

Agenda

Audit & Control Committee

June 17, 2021, 8:35 a.m., Legislative Chamber and Virtually by Zoom

Livestreamed on the County's Facebook Page

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (5/20/21)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 1. Proposed Resolution – Increase Capital Account for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway B South (Construction) at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport
 2. Proposed Resolution - Increase Capital Account for the Rehabilitation of Hangar C at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport
 3. Proposed Resolution – Reallocating Salary Grade for Bus Driver II
 4. Proposed Resolution – Adjust D.5112-Capital Improvement Accounts
 5. Proposed Resolution - Adjust D.5112 Capital Improvement Account-Funded Roads
 6. Proposed Resolution – Request Funding for Repairs to Heating and Cooling Systems at MMB and GOB
 7. Proposed Resolution – Quit Claim Deeds
 8. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Aid to Defense Grant 2021-2022
 9. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of 2021-2022 Aid to Prosecution Funds
 10. Proposed Resolution – Authorize MOU with Homeland Security Investigations for Joint Operation Participation
 11. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus-Erie II BOCES For Two (2) School Resource Officers
 12. Proposed Resolution - Authorize Agreement with Brocton Central School for School Resource Officer

13. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Lease Agreement with Warwick Plaza, LLC for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency
14. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Use of Lake Erie Management Commission Capital Project H.8020.37011 Funds to Co-Fund Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum Perimeter Fence
15. Discussion – 5 Year Finance Projections – Finance Director, Kitty Crow
16. Other

* The public may attend in person or view the meeting on the County Facebook page. COVID-19 guidelines will be in effect.

** Public comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature prior to the meeting to be read during the privilege of the floor.

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

BPB 5/27/21
KMD 06/01/21
ABC 06/01/21
SMA 06/01/21
KLC 6/1/21
PMW 6/1/21

TITLE: Increase Capital Account for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway B South (Construction) at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to pay 90% of the allowable costs incurred for the rehabilitation of Dunkirk Airport Taxiway B South Airport Improvement Program (AIP) project, FAA AIP Project No. 3-36-0022-055-2017 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is offering a matching grant to the federal grant for 50% of the non-federal share of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County approved the project and committed funds for the local share of project costs under Resolution 207-17; and

WHEREAS, the final cost of the project exceeded appropriated amounts by \$85,531; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has authorized payment to the contractor for additional/changed work totaling \$88,292; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That A Fund Balance be appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.----.----.878.000	Fund Balance, Reserved Fund Balance – Reserve for Capital	\$4,277
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is direct to make the following changes to the Capital Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.9950.----.9	Interfund Transfers – Transfer to Capital	\$4,277
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INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

H.5610.25817.4	Contractual – Rehab Taxiway B South – Dunk (2016)	\$85,531
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INCREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

H.5610.25817.R503.1000	Interfund Transfer – Interfund Transfer	\$4,277
H.5610.25817.R359.7001	NYS Aid – Airport Capital Grants	\$4,276
H.5610.25817.R459.2000	Federal Aid – Airport Federal Capital Grants	\$76,978
	Total:	\$85,531

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

BPB - 5/28/21 KMD 06/01/21 ABC 06/01/21 SMA 06/01/21 KLC 6/3/21 PMW 6/3/21

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Increase Capital Account for the Rehabilitation of Hangar C at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County received a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to pay \$902,240 or 84% of the allowable costs incurred for the Chautauqua County/Jamestown Airport – Rehabilitate Hangar C (NYSDOT/Aviation Grant Program), Project No. 5903.56 (herein referred to as the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County approved local share funding to pay \$171,960 or 16% of the anticipated Project costs under Resolution 177-19; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of construction of the Project, inclusive of design services and other project costs is currently projected at final cost of \$1,194,200, thus exceeding the authorized project budget by \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT grant for the Project expressly stipulates that “Project Costs in excess of State funds available for the work shall be the responsibility of Sponsor (County)”;
now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That A Fund Balance be appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----878.0000	Fund Balance, Reserved Fund Balance – Reserve for Capital	\$120,000
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, 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	\$120,000
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INCREASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

H.5610.25164.4	Contractual – Chautauqua County Airport, Hangar C - JHW (2019)	\$120,000
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INCREASE/DECREASE CAPITAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

H.5610.25164.R503.1000	Interfund Transfer – Interfund Transfer	\$120,000
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County Executive	Date
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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

