Chautauqua County Legislature
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Wednesday, September 23, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

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

Chairman Chagnon: Good evening. I will call to order the meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature on September 23, 2026. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Clerk Lee called the roll and announced a quorum present. *(2 Absent: DeJoy, Gustafson)*

Legislator Scudder delivered the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED by Legislator Vanstrom, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski and duly carried the minutes were approved. (08/26/26)

1st Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: And now in our agenda, we have 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. Is there anyone wishing to address the first privilege of the floor?

Darlene Bolsover: Good evening, Darlene Bolsover. I'm located at 10098 Route 474, Clymer, New York. Also, legal address 1337 Sweeny Street, North Tonawanda, New York. I recently partook in the Chautauqua County foreclosure property purchases. With that being said, the process for the property in which I was active in had a great deal of issues. One of which, I believe under New York State law, it's illegal for "shilling." And also, in the contract for the property, when you're bidding, you cannot bid as an agent for the person who priorly was foreclosed on and they cannot have the property for 36 months after the foreclosure process is over. Well, in the development of this, the purchase- the person in which was online bidding was found to be the owner of the property in which it was foreclosed on. In which, when there was multiple bidders, it stopped at 119,300 in which then, the prior owner was the only other bidder against myself, in which the process went up to 177,000. In which they were going in at 5-to-10,000-dollar increments. When that was brought to the property tax office, they couldn't give me a definitive answer as to how this would be handled. Well then, the discrepancy of when the property is sold became an issue because in the contract it's sold as-is whereas at the finalization of the auction. But it's not, as far as my understanding and what I've been told. Now the property is sold as of tonight and the county is not responsible for anything that happens to the property from the date of that sale until now, but from this moment after legislation passes it, I, as the bidder, am responsible. But the prior owner had full access to do whatever they wish to the property from the time of the foreclosure 'til now. New York State passed the law that now the

overages go to the prior homeowners. So, shilling I see becoming a big problem. Chautauqua County doesn't have protection for bidders. It doesn't have protections that a prior owner couldn't make out over $70,000 and have contact with a purchase a person purchasing that property to cause emotional distress or things like that by saying, Ha-ha, I'm now getting to pocket your money."

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, you've far exceeded your three minutes. Can you wrap it up?

Darlene Bolsover: I'm sorry, yes. I'd like the legislation to look into this purchase and how that was handled and the shilling be returned to me as the high bidder. Thank you.

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

Carrie Vasquez Marte: Hi, Carrie Vasquez Marte. I live at 927 Route 39, Forestville. Some of you guys have already heard me speak and I'm just going to be a thorn in your side, I promise you. You guys are voting tonight and my property was illegally unmerged, like, subdivided and sold off and apparently, I'm not the only one. So, I'll come to every meeting and let you guys know until I get my property back. I don't know what you guys can do but I'd really urge you to vote no tonight. And maybe investigate Kim Meleen because she's trash. Thanks.

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

Erica Bens: Hi, my name is Erica Bens. I live at 50 Washington Avenue in Fredonia, New York. I'm here to speak regarding local law intro 13-26, the local law amending local law 183. So, I just want to say good evening, members of the Legislature. I just want to talk about the simple issue of fairness for our county managers who are not in a union. To be clear, right up front, I'm not standing up here for myself. I have at least 21 years left before I even think about retirement but I'm speaking up because I care about keeping good people working for Chautauqua County. So right now, managers get 3.25 months of health insurance coverage for every year that they work toward retirement. And that formula has not changed once since January 2007, nearly twenty years ago. Over those same twenty years, every single union bargaining unit has received improvements in the retirement health insurance benefits. And a lot of folks in the public assume that managers automatically get the best overall benefits package, but that's not true. Right here in Chautauqua County, union employees receive better retirement health insurance benefits than the managers that oversee them. So, we are not asking for special treatment and in the past, managers use to get more and we're not asking for that anymore. We're just asking for the exact same fair deal that our highest union benefit offers. So, when our retirement health insurance benefits fall this far behind, it causes real problems. We've actually had good managers ask to step down in the union jobs just to get better health care coverage for their families when they retire. And some have actually already done that and it makes hardworking employees hesitate to take on leadership roles because moving up shouldn't mean taking a step backward on healthcare. It should not hurt a good worker to take on more

responsibility. Bringing management, bringing manager retirement coverage up to match our union standards is just fair and it honors long careers in public service and keeps strong leaders working for our community. Thank you for your time and your hard work in hearing this tonight. I appreciate it.

