

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
May 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers
Livestreamed on YouTube
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Gustafson, Proctor, Merritt, Larson, Bankoski

Others Present: Chagnon, Lee, Contiguglia, Quattrone, Stahley, Guttman

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube

Chairman Bankoski called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (4/15/2026)

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Larson to approve the minutes

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak.

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Criminal Justice Discovery and Bail Reform Funding FY 2025-2026—*Presented by Madeline Contiguglia, Assistant to District Attorney*

Typo corrections shown below:

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

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

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature passed Discovery and Bail Reform legislation in 2020 under Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) Chapter 11-A, Part 2, Title J, Article 245 (Legislation), which Legislation requires prosecutors to share evidence in their possession soon after arraignment and well in advance of trial; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation, which affords defendants the opportunity to review evidence prior to pleading guilty, requires prosecutors to share names and contact information of victims and witnesses to the defense, but also provides for the ability to protect victims and witnesses from intimidation and coercion; and

WHEREAS, Bail Reform eliminated bail for many non-violent and low-level offenses to reduce the number of people held in jail prior to trial; and

WHEREAS, the Discovery and Bail Reform laws were enacted on January 1, 2020, resulting in increased expenses for District Attorney's offices, Probation Departments and law enforcement agencies statewide to implement these laws; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has again awarded each county outside of New York City a sum of money to be used to offset the increased expenses associated with implementing the Discovery and Bail Reform laws, with the award amount determined according to each County's average criminal court arraignments; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County has been awarded a total of \$1,068,942 to be shared between the District Attorney's office, Probation Department, Sheriff's Office and local police agencies in the County to assist with Discovery and Bail Reform, with priority given to the District Attorney and police agencies; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the DCJS Discovery Reform Funding Plan by the County and approval of the plan by DCJS, the County will receive the entire award in one payment; and

WHEREAS, Funds can be used until they are spent in their entirety, with no specified end date; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the effective implementation of the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform funding for Chautauqua County to enter into contracts and agreements with the Probation Department, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office and the following police agencies: Village of Fredonia, Village of Westfield, Village of Lakewood/Busti, Town of Ellicott, City of Dunkirk and City of Jamestown Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, the funding for such contracts and agreements will be derived from the sum of the total award, all of which total of ~~\$297,000~~ \$307,039; and

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

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

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

WHEREAS, the revenue will be included in the 2027, 2028, and 2029 Budgets for the District Attorney; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Chautauqua County Legislature accepts the total award and authorizes the County Executive to execute the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Funding contract and associated documents for the grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a total of \$1,068,942; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute contracts and agreements between and among the District Attorney's office and the Chautauqua County Probation Department, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department and the municipal police departments in Chautauqua County identified above for the purposes of implementing the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Funding; and be it further

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

District Attorney:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.1165.-----3.2	Equipment - District Attorney	\$10,039
A.1165.-----4	Contractual - District Attorney	<u>\$223,000</u>
	Total	\$233,039

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

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

A.3110.GRNT.R338.9000	New York State Aid-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	\$40,000
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APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

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Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of the Statewide Targeted Reductions to Intimate Partner Violence (“STRIVE”) Grant funds for 2026-2027
—*Presented by Madeline Contiguglia, Assistant to District Attorney*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for the Navigation/Snowmobile Department Office of the Sheriff—*Presented by Capt Jake Stahley, Deputy Sheriff*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Explosive Detection Canine Team FY 2023
—*Presented by Capt Jake Stahley, Deputy Sheriff*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2023—*Presented by Capt Jake Stahley, Deputy Sheriff*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Bomb Squad Initiative Grant Program FY2024—*Presented by Capt Jake Stahley, Deputy Sheriff*

Unanimously Carried

Other –

Discussion - Update on Relationship with New York State Police—*Presented by Sheriff Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff*

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Proctor to adjourn

Unanimously Carried (4:36 p.m.)

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