

Regular Meeting  
Chautauqua County Legislature  
Live Streamed on Social Media  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:30 p.m.  
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

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

Chairman Chagnon: Okay I will call to order the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature and before we begin, in an effort to protect everyone's rights and health we request everyone in the Legislature Chambers use face coverings. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Clerk Lee called the roll and announced a quorum present (Absent: Gould, Vanstrom, Pavlock and Lawton)

Legislator Whitford delivered the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Harmon and duly carried the minutes were approved. (12/15/2021 + 01/03/22)

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1<sup>st</sup> 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 to address the first privilege of the floor?

Good evening from the members of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus Woman and Mans Action group.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, please introduce yourself for the record.

Hi, I am Barbara Colt. As a nonpartisan organization we advocate here tonight for the current life saving recommendation requirements of the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services, the County Board of Health and the New York State Department of Health. These organizations highly recommend that people get vaccinated against SARS-COV2 and its variants, wear a mask in indoor or public areas and businesses and test when there are concerns. We are talking about accountability. Our Department of Health and Human Services has fought relentlessly for more than 2 year to reduce the overwhelming effects of Covid, a disease continues to damage, debilitate and extinguish the lives of our county residence. CCWAG requests that the County Legislature supports these public health measures and policies. Our Department of Health has been working incredibly hard in this effort. Our Board of Health has been clear in terms of what is needed and required to address SARS-COV2. The Department and its employees and the Board of Health are pleading and encouraging residents to

get vaccinated, wear a mask and have self-awareness when it involves getting tested. All of these efforts are being done to keep our residents safe, to keep our schools open so that students can be taught in school and not virtual, to keep our businesses open and people employed and lessen the overwhelming pressure on our health care providers, hospitals and clinics. All county departments have a responsibility to support the required public measures of the Department of Health and Human Services as well as legislators, County Executive and County Sheriff. No one is exempt for following laws to include public health laws and Governor Hochul's mandate which is extended to *(Inaudible)*. Unfortunately what we see at legislative meetings, this is not happening even in the Legislator. Officials stand by and allow people without masks into the chambers therefor putting everyone at risk as well as violating a public health mandate. None of us can just follow and abide by laws and mandates of our choosing. It is essential that we hold ourselves accountable and the same applies to county officials. You cannot have it both ways. Asking our Health Department to do nearly the impossible while at the same time undercutting the department and everyone who is abiding by this recommendation by whistling a sweet tune for those loud and *(Inaudible)* forces. During my many years of my military service, I learned and practiced the importance of good leadership through regulation, soldier *(Inaudible)*, policies, leadership training and most importantly putting back *(Inaudible)* to use. At the end of the day I can say personally that a leader can keep their troops cohesive or disjointed and *(Inaudible)* soldiers can get an entire platoon killed. And recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. as a federal holiday and a remembrance of February Black History Month I have a quote from him "the time is always right to do what is right" respectfully members of CCWAG from districts from across the county *(Inaudible)*, Joann Kelly, Sue Bigler, Donna *(Inaudible)*, Patricia *(Inaudible)*, Kristina *(Inaudible)*, Valerie *(Inaudible)*, Davis Alley, Susan *(Inaudible)*, Maryjane Wag, *(Inaudible)*, Lisa Merks, *(Inaudible)*, Marsha Johnson, Nancy *(Inaudible)*, Karen *(Inaudible)*, Leann *(Inaudible)*, Amy Snyder, Steve Snyder, Alexandria *(Inaudible)*, Judith Woods, Cheryl *(Inaudible)*, Persilla *(Inaudible)*, Sandra *(Inaudible)*, Amy *(Inaudible)*, Nikki *(Inaudible)*, Jan *(Inaudible)* Jan *(Inaudible)* and Jeffrey *(Inaudible)*. I thank you for this time.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else for the first privilege of the floor?

Good evening, my name is Jeff Bar(?) I'm a resident of Fredonia. I'd like to address motion B, encouraging best practices to overcome Covid 19. There are a lot of people who don't believe it's real, a lot of people believe it's real. There are a lot of anti-vaxers that are out publically without wearing a mask. I go shopping and half the people in Walmart aren't wearing masks and that bothers me. Whether you believe it is or isn't, if there is any chance that Covid 19 is real, we must protect ourselves and wear a mask that's all I'm asking. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Next, please.

My name is Natalie Luczkowiak and I'm the First Ward councilwoman in the City of Dunkirk and I wanted to address the subject of the legislature backing the Chautauqua County Department of Health's recommendation for wearing masks. "I will take care of you and you will take care of me", that's a poster I saw in New York City regarding wearing masks. Wearing masks stops the spread. Many of us last year didn't get a cold because we were more diligent in wearing masks and the relaxed attitude this season in our County - you know I contracted a cold side note-tested and not negative but anyways I wear a mask to protect the anti-vaxers, the

elderly, those over 50, those under 50 with the - who are immune compromise. What type of civilized society are we in our County not to care to each other in a Global Pandemic? Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Good evening my name Ralph Walton. During the 1980's I had the honor and privilege of serving Chautauqua County as the commissioner of Mental Health. I was part of a republican administration. My close friend, colleague and republican executive, Jack (*Inaudible*), and I worked closely together. During that era, the Chautauqua County Republican Party clearly respected science. It's my hope that this legislature can demonstrate that the same is true today by voting to accept the motion encouraging best practices to overcome Covid 19. I firmly believe it's absolutely critical that there be a single point of contact when it comes to issues of vaccination, masks, and testing. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