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

PROCLAMATION:

Declaring October 4, 2026-October 11, 2026
"4-H Week" in Chautauqua County
By
Legislator Fred Johnson &
Legislator Tom Nelson

PUBLIC HEARING:

Opened
6:45 P.M.

Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for
2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the
New York State Office of Community Renewal

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

Closed
6:46 P.M.

PRESENTATION:

2027 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
TENTATIVE BUDGET
By
COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL, JR.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scRWPZ3gqQc

Clerk Lee: There are no veto messages from County Executive Wendel from the August 26, 2026 Legislature meeting.

VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL
NO VETOES FROM 08/26/26

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. Letter – NYS Department of State – Acknowledgement of Local Law 6-26
2. Letter and Resolution – Village of Lakewood – Re: "Support to Urge Chautauqua County to Expand Staffing on Ambulance A-73 to 24/7"
3. Report – NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services – Statement of County Equalization 2026
4. Affidavit of Publication – Legal Notice – Public Hearing re: Local Law Introductory 12-26 (Post Journal and Observer)
5. Letter – County Attorney, Emily Woodard – Re: Legal Services for the County Legislature - 2027

LOCAL LAW INTRO. 13-26 – A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1-83, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR A MANAGEMENT BENEFIT PLAN FOR COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any questions or comments on the local law? Legislator Johnson.

Legislator Johnson: Local Law 13-26. I would like to move, if I could, to return that to committee. Our chief financial officer, Kitty Crow, gave us some very interesting numbers on Friday, shortly after the Audit and Control meeting, and given the import of those numbers, I think it should go back to committee, if we could, please.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to refer Local Law Intro 13-26 back to committee. Is there a second to the motion? Second by Legislator Proctor. Discussion on the motion to refer to committee? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll on the motion to refer Local Law Intro 13-26 back to committee?

MOVED by Legislator Johnson, SECONDED by Legislator Proctor to refer Local Law Intro 13-26 back to committee

Local Law Intro 13-26 R/C Vote to Send Back to Committee: 15 YES; 2 NO (Bankoski, Buchanan); 2 Absent (DeJoy, Gustafson) – Motion to Refer Back to Committee is Carried

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LOCAL LAW INTRO. 14-26 – 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

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any questions or comments on the Local Law Introductory 14-26? Legislator Nelson.

Legislator Nelson: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. When this came to our committee, I supported it because I saw the merit in some of this, in this local law. I think our salary should be competitive and it would help with recruitment and retention. But, as with any local law or resolution, if you vote for it in committee, it means you think it could be a good idea and you want to see it go before the full Legislature. But after some more thought and research, I think the negative aspects of this may, or do, outweigh the positives. My biggest concern is that the county would be committing itself to increasing salary ranges every year regardless of our financial condition and there would be no legislative oversight. A year with declining revenue and a tight budget could be a real problem. CPI doesn't measure the value of a particular job. Inflation tells you how your purchasing power has changed, but it doesn't tell you whether a particular department had, is being paid appropriately. And finally, I recalled that I voted against the COLA for Legislators and I thought I should be consistent and vote against this, as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Just a point of information, Legislator Nelson. Local laws are not voted on in committee.

Legislator Nelson: Correct, yes. *(inaudible)*

Chairman Chagnon: You may have spoken in favor of it, but there was no vote taken in committee.

Legislator Nelson: You're right.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, any other questions or comments on Local Law Introductory 14-26? Legislator Bankoski.

Legislator Bankoski: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I've been back and forth on this for two days and I appreciate the information that you shared with me in Leadership today and I understood it much better with your explanation. But I think that we should get the salary ranges in check first

before we do the COLA. Instead of giving the COLA before we get the salary ranges in check first. So, I'm going to vote, no.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Legislator Anthony.

Legislator Anthony: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I believe if I'm correct, this is not giving the management employees a guaranteed cost of living adjustment raise, it's just increasing the range aspect to it. But they still have to get a raise, per their budget.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other questions or comments on the local law? Legislator Johnson, please.

