Minutes
Public Safety Committee
September 16, 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, Swan, Faulk, Rater, M. Lee, Zafuto, Quattrone, Enlow, Contiguglia, Schmidt, Corwin *(Harmon, Lewis, and Pavlock joined for discussion topics)*

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube

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

Approval of Minutes (08/19/2026)

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

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Bankoski: At this time, we'll open up the floor for privilege of the floor. Is anyone here to speak to the committee for privilege of the floor? State your name and address, please.

Mike Lee: My name is Mike Lee. I'm a Councilman from the Town of Pomfret and I live at 348 Chestnut Street in the Village of Fredonia.

Chairman Bankoski: Oh, Mike-

Mike Lee: Oh, yeah. Do you want me to come down there? Alright.

Chairman Bankoski: We'll start all over, from the top. You can sit right there.

Mike Lee: It's more fun that way. *(laughter)* Good afternoon. My name is Mike Lee. I'm a Councilman at the Town of Pomfret and I live at 348 Chestnut Street in the Village of Fredonia.

Chairman Bankoski: Okay

Mike Lee: I'm here today to address the Public Safety Committee. I spoke at the last County Legislature meeting about the County contract with Flock Safety to install cameras

across Fredonia, Dunkirk, and the town of Pomfret. I'm here today to talk to the Public Safety Committee a little bit more about that, some of the concerns that I wanted to address was that, this was a process that didn't involve a lot of transparency. Myself and a lot of my other board members from the Town of Pomfret, the Village of Fredonia, were complete unaware of these until we noticed them in the community popping up and only then, once we reached out to the DA's office directly, did we find out that this was where they came from. How they came to be and that the County had gotten a contract together to put these cameras in town. Some of my biggest concerns about these systems, about data privacy. I've had the chance to review the County contract with Flock Safety and there are no protections at all for any individual, personally identifiable information that's captured with those systems. Nothing that specifically mentions retention of the data that's captured on those systems. Nothing that guarantees destruction of those records after a certain amount of time. Guarantees that the-that data or information won't be sold to third parties or any restrictions on what it can or can't be used for. So, at the current time we're being surveilled in the Village, in the Town of Pomfret, and all around Dunkirk with absolutely no knowledge or guarantee of what's being done with that information. The District Attorney has proposed a control board for us to be able to review how that system is used locally. My bigger concern is, what's happening at Flock themselves with that data and there's no way that we locally can control what happens with that data. My other big concern is that, with any system like this, if it's not done correctly with public input, with oversight from local elected officials all the way up to the County, is that there's an erosion of public trust, especially in our law enforcement. This is a time where we could use a lot more cooperation and collaboration with law enforcement and when things are done in such a way that the public finds out after the fact, it erodes a lot of that trust. And so, what my proposal is to the Public Safety Committee today is to introduce a resolution asking for or, rather, directing that the County Executive not allow these cameras in any part of Chautauqua County without the approval of any boards that have oversight over those communities. Any village boards, any town boards, any city boards would need to vote to approve these systems to exist inside those communities. This would allow for public discussion, this would allow for feedback, and that would allow for transparency. And to that effect as well, I would also like the Public Safety Committee to direct the County D- *(laughter)* Mike Talks, take two, excuse me. -to direct the County Executive to either cancel or not renew the current contract which expires in December. Without those same approvals that I mention from the relevant boards at the local level, as well.

Legislator Gustafson: Thank you.

Chairman Bankoski: Okay. Thank you for sharing.

Mike Lee: Thank you

Chairman Bankoski: At this time, is there anyone else to speak to the committee for privilege of the floor? Hearing none, seeing none, okay, we will move on to the-our first proposed resolution.

Proposed Resolution – 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. *—Presented by Jen Swan, Budget Director*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2026 Budget for Office of the Sheriff – W911*—Presented by Chautauqua County Sheriff Jim Quattrone and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of the Victim Assistance Program Funding for 2026-2028*—Presented by DA Jason Schmidt and Madeline Contiguglia, Assistant to District Attorney*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Office of Homeland Security Grant for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) FY25-26 *—Presented by Chautauqua County Sheriff Jim Quattrone and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for the Police Traffic Services Program FY 2027 *—Presented by Chautauqua County Sheriff Jim Quattrone and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Standardization of Cummins-brand Generators at the 911 Tower Sites at the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff *—Presented by Chautauqua County Sheriff Jim Quattrone and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Accept Norfolk Southern Safety First Grant —*Presented by Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance*

Unanimously Carried

Discussions –

Flock Cameras in Chautauqua County – *Presented by Jason Schmidt, Chautauqua County District Attorney*

Jail Medical Needs – *Presented by Dr. Michael Faulk, Chautauqua County Chief Medical Officer (Members from Human Services Committee joined for Dr. Faulk's presentation.)*

MOVED by Legislator Proctor, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to adjourn

Unanimously Carried (5:17 p.m.)

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