Aldrich, Wurster, Nick, Lyons (via phone), O'Boyle, Guzman, Mulkearn, Lamp

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube

Chairman Harmon called the meeting to order at (6:00 p.m.)

Approval of Minutes (02/18/26)

MOVED by Legislator Penhollow, SECONDED by Legislator Johnson to approve the minutes

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Harmon: Next on the agenda is the privilege of the floor. Do we have anybody in the audience or any member would like to speak at the privilege of the floor at this time? Yes, sir.

My name is Marty Proctor. I am a resident, town of Mina, Clymer Central School District and I'm also the Legislator for District 18, which covers Sherman and part of the Clymer School District. And I just wanted to say that in reference to the resolution about the Clymer Central—Clymer-Panama-Sherman school merger, that I'm strongly in favor of it. What this will be doing is—we've had two merger votes in the past 20 years or so that were voted down and I think strongly that, in part was a major part was that just school merger votes can be very passionate, pro or con and a lot of misinformation was put out there. I think what this will resolve is facts and give answers to people who have plenty of questions. And I think they're doing it correctly this time by hiring a coordinator or consultant, if you wish. And I just want to say that I am strongly in favor and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Proposed Resolution – Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Town of Pomfret for Sharing and Consolidating of Services between Municipalities
—Presented by Lauren Sharp, Senior Planner with the Department of Planning & Development, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, and Dan Pacos, Town of Pomfret Supervisor

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Government Reduction Initiative Assistance for Clymer Central School District for Clymer Sherman Panama Merger Feasibility Project—*Presented by Lauren Sharp, Senior Planner with the Department of Planning & Development, Shelly O’Boyle, Project Coordinator for Clymer-Sherman Panama Merger Study, Teresa Guzman, Sherman School Board President, and Ed Mulkearn, Clymer School Board President*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Designate Chautauqua County as Lead Agency Responsible for State Environmental Quality Review of State Funded Snowmobile Trail Updates for 2026-2027 Snowmobile Season—*Presented by Lauren Sharp, Senior Planner with the Department of Planning & Development, and Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development*

MOVED by Legislator Penhollow, SECONDED by Legislator DeJoy to Amend by Adding 2 New Trails – Unanimously Carried to Amend

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

Unanimously Carried as Amended

Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding 2026 Agricultural District Inclusions—*Presented by Lauren Sharp, Senior Planner with the Department of Planning & Development, and Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Setting a Second Public Hearing for Chautauqua County Microenterprise Assistance Program Community Development Block Grant—*Presented by Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, Nate Aldrich, Economic Development Coordinator, and Stephanie Nick, Special Projects Coordinator with the Department of Planning & Economic Development*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for Departments of Planning and the Jamestown Airport—*Presented by Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, Nate Aldrich, Economic Development Coordinator, and Stephanie Nick, Special Projects Coordinator with the Department of Planning & Economic Development*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget to Replenish the Lake Maintenance Fund—*Presented by Dave McCoy, Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, and Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance*

MOVED by Legislator Johnson to Amend by Decreasing the 2026 Lake Maintenance Fund by \$50,000. Amendment Fails to Carry Due to No Second

Unanimously Carried as Presented

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget – Occupancy Tax Funded Projects—*Presented by Dave McCoy, Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, and Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance*

Unanimously Carried, With Legislator DeJoy Abstaining from the Vote

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Mina—*Presented by Dave McCoy, Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, Ed Mulkearn, President of the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Provide the Federal Cost-Share for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study for Chautauqua Lake—*Presented by Dave McCoy, Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Entry into Agreement with County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) for the I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley—*Presented by Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Nate Aldrich, Economic Development Coordinator*

Unanimously Carried

Presentation – Potential Changes to the Administrative Code—*Presented by Kitty Lyons, Finance Director via Phone Call*

Discussion – CCIDA/CCPEG 2025 Annual Report & 2026 Look Ahead – *Presented by Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, Nate Aldrich, Economic Development Coordinator, Jason Sample, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for CCIDA and the Partnership for Economic Growth, and Rebecca Wurster, Planning Coordinator for the Department of Planning and Development, Josiah Lamp, Director of Housing and Community Development at Chautauqua Opportunities Inc.*

MOVED by Legislator Penhollow, SECONDED by Legislator Merritt to adjourn.
Unanimously Carried (8:20 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia L. Lee, Clerk of the Legislature/Kristi R. Zink, Deputy Clerk