

Regular Meeting
Chautauqua County Legislature
Live Streamed on Social Media
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Clerk Tampio called the roll and announced a quorum present

Moment of Silence for Ron Szot by Legislator Bankoski

Legislator Nazzaro delivered the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom and duly carried the minutes were approved. (08/25/2021)

1st Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to our first privilege of the floor. Members of the public may comment on any subject relating to any local law, resolution or motion appearing on the agenda. Individual comments are limited to three minutes and comments representing a group shall be limited to five minutes. Is there anyone wishing to speak to the first privilege of the floor?

My name is Norman Green – 54 Oneida Drive, Dewittville, New York. I'm there to talk about the American Rescue Act Plan and how the County has handled it, thus far, I think that it's been an incomplete process in the fact that we didn't have public meetings, we didn't have public input and most importantly, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Jamestown – those communities – Ellicott, Falconer, Celeron- those communities with an established government, so to speak, have been left out of the process and one has to understand how government works and how the county government fills the void. They filled the void over the years and over the decades. They fill the void when government wasn't in place, we had to as a county, provide, but in the case of Dunkirk, Fredonia, Jamestown they were already an established municipalities. They were able to provide for themselves, so to speak. The County Executive, this past week, suggested that he's reached out to Dunkirk and Jamestown Mayors about the expansion of internet and he said that he was turned down to have a partnership. Well, why would Dunkirk and Jamestown be involved? They already have internet. Any person in Dunkirk and Jamestown if you want internet you call up and you have it set up. So, that was a weak excuse. As far as the spending plan goes itself, there is a lot of ideas that were not heard from the general public. One idea is the fact that we need to do something about our work force. The basic thing we need to do about our workforce is get our workforce to work. Our CARTS system should be expanded so that when Well's Ice Cream needs someone to go to work at 11 o'clock at night, we need to be transporting people. These companies are begging for people. Many companies are begging for people and we have an opportunity with this federal money, this windfall, we have an opportunity to do lots of good things to put people back to work to help people get to the jobs that they need to get to.

That is true workforce development where actually people can get to work. In conclusion, as I've said before, and I appreciate your time, you've all be very attentive as I've come to committee meetings, very respectful- I appreciate it. In conclusion, we really should start this process over. The process is flawed, has been flawed and Dunkirk, Fredonia, Jamestown, Ellicott, Westfield, Silver Creek, Falconer, Mayville, even Lakewood has been pretty much left out of this process. I hope that you'll rethink what you've done and I thank you for your time tonight.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor.

My name is Katelyn Vacinek. I'm a resident of Silver Creek, New York, Chautauqua County. I'm standing here today to speak for an organization of people. I've reached out to all 19 legislators through email.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, is this related to something on the agenda?

Ms. Vacinek: No, it is not.

Chairman Chagnon: You would have the opportunity to speak at our second privilege of the floor.

Ms. Vacinek: I'm sorry, I was told the first.

Chairman Chagnon: Sorry, that was a misunderstanding. You're welcome back at the second privilege of the floor. Is there anyone else wishing to speak to the first privilege of the floor?

I'm Doug Champ. I live in Jamestown, New York. Again, my daughter said another night you're going out being an activist and I said that's what the old man does to stay involved because I can't tell you how many times I've been in front of this Legislature- this one and many others before. I think government citizens input is extremely important, especially now. So, this old man has some ideas regarding the American Rescue Plan. What I did, is to crunch some numbers out and the reality of talking about percentage of impact on specific areas and target areas. For the record, so you know where I'm coming from, I was trained as a biologist, but I spent 40 years in the energy business, both locally and I've talked all over the Country on (*inaudible*) energy systems and development. That brings me here to these points that I really want to represent and how the American Rescue Plan was basically developed and its formats and what the target zones both indirect and funding applications are all about. What I find kind of difficult to understand was the fact that the impacts of the percentages for allocations are not really fully understood. In other words, the amount of money going to agriculture is only 1% of this budget - \$232,000 plus or minus. Agriculture is a necessary economy for this community, for this county, for this state. One percent? That's the percentage of impact. In addition to that, when I find that public safety and the allocations to the Sheriff's Department are less than the resurrection of the Ag. Center Building- in other words, the Ag. Center Building is \$1,100,000 and all the money going to public safety is \$985,000 and by the way, I want to congratulate the heroic efforts of Christine Schuyler and all her people and what they've done for us in this

county because they really have shown what can be done with all that hard work. I know a lot of hard work went into this concept, but again, talking about clean water- most of your projects are going in (*inaudible*.) The lake issues are important. I grew up on the lake. I know all about the lake, but it's not clean water. The sewer system around the lake is viable and necessary, but it's waste water. Where is potable water in the equation here? Where is storm drainage in the equation here for clean water allocations? It's not in there. In addition, when you're looking at creating industrial parks- we have some- the (*inaudible*) rate might be low, but I want you to remember one thing. Where you reside those industrial parks there is going to be of impact on energy costs. If you put them in National Grid, you're going to be paying three or four times more than if you put them in the areas like Westfield, Mayville and Brocton. Why? Because they're able to utilize hydroelectric power at a much cheaper rate versus National Grid.

Chairman Chagnon: Doug, you've exceeded your three minutes.

Mr. Champ: I could go on for hours and I'm sorry that I don't have more time. I appreciate the efforts that you all have done, but I would say one last thing. I suggest that this be tabled tonight and more input be done on the American Rescue Plan for one more month to solve some of the issues and questions that either the public have or the Legislature does.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor?

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL
NO VETOES FROM 08/25/2021**

COMMENDATIONS:

**Accreditation of Chautauqua County
Sheriff's Department
By
NYS Sheriff's Association**

PROCLAMATION:

**Declaring October 24, 2021 as
"World Polio Day"
By
Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon
and
County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

6:40 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING**Regarding a Potential Application for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding**

(7:03 p.m.)

Chairman Chagnon: Next on the agenda is a public hearing, "Regarding a Potential Application for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding." Is there anyone wishing to address the public hearing at this point? The public hearing is open. Is there anyone wishing to address the public hearing? One last time, anyone wishing to address the public hearing? Seeing no one, I will close the public hearing.

(7:04 p.m.)

PRESENTATION:**2022 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
TENTATIVE BUDGET****By****COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL, JR.**

(<https://chqgov.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/2022%20Tentative%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf>)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter – NY Connects – Chautauqua County Long Term Care Council (CCLTCC)
2. Letter – Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development – County Ag. and Farmland Protection Board Concerns Regarding Renewable Energy Projects on Ag. Lands
3. Letter – NYS Agriculture and Markets – Consolidation of Agricultural Districts
4. Reports (2) – Department of Finance – 2021 Investment Reports – Re: June & July
5. Affidavit of Publication – Post-Journal – Re: Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing
6. Affidavit of Publication – Observer – Re: Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing
7. *2022 Tentative Budget – County Executive Wendel*

Clerk Tampio: I will note that there are 6 communications on your agenda this evening and I would like to add one communication that came in this afternoon. That is the Chautauqua County 2022 Tentative Budget. Are there any items you wish to have read aloud? Hearing none, if you'd like a copy of any of these please notify my office.