JR-5/24/21
KMD 05/25/21
ABC 05/26/21
SMA 05/26/21
KLC 5/26/21
PMW 5/27/21

TITLE: Reallocating Salary Grade for Bus Driver II

BY: Public Facilities, Administrative Services, and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Facilities requested a review of the Bus Driver II salary grades; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Facilities provided research data for employee turnover, recruitment data and wage rates for comparable positions in the local labor market; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources staff reviewed the salary grade and duties currently being performed by Bus Driver II positions as compared to similar County positions; and

WHEREAS, the positions of Bus Driver II are covered by the terms of the CSEA 6300 Agreement when staffed at 50% or more of full-time, and unrepresented when staffed at less than 50% of full-time and all positions are allocated to grade 1 of the CSEA 6300 salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources staff has recommended that both the unrepresented and CSEA 6300 represented positions of Bus Driver II be increased three grades on the CSEA 6300 salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Reallocation Committee as defined by the CSEA Unit 6300 Collective Bargaining Agreement, comprised of the County Executive, Director of Human Resources, and President of CSEA Unit 6300, met and approved the recommended grade changes; and

WHEREAS, currently the title of Bus Driver II is at CSEA 6300 salary grade 1; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the title of Bus Driver II at 50% or more of full-time be set at salary grade 4 of the 2021 CSEA 6300 Salary Schedule; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the title of Bus Driver II at less than 50% of full-time be set at salary grade 4 of the 2021 CSEA 6300 Salary Schedule, limited to salary steps 1, 2 and 3 of that grade.

2021 CSEA 6300 SALARY SCHEDULE

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>	<u>Step 7</u>	<u>Step 8</u>	<u>Step 9</u>
1	14.44	14.97	15.50	16.08	16.47	16.94	17.39	17.77	18.08
4	15.59	16.13	16.66	17.39	17.77	18.35	18.87	19.30	19.65

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

BPB - 5/24/21 KMD 05/25/21 SMA 05/25/21 KLC 6/1/21 PMW 6/1/21
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TITLE: Adjust D5112-Capital Improvement Accounts

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County's transportation system, which includes roads and bridges, is essential to everyone and it contributes to economic development, job creation and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance and funding are essential to keeping our roads and bridges in good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County capital budget includes \$3,724,255 in CHIPS funding for capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, New York State has adjusted the 2021-2022 CHIPS appropriations for Chautauqua County to \$5,311,920 including Cumulative Rollover Balance from 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County capital budget includes \$850,098 in PAVE-NY funding for capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, New York State has adjusted the 2020-2021 PAVE-NY appropriations for Chautauqua County to \$1,445,448 including Cumulative Rollover Balance from 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, New York State has recognized the need for additional funds due to extreme winter weather and has appropriated additional funds under the EWR program in the amount of \$951,454 including Cumulative Rollover Balance from 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the County's budget should be amended to conform to these adjustments to funding; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Chautauqua County with New York State, in connection with the funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budgetary changes to the 2021 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

D.5112.391.R350.1000 New York State Aid—NYS Aid CHIPS	\$1,587,665
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

D.5112.391.R350.PAVE New York State Aid—NYS Aid PAVE NY	\$ 595,350
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

D.5112.391.R350. EWR New York State Aid—NYS Aid-Extreme Weather Recovery	\$951,454
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

D.5112.391.4 Contractual--Capital Improvements, Highway Improvements	\$3,134,469
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VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

BPB - 6/3/21
KMD 06/03/21
KMW 06.07.21
SMA 06/07/21
KLC 6/8/21
PMW 6/8/21

TITLE: Adjust D.5112 Capital Improvement Account-Funded Roads

BY: Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, Northland Power applied to the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities (DPF) for permitting to utilize County Road 87 in the Town of Villenova for work within the Right of Way (ROW) and Overweight and Over-dimensional hauling associated with the Ball Hill Windfarm construction in the aforementioned town; and

WHEREAS, DPF assessed the permit request and determined a permit fee of \$722,100 was required to issue the requested permit; and

WHEREAS, the assessed permit fee is expected to be utilized to repair County Road 87 when windfarm construction activities have been completed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2021 Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT:

D.5112.393.4	Contractual---Capital Improvements, Funded Road Program	\$722,100
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

D.5112.393.R259.0025	Licenses & Permits—Permits DPF	\$722,100
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APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