My name is Marsha Johnson. I'm from Fredonia and I'm here to urge your support for the motion to encourage best practices to overcome Covid 19. I have to admit I cannot understand what reason our legislators could possibly give to not support their own Department of Health to rid our community of a worldwide pandemic that has killed 5.6 million people worldwide, 870,000 in our country and over 250 in our county. Sadly, since the first of the year I've lost 2 cousins to Covid and both were unvaccinated. As we all know, unvaccinated people threaten our health care system. They increase our hospital patients so people with emergency conditions cannot get lifesaving treatments. And the ok cost for our country is millions or possibly billions of dollars. Don't forget, our county pays half of our state share of Medicaid payments and many of those seeking hospital care once infected could cost our county a lot of money. Do we have data on whether our Medicaid cost have increased in the last 2 years? If you see yourself as fiscally responsible, you would think something as simple as wearing a mask to save billions of dollars would be worth it. All we are asking is that you stand up and support our health leader's efforts to keep our numbers as low as possible. The Board of Health voted unanimously to support this motion. Two of the best ways to accomplish this are getting vaccinated and wearing a mask in public. This is not a difficult thing. I believe most of us have worn masks for hours and although I would not say that I enjoy it, I find it's worth the effort to save lives. The lives of our fellow Americans should come over personal inconvenience of wearing masks. We have a responsibility to our children, our neighbors, and our country to protect our community. Please stand for the lives of the community and vote "yes" on this motion. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

My name is Judy Lutz Woods and I'm from Fredonia. I ask this Legislature to support the motion encouraging best practices to overcome Covid 19. Our public Health Department has done, in my opinion, an excellent job at getting out the information, testing and helping our community during this world wide pandemic. Their website is very user friendly guiding folks to information on this most (*inaudible*) deadly virus. The Health Department as a single point of

entry for information, guidance and support during this most deadly pandemic is vital to helping the community understand the virus and the steps needed to stop the spread. It is most effective in measuring the degree of the spread of the virus in our county in determining areas in most need. As our numbers continue to rise, last week we had 5 more deaths in our county. We are in need of preventative methods of reducing the spread. CDC recommends wearing a mask, preferably an N-95 when out in public. Science has determined mask wearing in public greatly reduces the spread of this serious illness. I can provide scientific studies that have been peer reviewed that come to this conclusion. Simple mask wearing can reduce the spread yet many protest (*Inaudible*) calling it a type of (*Inaudible*). To be truthful, I feel badly that any mandate is needed. I would hope that everybody on their own would be willing to wear a mask knowing it could save a life. But I know this is only wishful thinking on my part. The one thing I want to add is in the motion it says “encourage” residents age 5 and older to be vaccinated and the one for 2 years old it’s “recommended”. Those aren’t mandates. It’s just like, I don’t know if any of you have teenagers there’s a recommended vaccination that can prevent cancer. We’re not mandated, I didn’t have to take my grandkids down to get that vaccination but I’m certainly glad that it’s out there. In conclusion, I want to thank all of you legislators (*Inaudible*) the public good but I urge you just – follow the science, stop (*Inaudible*) politics. Look at science, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Members of the Chautauqua County Legislature, many of you know me as Seth Viticus from the Jamestown area. I’m here asking you to withdraw the motion encouraging best practices to overcome Covid 19. It is nothing new and innovative to compact the Covid virus in this motion. It repeats the same messages we’ve been told for the last 2 years. I propose the Chautauqua County Health Department to instead encourage healthier lifestyle choices so when people do get the Covid virus, their body is better suited to fight it. I’m not here to debate the vaccine or masks but if we’re going to waste resources and man power then let’s use it for something more productive. The average American is over stressed, overworked and struggling financially. These issues are causing stress on the body, making people sicker more often and more ill. I suggest the Health Department work with the community and resolve these problems so that the average American faces and boost our body’s immune system. Vaccines and masks are not the all in one solution to this crisis. I do not support any mandate, motion or fines that punish people for not being vaccinated or wearing a mask. Please stop supporting these motions and mandates. They are not working, they are not helping, and they are not ending this Covid crisis. Covid is here to stay. Our best and only solution is to improve our health. The better our health, the better we can overcome Covid when we get it. The government needs to stop trying to dictate people and businesses. We are the United States of America, home of the free and the brave. We need to stop this insanity and find solutions that actually work without sacrificing our rights and freedoms. We can do this. We must do this because the alternative is not American, it’s not who we are. Our brave men and woman did not die so we can give our rights away piece by piece in hopes of a little safety that may never come. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider withdrawing this motion for something that actually makes a real difference. I respect what the Health Department is trying to do, to end this crisis for once and for all, save lives. I personally do not agree with them on every solution they propose. Let’s get back to the basics and start from there. A healthier you is the first and best line of defense to beat Covid not government intervention, not 4, 5 or 6 vaccines within 3 years. Find out your underlying health

issues. Work on them with your trusted doctor and fitness experts. (*Inaudible*) the stopping bad habits and lifestyle choices. These are not the end to our Covid crises but a stepping stone in the right direction. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

My name is Jerry Samora (?) and I'm not speaking for a group I'm going to speak for my husband, Dr. Samora (?). He's lying on the floor in our living room as I left today. He's exhausted. He's been at this for 2 years. His staffing is moot. He's down to 1 nurse because they have been exposed to Covid, some of them have Covid. Our son who's fully vaccinated contracted Omicron at a New Year's party held in Bemus Point with unmasked people. He works in a restaurant, he knows his risks but he went a week without pay. Luckily we were able to help him out. It amazes me how many long Covid survivors there are who now qualify for disability. I understand the libertarian point of view but if you're going to get on the Libertarian train, ride it all the way into the station friends. Don't come crying in begging for help when your lungs fill with fluid from Covid pneumonia. It is a miserable way to die. I don't know how many of you are physicians. I don't know how many of you are nurses. I wonder if any of you are wandering into the Westfield ER, the Jamestown ER or walking the floors helping out. They don't ask for much. My husband pretty much asks for pretty much nothing except put a mask on to slow the spread so you can unclog the emergency rooms. Our wonderful County Executive, he didn't have to say "I'm going to enforce the mask mandate" but you know what he could have said? He could have said "hey put a mask on, be a good neighbor, stop spreading Covid because you may not have a bed when you need one". But as I love to say my husband gets a phone call at 3:00 in the morning, he's got to get up and go. He doesn't get up and get to say to anyone "I'm sorry, you made your choice". No, because as a medical professional he has taken an oath to save your life whether you want your life saved or not. For 2 years he came home from the hospital, stripped naked, took a shower so he made sure that his family couldn't contract Covid. Yes, he made a choice, you made your choice.