TABLED RES 169-21 – Authorize Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Grant to Provide Economic Relief for Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

Chairman Chagnon: This resolution was tabled last month because the federal paperwork to accept the grant had not yet been received. We now expect that paperwork to be received next month, so there's no purpose in bringing this resolution off the table at this point. We would reintroduce it next month after the federal paperwork is received. So, is there any discussion on the tabled resolution?

TABLED RES 170-21 – Authorize Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Grant to Provide Economic Relief for Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport

Chairman Chagnon: This resolution is for the Jamestown Airport. Same story as the previous one for the Dunkirk Airport. So, this one also- there is no purpose in bringing it off the table at this point. Any questions or comments?

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. NO. 187-21 Authorization for Agreements with New York State to Maintain Overland Trails, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 188-21 Amend 2021 Budget for Public Facilities Maintenance of Roads, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 189-21 MOA with NYS DHSES for Temporary Loan of Interoperable Communications Resources, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 190-21 Amend 2021 Budget for Office of the Sheriff, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 191-21 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 192-21 Authorize Execution of New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for the Police Traffic Services Program FY22, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 193-21 Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services 2021 Adopted Budget for Employee Benefits Costs, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 194-21 Authorize Grant Application for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal – Septic and Wells Program, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 195-21 Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services 2021 Adopted Budget for Increased ELC COVID Grant, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 196-21 Accept New York State Department of Health COVID 19 Vaccine Response Award, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 197-21 Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services 2021 Adopted Budget for New York State Department of Health ELC Reopening Schools Award, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator Pavlock: I just would like to express a great deal of gratitude for the Health and Human Services Department and the work that Christine Schuyler's done. It's been a challenging time that her office has had to go through. They've been very proactive. They've put in countless hours and efforts to do the work that they do and they've had to be very fluid and change in a short moment's notice. I want to congratulate them in working with the schools, getting kids back in school where they belong. They've put in a lot of extra work through this pandemic and I just wanted to say thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Well said. Any other comments on the resolution?

RES. NO. 197-21 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 198-21 Amend 2021 Budget Appropriations to Include Additional IGT Matching Funds, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 199-21 Authorize Use of Chautauqua County 2% Occupancy Tax Reserve Funds for Mallard Cove Repairs, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 200-21 Amend 2021 Budget – Village of Lakewood Loan, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 201-21 Authorizing and Approving a Settlement Agreement in an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Big 3 Distributors), by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 202-21 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan, by Public Facilities, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Human Services, Planning & Economic Development, and Audit & Control Committees

Legislator Nazzaro: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion to amend this resolution. The first "Resolved," I'd like to make a motion to amend that. It would say, "Resolved, That the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby approves the projects in the ARPA Plan as priority projects subject to further review and final approval upon passage of appropriation resolutions and it is further." So, I'd like to make a motion to amend.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to amend and a second by Legislator Gould. Is there any discussion, questions, comments on the motion to amend the resolution? All in favor of the motion to amend the resolution please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Amend

Chairman Chagnon: The resolution is amended. Now, onto the resolution as amended. Are there any questions or comments?

Legislator Rankin: I had originally planned to propose that we table this resolution. However, after some very effective and enlightening discussion I no longer want to do that because what's become clear to me that wasn't at first is in addition to a group of experts and legislators working really hard on this for many months, what they've come up with is a plan that's fluid. It can be amended and changed as we go along. It's not carved in stone and every piece of it that comes forward to the Legislature will come for approval and discussion. As far as the public goes, and being able to have input, what we recommend is that if somebody has ideas for change or new projects that they want to have considered to go to your county legislator and you will have an opportunity for that input through your county legislator. So, what we're trying to do is make sure the people know this is flexible, we have a great starting plan, things might change, the federal infrastructure money might change it, so let us know what you think as we go along and the last piece of it is that some of these projects are critical. We already have the money. We have it in the bank and these critical projects, there are a handful of them, that can't wait and we'd like to get going on those. So, stay in touch with your county legislator and we'll stay in touch with you about how things are going with this plan as we go along. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other questions or comments on the resolution as amended?

Legislator Bankoski: Yes, I'm going to put forward a motion to table just to allow all the municipalities an extension of 30 days only to allow any and all to reach out to the County Executive's Office to allow all voices to be heard. I support full transparency in the spending of these funds. I believe that the forty some projects are very worthy of the expenditures of these funds, but we may have missed some, so I feel a brief extension of 30 days won't delay the expenditure of these funds.

Chairman Chagnon: O.k., we have a motion to table the resolution as amended. Do I have a second to the motion?

Legislator Starks: I'll second the motion. (*Inaudible*) of additional time for continued community input would be valuable. Not to disregard the weight or the importance of any of the projects that have already been put forth or to misunderstand that each one will be brought forth independently as a resolution for further review and approval, but an extra 30 days I feel would be valuable.

Chairman Chagnon: O.k., we have a motion and a second to table the resolution as amended. This is not debatable, so would the Clerk please call the roll?

MOTION TO TABLE DEFEATED – 4 Yes; 15 No (w/ Legislators Bankoski, Starks, Whitney, Whitford Voting “Yes”)

Chairman Chagnon: O.k., onto the resolution as amended. Are there further comment?

Legislator Ward: I was also prepared to move to table this, but I have had the advantage and I just want to echo Legislator Rankin's comments- I have had the advantage to understand that while things moved along a little more quickly than we might have been comfortable with, the system does afford us a means for that input and interaction that I think some of my colleagues are looking for. I think we absolutely need to address the discrepancies in the allocation percentages as we move along and I'll be committed to doing just that. I'm grateful for the input I've received from the community so far and because this plan is still fluid- that cannot be reiterated enough, I would strongly encourage all of you to continue to do just that- to stay involved in this process. I'll support moving forward very carefully with this plan.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments?

Legislator Niebel: Some of these projects need to be addressed now, not two or three or six months from now. For example, the County has four dams- Villenova, two in Cherry Creek and one in Ellington. These dams are approaching the end of their useful life of 50 years. We need to have these dams dredged, we need to have valves replaced. This project needs to be done now and not six months or a year from now. Again, as Elizabeth and Bill have mentioned, this is just a plan. This isn't anything that's written in stone. This plan has already been changed in Public Safety. It was changed in Audit & Control. It will be changed in the future. I'm in favor of it and I'm in favor of moving forward. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments?

Legislator Vanstrom: To echo the words of my colleague Mr. Niebel, I do believe that the dam projects are critical after spending eight years on the Soil & Water Conservation District along with my colleague Mr. Gould. These projects cannot be ignored. They are a matter of public integrity and safety and when they even try to do an emergency fix on these, peoples lives are pretty much at risk from the conditions of what it takes to get out there and take care of the engineering problems involved. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments or questions on the resolution as amended?