Legislator Johnson: *(inaudible)* I'm sorry. Mr. Chairman, to elaborate on Representative Anthony's thing, it would only have an impact-it would have an impact on salaries, but only to the extent that the odd person was banging on the bottom of the range, if I understand it right. Otherwise, the raise given is a function of performance and time and job and so forth and budget constraints.

Chairman Chagnon: Yes. Thank you. Other questions or comments on the local law? Hearing none, would the clerk please call the roll?

Local Law Intro 14-26 R/C Vote: 11 YES; 6 NO (Bankoski, Buchanan, Larson, Lewis, Nelson, Whitney); 2 Absent (DeJoy, Gustafson)– ADOPTED

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 11-26 – Apply for and Accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds For Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to Renew Resolution 11-26 – Unanimously Carried to Renew

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to Amend Resolution 11-26 to the version laid on the desks – Unanimously Carried to Amend (Amended Version Shown Below)

RENEW & AMEND
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 11-26

TITLE: Apply for and Accept FAA and NYSDOT Funds for Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County requests approval to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") project applications for grants and to accept funds from said grant to pay for 95% and 2.5% respectively of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following project at Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport: Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) FAA AIP Project No. TBD ("Project"), the remainder to be funded by a 2.5% local share; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved the Project for Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport consisting of Terminal Building Renovation (Construction), which is more fully described in the Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 314-25, Chautauqua County approved the Project as part of the five-year Airport Capital Improvement Plan ("ACIP") and approved submission of an application for FAA and NYSDOT grant funds for Terminal Building Renovation (Construction) under the Airport Improvement Program ("AIP"), and funding shares for the project are as follows:

Federal	~~$ 1,201,750~~	*$ 673,549*
State	~~$ 31,625~~	*$ 17,725*
Local	~~$ 31,625~~	*$ 17,725*
Total Project Costs	~~$ 1,265,000~~	*$ 708,999*

; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has considered and recommended that the County approve the application submission and acceptance of funds as the Project is crucial for the operation of the Airport; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chautauqua County submit to the FAA and NYSDOT a project application and accept said funds, entering into agreement with the FAA and NYSDOT for financial assistance for the Project described above at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Chautauqua County with the FAA and NYSDOT in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the FAA and NYSDOT by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that A Fund Balance is appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.----.----.878.0000	Reserved Fund Balance--Reserve for Capital	~~$ 31,625~~ *$ 17,725*

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Director of Finance is directed to make the following changes to the Capital budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital	~~$31,625~~ ***$17,725***

INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

HH.255610.25340.4	Contractual - Chautauqua County Airport, Terminal Building Renovation (Construction)	~~$1,265,000~~ ***$673,549***

INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

~~HH.255610.25340.R503.1000~~	~~Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer~~	~~$31,625~~
~~HH.255610.25340.R359.7001~~	~~New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants~~	~~$31,625~~
~~HH.255610.25340.R459.2000~~	~~Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants~~	~~$1,201,750~~
	~~Total~~	~~$1,265,000~~

INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

HH.255610.25340.R503.1000	***Interfund Transfers-Interfund Transfer***	***$17,725***
HH.255610.25340.R359.7001	***New York State Aid-Airport Capital Grants***	***$17,725***
HH.255610.25340.R459.2000	***Federal Aid-Airport Federal Capital Grants***	***$673,549***
	Total	***$708,999***

_____APPROVED
_____VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive **Date**

Unanimously Carried as Amended

RENEW & AMEND RES. NO. 210-26 – Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding Through the New York State Office of Community Renewal

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to Renew Resolution 210-26 – Unanimously Carried to Renew

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to Amend Resolution 210-26 to the version laid on the desks – Unanimously Carried to Amend (Amended version shown below)

RENEW & AMEND
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 210-26

Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Office of Community Renewal

By Planning & Economic Development Committee:
At the Request of County Executive Paul J. Wendel:

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal ("OCR") for a Microenterprise Assistance Grant to further fund the microenterprise assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding community needs and the project proposal prior to submitting an application for CDBG funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature shall hold a public hearing for the aforementioned purposes during the regular meeting of the County Legislature on September 23, 2026, at 6:35 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chautauqua County Legislature shall hold an additional public hearing for the aforementioned purposes during the regular meeting of the County Legislature on October 28, 2026, at 6:35 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized and directed to post notices of the public hearings in the Gerace Office Building and on the County's website and to publish notices of the hearings at least eight (8) days prior thereto in the official newspapers of the County of Chautauqua in such form as is approved by the Chautauqua County Law Department.