Chairman Chagnon: Ma'am, excuse me ma'am? Do you have anything to address to the Legislator? Your 3 minutes have been exceeded please wrap it up.

My name is Mary Croxtin (?) and I live in Fredonia, New York and I've been thinking a lot about a civics lesson that I learned in elementary school (*Inaudible*) a long time ago. But I remember the teacher talking about freedom of speech and she did at the end say "you know you can't cry fire in a crowded movie theatre". So I came home and at dinner time thinking about my freedom of speech and I said to my parents "why can't I say shut up?" I didn't go as far as saying "why can't I swear?" but by father went into a dialogue about Oliver Wendell Holmes, my mother realizing it was going to go way over my head, she stopped my dad and said "we have wonderful freedoms in this country but we also have freedom with responsibility" and responsibility is to yourself, your family, your community and your country and you can't always place your freedom above those entities. I am a retired nurse, I am here to support the healthcare system. I cannot believe how tiresome this has gotten for our healthcare providers and I do believe that it's going to come to the point where you go in with a heart attack and you may sit on a gurney and never get the care that is much needed. I am also concerned about schools. I

want kids to go to school and wearing a mask will help reduce the spread of Covid along with vaccines and good handwashing.

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

Good evening, Garret Cain, 2486 Falconer Frewsburg Road Jamestown, New York speaking for myself the Chautauqua County Libertarian Party. Thank you to those of you in the legislature and those here from the public who have already spoke up about this motion. I encourage those of you that are still undecided not to wrongly conflate the personnel of the policy. Myself and nearly everyone here cares for and respects the fine people we have working in our County Health Department. By their own admission and you all understand this that they are obligated to follow the recommendations of the New York State Department of Health and the CDC. It is lamentable that so much of what our County does boils down just doing what we're told by the State and Federal Government, in other words, just following orders. Essentially a "yes" vote on this motion is a vote of approval for top down Government control in a one size fits all solution that never seems to fit our County very well at all. It doesn't fit anywhere else either. The fallout from big Government dictating the Covid response has been disastrous. Similar to big Government directing education, economic development, national security and the list goes on. You're not voting "yes" in support of our local Health Department, you're voting in support of Albany and Washington telling us what to do and how to spend our money. The term "best practices" is in the title of the motion. Let's consider the overall system that produced these best practices. What we have in American today is a polygamous marriage with big Government "the daddy, big daddy" "big pharma", "big healthcare" and "big insurance", the fat sister wives. Big Government with the mountain of regulation and bureaucracy for sale to the highest bidder along with the force of law is what keeps this unholy union together. We see the results in the state of our Health Care system today. The system that has delivered lack luster care at exuberant prices for decades and is currently crumbling under its own bureaucratic weight. These certainly are best practices to keep the power where it is and the money flowing to the corrupt politicians, "big pharma", and corporate Health Care executives. The solution is simple, a total separation of health and state. A truly free market health care system. I know that's a long shot and I'll settle for an incremental path but at some point we need to start to wrestle control from the (*Inaudible*) that'd been fleecing ourselves, our friends, our family, our neighbors for decades. It's going to require the people at the bottom, that's you folks, at some point doing the right thing even if it comes at a cost. Voting "no" on this motion is a step in the right direction but I think if you listen to your consciences you'll know the next steps to take and I encourage you to do so.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

Hello, Tammy Shack from Dewittville New York. I am not happy with the legislators right now and I'm going to get right to why. I've been following you for a year. I've been following your online meetings this week and I wonder if when you are addressing a motion if you do any of your own independent research or if you just come in and listen to the sponsor of the motion or just talk to each other because it doesn't appear that you do your own research. When you're talking, for example, to the Health Department regarding a motion that empowers the Health Department such as the quarantine housing motion, their comments could be very

biased and they're definitely unvetted so I wrote you each a letter asking you guys if you did your own independent research and I did not get a single response but the Health Department is right now an arm of Kathleen Hochul. I'm not speaking to the quarantine housing issue right now but I want to say when you support a motion, in order to show your appreciation for the Health Department that is wrong. You are not here to say "hey it's only a motion so it won't make much of a difference, it's only a motion not a law. (*Inaudible*) we really enjoy the job you've done Health Department, you've gone above and beyond and we're going to support your motion, thank you" No, that's not why you support a motion. Give them a pizza party if you want to show your appreciation. You're here to be educated and to be our voice and to speak from an educated point of view, not to show your appreciation to the Health Department. Do that on your own time and I also have a quote from Martin Luther King because that is one worthy motion you spoke of and he speaks about a law but it applies to a mandate as well "there are just and there are unjust laws. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. All segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality. It gives the segregated a false sense of inferiority". Motions do matter because your words matter and your actions matter and I hope I never see a motion brought again that you are in favor of to show your support to the Health Department. Those are separate issues and I expect more of you, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, next please.