Legislator Nazzaro: I would just like to make a comment. I was part of the process. As you know, we began working on this as soon as we knew about the American Rescue Plan. We met diligently on this every other week. It was a good committee. I served on that committee. Every project that came before us had to submit a rationale for the project with a series of questions. It was reviewed very carefully and through much hard work we brought the process down to these forty some projects. I do want to add we did invite the cities of Jamestown and Dunkirk to meet with us. We did meet with them. I was there when we met with them. We had a good discussion, but it was apparent during that meeting that the City of Jamestown- they are receiving \$29 million, \$5 million more than the County. Dunkirk is receiving \$11 million. We discussed various projects that we could work together, but at the end of the day we decided that the direction we were going was where we wanted to be and the cities did. They could have reached out to us too. I represent Jamestown. They certainly could have called me and said we would like to discuss these projects further and I would have been happy to do that. So, I still encourage that process even though we are not tabling this tonight and we are going to vote on this. Like many of the legislators here said, we can still have put input. The input does not end here. We're just approving a tentative plan and this will be talked about for probably several years to come because the money does not need to be expended until the end of 2026. So, again, we can keep the lines of communication open. It does not have to end here today. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Legislator Whitney: (*Inaudible*) we're getting this money and we can use it for things that we need, but to put the word critical with that money- what would we have done if we didn't get the money? I don't like using that word critical. This money is to help the County, but to say something's critical? That kind of scares me.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other comments? Other questions on the resolution as amended? Hearing none, will the clerk please call the roll?

RES. NO. 202-21 – R/C Vote: 19 Yes – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RES. NO. 203-21 Quit Claim Deeds, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 19 Yes –UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

EMERGENCY RES. NO. 204-21 Rescind 2020 Tax Foreclosure Redemption Date and Consolidate 2020, 2021 and 2022 Tax Foreclosure Proceedings

Chairman Chagnon: We now have an emergency resolution, which has been laid on the desks and shared with all the legislators titled, “Rescind 2020 Tax Foreclosure Redemption Date and Consolidate 2020, 2021 and 2022 Tax Foreclosure Proceedings.” Do I have a motion to bring this emergency resolution to the floor? There's a motion by Legislator Rankin and a

second by Legislator Nazzaro. Is there discussion, question or comments on this emergency resolution?

Legislator Nazzaro: As the resolution states in the first “Resolved,” the reason we need to act on this tonight as opposed to next month is that we’re rescinding the 2020 redemption deadline of October 30, 2021, so we want to give the property owners enough notice that we are rescinding that redemption date and again, as the resolution states, we’re going to consolidate the 2020, 2021 and 2022 tax foreclosure proceedings.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you for that clarification. Now, we’re going to have a vote on whether we bring this to the floor for discussion. All those in favor of bringing this emergency resolution to the floor please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to bring Emergency Res. No. 204-21 to the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: The resolution is on the floor for discussion. Are there any other questions or comments on this resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye. Opposed?

EMERGENCY RES. NO. 204-21 –UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

MOTION:

A. Proclaiming October 3-9, 2021 as 4-H Week in Chautauqua County

Clerk Tampio: There is a motion on the agenda. It has received sufficient signatures to be brought to the floor.

Chairman Chagnon: O.k., do I have a motion to bring this motion to the floor? A motion by Legislator Pavlock and a second by Legislator Bankoski. All those in favor of bringing this to the floor please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Bring the Motion to the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: The motion is on the floor for discussion. Are there any questions or comments on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye. Opposed?

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to announcements.

Legislator Harmon: Silver Creek will be hosting their annual Grape Festival Friday the 24th through Sunday. I would just like to encourage everyone to head to North County and share in the festivities with us. I appreciate it.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other announcements?

Legislator Starks: Thank you. To stay in the thinking of North County this weekend, in Fredonia is a Jazz Festival at the Rotunda Grape Vine Railroad Farm. It's right on East Main Street. There's a sign at the road and you really won't miss it. So, if you're up in North County make two stops. Thanks.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Legislator Rankin: Thank you. October is domestic violence awareness month and on October 1st there's going to be a walk against domestic violence and unity for Unity Day. It's going to be at 11:45 in Jamestown at the North West Ice Arena, in Dunkirk at the Dunkirk City Hall and in Mayville at the Chautauqua County Court House. Wear purple. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Legislator Ward: Thank you. In Chautauqua County there are many past and present members of the military. Some of these men and women have earned purple hearts for their distinctions. POW's, MIA's, killed in action, or died while not in battle. Many of these brave soldiers lack a memorial in their honor. The Chautauqua Hometown Heroes' Veterans Memorial will be used to honor these brave individuals. Now, the Mayville Cemetery, right here in the county seat, is the home of the veteran's memorial. So, on October 5th at 1 o'clock right at the Mayville Village Cemetery there will be the dedication of this beautiful and well deserved memorial. I invite all of you to come. A few of us are going to be there honoring these folks and the great work that the Hometown Heroes volunteers have put forth. So, we would invite you all to come to the memorial building dedication October 5th right here at the bottom of the hill.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Legislator Hemmer: We're going to have a Westfield Cemetery Tour this weekend Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th. They're going to have either a walking tour or you can take a horse drawn carriage ride through the cemetery and listen to some commentators describing the people who are in the cemetery.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other announcements? Hearing none, that will bring us to the second privilege of the floor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Chagnon: Members of the public may comment on any subject. A member of the legislature may speak on any subject. Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes and

comments representing a group shall be limited to 5 minutes. Is there anyone wishing to address the second privilege of the floor? Please state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Green: Norman Green – 54 Oneida Drive, Dewittville, New York. Again, I'll go back to the American Rescue Plan. It's adopted. Particularly of concern is the \$8 million for the extension of the sewage treatment along the western side of Chautauqua Lake. One-third of the entire money that's been awarded by the federal government for Chautauqua County is going for this line. Is it important? Yes. Is it going to get funded some day? Yes. Money is coming, somewhere, someday. Is it more important than funding things like expanded bus service, or rescuing the White Inn, or having a bus service that goes from Dunkirk to Fredonia to Jamestown so our workers can get to work from Jamestown to the Wells Ice Cream Plant? Is it more important than- and read the headlines- the dam in Fredonia. Speaking of dams, we're talking about these other dams and I'm not suggesting they're not important- the dam in Fredonia is way more important than the sewage line and it's been masked and the masking of it says that its for clean water. It's got nothing to do with clean water. Will Chautauqua Lake be measurably cleaner? Probably, maybe. It will be a measurement like science. It's a bad idea that's going to benefit a dozen millionaires from Cleveland, Ohio. There's a couple hundred people that are going to be effected here. They all have septic systems now- functioning septic systems. The health director says they all don't. If they're dumping sewage in Chautauqua Lake directly then we've got a problem and we need to send the Sheriff there and we need to send the Health Department there. A bigger problem we have is the dam in Fredonia, the water in Fredonia, the opportunity in Dunkirk-Fredonia to do an inter-connect and to have two sources of water. We've got a golden opportunity- a golden amount of money. It's a shame to not take advantage of this money at this time for a problem that is affecting thousands and thousands of Fredonians and Pomfret people. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next, wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