Unanimously Carried as Amended

RESOLUTIONS:

220-26 Confirm Appointment – South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Board, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

221-26 Confirm Appointment – Chautauqua County Office for the Aging Advisory Council, by Human Services Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

222-26 Amend 2026 Budget for Portland-Pomfret-Dunkirk Sewer District, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

223-26 Authorize Agreements with the Buffalo Sewer Authority and the City of Dunkirk for Landfill Leachate Treatment, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

224-26 Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution, by Administrative Services Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

225-26 Authorize Acceptance of a 2026 Election Grant for Board of Elections, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

226-26 Authorize Acceptance of a 2026 Mail Ballot Grant for Board of Elections, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

227-26 Amend 2026 Budget for Office of the Sheriff – W911, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

228-26 Authorize Standardization of Cummins-brand Generators at the 911 Tower Sites at the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees

RES. NO. 228-26 R/C Vote: 17 YES; 0 NO; 2 Absent (DeJoy, Gustafson)– UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

229-26 Authorize Execution of New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for the Police Traffic Services Program FY 2027, Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

230-26 Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Grant for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) FY25-26, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

231-26 Authorize Acceptance of the Victim Assistance Program Funding for 2026-2028, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

232-26 Accept Norfolk Southern Safety First Grant, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

233-26 Authorize Facility Rental Agreement with Jamestown Center City Development Corporation DBA Northwest Arena for 2027 Senior Expo Event, Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

234-26 Authorizing Application Submittal for 2026 Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Assistance Program, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees

MOVED by Legislator Pavlock, SECONDED by Legislator Harmon to Withdraw Resolution 234-26 – Unanimously Carried to Withdraw

235-26 Authorize Clerk of the Legislature to Publish Notices – Re: Public Hearings on 2027 Tentative Budget & Maximum Salary of Members of the Chautauqua County Legislature and its Chairman, by Audit & Control Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

236-26 Granting Senior Citizen Homeowners an Automatic Cost-of-Living Increase for the Senior Real Property Tax Exemption, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees

Chairman Chagnon: Any comments? Any discussion on the resolution? Legislator Lewis.

Legislator Lewis: Hi, I recall hearing that a lot of the senior citizen income levels was around $38,000. I believe I heard that from the Office for the Aging. And I would like to, well, I don't think it will pass if we move it from 33 to 38. So, I would like to split it in the middle and suggest that we move the income level to $35,000.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, so you're making that as a motion to amend the resolution.

Legislator Lewis: Yes.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, is that clear with the wording of the resolution?

Parliamentarian Nate Harp: Yes, it would be a motion to amend based on what's on everyone's desk, the $1,000 would be changed to $4,000. It's from 31 to 35, correct?

Legislator Lewis: I thought it was 33?

Chairman Chagnon: What is it currently?

Legislator Lewis: Yes, what is it currently?

Parliamentarian Nate Harp: Oh, I'm sorry. 32 currently so $1,000 would become $3,000.

Legislator Lewis: Okay

Parliamentarian Nate Harp: Yes

Legislator Lewis: It's just the math.

Chairman Chagnon: So, you would like to increase it by how much?

Parliamentarian Nate Harp: $3,000 instead of $1,000

Chairman Chagnon: $1,000

Parliamentarian Nate Harp: I got mixed up, sorry.

Chairman Chagnon: So, your motion to amend is to change it from a $1,000 increase to a $3,000 increase. That-am I getting that correct? Are we getting that correct? *(laughter)*

Legislator Lewis: If the math is correct, I believe it was 1,033. So, I want to increase it to 35,000. So, that would be 3,000.

Chairman Chagnon: Yes

Legislator Lewis: Okay

Chairman Chagnon: Okay. So, we have a motion with a lot of assistance, is there a second to the motion?

Legislator Bankoski: I'll second that.

MOVED by Legislator Lewis, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski to Amend by Increasing the Income Eligibility Limit for the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Partial Real Property Tax Exemption from $1,000 to $3,000

Chairman Chagnon: Legislator Bankoski seconds. Is there any discussion on the motion to amend Resolution 236-26 as just indicated by Legislator Lewis and our attorney? No disc- oh, Legislator Scudder.