Hi I'm Cheryl Fiedler and I'm from Ellery and I had no intentions of saying anything tonight but after listening I feel like I have to say something. One thing I'd like to address is something that seems to have gotten forgotten since all of this first began and that's that to wear a mask was if your able to medically tolerate it and somewhere along the line I think that's gotten forgotten and I have a couple of medical issues myself that makes it very difficult for me to wear a mask. I can't breathe and I won't go into the medical issues because that's private but somewhere along the line that seems to have been totally forgotten and I also have children that have asthma that it's been very difficult for them to wear it. Also, I'd like to mention and with all respect for the doctor's wife that spoke I've been more and more made aware that in our hospitals there are protocols that our doctors are forced to follow that sometimes don't allow them perhaps to help their patients in a manner that perhaps they'd like to so I don't know I think that's another thing that needs to be checked into is the protocols that patients are allowed to have when they have Covid. I'm also – and this does tie into the motion that you were discussing which does support the Health Department and that is I'm making an appeal to all of you as legislators and fellow citizens because I look at all of you as my fellow citizens to take a stand against the plan that Governor Hochul has enacted to totally bypass the Albany legislature and give herself and the health commissioner far reaching powers over New York State citizens. This is in regards to masks, vaccinations and also forced quarantine into "facilities" under the direction of the Governor, the Department of Health with the assistance of law enforcement. If you're not familiar with it I urge you to check into it and ponder the possible outcome if this is implemented. They are using this tactic because of public backlash against assembly bill #A416 which was withdrawn because of that public outcry. They are trying to make a permanent regulation out of a temporary mandate that was never a law. So I urge you to look into what

Governor Hochul is trying to implement using I believe it's SAPA and I don't pretend to understand all that but I urge you to look into it. Thank you.

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

Carol (?) District 15, West Ellicott. I strongly oppose the best practices and I won't rehash because I've actually written all the legislators and to Legislator Parker and Legislator Penhollow thank you for your response, I appreciate it. We may not always agree on everything but it's always nice to get a response. I actually – I was sitting here listening to Martin Luther King and I'm like oh my goodness we're all on the same great (*Inaudible*) so that's a good thing. I was actually going to quote Martin Luther King because he had said "let us never forget that everything that Hitler did, was legal" But I actually want to bring up a course that I think would be really relevant tonight after listening to all of the differences of opinion and it was critical thinking and in this course we were assigned a task to pick out of 5 topics one thing that we supported. We had to write 10 pages, site it and it couldn't just be from one source it had to be from – I'm kind of aging myself, book from the library. You could use magazines you could use studies from the other countries. So anyway that was easy to do right, it's something I support, something I believe in. A little surprised when I went in to find out that tonight's assignment is you're actually now going to oppose that very thing that you supported. And you're going to write 15 pages and you're going to site the same thing. All of the reasons why you would oppose this. Well, I'm kind of studdering and I like to have – think that I know best but what shocked me out of this assignment is I actually changed my belief systems and I to this day oppose the death penalty because one of the things that I had not known is that people were actually murdered that shouldn't have been. So my point is, you know to me one person wrongfully murdered is wrong so my point to all of this is to say that sometimes it would be good for all of us when we really think that we know a situation like when this started out, I wasn't really sure. I did wear a mask, I did do all of the things and then I just said ok enough because obviously the masks and the vaccines aren't working. So I guess I'll just end it there that maybe everybody could do a little assignment and actually go out and not just site one source from one entity, the government, or the arms of the government but other doctors. I mean there's all kinds of research from all over the world it's just a curious thing and I'm hoping that people can be open minded and respectful of each other's decisions. Thank you

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

My name is Ben Shank and I'm from French Creek Township. I stand here maskless and unvaccinated out of love for you people, for you citizens, representatives, for you people that stand against and think that I'm some kind of a second class citizen because that is not my choice. We are – we have put our faith and our trust in God, not in pharmaceuticals, not in medical people, not in Government. The power of the one thing that made this nation great was because all of the power is given to the many, the citizens and those who are in high places have been given limited power but we have seen these states, these people who are highly "educated", they just can't stand the fact that the power is amongst the many because they think they know how and what is best for us and we should listen to them and if we don't listen to them then we're not welcome in this state anymore so why don't you just leave. And I'm saying to you I



love you and I'm telling you that I am no less of a citizen than you are. I think that you have been misled to believe that the only way that we will ever get out of this is by listening to the pharmaceuticals that are making a bunch of money off of you people. It's interesting in science that there is constant debate, debate, debate. But in this circumstance the conservative voice has been totally shut off. You go to YouTube, if you happen to say the wrong word, silenced.

Chairman Chagnon: You've exceeded your 3 minutes, please wrap it up.

Mr. Shank: Thank you. God Bless America. God Bless you my citizens, I love you. God Bless you people, I pray that your eyes will be opened. Thank you.

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

My name is Kathy Kulfer (?) and I live at 3105 West Oak Hill Road Jamestown, New York. First of all I want to say thank you to all of you veterans, thank you for your service. Thank you to our Health Care professionals who work so hard. I want to share an experience that happened to my husband and myself just recently and my husband right now is in Florida recuperating. He is a Vietnam Veteran. He has many medical conditions as a result of Agent Orange. He is 100% disabled. He has a pace maker, sugar and pretty much everything you could imagine. He and I have chosen not to take the vaccine for reasons that I don't really have to explain, it's our choice. But there are reasons for it but I just feel that – what is your name? Yeah, you. Carol really had a great point. You know, that we believe what we think we know and then we never look at the other side. I want to tell my doctors wife friend over here what our experience was. It was over New Year's Eve weekend and so everything kind of got delayed and my husband got sick so I called the VA and they said take him to Urgent Care, get him tested. I went to Urgent Care and they were not able to take us because they were overwhelmed. So we went to the ER and I have to say and I know this is a different issue, I'm have never been treated so rudely in my life, never. It was really unconscionable and the doctor who took the same oath as your husband, thank your husband for your service, he made it very clear to us this is the path you've chosen, there's nothing I can do for you, you're free to go. Free to go. I said "all I would like is a Covid test because we were not able to get one at Urgent Care". He said no. well because the reason was because we had taken 2 at home, one was negative and one was positive and so I just needed confirmation so I could know what is the next step here because he's in the VA he had some options that are not available to just everybody and he flat our refused to give my husband a Covid test. I said "how can you do that I just want a test?" "You've made your choice, this is the path you've chosen, and now this is what you get" those were his words. I am following up with that particular ER and with the Health Department. All this to say yes I understand that you feel strongly. I understand that you feel strongly I understand but this really really is becoming a problem and I think as Tammy said let's do our research let's not just get stuck on our bandwagon.