My name is Katelyn Vacinek. I'm a resident of Silver Creek, New York. I'm standing here today to speak for an organization of people. I've reached out to all 19 legislators through email. I have also emailed the Chairman of the Legislature and called him since August 26th, with no response back from Mr. Chagnon. District 1 and District 6 are the only ones out of 19 to reply. I have asked the legislators to follow suit and uphold the constitution. Cattaraugus County voted anonymously on August 25, 2021. I am asking Chautauqua County to follow the same for all 2020 census of 127,657 residents. It is extremely disheartening that we the people chose you to protect we the people to follow the constitution and continue to do what is best for we the people. No replies speaks volume. When a brave man takes a stand the spines of others are stiffened. Ronald Regan stated, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States when men were free." Our country is becoming entangled into a web of deception, betrayal and fear. Last two years we have all been in fear about Covid, but we need to reunite as one. We the people did not shed the blood of our ancestors 244 years ago to be silenced into submission for fear of bias political agenda. What is happening is unconstitutional. Mandate is not law. According to Section 564 of

the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, (*inaudible*) unlawful emergency use authorization – EUA. (*Inaudible*) includes the option to accept or refuse administration of the product according to (*inaudible*), which is also a federal law. No person shall be coerced, bullied or threatened into participating to any medical experiment. As you all know, all Covid vaccines are for only federal emergency use authorization. Pfizer was extended emergency use authorization. It was never FDA approved. Freedom is the ability to say no. We also have laws like 3700 that protect the people from the government. I am standing in front of the legislators to have an emergency meeting to vote anonymously to stand behind the Constitution and oath they took prior to accepting their positions. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Good evening. My name is Kathy Abbate from Ashville, representing the Western New York Freedom Seekers, a fast growing group of concerned, frustrated and upset residents. We come here as citizens of the United States grateful for the inalienable rights given to us by God and acknowledged in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. You were elected into the County Legislature position to represent the will of the people in Chautauqua County. There's a high level responsibility to uphold your legislative roles. We constituents implore you to uphold the oath to which you swore to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New York. Over the past few months you were urged to adopt a constitutional sanctuary resolution. Last month, Cattaraugus County passed such a resolution and it was actually noted in a very large newspaper. They're only one of three in the Country. Many of you have been contacted by your constituents regarding moving forward with this, however today we gather outside, as I'm sure most of you saw, not for a resolution but to take a stand against the New York State Government, Federal Government and corporation overreach. There is an immediate threat that needs to be addressed. Allowing tyrannical and unconstitutional mandates to be implemented in our County is unacceptable and we will not stand for it. Forcing people to choose between their livelihoods or nonconsensually putting something in or on their body is not really a choice, but coercion. We want to be very clear with each of you. We expect our local government to protect and uphold our right to provide our families and our medical freedoms. New York law states that that no person shall be denied equal protection. We are demanding equal employment protection. We have a right to work and shop free from unconstitutional mandates. We are asking you to stand for the rights of workers and adopt a freedom ordinance of which we are petitioning. We have hundreds. As of today, we have over 500 signatures and we just started the petition one week ago and we are just getting started. People of Chautauqua County have had enough. With that said, the petition reads as follows, "We, the undersigned, as patrons to our legal residents of Chautauqua County, New York, are expressing our desires to the Chautauqua County Legislature, the County Executive and all county administration regarding the threat being imposed up us regarding our freedoms as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. We are requesting and directing the officials of Chautauqua County Government to draft, approve, and enforce an ordinance and any regulations and policies pertaining to the same which will protect and employment and way-of-life of those persons working for or doing business with any for-profit or non-profit business or organization. Specifically, we feel our medical background is a private matter and it should not be a condition of employment or commerce. We strongly oppose any condition of employment or commerce directly linked to

one's vaccination status; mandatory mask wearing; compliance with testing, maintaining, or possessing a Covid "passport"; or any required medical policy or procedure regarding this Covid-19 virus. We feel it is a unilateral, arbitrary, and capricious overreach by those for-profit or non-profit businesses and organizations to impose policies at this time which are contrary to longstanding and established past practice. At no other time until now has one's medical privacy been so threatened. We request, Chautauqua County Government to impose penalties, fines and administrative censure on any for-profit or non-profit business and organization which would terminate or furlough any employees or deny individuals the opportunity for commerce on the basis of their mandatory compliance with Covid-19 policies and procedures." Who here, now, will sponsor this ordinance? Any one of you? We are asking that from you and we are collecting signatures and we are planning on getting thousands of signatures. Thank you for the privilege of the floor.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Ms. Baldwin: I'm changing the subject a little bit here-

Chairman Chagnon: Please remind us of your name and address.

Ms. Baldwin: Sorry, Susan Baldwin Town of Villanova Chautauqua County. They have been doing their major construction in Villanova and I do believe that you may recognize- no you won't recognize her here on her lawn more, but this is the town council member of Villanova her name is Sarah Lomanto. She is right here mowing her lawn and I pulled up to take a picture of these two signs, they are gas well signs, they are gas well signs. They are gas well permits. I looked up the gas well permits and the County Chautauqua has over 800 permitted gas wells to be drilled or run conduits to or plugged. Those are the permits allowed for 800 wells in Chautauqua County. Right now, I turned this into the DEC. I called them up and I said hey they are drilling or working on the gas wells in Chautauqua County. Four members of the DEC told me why yes, they are, they have permits to do that. In 2005 through 2012 about five gas wells every time were permitted by assortments of gas well companies here in Chautauqua county including U.S. Energy, Stearns, Newcomer Energy, all of those energy places. They were giving getting permits. What that page looks like- Chautauqua County, Mansfield, Marsh, McChesney Miller, Mount Nelson there were 16 pages, 50 on each page. They're working on gas wells, however, it just happens to be here next to T28- that's a turbine. Now, we've always wondered how fast they go. The same rate of speed. We have some questions here because this is my water and I've collected some samples. These are samples from dirt's, muds and deposits they've been leaving behind. I turned them in with enviro technics I took my samples to them because when I turned it into the county they said we don't have the technology to test those samples, and I said, you should send for technology if you don't have it, so I did and it has arsenic- it's in my water. I had my water tested one of these is my own water and right here in one of these cans is a bunch of crystals and the crystals I picked up off the road between one of the job sites in the place where they park all their trucks. And I swept it up, they left it there, so I swept some up put it in a jar and I sent it enviro technics. Arsenic, lead, chromium, strontium and a huge amount sulfur and salt was in these crystals. And those are the kind of crystals that frack wells they're drilling-

Chairman Chagnon: Mrs. Baldwin, you've exceeded your three minutes, could you please wrap it up?

Ms. Baldwin: Yes, I will, and this, ladies and gentlemen, is the color of my water. It looks atomic and I don't want to drink it I drink the water- I mean not my water but bottled water because I'm not going to take any chances on having an atomic stomach. My blood pressure was already sky high and that's why I stopped drinking my water. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next to address the second privilege of the floor?

