## LOCAL LAW NO. 3-14 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

## A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BEST VALUE FOR AWARDING PURCHASE CONTRACTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York, as follows:

- 1. <u>Legislative History</u>. Section 103 of New York State General Municipal Law has been amended to allow municipalities the option of utilizing a "best value" standard in purchase contracts in lieu of the "lowest responsible bidder" standard when it is deemed in the best interest of the municipality, due to factors such as cost of maintenance, durability, higher quality, and longer product life. In order to utilize the "best value" standard for purchase contracts, municipalities must adopt a local law authorizing use of this alternative purchasing standard.
- 2. <u>Authorization</u>. The County of Chautauqua is hereby authorized to award purchase contracts on the basis of best value in the manner provided by Section 103 of New York State General Municipal Law.
- 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Laid on Desks: 1/22/14

Adopted by Legislature: 2/26/14

Public Hearing Held by County Executive: 3/11/14

Adopted as LL 3-14