Chairman Chagnon: Mrs. Kulfer you've exceeded your 3 minutes, thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor?

My name is Susan Bigler (?), I'm from Sheridan, New York. I'm going to make this really quick and so you can wrap it up but I think it's simple and it all boils down to this. It's that

when people don't recognize when something is for their own good and for the common good, then a responsible entity has to step in for their own protection be that Government, local or federal. And that's all I have to say.

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

Mel McGinnis, Frewsburg, New York. Encouraging best practices to overcome Covid. According to who? According to what? Asking these kinds of questions, I haven't been getting answers. What's the standard for determining what the best practices are? And who decides that? Right now that's fuzzy, that's unclear. You have the CDC saying what to do but then you have doctors like Dr. *(Inaudible)*, Dr. Malone, Dr. Mc *(Inaudible)*, Dr. *(Inaudible)*, Dr. Mikovits disagreeing with the CDC. These doctors say when you think you got Covid, get on it quick whereas CDC saying "Oh wait a little while, wait until it gets worse". There's a difference of opinion there. You have the CDC and other government entities saying one thing and then you have the Barrington Declaration saying another. There's division in the ranks of science. So who determines what's best? Who is making the decision as to what practices are appropriate? I look at the motion and I'm saying it's not a mandate, I agree, but it states out of position. Here are the things that are encouraged, residents 5 and older be vaccinated, wow. Dr. Malone would say "no". Dr. Fauci, yes. Two years or older, wear a mask. Oh, Dr. Mc *(Inaudible)* would say "no this is like child abuse". Whereas the CDC would say "no, mask them up, mask them up" as well as the State. You see there's division as to what is best. So I think we should be really careful about endorsing a motion regarding the encouragement of best practices when in the science community there are still stark, sharp differences. And those who are mentioning the alternatives seem to be suppressed, silenced and threatened. You'll lose your license if you prescribe Ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine. I don't like that in a field where it should be open to debate. Where doctors should be able to practice without the pressure that they're receiving now because they don't agree with the CDC. This motion basically says vaccinations, masking and testing, nothing is said about therapeutics. Nothing is said about monoclonal antibodies. Nothing is said about hydroxychloroquine. Nothing is said that Dr. McCullough says we need to use this as an alternative.

Chairman Chagnon: You've exceeded your 3 minutes now please wrap it up, thank you.

Alright I'm Valerie Colt, I'm from Brocton, New York. I just want to say that things really got going sideways, upside down, backwards and every other way. I mean, the whole motion was recommendations for masks wearing. Not you need to get your shot, you need to wear your mask. Nobody is telling anybody to do anything. Legislators and the County Executive were asked to enforce or not enforce but to support the CDC and the County Health Department, that's all they were asked to do. Instead of saying "you don't have to wear a mask you don't have to do this, you don't have to do that" just say "CDC says wear a mask, wear a mask" you know it's that simple.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor? Seeing no one, I will close the first privilege of the floor.

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL  
NO VETOES FROM 12/15/2021 & 1/03/2022**

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Report – Chautauqua County Board of Elections – 2021 Mail Check Certification
2. Letter – Chautauqua County Board of Elections – Action Plan for 2022 Year
3. Letter – County Attorney – Legal Services for County Legislature - 2022
4. Letter – NYS Department of State – Acknowledgement of Local Law 5-21
5. Affidavit of Publication – Re: LL 5-21 – Amending Local Law 7-90 – Post Journal
6. Affidavit of Publication – Re: LL 5-21 – Amending Local Law 7-90 – Observer
7. Affidavit of Publication – Re: Intro LL 4-21– Amending Local Law 7-90 – Post Journal
8. Affidavit of Publication – Re: Intro LL 4-21– Amending Local Law 7-90 – Observer
9. Letter – NYS Agriculture and Markets – Correction of Errors
10. Letter – Senator George Borrello – Acknowledgement of Motions 4-21 & 5-21
11. Report – Finance Director Crow – September 2021 Investment Report
12. Report – Finance Director Crow – October 2021 Investment Report
13. Report – Finance Director Crow –November 2021 Investment Report
14. Minutes – Conewango Watershed Commission – January 12, 2022 Meeting
15. *Letter – NYS Department of State – Acknowledgement of Local Law 1-22*

Clerk Lee: On the agenda there are 14 communications listed. There is one additional communication that was received after the agenda was published. It will be #15 and was received from the Department of State acknowledging that local law 1-22 has been filed with the State. Are there any items you wish to have read aloud? Please contact our office if you'd like a copy of any of these.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, that brings us to resolutions, legislator Harmon?

Legislator Harmon: I'd like to make a motion that we block resolutions 7-22 through 15-22.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to block resolutions 7-22 through 15-22 and a second by legislator Bankoski. Discussion on the motion to block the resolutions? Hearing none, all is in favor of the motion to block resolutions 7-22 to 15-22 please say "aye", opposed? They are blocked.

*Unanimously Carried to Block Resolutions 7-22 through 15-22.*

**RES. NO. 7-22 Confirm Re-Appointment – Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board,** by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Clerk Lee: I would like to note that resolution 7-22 had a typo that was corrected. The term for the appointment was incorrectly listed to expire on 12/31/2021 and was corrected to 12/31/2022.