I am Jonathan Golden just tell me when to shut up because I'll just rattle on. What I have say I feel concerns everybody in this country (*inaudible*) people. As a nation we either succeed together or you fail together not (*inaudible*) the vision that our country is in grave danger. We can continue to go on with politics, parties and bias in one way or the other, and we still end up in the same place that gets us nowhere. The reality is, America can fail, a country can fail, it is a country made up of people that's constructed of brick and mortar and it can be destroyed. And the reality is, we all are a part of the fall, we can't just dictate it on a specific group of people and what's going on in the world (*inaudible*) how serious it is, and I just wanted to give people a brief history of China, just one obstacle it's one of many. But in China, they call it the People's Republic of China. They deliberately put the People's Republic in it. So if you say something bad about China you're not just talking about the government, you're talking about the people as well, and then that way that people can hate you as well and that's why they did it. The PLA- the People's Liberation Army is involved in things that are astronomically horrible and it's so far out there, that people don't even believe it- I can't even believe it myself. We have to change our system in our government, and that starts with places like this – communities. The government is not going to fix itself. A failing government or corrupt people are not going to put it back together and we can remove them and we're still going to have the same problem because it's not just government, it is a cancer that is riddled our country for years. China believe sincerely that they could not beat us in a war, so what they decided to do was Marxism- incited to infiltrate our institutions for decades in order to corrupt our people and, as they say, tear down our institutions pillar by pillar. China doesn't look at things from our perspective, like 5 years or 10 years, they look at it from 100 years. They are methodical they are (*inaudible*) the people are not horrible but the government is, it is a horrible government, it is evil. You cannot rationalize with evil. There's just- that's the way that it is. They want one thing. They have a plan, it's written down, it specifically tells what they're going to do, and why nobody's paying attention to it because they're doing exactly that. It's not just China. It's going to be the first time in history that we're going to be outnumbered by communist nations. Democracy is failing. What they want is to see America on CNN us destroying our cities and burning it down, then they can go look at democracy, look with that is, look how horrible it is. Communist nations utopia (*inaudible*) impossible because utopias are subjective. What I feel is the most amazing thing- somebody else's misery. That's the reality and I just wanted to say that we really need to take action immediately. It has to be in places like this, we have to take risks, we have to put our politicians right on the chopping block and if they don't do what we need the to do, we need to stand up and do something, because otherwise we're not going to have a nation left. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

I'm James Baldwin from Cherry Creek, New York. I'm here to complain about the windmills there. My daughter is healthy, she's 22 years old, she gets regular headaches, we hear noises inside our house, wife can't sleep at night, she feels mad constantly for no reason. It goes boom, boom loudly and (*inaudible*) turbines are miss matched so they're making extra noise while they're doing it. Wife has headaches too and the amplifiers and stuff like that are getting interfered in my recording studio and stuff like that. It has some kind of frequency that's going and showing up in there, and my sister in law- she's starting to lose it. She went and shaved her head. I don't know why, but I guess that's all that I got to say.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

My name is Kathleen Dennison I live at 50 Eagle Street in Fredonia. You may recall that I spoke last month at the privilege of the floor to express my opposition to a resolution to declare Chautauqua County a constitutional sanctuary. It's my opinion, as I stated last month that we don't need a resolution for constitutional sanctuary- we need everyone to get vaccinated because if we are all vaccinated, then the personal liberty issues with which you are concerned will take care of themselves. I want to draw your attention to an article that was in the Post-Journal a couple of weeks ago. It was about a woman who was fully vaccinated and then contracted Covid and she said two things that I thought were very important and very interesting and informative. The first thing she said was that we all need to work together and she's right. If we're all together and vaccinated together, we will get rid of mask mandates and work stoppages, we need to do it together. The other thing, she said was that doctors, not parents should decide about mask mandates in schools. And I think what she meant by this was that we need to listen to the experts. It's a funny example, but when my car breaks down, I take it to a mechanic because I don't know anything about cars, so I take it to a mechanic so he can diagnose the problem and fix it. I'm also not an expert on infectious diseases so that's why I trust the science and the doctors who all encouraged vaccinations, so, as I said, I am not in favor of a constitutional sanctuary. We just need to get vaccinated because if you don't- for all of those that you don't, you are infringing on my personal liberties to speak now, and also my personal liberty to live in a world that's free of Covid. Thank you.

My name is Rhonda Smith. I didn't expect to speak and obviously I'm not dressed to the nines, but I can tell you one thing. I'm a registered nurse, I've been in home care for a very long period of time, and I look around and I'm very disturbed, I'm looking around at the generation that fought. Not (*inaudible*)- what a disgraceful bunch honestly, so I just want to say something logically if Covid was as horrible as it is, why are we allowing immigration to come over 1.6 million without vaccinations, without masks, anybody think logically? Right, I mean it makes no sense so here's something to think about. In the 80s, looking around I was in the 80's, majority of you were too. AIDS- right? It's a virus. O.k., killed hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Didn't know how it was spread, didn't know- you couldn't even touch people's hands don't kiss him on the cheek, don't kiss him at all, right? We went on and on and on, and I'm not going to ask you guys to raise your hands, because you're all robots but you remember this right? Was there any pandemic masks? No? How about I hear doctors that say, "oh, you know what, we're

going to test for the flu, because you know what it's going to come up as a Covid because I get more money for that.” That's o.k.? You guys are disgraceful.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

My name is Victoria Knap, I live in Jamestown, New York. I wasn't planning on speaking tonight. I'm standing with many of my colleagues from the healthcare field. Collectively, we have many years of experience under our belt from various disciplines in the healthcare field. I'm on my way to work actually, possibly it's my last shift because of a mandate that the state has come down with for those of us that are non-vaccinated against Covid, will lose our job. There is no opt out for us at this time, however, a very brave man, a very brave judge in upstate New York granted us an injunction until October 12th. I'm very thankful for that. I'd like to just talk about the possibility of this leading to very negative consequences in our in our county. It was estimated that possibly 700 healthcare workers are affected by this mandate. I challenge that number. I think it's much higher than that. And we're already seeing lost services. OR's are closing down, upstate New York also received a closure of delivering babies. And I think that's just the beginning of closure of necessary services in our healthcare field. I work for two facilities, I know many of us, we work from number of facilities and our ER's are packed to the gills for various reasons, not because of Covid only, many, many reasons. I just asked you to consider looking at this mandate and overturning it or going to your powers that be to help us to continue to do our jobs because we love what we do, we love, taking care of people, and we ask that you help us to continue to take care of you and your loved ones. Thank you.

Bob Whitney, 41 Hallock Street, Jamestown, New York, I want to face one accusation made tonight that we didn't respond to emails. I receive many emails. I did not get anybody from in my district, therefore, I did not respond to anybody, but I did receive them. If it would have been something my district I would have responded. And the other thing I want to remind everybody that today we declared the 24th of October as World Polio Day. Where'd polio go? Think about it- vaccine. Thank you.

Danielle Conroe, I am a Falconer resident, Chautauqua County. I'm a registered nurse for 15 years. Two years ago, Governor Cuomo removed our religious exemptions which kicked 25,000 children out of the State of New York. I decided to homeschool. Those children that had a religious exemption did not pose a risk to the vaccinated children in their school. So I homeschool and now we're in the same position. I'm a registered nurse, I'm losing my job. I am a single mom, I have three kids. If you look at the number of vaccines that were given to you guys that you all have, probably about five maybe more. Our children, now, going to school in New York State are getting 23 to 50 vaccines by the time they're age 17 or 18- I don't know the exact numbers. There's a lot of chemicals going in our children. That's all I have to say.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next?