Legislator Scudder: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not vote in favor of amending this. Some work went into checking on our $1,000 increase from talking to Real Property to talking to assessors, to, there's a whole lot more that goes into this than just picking a number and raising it to 35,000, so, with the work that was done, the investigating that went on, the conversations that were had, I'm confident with the resolution as it stands. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Legislator Vanstrom.

Legislator Vanstrom: I agree with my colleague from Fredonia. We put a lot of time in just to discussion, research, going back and forth, prior to today. It wasn't just a quick, snap decision so I agree with my colleague for pointing out the good aspects of the resolution in front of us. Thank you, Chairman.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other questions? Legislator Buchanan?

Legislator Buchanan: Yes, this is my resolution and I'd like to speak on it. The original resolution. This resolution is really about protecting seniors from losing their tax exemption simply because their fixed income went up with inflation. If someone's Social Security goes up but their groceries, insurance, utilities, and property tax all goes up, too, they aren't necessarily better off. We shouldn't have a system where inflation adjustments can actually cause someone

to lose taxes relief they depend on. This gives us a predictable way to keep that income threshold current while still allowing legislators to review it and make sure the program remains responsible. So, that being said, it is- I kind of agree with that, it was a lot going into this in the previous meetings we had with Administrative Services and Audit and Control and, this is a tough one here with the amendment. I'm going to-I'm going to vote yes, but I'm not going to be mad if it's no. I'm not going to because we did, we put a lot of work into that. So, that's where I stand with that.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Other comments on the motion to amend? Legislator Johnson.

Legislator Johnson: I'm sorely tempted to help these people, but we just listened to a budget presentation where revenues are $11 million or so below expenses. The $1,000 is just equal to the last 12 months inflation at just over 3%. So, I would have preferred a percentage increase to be equal to the CPI, but this is within a decimal point of a percentage there. So, I will not vote for the amendment. I'll stick with $1,000.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments, other questions on the motion to amend Resolution 236-26? Hearing none, will the Clerk please call the roll on the motion to amend Resolution 236-26?

RES. NO. 236-26 R/C Vote to Amend: 6 YES; 11 NO (Anthony, Harmon, Heiser, Johnson, Merritt, Pavlock, Penhollow, Proctor, Scudder, Vanstrom, Chagnon); 2 Absent (DeJoy, Gustafson) – Amendment Fails

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, that brings us back to Resolution 236-26 as presented. Is there any other discussion on the resolution as presented? Hearing none, all those in favor of Resolution 236-26 as presented, please say, "Aye."

RES. NO. 236-26 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

237-26 Quit Claim Deeds, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any comments or any discussion on the resolution? Legislator Scudder.

Legislator Scudder: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had an individual get up and speak about their property tonight about the excessive amount that was bid up. I was aware of this the day after it happened and we- I thought we were, and we probably were, looking into it to see what we could do to protect this individual. I believe that's the right thing to do. So, and I don't have the list of properties in front of me, but I'm going to give you the details of the property. It's "PA 222 2026 Tax ID 064200427.00-1-50-1" The address is 10127 Route 474 and the purchaser, and I'm going to mess this up, Darlene Bolsover. What I am proposing is that we amend this Quit Claim Deed Resolution by removing this property. It does not have to happen tonight. It would give us more time to look into it. I think a wrong has happened here and this is

our opportunity to look into it to possibly correct it. Moving forward, next year, if- I will be proposing a resolution that the bidder-or, the owner of the property is not allowed to bid on their property, which is in place right now. I just think it opens up the opportunity for abuse like this and again, I think it's wrong and there's no reason to not put this on hold for 30 more days. There's going to be more quit claim deeds coming through next month so this isn't the end of the line. We can put this off and if we have to put it into the next month's listing. So that's my wordy amendment.

Chairman Chagnon: So, you're- Legislator Scudder is making a motion to amend Resolution 237-26 for removing one property that you've described.

Legislator Scudder: That is correct.

Legislator Bankoski: I'll second it.

Chairman Chagnon: There's a second by Legislator Bankoski. Discussion on the motion to amend Resolution 237-26? Hearing none, all those in favor of them motion to amend, please say, "aye." Opposed? It is amended.