**RES. NO. 8-22 Confirm Appointment – Food Policy Council,** by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 9-22 Confirm Appointment – Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board,** by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 10-22 Confirm Appointment- Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau Board of Directors,** by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 11-22 Confirm Re-Appointment - Chautauqua County Planning Board,** by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 12-22 Confirm Appointments and Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board,** by Public Safety Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 13-22 Confirm Appointments and Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Emergency Medical Services Council,** by Public Safety Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 14-22 Confirm Appointments and Re-Appointments – Airports Commission,** by Public Facilities Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 15-22 Confirm Re-Appointments – North County Industrial Water District No. 1 & North County Industrial Sewer District No. 1 Boards,** by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Chairman Chagnon: So are there any questions or comments on any of the blocked resolutions? Hearing none, all those in favor of the blocked resolutions please say “aye”.  
Opposed?

**RES. NO. 16-22 Appointing Reapportionment Commission for 2020 Census,** by Administrative Services and Planning and Economic Development Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 17-22 Amend 2022 Budget to Implement the Repair and Rehabilitation of the NCIWD#1 Water Storage Tank Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue**

**Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 18-22 Authorize Supplemental Agreement No.1 with NY State DOT for Performance of Federal-Aid Project PIN 5761.82**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 19-22 Authorize Extension of Tax Collection Agreements with the Cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 20-22 Modify Accounting Information in Adopted Resolutions Pertaining to the Use of Funds from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** , by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 21-22 Authorize Lease Agreement with City of Jamestown for Office Space for the Chautauqua County Public Defender's Office**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 22-22 Amend 2022 Budget for Body Cam Capital Projects**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 23-22 Authorize Execution of Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site-based (COSSAS) Program FY21**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 24-22 Emergency Management Performance Grant for Fiscal Year 2021**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 25-22 Authorize Agreement Between Chautauqua County and City of Dunkirk for ALS-BLS Billing**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 26-22 Authorize Agreement Between Chautauqua County EMS and Village of Falconer for ALS-BLS Joint Prehospital Service Agreement**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 27-22 Fiscal Year 2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 28-22 Amend 2022 Budget Appropriations to Include Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) Workforce and Stabilization Grant Allocation**, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 29-22 Amend 2022 Budget to Implement the Address Isolation/Quarantine Housing Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan**, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 30-22 Authorizing and Approving a Settlement Agreement in an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Allergan)** , by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 31-22 A Resolution Authorizing Various Improvements to Facilities at Jamestown Community College in and for the County of Chautauqua, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$4,097,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,024,250 Bonds to Pay Part of the Cost Thereof**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 32-22 A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Vehicles and Equipment for the Department of Transportation in and for the County of Chautauqua, New York at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$3,773,500 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,773,500 Bonds to Pay Costs Thereof**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 33-22 A Resolution Authorizing \$2,450,000 Bonds of the County of Chautauqua, New York, to Finance the Cost of Improvement in Connection with the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District in and for the said County**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 34-22 Approving Labor Contract with Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Unit 6322 (Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs)** , by Administrative Services, Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Chairman Chagnon: Okay that completes the resolutions on the agenda and we have an Emergency Resolution that you've all received a copy of and there is a copy at your desk.

Clerk Lee: Mr. Chairman, I have not read #35-22.

Chairman Chagnon: You are so correct Olivia, I am so sorry.

**RES. NO. 35-22 Reallocating Salary Grade for Working Supervisor**, by Public Facilities, Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**EMERGENCY RES. NO. 36-22 Authorize Entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Jamestown for Performance of Federal-Aid Project PIN 5761.82**

Chairman Chagnon: Now we are done with the resolution listed on the agenda. So the emergency resolution that has been sent to you and laid on your desks is titled “Authorize Entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Jamestown for Performance of Federal-Aid Project PIN 5761.82” Do I have a motion to bring the emergency resolution to the floor for consideration? Legislator Harmon makes the motion, seconded by legislator Bankoski. Discussion on the motion to bring the emergency resolution to the floor for consideration? Any questions? Hearing none, all those in favor of bringing the emergency resolution to the floor please say “aye”. Opposed? The emergency resolution is on the floor for discussion. Is there any discussion, are there any questions, comments on the emergency resolution. Hearing none, all those in favor please “aye. Opposed?

EMERGENCY RES. NO. 36-22 - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**MOTION:**

**A. Proclaiming February Black History Month**

Clerk Lee: Okay that brings us to motions. The first motion on the agenda has received the required amount of signatures to bring it to the floor. Motion A. “Proclaiming February Black History Month”.

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any questions, comments or discussion on the motion? Hearing none, would the Clerk please call the roll? R/C Vote: 15 Yes – 4 Absent - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**B. Encouraging Best Practices to Overcome COVID-19**

Clerk Lee: Motion B on the agenda “Encouraging Best Practices to Overcome Covid19” has not received the required amount of signatures to bring it to the floor. 10 signatures were needed and 4 signatures were received.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Chagnon: Okay that brings us to Announcements. Are there any Announcements from the Legislator for the good of the order? Any Announcements? Quiet group tonight. Okay that then brings us to the second privilege of the floor.

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**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?

Good evening my name is Ida Golden and I am a Chautauqua County resident. I have recently learned the local Department of Health is initiating a waste water Covid testing program. This was discussed at the last Board of Health meeting. The Department of Health is going to use Tempe, Arizona wastewater Covid testing program as a model. I have been researching what the Arizona wastewater program does. They say it is not limited to just Covid. The program identifies neighborhoods of suspected outbreak case based on the data, then they confirm with nasal testing, quarantining and isolation. My questions which I've emailed everybody, all the legislators and nobody could answer my questions. So I am here asking if we are to follow this model, would neighborhoods be quarantined based on this data? Even those who are not sick. Will nasal testing be mandated? If nasal testing is refused, will a public health order be placed requiring isolation and or quarantining? How does this county plan to use the data from the program? Will there be any mandated outcomes based on the data? Will individual's septic systems be tested? Did the legislature vote on this program? Was there a public hearing or a comment time to discuss how our bodily excrement's would be used with the program details or the goals? Are there guidelines and what would the guideline be to make sure our civil rights are upheld. I am here tonight to make the public aware because I can guarantee they are not. They are busy trying to keep up with inflation. Just because you receive grant money to fund projects, does not mean it should be done. Look no further than the (*Inaudible*) funded with grant money from the NIH. Now look where we are. In conclusion, I oppose this project. Is there no end to the overreaching arm of the government? The government wants to control every aspect of our lives, even the crappy party. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Next, please.