Hello, my name is Aaron Billquist I work at a couple different facilities, as well. I live in Falconer, New York. I wasn't going to speak, either, but after Victoria spoke, I worked with her as well, I figured I might as well put my input in a little bit. I'm going to read something that I put on Facebook not too long ago- kind of sums up a lot about what we've been talking about.

I've been a registered nurse for approximately 16 years spending the majority of my career in critical care and emergency medicine. I'm one of many healthcare workers who battled the front lines last year during the Covid outbreak in our area. Many of us went above and beyond our call to help out others in our community, with much of the time spent with little to no proper PPE. I know you guys also know, we ran out of PPE in a couple facilities and had to reuse and go against CDC guidelines in order to make it work. As with the rest of the country, we are forced to reuse N95 surgical masks. Even though the conditions were grim we continued to show up, day after day, to save our patients. Many of us swam in Covid week after week, some of us succumbed to sickness, but the majority of us did survive. As healthcare workers there aren't many of us who would consider us ourselves anti vaxers. We generally understand that there are diseases that are better maintained with vaccines, such as Polio I don't remember who just said that, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, etc. The majority of those illnesses can be avoided, with a couple of vaccines that offer lengthy immunity. Illnesses like Covid, influenza, RSV are very difficult to eradicate due to their mutation and transmission rates. Even though the current Covid vaccines are good at decreasing your risk of being hospitalized, they are not foolproof. We have seen this, I have seen this day in and day out. You can still be infected, hospitalized and transmit the disease. The length of immunity offered from them lasts at most eight months. We're seeing this in studies right now. Regardless of the number of booster shots that are offered, we, the world will never be rid of Covid. It will become a seasonal illness such as influenza, this was just reported by WHO last week. Something that we must learn to deal with as a society free of shutdowns and forced vaccines. Being in healthcare, especially as a nurse, I find it very important to understand and empathized with my patient's choice, as is their right. I would never withhold care or treat one of them differently, because of the way they chose to live their life. America was built on this freedom. I asked that you support our right to choice. Being medical professionals, we have had time to weight the pros and cons regarding the Covid vaccines, those of those of us who have not yet received that have chosen not to. For the government to say that we are not competent or of sound minds to make the decision for ourselves is appalling, this is our choice, our body. The misguided efforts to politicize this disease, along with the vaccines, has caused many illogical statements to come out things such as we need to protect the vaccinated from the unvaccinated, our patients should know that they're in a facility of fully vaccinated individuals, the pandemic would be over 80% of us are vaccinated, or the complete oversight of natural immunity. I ask that you stand with us, stand next to the freedom of choice, stand next to the healthcare workers who put their life on the line every day for our patients choice. Don't let any more healthcare workers resign over such an infringement of personal choice. We can't afford the loss, we really can't afford the loss, we're on the edge as it is with staffing shortages. And as Victoria had started to say with her statement, the trickle effect has just been-

Chairman Chagnon: You've well exceeded your three minutes, if you could wrap it up.

Mr. Billquist: O.k., the quick wrap up is we can't afford to lose anyone else, we are already at the brink in the hospitals. We're closing down OR's, we're closing down different facilities. We are going to get to a point where the ER's are not going to be able to handle the workload that we're going to have. People are going to be waiting in the parking lot, people are going to be dying and we can't let this happen. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Gerrit Kane, 2486 Faulkner Frewsburg Road, Jamestown New York. I'm here speaking for the Western New York freedom seekers, the Tea Party Patriots of Chautauqua County and the Chautauqua County Libertarians. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislator and County Executive. The past few months, individuals from the groups I'm representing have spoken here in order to urge you adopt the constitutional sanctuary resolution. Last month, Cattaraugus passed such a resolution, many of you have been contacted by your constituents regarding moving forward to this and I also urge you to do so. I also want to clarify why we believe such a resolution is necessary, last month, a few of your colleagues spoke against the constitutional sanctuary resolution in the defense of if we all get vaccinated, then this will just end. It's the government overreach that we're concerned about. I encourage you to study your world history and the rise of tyrannical and totalitarian governments. In March of 2020 the state legislature handed Governor Cuomo sweeping executive powers and he issued sweeping mandates shutting down our schools, many of our local businesses and places of worship. Many of us closely watched a number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths. In our rural area, it seemed like the drastic shutdown and lockdown measures we're doing more damage than the virus. Drug use and domestic violence spiked, businesses that were forced to shut down closed for good, parents and kids were stressed with the closure of schools and transition to remote learning, people suffered from spiritual lethargy from not being able to gather for worship, many of us outside this evening were also on the streets raising our voice against these overreacted mandates in 2020. And what did you do, ladies and gentlemen? You made some emergency adjustments to the budget, we appreciate that and yet, besides that it was business as usual, except you got to zoom from your home and public participation was limited to written statements into the Clerk. No opposition to the mandates that were crippling your constituents. What did our county executive do? You went into the control room with Kathy Hochul and other politicians multiple times a week, a meeting a public officials, without the public or press present. Therefore, no one knows what went on in there, but it was apparent that our Executive offered little to no opposition of these mandates. In our opinion, you missed a golden opportunity to stand up to the State use Home Rule and nullification to push back on these unconstitutional mandates. Fast forward to right now we're staring down the barrel of state and federal mandates that are further threatening the stability of our education system, our health care system and the incomes of our local families. Again, this is in the name of defeating Covid and getting back to normal. Covid Chautauqua County. We hear a lot about the number of cases being high and that these are mostly unvaccinated yet only 49% -less than half of the cases since August are confirmed unvaccinated. I think, by now, we realized that cases should not remain metric. We should look more at severity of symptoms and hospitalizations. Locally, stress in our healthcare system is not overwhelming and the vast majority of cases are recovering quickly at home. Nearly 20% of our population is recovered from Covid and 80% of our most vulnerable population of folks over 65 have been fully vaccinated. In light of recent studies out of Israel, indicating natural immunity from having the virus is as good if not better than the current vaccines, we should be encouraged and not spreading fear or panic. In a free society, each individual should have sovereignty over their medical decisions. No institution, especially government should coerce or otherwise force someone into putting a drug into their body against they're willing conscience. I respect those of you that have chosen to get vaccinated. Many of my friends and family are vaccinated and I hope and pray it's effective. Everyone makes their own risk assessment or cost benefit analysis when it

comes to these vaccines. Likewise, everyone can make their own decisions in regards to who their family associates with. My cost benefit may be much different some from someone who is older or has more health issues. What I think is a big factor for many of us who have chosen not to get the vaccine or give it to our children is the fact that there have not been any long term longitudinal studies for these vaccines. Like I said, I hope and pray for the sake of my loved ones who've gotten it that there aren't, but the fact is we just don't know yet. Therefore, we must respect each other's decisions, if you agree with this statement, it is time to act. Draft an ordinance or resolution that says, our county will not tolerate any level of government mandates that violate our medical freedom or right to privacy of our healthcare information. Please realize that there are a significant number of your constituents paying close attention to what each of you do, or say, or not do in regards to these unconstitutional mandates. We know it won't be easy, and we know the state will likely push back, but it's long past time to take a stand. If you choose not to act, there are people that are ready to replace you in two years. If you do, we'll support you 100%. Please follow the lead of our former County Executive and State Senator Borrello. Start speaking up and pushing back against the bullies in Albany and Washington, thank you.