KAM 5/25/2021
KMD 05/25/21
KMW 05/26/21
SMA 05/26/21
KLC 5/26/21
PMW 5/27/21

TITLE: Quit Claim Deeds

BY: Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Administrative Services Committee of the County Legislature has received and hereby recommends acceptance, pursuant to Section 1166 of the Real Property Tax Law, of the following offers for the County's Tax Liens as detailed on the attached Schedule 1, under tax sale certificates noted on original papers on file in the office of the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise noted, the County Tax Enforcement Officer has confirmed that the offers received are in compliance with the County's policy regarding tax foreclosure as set forth in Resolution No. 110-17; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive and Chairman of this Legislature be hereby authorized to execute Quitclaim Deeds conveying to the offerors herein mentioned, the interest of Chautauqua County in said properties under said tax sale certificates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance of Chautauqua County be hereby authorized to cancel any outstanding taxes, fees, interest and other charges. In adopting this resolution, the Legislature intends to adopt each transaction separately, in the usual form of Resolution, and the failure of any particular transaction to be completed shall in no manner affect the validity of any of the others.

Offer Number	Municipality	S/B/L	Purchaser	Foreclosed Owner	Offer Amt.	Taxes Owing
PA-31-2018	City of Dunkirk	060300-79.16-1-40	Vincent C. Ricotta	Deborah A. Chalmers	\$100.00	\$12,030.36
PA-56-2018	City of Jamestown	060800-370.15-6-16	Crystal Borst	Jean Barlow	\$1.00	\$27,541.85
PA-43-2019	City of Dunkirk	060300-79.57-1-66	Evelyn Molina	Fredonia Properties NY LLC	\$50.00	\$5,422.92
				Total	\$151.00	\$44,995.13

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

NLB 06/02/21
KMD 06/02/21
ABC 06/02/21
SMA 06/02/21
KLC 6/2/21
PMW 6/4/21

TITLE: Authorize Acceptance of Aid to Defense Grant 2021-2022

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Office of the Public Defender has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$13,238 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to its Aid to Defense Program for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua has participated in this program in the past and is desirous of accepting such grant for the duration of the Aid to Defense Program; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Adopted Budget did not include appropriations and funding for this grant; now therefore it be

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the funding application and confirms acceptance of the funding of the grant for the Aid to Defense Program now and for each and every subsequent year so long as the Aid to Defense Program exists; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to sign any and all contract documents necessary to confirm the application and acceptance and receipt of such grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make the following budgetary adjustments to the 2021 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.1170.----.1	Personal Services-Public Defender	\$13,238
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INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.1170.----.R308.9000	NYS Aid-Other State Aid	\$13,238
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APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

JLS 6/3/21
KMD 06/03/21
TMT 6/3/21
SMA 6/3/21
KLC 6/3/21
PMW 6/4/24

TITLE: Authorize Acceptance of 2021-2022 Aid to Prosecution Funds

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$54,460.00 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to its Aid to Prosecution Program for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such funds are to be utilized to enhance priority violent felony prosecutions within that office; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Adopted Budget includes appropriations and revenue for the appropriate portion of this grant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County of Chautauqua accepts the Aid to Prosecution Program grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in the amount of \$54,460.00 for the term of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 and any amendments thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any necessary agreements with the State of New York to accept said grant and obtain these funds.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

JBQ 5/29/21
KMD 06/01/21
TMT 6/1/21
SMA 6/1/21
KLC 6/3/21
PMW 6/3/21

TITLE: Authorize MOU with Homeland Security Investigations for Joint Operation Participation

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security Investigations has requested that the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff provide a Deputy Sheriff Investigator to assist in a joint operation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security Investigations would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the period of January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, to reimburse the Sheriff's Office of any and all overtime costs associated with said joint operation; and

WHEREAS, this revenue is not included in the 2021 Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to execute an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security Investigations for investigation assistance as set forth above, and also be it

RESOLVED, That A Fund Balance be appropriated as follows:

DECREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

A.-----917.0000	Fund Balance, Unassigned Fund Balance –	
	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$5,000

; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2021 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3110.-----R438.9000	Federal Aid—Other Public Safety Aid	\$5,000
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APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

JBQ 5/29/21
KMD 06/01/21
TMT 6/1/21
SMA 6/1/21
KLC 6/3/21
PMW 6/3/21

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES for Two (2) School Resource Officers

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Sheriff has conferred with the administrators of Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES and determined that the County and BOCES schools in the region would benefit by the continuation of the School Resource Officer program; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES has agreed to compensate the County of Chautauqua for the cost of providing two (2) Deputy Sheriffs for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the deputies to be shared between three facilities at a total sum not to exceed \$224,920.00, plus any agreed upon overtime hours compensated at the rate of \$67.62 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the County will not be required to incur any additional expenditures to fund these positions; and