Mrs. Lutz Woods: I'm coming up again, Judy Lutz Woods from Fredonia and I'm speaking because of the comments I've heard here tonight and things I'm very concerned about my country. I have faith in my country and I really feel bad for those who have lost faith. I have faith in our CDC. I look up to it. That is the Agency and I am old. I was around when Polio came out and someone mentioned to me there was a lot of testing. No, I was in Pittsburgh, we were the test. Our parents couldn't wait to get us down there (*Inaudible*). I'm not saying anyone has to be mandated but I'm very concerned about this bashing of our government. I have faith in our government. All I here is this over reach of our government and things. We came together to unite. We're the United States and we came to pull our resources – to make things better for everybody and that's what we continue to do with – excuse me? Oh I thought you made a comment to me. I am very concerned because I love my country and what I see is that it is dying and it's from within. We have to get – we have to work together. My legislator is a republican where I am very liberal but I think we need each other. I need to push to get more things and then I need the conservatives to say “no that's far enough”. That is how our country has been formed from the beginning. I don't know how many of you have every studied the history of our country. They were not all on the same page. They argued and debated and then they did something called compromise for the good of all of us and that's what we need to get back to. We are on the same team and I hate this division and I see it just continued to rise in our country and now I'm seeing it now in our own county. We are all in this together. I don't care I'm a liberal and you're conservative, we're not on opposite ends of the page. We can come together, we have a pandemic we need to look at the experts and when I say experts I mean the peer reviewed scientists and guidance. I'm not a scientist. I'm going to take my grandkids where the



doctors tell me to go. Anyway, I just beg of this Legislature to take that into consideration. We cannot let politics and one person's view and another person's view get in the way. We have to go with science and we have to help with what's going to help everybody, not just one party or one segment. Anyway, I really hope we can all unite. I hate this, one half sitting on this side and one half that side because we're not opposites. You know, we're not and we shouldn't be and if we don't come together - right now we're in really some serious things economically with this pandemic with businesses with inflation and now we might be at war. Come on Americans, let's get unite.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, anyone else?

Mrs. Shack: Dewittville. I agree. I think we do need to compromise and I think the compromise is freedom. I think that is the compromise and I think that if you feel comfortable wearing a mask and you're afraid of me without a mask, your mask is protecting you from me. And if it isn't, what's the point of wearing it? And if your vaccination - you want to have it, have it and it should be protecting you. I don't understand why the compromise though is removing other people's freedoms. I fully support you being vaccinated and I fully support you being masked and if bothers you that I don't have a mask cause you have one, put another one on. Then you'll have 2. The compromise should be that we have freedoms that people died for and yes we have a history. People died so we have these freedoms. No they didn't always agree. Sometimes they went to war. They fought for what they believed in but you know who didn't decide? The government. The people decided. The people layed the blood on the line.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, this is not a public debate. This is your opportunity to address the legislature.

Mrs. Shack: Yes, I am addressing the legislature.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, please direct your attention to the legislature.

Mrs. Shack: Okay, I will not turn my head. I am telling you if it scares you that I don't have a mask, your freedom is put on 2 masks. If it scares you that I'm not vaccinated, that doesn't mean you get to put aside your hippocratic oath. Our freedom and our compromise should all be the same thing. Our compromise is living together in harmony with freedom.

Chairman Chagnon: Anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor? Legislator Rankin, you can speak from there.

Legislator Rankin: Legislator from District 12. I'm concerned about the divisive of nature of a lot of this conversation. The motion didn't come to the floor but I want to say that this motion and the things we're talking about does not contradict what we did a couple months ago about supporting constitutional rights. We always have a choice. I choose to vaccinate and wear a mask for personal reasons for my family and for certain health concerns. I wear a mask out of respect for other people who are concerned. I wear a mask when I go to a business that asks me to wear a mask because that's their right as a business. The Board of Health asks that you take personal responsibility and choose wisely. Choose wisely for your health and for the people

around you. Stay educated, including the Board of Health tips and recommendations which are on their website that are on the radio on a regular basis. They're updated based on the most current information. A lot of question about science, what they know and what they don't know. They tell you the best they can at the time. This hasn't been around that long. They are doing the best they can and giving you the best recommendations that they can so I guess it's to understand – make your choices but understand the risks and benefits of your choices but don't judge each other based on your differences and choices. Try to respect why people choose the way they do. The divisive of trend is sad and worrisome to me. I support – the bottom line is I don't want to get lost in this as the Department Health and our Health Care providers. The hard work, exhaustive and relentless efforts to protect and help the residence of Chautauqua County. That's all they're trying to do is to help us, not to control us not to mandate our lives so take a moment and listen to the (*Inaudible*). No matter what you do, make wise choices and respect other people's choices, thank you.