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski to Amend by Removing the Property Identified as: PA-222-2026, French Creek, 064200.427.00-1-50.0, 10127 Rt 474 *from Resolution 237-26 – Unanimously Carried to Amend (Amendments shown below)*

PA-220-2026	Ellington	064000-272.04-1-38	5523 N Rt 62	Dustin J Poitras	5523 Route 62 Trust	$14,100.00	$1,864.76
~~PA-222-2026~~	~~French Creek~~	~~064200-427.00-1-50.1~~	~~10127 Rt 474~~	~~Darlene Bolsover~~	~~Downey Paul~~	~~$178,800.00~~	~~$144,554.00~~
PA-299-2025	Village of Silver Creek	064603-49.05-4-51	5 Fenner St	Clicktoweb Technology LLC	Patterson Vernon Estate	$83,000.00	$25,895.21

Unanimously Carried, As Amended

238-26 A Resolution Authorizing Various Capital Projects in and for the County of Chautauqua, New York, at the Total Maximum Estimated Cost of $3,294,828, and Authorizing the Issuance of $3,294,828 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof.

RES. NO. 238-26 R/C Vote: 17 YES; 0 NO; 2 Absent (DeJoy, Gustafson)– UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any announcements by any of the legislators for the good of the order? And I'll get to you later. Any announcements by any legislators? Wow, boy. Last

month we had a hundred announcements and now there's none tonight! *(laughter)* Oh, Legislator Scudder.

Legislator Scudder: We need bells. *(laughter)* Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to invite all the Legislators on behalf of the Audit and Control committee, we will be here October 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The budget review process, um, I'm, yeah. I'm inviting everybody. Since I've been on Audit and Control, it has been a fantastic learning experience, not only the numbers, but you get to hear from all the department heads. It really makes sense of the budget. And not picking on the County Executive's budget, but if we can make it better, this is an opportunity to make it better and I know he would be in favor of us making it better. That's not a criticism, but if you're available, that's October 5, 6, 7, and 8. 9:00 am to about 3:00 pm right here, all are welcome. Please come. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other announcements from the Legislators? Okay, County Executive, your turn!

County Executive PJ Wendel: I just want to speak on behalf of Jamie Gustafson, former District 10 Representative, that the 52nd Annual Busti Apple Festival will be this Saturday and Sunday, September 26th and 27th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Busti Historical Society grounds on 3443 Lawson Road. Our County Historian, Norm Carlson, is an integral part of this festival. It's 52 years in the making, so please come on out. A lot of fun. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other announcements? Hearing none, that brings us 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: Anyone wishing to speak to the second privilege of the floor, including the Sheriff?

Sheriff Quattrone: Yes, sir. Sheriff Jim Quattrone. First of all, I'd like to just thank you, the legislature, for recognizing 4-H week. My experience with 4-H started when I was with the Sheriff's office going to the fair. I know absolutely nothing about agriculture or animals. You can ask any of the 4-H kids. Every year, I ask the same questions and they say, "Mr. Quattrone, you asked that last year." But they answer nicely and keep me informed. So, I really appreciate all the work they do with the kids and generally minus a little bit of mischief at the fair, all the 4-H kids are just wonderfully behaved and very respectful. So, I appreciate that. But I did also want to mention that this is Sheriff's Week in New York State, as well. And I would like- Mr. Scudder, I'm very serious about this. The governor usually signs a proclamation. I don't know if she did this year or not, but I'd like to recognize all, not Sheriff, but the Sheriff's office and all

the members of the Sheriff's office and the hard work and dedication they give. I continually invite every member of the Legislature to visit the County Jail to see the hard work that they do there and under not-so-great circum- atmosphere, I should say. And would love to have every one of the Legislature show up there and take a tour there. I'd be happy to personally take you through. And- but our Sheriff's Office is not just the jail or road patrol. We have our civil division. Our civil division and our dispatchers or communication division, as well as our civilian staff. So, they all work hard day in and day out to keep our community safe. So, as you see them this week or in the future, please recognize them. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else for the second privilege of the floor?

Carrie Vasquez Marte: Thank you, legislation, for stepping in this evening and approving the amendment. As we go forward, we don't know what we don't know, and this is a possible teaching moment of the changes of the laws and I'm glad to be part of something being able to be changed. Thank you again and shout out to the sheriffs. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor? Anyone else for the second privilege of the floor? Seeing no one, I'm looking for a motion.

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

Unanimously Carried (7:43 p.m.)

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