WHEREAS, an appropriate portion of the revenue from this agreement is included in the 2021 budget so no budget amendment is needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Erie II BOCES for the School Resource Officer program.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

JBQ 6/3/21
KMD 06/3/21
TMT 6/3/21
SMA 6/3/21
KLC 6/3/21
PMW 6/4/21

TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Brocton Central School for School Resource Officer

BY: Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Sheriff has conferred with the administrators of Brocton Central School and determined that the County and Brocton Central School would benefit from the reinstatement of the School Resource Officer program; and

WHEREAS, Brocton Central School has agreed to compensate the County of Chautauqua for the cost of providing a Deputy Sheriff for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a total sum not to exceed \$112,460; and

WHEREAS, the County will not be required to incur any additional expenditures to fund these positions; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from this agreement is not included in the 2021 Adopted Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Brocton Central School for the School Resource Officer program; and also be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following changes to the 2021 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS:

A.3110.----.1	Personal Services-Sheriff	\$33,738
A.3110.----.8	Employee Benefits-Sheriff	<u>\$22,492</u>
	Total	\$56,230

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

A.3110.----.R226.0000	Shared Services-Chrgs: Oth Gov-Pub Safety	\$56,230
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APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

GKC 06/01/21
KMD 06/01/21
TMT 6/1/21
SMA 6/1/21
KLC 6/3/21
PMW 6/3/21

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

TITLE: Authorize Lease Agreement with Warwick Plaza, LLC for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency

BY: Human Services and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, the County desires to lease from Warwick Plaza, LLC approximately 900 square feet on the second floor located at Warwick Plaza, 557 Fairmount Avenue, Jamestown, in the County of Chautauqua, State of New York, for use by the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been undertaken to obtain a tentative lease agreement mutually beneficial to the County and Warwick Plaza, LLC; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a lease agreement with Warwick Plaza, LLC upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Premises. Approximately 900 square feet of office space on the second floor of the Warwick Plaza.
- 2) Term. July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2031.
- 3) Rent. \$1,050 per month for approximately 900 square feet years 1-5 and \$1,125 per month years 6-10.
- 4) Utilities. Landlord shall be responsible for all utilities, including heat and electric. County is responsible for the cost of the phone and computer lines, including installation fees.
- 5) Other. As negotiated by the County Executive.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

DLM 5/24/21
KMD 05/25/21
ABC 05/26/21
KLC 6/7/21
PMW 6/7/21

TITLE: Authorize Use of Lake Erie Management Commission Capital Project
H.8020.37011 Funds to Co-Fund Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum
Perimeter Fence

BY: Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 178-11, the Lake Erie Management Commission (LEMC) was created by the Chautauqua County Legislature to prioritize and select Lake Erie watershed projects for funding; seek additional funding for Lake Erie watershed projects; and undertake such other initiatives and coordination activities for the betterment of the Lake Erie watershed; and

WHEREAS, over the last ten years, the LEMC has effectively identified, prioritized, and recommended and delivered 2% Occupancy Tax Funding to stakeholders and municipalities in the Lake Erie Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Dunkirk Lighthouse was first established on Dunkirk Harbor in 1827, is a prominent historical landmark on the Great Lakes Navigation System, is the site of “the first shot being fired during the War of 1812,” and is visited by thousands of tourists each year; and

WHEREAS, historically high Lake Erie water levels and severe weather events during 2019 and 2020 caused extensive erosion of the Lake Erie shoreline; and

WHEREAS, portions of the shoreline cliff at the historic Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum at Dunkirk Harbor have collapsed and destroyed sections of the existing perimeter safety fence; and

WHEREAS, the Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum has approached the LEMC with a plan to repair and upgrade the perimeter safety fence at a cost of approximately \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the LEMC unanimously approved a resolution to co-fund the Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum’s effort to repair and upgrade the perimeter safety fence at a cost not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, using 2% Occupancy Tax Funding, capital project H.8020.37011 Lake Erie Mgmt Comm (2020) was created to facilitate projects consistent with the goals of the LEMC, and the capital project has a budget of \$52,522; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature authorizes the use of up to \$10,000 from capital project H.8020.37011 to reimburse the Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum for the repair and upgrade of the perimeter safety fence that will provide safe viewing of Lake Erie and protect the sensitive shoreline cliff area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to establish accounts and enter into any and all agreements necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.

APPROVED

VETOES (VETO MESSAGE ATTACHED)

County Executive

Date