Hi, my name is Kelly Lisandro(?) and I'm a registered nurse and I've been for 21 years and I just want to say, you know we can battle this Covid issue- Covid not going away- Covid is not going away. I have taken care of the patients in this county for 12 of my 21 years. I have gone into people's homes- I'm a home care nurse. I've been going into your families homes for the last two years without correct PPE. I've been wearing the same blue surgical mask for all six to eight patients that I have in an eight hour day, the same mask on and off thrown in my car taking care of- on and off. I mean come on. Covid- this is what I'm trying to protect people from and what I'm trying to keep on spreading. I just want the choice to decide whether I want this vaccine. Government isn't having (*inaudible*). Pfizer representatives aren't- people who work for Pfizer and Moderna don't have to take this. Why is a healthcare provider that I- and I've been working for the last two years, through this pandemic- am I being forced to decide whether I'm getting this vaccine, or whether I'm going to have my job. I don't care about all this other crap, but I want to be able to work and take care of people, that is what I love and that's what I've always wanted to do. But you are making this impossible I want someone to stand up for us, we take care of people because we want to, not because it's a fun job or an easy job or a glorious job. Now you want me to take a shot and you want my kids to take a shot too, I mean that's not ever happening, but I want to take care of your families, I want to take care of you, I want to take care of your children. But you are making me make a decision I don't want to make. I'm not getting this shot, I want to work, and I want to take care of people. We have to have a (*inaudible*) I deserve to have a choice, if you want the vaccine go ahead that's fine, but I deserve to have a choice and continue with my job and I'll wear all the equipment you want to give me- the same surgical mask that I'm wearing for eight hours a day, but I deserve to have a choice. You don't understand that is a terrible feeling to not have a choice and what you want to do in order to keep your jobs. I just want a choice I want someone to stand up and say we, we, in Chautauqua County are going to give our health care providers a choice. Let's test them. We love testing- let us test, let us opt out, but give us a choice you guys are going to be in a really bad position. I don't care what you're thinking. You think you're going to be able to replace us. I don't want to be replaced, I want to work, I want to work, and I want to take care of your families, I want to take care of people, I just want to have a choice.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

County Executive Wendel: If I could please, I'm listening. (*Inaudible*) the strongest opposition in those control rooms has been my voice. I have fought. Kathy Hochul will tell you. I said in the meeting last week with County Executive's across the state, two weeks ago when we found out that there was a letter that went out, I immediately sent an email to Melissa (*inaudible*,) the direct executive assistant to the governor. The governor was in New York City with Melissa called me and said County Executive, she read your email. I proposed and then focused on nursing homes that 80% to 90% vaccination- let our employees work, test out, give them an option. County Executives across the state have stood for the same position. We are working. I've spoken with the governor's assistant fighting as County Executive's to have a sit down with the governor. We know this is critical. Our Covid team, myself, the Sheriff, Mr. Guttman- we're issuing, we're planning- God forbid, if something were to happen. My wife's a respiratory therapist and I'm well aware of what's going on. I have been fighting continuously. I was demanded to make a mask mandate for schools- did not do it. I will continue to fight the governor, getting in her ear and telling her this is not the right thing to do. That's the best I can do. Anybody here they know me personally, please go to the controller, they were surprised that I actually had a pleasant word to say (*inaudible*.) I've been fighting Larry Swartz. I've been fighting everything along the way for you guys. I'm not doing this as some stunt, but I just want you to know, please reach out to me, reach out to my office, I will convey this message. The hopes that we have is a meeting with the government, we have asked, we have asked, we have asked. I thank you for your time, thank you for all sharing your information, I wanted to share that with you tonight. Thank you.

Tammy Sheck(?), Dewittville and I just really have a sentence and that's it. It is not your job to protect us, it is your job to protect our rights. And that's the bottom line, and we have a lot of opportunities for you to prove that you're doing that, not just to talk to Katherine Hochul in your own private messages, but you can actually sponsor the ordinance and put it in writing and put it to vote, so we can see who's putting their money where their mouth is.

Chairman Chagnon: Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

My name is Doug Champ. I live in Jamestown, New York. At 18 I got vaccinated 18 times in the military to become a veteran in places where other people didn't want to go. Out on the wall it's fellows that I know died from this county in Vietnam. I wouldn't be here now, if it wasn't for my brothers and when I hear this country- my dad fought in the Pacific at Okinawa, Iwo Jima. God knows what he went through. My mother was a sergeant in World War Two. That's why I went in, but when I hear people trashing what happens in this country, I want all of you to have your freedom, I want you to have your non vaccinated status, I want you to be employed but don't go back on what your family relatives did for this country and trash it. You haven't been where I've been. I hear that resonance from so many people that it makes me wonder why you're even here. I spent time in third world countries. I've seen what happens when people aren't vaccinated with the basic things that they can't get- children that can't be vaccinated for stuff that (*inaudible*).

(Cross-talk)

Mr. Champ: I know, I know. Listen, I'm not going to argue. You decide- this is not my point. I'm not here to advocate what you should do, just like you're not going to advocate what I should do. I chose to get vaccinated.

Chairman Chagnon: You have comments for the legislature-

(Cross-talk)

Chairman Chagnon: Please, this is an opportunity for comments to the legislature.

Mr. Champ: I'm trying to do that, but I'm getting interrupted. So, my only point is this, is that I want us to remember what we have and what we have been able to work for and what our forefathers and others work for to get here. I want you all to have your personal rights, your personal liberty and not lose your job and take care of so many people that need taken care of, but we should work on something together and that's the wholeness of this country that I believe in, I know, most people believe in it, but when you leave here go out there and check that wall. You weren't here when that happened- most of you, thank you.

Good evening, my name is Diana Perepski(?) and I'm from Gerry, New York. And just by a show of hands here, how many people know that we are currently in World War III? Anybody? Nobody here, right, I thought so. O.k., so you all need to kind of wake up. We're currently living out World War III if you didn't know that. Right? So, everybody who's talking about this vaccine- I'm so happy for all of you that you're so happy that it's here, but if you actually did some research outside of what's being censored, outside of what what's being hidden from us, what you would realize is that it is a toxic (*inaudible*) protein that's being injected into the bodies of human beings. We are in the greatest human experiment of all history. Did you know that? Did you know that that all the animals in the studies died? That's why they stopped the research studies. We, anybody who's taken the vaccine, you are the research. There's no long term data because no humans have ever had this vaccine tested on them before. The PCR tests are lies. If you go back and you read about Keri Mallis the inventor, what you'll find out is that he magically died right before Covid happened- was that they don't work. They are not meant to diagnose a virus, period. They're meant to find fragments of information in your DNA and I'm curious to know what this county was running the PCR tests at before the vaccine came out because then the CDC changed everything so that vaccinated people ran at a lower rate and then you know, they don't even get tested for pre-op anymore, so we're just all pushing these fake numbers. The vaccine also sheds on to other people. Did you know that? Did you know that it's a bio weapon that was designed to self-spread onto other people who didn't get the vaccine? Our County Health Department knows this. I've been sending them information for a year and a half. I've sent it to Dr. Ney. I've sent it to Dr. Kidder. You all are participating in crimes against humanity. If you didn't know there's an active case of that going on in Germany right now. Look them up, Dr. Reiner Fuellmich. There are crimes against humanity trials going on for the whole hoax that started with the PCR test. Also, if you didn't know look up Alberta, Canada. In Alberta, Canada there was a man who got a ticket for violating a Covid ordinance so he asked the court to please prove to him that (*inaudible*) even exists following the scientific method. They had a year

