

Minutes  
Public Safety Committee  
**September 18, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers**  
**Livestreamed on YouTube**  
**Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY**

Members Present: Bankoski, Proctor, Nelson, Landy

Members Absent: Niebel

Others Present: Lee, N. Quattrone, Chagnon, Martin, J. Quattrone, Enlow, Zafuto, Ihrig, Faulk, Guttman, Peters, Tampio, Feldmann, Wendel, Hernandez, Engstrom, Disbro

**Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube**

Legislator Bankoski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (08/21/24)

MOVED by Legislator Proctor, SECONDED by Legislator Landy.

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

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Proposed Resolution – Authorize Lease Agreement with the Town of Chautauqua for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Probation Department – *Presented by Sam Zafuto, Deputy Director of Finance and Tobin Disbro, Deputy Director of Chautauqua County Probation*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget for Office of the Sheriff – *Presented by Jim Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Execution of Chautauqua County Abducted, Missing, Murdered and Unidentified Women's Initiative grant FY 2024 – *Presented by Jim Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff and Reilly Enlow, Fiscal Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget for the Department of Emergency Services EMT/CPR Training – *Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Bonnie Peters, Emergency Services Account Clerk*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 OES Budget for FY2021 SHSP Grant – *Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Bonnie Peters, Emergency Services Account Clerk*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 OES Budget for FY2022 SHSP Grant – *Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Bonnie Peters, Emergency Services Account Clerk*

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2024 Budget for the Chautauqua County Department of Emergency Services Fly Car and Ambulance Service – *Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services and Bonnie Peters, Emergency Services Account Clerk*

*Unanimously Carried*

Discussion – Update on Fly Car – *Presented by Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services*

Privilege of the Floor

Karen Engstrom, Town of Chautauqua. Well I'm pushing 81 so... Okay industrial solar update for September- the situation for energy in this county is getting worse not better - so I ask- are we becoming like the frog in the proverbial boiling pot when it comes to solving the energy problem? I ask, why Nebraska is paying 9.8 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity, Pennsylvania 18 cents and New York 28 cents per kilowatt hour. Well, in Nebraska they use a thing called energy returned on energy invested which is a ratio that measures the amount of energy produced from an energy source compared to the energy it takes to produce it. That's like a cost benefit analysis in order to use the (EROEI) one must remove the carbon credit scams the investors looking for a quick buck and the fraud about saving the climate the short-term cash for a locale that will encounter long-term economic and environmental harm. That's us. And so my concern is that we end up in the situation that gets worse and not better. Dunkirk for instance was for- 40% supported by the power plant. NRG was closed by the state it represented 40% of the tax base. If it had proceeded with its almost completed dual cycle gas production of electricity it would have produced 460 plus megawatts of electricity planned to be doubled to 800 plus that's affordable dual cycle clean energy. It is dispatchable 100% of the time solar and wind is targeting us and it produces 12% to 15% of what the developers and the gifters claim it produces. (*Inaudible*) energy did over the BPU. I'd like to quote the (*inaudible*) The Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission “you must back up solar power with baseload gas coal and nuclear so the grid system will not collapse”. Solar is not efficient and ramping up gas and coal which is the backup causes wear and tear on those systems. Solar and wind have been imposed on rural communities at a great cost that has poor efficiency and little dispatchability. They are not competitive on the open market and I attached an article from The Wall Street Journal which brings us to, well, the article is called *The Coming Energy Crisis* and has a lot of great statistics. The next step in our frog in the water that's getting hotter and that is what we do - we put in storage. So wind and solar are you know not consistent- they're irregular. That brings us to BESS. BESS has been proposed now for Ellicott. Battery energy storage systems proposed in Ellicott- this one is claims 100 megawatt power would be stored but 100 megawatt BESS only Stores power for 4 hours. So far they are saying the cost will be \$100 million for a 4 hour backup. How many of our small communities and they're all being targeted with producers and developers that want to put BESS in our backyards. Well, BESS is very well known for its safety concerns- catastrophic fires explosions and the release of toxic gases. The fraud of BESS is stunning. Hezbollah as of yesterday can explain to you just what happens when a lithium battery explodes. You know where Hezbollah is right - everybody. NRG already exists it sits on a less than 100 acre lot. It's all hooked up to the Internet and one wise legislator among us suggested that in a thoughtful way that energy could be reconsidered because it is there ready to be turned into a dual cycle gas production unit - and it is clean. I have an excerpt here and I won't read it because I'm limited- several counties in Western New York have passed solar laws or regulations that protect their residents and the environment from this onslaught that our state is trying to impose - prohibiting payment in lieu of taxes has been done by this group - for wind. Requiring recycling of valuable solar components is another stipulation that other Counties have suggested to their IDA's or to their communities or backed up their little townships who need the help from you guys requiring written guarantees that PFAS and PFAS is described later here - does not exist in solar components is the pollutant the toxic pollutant that shut down Mayville at a cost of \$3 million to redrill wells to provide water for the people here and endangering them in the while. We ask that this County do the same to protect us and begin to look at this long range problem and to answer the question why does Nebraska pay 9.8 cents a kilowatt hour. Well, it's because they use affordable, abundant, dispatchable, Clean Coal and Clean Gas Energy. And they also consider and analyze using the energy returned on the energy invested which is essential. The legacy that they leave is one that benefits Nebraska residents and businesses and guess who is promoting small modular reactors? Nuclear reactors. It's our very own ex-Governor Andy - shut down all the gas plants-Cuomo. Very fine quote from Mr. Borrello on the back. Anyway, the Borrello thing on the very back of the first page says it all I didn't need to do anything I could have just given you his statement. It's very strong.

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MOVED by Legislator Proctor, SECONDED by Legislator Landy to adjourn

*Unanimously Carried (4:46 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Lee, Clerk of the Legislature/Kristi R. Zink, Deputy Clerk