

Minutes
Public Safety Committee
August 19, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers
Livestreamed on YouTube
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

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

Others Present: Chagnon, Lee, Hollern, Swan, Zafuto, Guttman, Carlson, Schmidt, Contiguglia, Rensel, Taylor, Barone, McClennan, Gregory, Moulton, Nelson

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube

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

Approval of Minutes (07/15/2026)

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

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak.

Local Law Intro 12-26— A Local Law Requiring operators of Motor Vehicles to Maintain a Safe Distance of Three Feet When Overtaking Non-Motorists
—Presented by Legislator Tom Nelson and Tim Hollern, Deputy Sheriff

Discussion Item Only – Action Taken at Full Legislative Meeting

Proposed Resolution – Amend Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene 2026 Adopted Budget for Court Ordered Forensic Evaluations for Competency and Court Ordered Forensic Hospitalizations
—Presented by Trish McClennan, Deputy Director of Mental Hygiene and Renee Moulton, Deputy Director of Finance

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Sheridan Fire District to Utilize Space for Fly Car M71 and Paramedic—*Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Tim Carlson, Senior Paramedic with EMS*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Fire Service Loan to Bemus Point Fire Department—*Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Tim Carlson, Senior Paramedic with EMS*

MOVED by Legislator Larson, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to Amend by Substitution

Unanimously Carried to Amend

(Substitution Shown Below)

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Fire Service Loan to Bemus Point Fire Department

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County adopted resolution 312-92 that established a revolving low interest loan program for the benefit of fire departments to purchase equipment or to refurbish critical apparatus; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 312-92 requires a majority vote of the County Legislature when loans to a particular fire department exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Advisory Board received a loan request from Bemus Point Village in the amount of \$111,000 to purchase a 2026 Custom Built 26' Stanley Aluminum boat with motors and trailer, Boat serial # CA-QMJ73081A626, Yamaha F250XCB # 6KH 1010041, Yamaha LF250XCB # 6KJ 1001917 and Load Rite trailer serial # 5A4FSWZ2XT2016665; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Advisory Board approved the loan request at their meeting on July 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is not needed for this request; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a loan agreement with the Bemus Point Fire Department not to exceed \$111,000 at an interest rate of 5% over a term of 3 years. |

Unanimously Carried as Amended

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for Office of the Sheriff—*Presented by Jim Rensel, Undersheriff*

Unanimously Carried

~~Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of Lease Agreement with the Town of Chautauqua for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Department of Probation~~

Withdrawn by Sponsor

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of Lease Agreement with the Town of Chautauqua for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Public Defender Family Court Division (*Amended by Substitution in Public Facilities Committee*)—*Presented by Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance, Nate Barone, Public Defender, and Gilbert Taylor, Director of Probation*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend the 2026 Budget of the Public Defender’s Office—*Presented by Derick Gregory, Assistant Public Defender and Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (“GIVE”) Grant funds for 2026-2027—*Presented by Jason Schmidt, District Attorney and Madeline Contiguglia, Executive Assistant to District Attorney*

Unanimously Carried

Discussion –

District Attorney’s Office: 2027 Budget – *Presented by Jason Schmidt, Chautauqua County District Attorney*

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Merritt to adjourn

Unanimously Carried (5:13 p.m.)

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