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

Legislator Parker: I just wanted to say a few words. I am the person who sponsored the motion. This motion, "Encouraging the Best Practices to Overcome Covid19" was presented for a simple reason. The motion was a strong unequivocal statement that the Chautauqua County Legislature endorses and supports our county Health Departments everyday efforts for over 2 years and continuing to protect Chautauqua County residents from the most deadly and debilitating pandemic in more than a century. This motion simply encourages and supports the Department – the Health Departments best practices, get vaccinated, wear a mask in public indoor areas and test if concerned. I think we missed an opportunity, an opportunity for the legislature to wholeheartedly endorse the legitimacy of all the Health Departments continuing work in our community. We missed an opportunity to show support for our medical community bearing the brunt of treating the sick and dying residents. We missed the opportunity to show support for our schools, businesses and organizations that are all working to stay open and continue serving our community. We missed an opportunity to reassure our residents that they can do the right things to help the whole of our county community. And we missed an opportunity to show leadership. The kind of leadership that I believe our job requires and is expected, thank you.

Steven Abdella, County Attorney. I live in theTown of Kiantone. I just wanted on the record tonight to give recognition to Allison Carrow who's the first assistant county attorney. She's serving in her last meeting as parliamentarian of the County Legislature. Earlier this afternoon she was confirmed as the new County Attorney in Alleghany County, our sister county, 2 counties to the east. And I want to thank her for her 7 ½ years of service in the County Law Department which we very much valued and will miss her, thank you.

(*Applause*)

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, anyone else wishing to address the second privilege of the floor?

Mr. McGinnis: Just really quick Mr. Chairman I heard last month as I was watching your request to have people masked and that was going through my mind and that's why I'm here because I just wanted to respect what you had to do and yet I also respect those people who said "no I can't do this, we can't continue to be forced by our governor". That's why I so appreciate what PJ did in saying we're not going to enforce this mandate and so it is a difficult situation because like I say I do this out of respect for you and had you not said anything, this would be off.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else?

Legislator Niebel: (*Inaudible*) "Best Practices Covid" motion. There's things in this motion that I agree with and that I can support but look, in paragraph 6 where it talks about residents and 5 and older – we're encouraging those people to be vaccinated? Those residents 5 and older are children. That should be a decision between the children, their parents and their doctors. In paragraph 7 when we're talking about recommending that 2 year olds and older wear face masks? I mean, I think we've all had 2 year old children or 2 year old grandchildren and you can't even keep clothes on a 2 year old child, let alone a mask. So I mean there's things in here that I think were good but there are things in here that I just couldn't support and this is why I did not sign the motion and this is why I would not have voted for it had it come to the floor, thank you.

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

Mr. Viticus: Legislator Parker, where was the support for all the medical staff that was fired for not being vaccinated? Or where was the support for all the people trying to stand up against the lockdowns. I mean, this is an issue that's affecting all of us but I'm trying to – me and a lot of people are trying to stop us from becoming the next Australia, the next Canada, the next China. When we were watching people getting locked in their houses for disobeying health orders issued by the governments of all the nations across the world. Right now, right at the Canada border right now there's truckers not vaccinated going against the Canadian government you know, blocking traffic because they're not vaccinated and they're trying to make a point. You know, that could easily happen here so I mean yes we're going a little extreme with this but we are trying – it's an easy road (*Inaudible*). We're trying to stop us from losing all of our rights. I understand your trying to save lives but it's a slippery slope so thank you and I'm sorry but this is how it's going on right now so thank you again.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, anyone else for the second privilege of the floor?

Carol (?): I just want to point out something personal that happened to me. Obviously I'm unmasked and unvaccinated. I send my son to school and he is friends with most of the friends and they are vaccinated, he is not. Somehow as children they still love each other. They don't separate, they truly love one another and what I found most interesting recently he does extracurricular activities and somebody got Covid and out of all the people, my son, I had to go and pick up because he is unvaccinated. His friends don't understand nor does his mother. So when we write just motions or best practices, are we really considering what this is doing to our children? Maybe you're saying "well you should have gotten your kid vaccinated and he could have been in school". Yeah and then he might have gotten Covid from his – the one thing that I

think everybody can agree now at least the CDC is admitting yes you can get Covid either way so I just wish we're act like more of my son and his friends, lovingly and stop forcing things. Let people make their individual choices. Be like these children. They made their decisions with their parents, I made mine, and you know it's okay. But we just don't need stuff forced on us and that's okay too and it's not out of disrespect, it's out of my freedoms and my love of this country that again I quotes Martin Luther King because to me he really is an incredible hero. He stood up for civil liberties. Where would people be had he not disobeyed a little bit and sat in a restaurant? You know would people here be able to talk? Voting for woman if somebody didn't stand up. Would I be able to vote for any of – well my legislators not here but the point being is I'll just end it there. I wish we could be more like our children, loving, understanding, respecting each other's decisions that's all.

Chairman Chagnon: Anyone else for the second privilege of the floor?

Mr. Chairman, Ned Barone City of Jamestown. I'd like to on behalf of the Chautauqua County Public Defender's Office extend my appreciation and thanks to each and every legislator for authorizing the lease that we submitted for consideration. Again, it's only because of the support and the continued support of each and every one of you that were able to accomplish what we've accomplished so thank you very much. More importantly I'd like to just extend my appreciation on behalf of our department to Allison Carrow who's been our department attorney for several years and I'd run to Allison with concerns, gone to her complaining, I've done everything that I can do and she's always been there for us. She's been a tremendous asset, I know not just to us but to the entire Law Department in Chautauqua County and I know that she'll be missed not only by us but everyone here and I do appreciate that Mr. Abdella brought this to the attention of the legislature. Allison, we're just sorry to lose you but congratulations. A whole new futures opened for you, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, anyone else for the second privilege of the floor? Anyone else? Hearing none.

Legislator Bankoski: I'd like a motion to adjourn

Chairman Chagnon: I have a motion to adjourn and a second by legislator Harmon. All those in favor please say "aye". And we're adjourned, thank you.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Harmon and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (805: p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,

Olivia L. Lee, Clerk of the Legislature/ Kristi R. Zink, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature