

Agenda

Public Safety Committee

November 13, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers

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Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (10/16/24) & (10/3/24 - Budget Review)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 1. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget for the Department of the Public Defender for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Aid to Defense Supplemental and Discovery Grants
 2. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Contracts and Agreements with Local Police Departments for 2024-2025 STOP-DWI Enforcement Efforts
 3. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Funding Grant for Domestic Terrorism Prevention FY23
 4. Proposed Resolution – Establish a Special Committee of the Chautauqua County Legislature to Review and Make Recommendations to the Legislature Regarding County Jail Needs Assessment
 5. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Standardization of Axon-Brand Body Worn Camera Products at the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff
 6. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Taylor Training Center Air Conditioning Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 7. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Fire Fighter Gear Washer Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 8. Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Fire Extinguisher Training System Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 9. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreements between Chautauqua County EMS (CCEMS) and Any Village, Fire District, Town or Independent Fire Departments (Agency) within Chautauqua County for the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program
 10. Other –

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____

TITLE: Amend 2024 Budget for the Department of the Public Defender for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Aid to Defense Supplemental and Discovery Grants

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua has been awarded grants in the amount of \$977,672.00 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) pursuant to its Aid to Defense Program to support indigent criminal defense services and expenses related to discovery reform implementation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Chautauqua County Public Defender’s Office to use the grant money, in part, to fund five (5) full-time Discovery Expediter positions; one (1) full-time Sr. Case Worker position; one (1) full-time Investigator position; enter into a contract with JusticeText or another comparable vendor to expedite the review of body camera footage, jail phone calls, etc. to improve the outcome for clients; and purchase two (2) vehicles to better serve clients; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenditures associated with this funding were not included in the 2024 Adopted Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2024 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.1170.----.1	Personal Services – Public Defender	\$ 51,670
A.1170.----.2	Equipment – Public Defender	\$ 80,426
A.1170.----.4	Contractual – Public Defender	\$ 21,000
A.1170.----.8	Employee Benefits – Public Defender	<u>\$ 30,736</u>
		\$183,832

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.1170.R308.9000	New York State Aid - Other State Aid	\$183,832
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APPROVED
VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Contracts and Agreements with Local Police Departments for 2024-2025 STOP-DWI Enforcement Efforts

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committee:

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the effective implementation of the STOP-DWI Plan for Chautauqua County to enter into contracts and agreements with various municipalities throughout the County, and to approve memoranda of understanding between various County Departments including Office of the Sheriff and Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, funding for such contracts and agreements will be derived from STOP-DWI funds pursuant to the 2024-2025 STOP-DWI Plans and from New York State STOP-DWI Foundation through a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee via the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, these expense are included in the 2024 Budget so no budget amendments are needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute contracts and agreements with various participating municipal corporations in Chautauqua County and County Departments for the purposes of implementing the current STOP-DWI Plan.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Funding Grant for Domestic Terrorism Prevention FY23

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office received notice that the State of New York Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services approved the application submitted for the further implementation of Domestic Terrorism Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will provide funding for a FY23 grant in the amount of \$172,413, with no local funds, for a contract period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this grant is currently included in the current 2024 Adopted Budget so no budget amendment is needed at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The County Executive is authorized to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to secure the grant funding as set forth above.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Establish a Special Committee of the Chautauqua County
Legislature to Review and Make Recommendations to the Legislature
Regarding County Jail Needs Assessment

BY: Public Facilities, Administrative Services and Public Safety Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: Legislature Chairman Pierre Chagnon and
Sheriff James B. Quattrone:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature allocated ARPA funds to the Sheriff to contract for a jail needs assessment; and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates and Justice Planners were contracted to perform a thorough jail needs assessment; and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates and Justice Planners have prepared a draft report regarding the jail needs assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Legislature may from time to time create special committees; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That there is hereby established a Special Committee for the purpose of reviewing and investigating the draft report regarding the jail needs assessment and making recommendation to the Chautauqua County Legislature, and the following individuals shall be appointed to the committee to serve without compensation:

- Legislature Public Safety Committee chairman Terry Niebel
- Legislature Public Facilities Committee chairman Travis Heiser
- Legislature Audit & Control Committee chairman Dan Pavlock
- Legislator Bob Bankoski
- Legislator Phil Landy
- Jail Warden Captain M. Stuczynski
- Former Jail Administrator James Crowell
- Sheriff Fiscal Supervisor Reilly Enlow
- Assistant Deputy Director of Public Facilities Josh Rothwell

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County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Standardization of Axon-Brand Body Worn Camera Products at the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff

BY: Public Safety Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff uses a substantial number of Axon brand Body Worn Camera products and a limited number of similar devices by other manufacturers, as these devices are becoming standard in police and corrections operations; and

WHEREAS, due to the substantial number of Axon Body Worn Camera products used by the Office of the Sheriff, uniformity of the brand of product used is essential for efficient operation of the Office of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, standardizing the brand will assist the Office of the Sheriff in regulating costs by eliminating the need to stock parts and train staff for several brands of this product, as well as enabling the Office of the Sheriff to take advantage of bulk purchase discounts provided by the supplier and making it possible for all divisions of the Office of the Sheriff to share parts when necessary; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the County of Chautauqua finds that standardization of Axon-brand Body Worn Camera products for the Office of the Sheriff is in the best interest of the Agency and the County of Chautauqua.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Taylor Training Center Air Conditioning Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11, 2021, and this legislation contains a wide array of stimulus and recovery funding designed to ensure the nation's swift economic and public health recovery from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County received an award of \$24,649,420 in ARPA funding, all of which is available for general county spending based on the Treasury Department's revenue loss formula and other guidance; and

WHEREAS, an ARPA Spending Plan was thoroughly reviewed by an ARPA working group, the County Executive, and the County Legislature, and was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 202-21; and

WHEREAS, some funds allocated in the ARPA Spending Plan are no longer needed for the originally designated project(s), and are now available for other projects, and a procedure has been established for the ARPA working group to review new requests for APPA funds and to allocate the available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Taylor Training Center Air Conditioning project fits within the guidelines for ARPA spending, is needed because the building is a back-up Incident Command Center as well as it is used by the Fire Service, Police Agencies, Public Health and others for educational trainings, and budget amendments are necessary to authorize spending for the project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2023 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3010.---.2	Equipment – Emergency Services	\$20,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3010.----.R408.9ARP	Federal Aid—Oth Fed Aid ARPA Funds	\$20,000
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County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Fire Fighter Gear Washer Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11, 2021, and this legislation contains a wide array of stimulus and recovery funding designed to ensure the nation's swift economic and public health recovery from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County received an award of \$24,649,420 in ARPA funding, all of which is available for general county spending based on the Treasury Department's revenue loss formula and other guidance; and

WHEREAS, an ARPA Spending Plan was thoroughly reviewed by an ARPA working group, the County Executive, and the County Legislature, and was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 202-21; and

WHEREAS, some funds allocated in the ARPA Spending Plan are no longer needed for the originally designated project(s), and are now available for other projects, and a procedure has been established for the ARPA working group to review new requests for APPA funds and to allocate the available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Fighter Gear Washer project fits within the guidelines for ARPA spending, is needed because it will help to ensure the health and safety of our staff and firefighters by allowing them to have gear that is clean from carcinogens, and budget amendments are necessary to authorize spending for the project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2024 Amended Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3010.----.2	Equipment- Emergency Services	\$29,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3010.----.R408.9ARP	Federal Aid—Oth Fed Aid ARPA Funds	\$29,000
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County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Amend 2024 Budget to Implement the Fire Extinguisher Training System Project, Using Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11, 2021, and this legislation contains a wide array of stimulus and recovery funding designed to ensure the nation's swift economic and public health recovery from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County received an award of \$24,649,420 in ARPA funding, all of which is available for general county spending based on the Treasury Department's revenue loss formula and other guidance; and

WHEREAS, an ARPA Spending Plan was thoroughly reviewed by an ARPA working group, the County Executive, and the County Legislature, and was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 202-21; and

WHEREAS, some funds allocated in the ARPA Spending Plan are no longer needed for the originally designated project(s), and are now available for other projects, and a procedure has been established for the ARPA working group to review new requests for APPA funds and to allocate the available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Extinguisher Training System project fits within the guidelines for ARPA spending, is needed because it will help to train our county employees, firefighters and others in the proper use and application of fire extinguishers, and budget amendments are necessary to authorize spending for the project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2024 Amended Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3010.----.2	Equipment— Emergency Services	\$26,000
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3010.----.R408.9ARP	Federal Aid—Oth Fed Aid ARPA Funds	\$26,000
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County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Agreements between Chautauqua County EMS (CCEMS) and Any Village, Fire District, Town or Independent Fire Departments (Agency) within Chautauqua County for the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program

BY: Public Safety Committee:

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

WHEREAS, some Villages, Fire Districts, Towns and Independent Fire Departments within Chautauqua County operate emergency ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, CCEMS employs a Full Time EMS Education Coordinator, who can assist any Village, Fire District, Town or Independent Fire Department within Chautauqua County with the training and re-certification program responsibilities in accordance with the New York State CME re-certification Program; and

WHEREAS, CCEMS will provide core content material to the agency as a 100% online format through Target Solutions; and

WHEREAS, CCEMS will assist the agency to track, compile and submit all pertinent documents to the New York State Department of Health CME re-certification program; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with any Village, Fire District, Town or Independent Fire Department within Chautauqua County for CCEMS to assist the agency with the CME re-certification program guidelines.

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