to come up with the proof, and you know what? They couldn't come up with the proof and therefore all the mandates were lifted in Alberta, Canada. About 40 other places around the world have had their government's petition through Freedom of Information Act to ask for proof that Covid even exists if you follow the scientific method. No one can produce the scientific information that proves that SARS-COV 2 has ever even been isolated in the laboratory. I hope that you'll follow Spain, because just last week, Spain has the same thing in their ports right now that they have 23 days to provide proof that SARS-COV 2 has ever been isolated in the lab to support their Covid measures and if they can't everything shuts down. You all are acting like Nazis and you are participating in crimes against humanity and it's all going to come back and you're all going to stand trial. O.k.? Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Is there anyone else we should know address the second privilege of the floor?

Hi, Shaina Reynolds. I live in Lakewood. I resigned my position this past year of school nurse at Bemus Point Elementary School because I could no longer tolerate educating a Community and enforcing mandates that I didn't believe were to be true. Covering kids' faces all day as they snot and gross (*inaudible*) their nose- kids coming to see me who are having asthma exacerbations who were never asked to take their mask off so they could breathe while they walked for five minutes to my office from the other side of the school or from outdoors where they were playing outside. Absolutely heartbreaking from a medical standpoint that we couldn't think about breathing first before potentially spreading the virus in the hallways of the school. I have been working as a labor and delivery nurse in Jamestown since then and now will be forced to no longer provide income for my family due to these mandates. I just simply ask you to continue to fight. Thank you for fighting. Please just think of your people in the Community. We're asking you to fight for us, this is not something that we want, we want to have our freedoms and have a choice and that's why we're here tonight to ask you to stand for us, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Good evening, my name is Anthony Toda and I live on Clifton Avenue in Jamestown, New York. I'm sitting here listening to all the things that these health care people are saying and I want the healthcare people to consider that some forward looking people in the state and federal government, knowing that you wouldn't take the vaccine and knowing that you would leave would initiate a program where forced vaccinations would have now an excuse to get to the rest of the people who haven't taken Covid. Secondly, I'd like to say that logically, take a look around you this room is divided by people who have been vaccinated and people have not been vaccinated. Are you kidding me that you're not going to spread Covid in a room with air conditioning? That's the most illogical thing and that's what's happened in this country today. There is a lack of logic because the money flow and the decision made by this legislature, are responsive to the money. Now, a lot of people have made some good points about Covid and I just want to add to that. First of all, in our healthcare system we have HIPAA rights, so for me to produce a Covid card or a Covid (*inaudible*) is in violation of my own HIPAA rights. We have the 14th amendment. The 14th amendment, as people have been saying is basically, you have the right to do with your own body what you want, even if it kills you. What we're going against

here- that's the other side of the coin here, is to promote the general welfare. That's what the excuses for everybody who needs a vaccine. It's going to protect all of us. It's for our own good. If it was for our own good, why would Joe Biden allow 50,000-60,000 people- illegal immigrants to cross our border with reportedly four times the Covid rate and place those people- transport them to the four corners of this country where they can spread an epidemic and then turn around and blame unvaccinated people for it? That's tyranny and Joe Biden should be impeached on this on the State level. Why would Andrew Cuomo mandate that everybody be shut down, turn around on the 20th of March, I believe, and pass an executive order allowing Covid people who were infected, that were in hospitals to return to nursing homes, so they could infect everybody else prior to the vaccine. I've got a few things to say about what everybody else has touched on since- now, these are reports. I'm not a scientist, I'm just listening to things as there reported and I'm repeating them back. Number one, after being fully vaccinated, people were told that the vaccine does not stop them from contracting or spreading Covid. Two; after people (*inaudible*) have a subsequent booster shot that they were never informed of during the first initial vaccination process. Three; after being fully vaccinated, medical regulators- the experts told people they still had to wear masks. Have you ever had seen anything as idiotic as that? You go and have two shots and someone tells you you've got to wear a mask. What does that say to the effectiveness of the Covid vaccine?

Chairman Chagnon: Mr. Toda, you've exceeded your three minutes, please wrap it up.

Mr. Toda: Medical experts told people they could not wear masks, they don't have to wear a mask over the summer if they were fully vaccinated and turned around about two weeks later, said they had to wear masks. This research and the opinions about that are way out in left field, we have a right to make an informed decision based on reliable data and we don't have that, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Good evening. Deborah Howard, Stockton, Chautauqua County. I'm not a medical professional and I stand here before you as possibly a medical miracle. 50 year old, obviously several comorbidities and a Covid survivor which, if you listen to the science I probably never should have survived it, but I felt like I had a cold. So, I'm a school bus driver and what I deal with with my students on the bus is absolutely sickening. I'm so sick of looking up in the mirror of my bus and having to tell my kids get your mask on and I can't do it anymore, because frankly I'd rather have them get sick with Covid than crash my bus. I think that's a little bit more important. That's all.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Hi, Sherry Tonkin from Jamestown, New York. I am a coworker of Kelly's. I've been a registered nurse for 25 years and I do it with the same passion that Kelly does. We've worked together for the past 10 years in home health care for Chautauqua County and like she mentioned before, and all of us here, I have nothing to add to what everybody else here has added. All the

science details, all the details of the reports and I just need to add that, as healthcare workers, we have a passion for taking care of people and we don't want to be forced to not be able to do that anymore, because our right to choose whether we want- and this isn't even a vaccine, it shouldn't even be called that- I don't even like to call it that word because it's not what it is, but because I don't want to have a chemical put into my body that I don't trust, that has not been fully researched, I don't think I should have to choose between providing an income for my family and taking away a career that I have done for 25 years that I am passionate about and we have been going into homes in Chautauqua County as everybody has mentioned. People working in hospitals, nursing homes without proper PPE the entire pandemic, we couldn't zoom, we were on the front lines the entire time, unprotected and we are fine and we chose to do that and I just want to be able to choose whether or not I put that chemical into my body. So, I'm pleading just let us choose, let us have our choice.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

I'm Michelle Reynolds from Lakewood, New York. I just want to come up here for us factory workers. I work at Cummins. Well, today was my last day. They haven't implemented the vaccination there yet, but a lot of us heard that it's coming. Knowing a lot of people from the factory there and in other factories, a lot of the workers are going to walk out if we have to get it and it's not that we want to harm other people by not being vaccinated. I mean, of course, we care about other people and other people's health, but we want our freedom and if you look at the (*inaudible*) website there's a lot of harmful effects from the vaccine. There's a lot of numbers where people have been injured and even died from it. So, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor? Anyone else?

MOVED by Legislator Gould, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (8:48 p.m.)

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