

Regular Meeting
Chautauqua County Legislature
Live Streamed on Social Media
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Chagnon: Everybody got quieted down so I'll call to order the March 23, 2022 Meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature. Would the clerk please call the roll?

Deputy Clerk Zink called the roll and announced a quorum present (Absent: Pavlock)

Legislator Davis delivered the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom and duly carried the minutes were approved. (02/23/22)

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. I will note to the audience that we are going to have 2 public hearings next on the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak to those public hearings will be given an opportunity to speak to those at that time. Is there anyone to address the first privilege of the floor? Please introduce yourself.

Hi, good evening, my name is Ida Golden and I'm a Chautauqua County resident. I'm speaking on behalf of Western New York Freedom Seekers and our 400 plus members. I am here to speak on 2 resolutions on the agenda, the NACCHO Grant Funding for the Wastewater Surveillance and the Fellows Grant which allows the state to hire and manage their Department of Health employees in our County. Before I speak to those resolutions I want to thank the legislators who read my emails, returned emails and those on both sides of the aisle who took time to have a conversation with me. I appreciate you and I wanted you to know that. This is not a party line issue, this is a basic rights issue that we should all concern ourselves with. When in history has it been okay for a governor to go around the State Legislature to amend health regulations? Only in recent history, starting with Cuomo and continuing with Hochul. Because of this, we must set *(inaudible)* at our County level. Regulations are treated the same as a war with fines and penalties. *(Inaudible)* is for Legislators to write, not unelected officials. The NACCHO Grant, I am asking you to vote "no". I see that you have amended it and it does not go far enough saying they can test in one or more sites is not enough, it needs to be specific. We need restriction in place as safeguards. We not only make regulations when rights are infringed but to prevent it in the first place. We are asking for clear determination of what is allowed. It is your duty and obligation as Legislators to ensure there will be no infringement on the rights of the

citizens of Chautauqua County. Recently in the Post Journal, the Health Department stated that they do not need the money - which they would continue regardless. However, they fail to mention that the State Department of Health has a larger wastewater surveillance program. The power of the unelected health officials need to be constrained to protect our basic freedoms. The Fellows Program is presented as the *(inaudible)*. My observation in watching committee meetings is that the department heads are not forth coming and they all – with all the facts or at times do not know all the details. Resource information should be provided beforehand. A full presentation with detailed information should be presented when they come before the committee. Under no such circumstances should all Legislators consider any resolution if the department heads do not even know the full details. Our elected Legislators needs to demand the respect, the respect they deserve. Stop trusting, stop rubber stamping free COVID money because nothing is free and all have consequences. I am asking you to vote “no” on the fellows program as stated in the committee meetings as they do not have all the details. As you know, the devil is in the details. Don’t approve something without full understanding. New York State public health *(inaudible)* fellowship program hires and manages the fellows. It is not my view that the state employed board of health workers would be *(inaudible)*. I understand they will be people from our community although employed by the state. When it comes down to it though, when they are faced with enforcing mandates or losing their job, they will enforce mandates. They will become the overreaching arm of the governor. As our rights are infringed upon, we will *(inaudible)* just doing my job. An example of how good people react to the threat of job losses we’ve seen more recently when employees were forced into taking the shot or losing their jobs. I know many people who didn’t want the shot but felt they had no alternative because how would they feed their families? I am asking you for you to protect our rights. Fail state regulations, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor?

Good Evening, my name is Tom Erlandson and I live at 26 Valleyview Drive in Frewsburg, Town of Carroll. I am speaking this evening as a member of the county board of health and my comments relate to tabled resolution 67-22 before you to establish an account for funding in support of wastewater surveillance program to analyze sewage *(inaudible)* for a presence of a virus causing COVID 19. My *(inaudible)* personal background, I have a PhD in zoology and I am retired from teaching that subject at Jamestown Community College. My responsibilities there included teaching bacteriology laboratories and I am more passingly familiar with disease causing microorganisms. I have also served 3 terms as a member of this Legislature. In addition, I have significant personal history with sewage treatment. Beginning in 1960, when I worked summers for the New York State Department of Health. That was before our County Health Department was established in the mid 1960’s. I have also served as a member of the Administrative Board of the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District since 1985. With regards to the message involved in the current wastewater surveillance program, I have observed that process twice, once in November of 2020 when it was being used for dormitories at Alfred State University and also recently two weeks ago at the Jamestown Wastewater Treatment Plant. The process involves taking samples of the wastewater as it enter the plant through a very large diameter pipe. That pipe carries wastewater from the entire service area which in Jamestown’s case, includes Jamestown, Falconer and parts of Ellicott, Kiantone

and Busti. I understand that some individuals have expressed concern with this process and will violate their personal privacy. I can assure you that there is no way that this collection and analysis process can or will do that. It is not possible. The process identifies the presence of the virus, not where it comes from. In contrast, as Christine Schuyler has stated, this wastewater surveillance program is an early warning system for managing COVID 19 as we transition from a pandemic to an endemic phase. Public Health Surveillance is not new. Consider Leprosy during biblical times. The Black Death's plague in the 14th century and the flu pandemic of a century ago. We humans have been collecting, analyzing and interpreting public health data for a long time and those steps are important for successful for public health practice which involves monitoring trends and outbreaks and identifying new pathogens. Public health is extremely important and it is essential for the current and future public health of the citizens of Chautauqua County that outbreaks and identification of pathogens continues.

Chairman Chagnon: Dr. Erlandson, you have exceeded your 3 minutes, please wrap it up.

Mr. Erlandson: I will, I have 1 more sentence. I urge you to utilize the grant which you have already accepted by establishing an account for its use, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor?

Good evening, Chairman and Legislators. I'm here on behalf of the Chautauqua County Board of Health. I'm currently serving as President. My name is Lillian Ney and I live at 88 Gordon Street in Jamestown. I've never addressed the Legislature before. I have been here as a guest when Jamestown Community College was regionalized many years ago and that was my first visit and now I guess this is my second I think. I'm representing the Board of Health so I understand that I might have 5 minutes. I'm going to try to quickly say everything I need to say. I am an 8 year member of the Jamestown City Council. I was President of the Council. I know what it means to be an elected official. I know that it's important and critical to represent your constituents, those who voted for you. The other side of the coin of course is to help support and lead so I think many times they contradict each other but it's really important that we keep that in mind. I'm here to support the resolution wastewater treatment project and I want to reassure you as to the fact that this is a reasonable thing to do. As you know, the grant money has already been approved but now it's a matter of accounting pieces to that and I think as far as I understand needs your approval and I honestly want you to know that I totally understand and I think we understand as we discussed at our last meeting that public health system has been defunded gradually through the years and nationally. It has led to kind of a weakening of the response to for example, the pandemic, and I think that that has led to confusion, guidelines that are very confusing and maybe poor follow through and chaos in the whole system. I think that that lack of organization and structure because of the defunding has led many people to not trust. For example, not trusting the government and what the government does and I think that's really very much of a problem. I think that it's extremely important that we understand the implications of infectious diseases. As you know, the wastewater plant that Dr. Erlandson has talked about, that's kind of an anonymous way of understanding an early warning sign that maybe a variant of COVID or maybe the reemergence of Polio for example. That's an early warning sign that we need to perk up and pay attention to it. When I was the medical director of WCA hospital and the

Vice President of Medical Affairs, I would have loved to of had – if I was there now, an early warning system so that the staffing could get its staffing in place and so that the EMT’s would know that there might be trouble coming down the line in maybe 2, 3, 4 weeks. Many folks that are associated with the Health Care system dealing with the pandemic would have an early warning system and would be able to react appropriately. You may or may not know if you’re members of rotary that – we thought Polio was totally eradicated in the world and now there’s a resurgence in epidemic in Africa primarily emanating from (*inaudible*). So things are not stable everywhere and we need this early warning system very badly so I certainly hope that you will understand the importance of going along with continuing this particular project. The Department of Health, our board feels has done an exemplary performance during this pandemic. They’ve been collaborative and they’ve been supportive and I think they need to be thanked for their hard work and their resourcefulness and I appreciate that you’ve been listening to me and I hope you understand that this resolution is not a threat to any Chautauqua County resident. Thank you so much.

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

Hi I’m Ed Seleski(?) and I live in Panama. I didn’t plan on speaking tonight but there are a few thoughts I’d like to express. I read the rules and regulations that this new fellows program, if that gets started which I guess is part of 2 million dollars, the state can hire up to 1,000 new people through the health department and eventually this water inspection will start with the big wastewater treatment things in our county. But if you look at the fine print, with these new people being hired to help enforce from state health department back down through the Chautauqua County Health Department it gives the Health Department a lot more regulatory power and one of the things it would eventually work down to local neighborhoods. If you read the fine print if they detect water coming from your area or from your house and eventually they will have the manpower to do it, they can quarantine you – the state through the health department can quarantine you in your own house and it can enforce this through the sheriff’s department. It gives the sheriff’s department that authority to make sure that you don’t violate the quarantine. Is that how we want to live? Think about it. That’s too much authority. We have a (*inaudible*) government to begin with and now we’re going to maybe give the health department more power? That’s crazy. Just think – just consider that please, I’d appreciate it, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor? Seeing no one, Kristi, would you take us away?

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL
NO VETOES FROM 1/26/2022**

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Re: Local Law Introductory 1-22 (Observer and Post Journal)
2. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice – Re: Local Law Introductory 2-22 (Observer and Post Journal)
3. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice of Public Hearing – Re: Modifications & Consolidation of Chautauqua County’s Agricultural Districts (Observer and Post Journal)
4. Affidavit of Publication (2) – Legal Notice of Public Hearing – Re: 2022 Inclusion Requests for Chautauqua County’s Agricultural Districts (Observer and Post Journal)
5. Letter – Senator George Borrello – Ack. Receipt of Motion No. 2-22 (Opposing Senate Bill S.7855 as it Relates to the Membership of the Board of Directors Of the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation)
6. Minutes – Conewango Watershed Commission – March 9, 2022 Meeting

Deputy Clerk Zink: There are 6 Communications listed on the agenda tonight, are there any items you wish to have read aloud? Please contact our office if you would like a copy of any of these.

6:35 P.M.

Public Hearings

**REGARDING PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS 8 – YEAR REVIEW AND CONSOLIDATION**

Opened 6:52p.m.: Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. That brings us to the first public hearing. The first public hearing that I will convene now is Regarding the Proposed Modifications to Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts 8 – Year Review and Consolidation. Is there anyone wishing to address this public hearing regarding that proposed modification? Anyone wishing to address the public hearing? Seeing no one, I will close that public hearing.
Closed 6:53p.m.

REGARDING 2022 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT INCLUSIONS

Opened 6:53p.m.: I will now convene the second public hearing. This public hearing is regarding the 2022 Agricultural District Inclusions. Is there anyone wishing to address this public hearing regarding the 2022 Agricultural District Inclusions? Anyone wishing to address the public hearing? Seeing none, I will now close the second public hearing. Kristi, if you could take us forward. *Closed 6:54p.m.*

**Tabled Res 67-22 - Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services
2022 Adopted Budget for National Association of County
& City Health Officials (NACCHO) Wastewater Surveillance
Mentorship Pilot Program Funding**

Chairman Chagnon: Is there anyone wishing to make a motion to bring the tabled resolution back to the floor for discussion?

Legislator Bankoski: I would like to make a motion that we bring this resolution off the table please.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, and a second?

Legislator Harmon: I will second that.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion and a second to bring tabled resolution 67-22 to the floor for discussion. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion to bring tabled resolution 67-22 to the floor, please say “aye”, opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Chagnon: Now, discussion on tabled resolution 67-22? Any questions?

Legislator Rankin: (*Inaudible*) Dr. Erlandson and Dr. Ney have already presented to this group. As a member of the board of health I want to say how lucky I am to be part of such an experienced and talented group of people and I want to thank the board of health. We need to recognize how lucky we are to have such an esteemed and talented group of people on the board of health and in our department of health and as far as the resolution, I want to say that this program is not mandated and originally when we accepted the grant, we have looked back to say that ARPA funding was going to cover it and when the grant came in the ARPA funding was then available to move over to other of the many needs that we have within the county. So this opportunity now is this resolution is to establish the accounts to account for those grants and we are expected to fulfill the grant deliverables on this grant contract. I'm not voting “yes” just to fulfill our grant obligation although that is certainly part of it. I believe in what this grant is supporting. The wastewater surveillance program is an early warning system for managing COVID and to give a community profile, give us a heads up, not to isolate and quarantine people but to mobilize staff and resources, first responders and long term care systems. Public health surveillance has been around for a very long time and I know people are concerned about the word surveillance but it is an epidemiological, if I'm saying that right, term for public health for analyzing, predicting, monitoring and trying to pay attention to what's happening so that we know what's going on in our communities. It's not to say that wastewater surveillance is not only common but it's been used for years. This is not something new just to focus on COVID. We are adding COVID to an existing process where we've been monitoring viral infections, bacteria's and public health issues for a long time. Surveying wastewater has a great long history. A couple of examples, in the 1940's we had methods to monitor sewage for Polio and other viral pathogens then later turned to different techniques. Then in the 80's we could monitor sewage hepatitis A virus and in the 90's for more sensitive chain reaction methods and I'm sorry I'm not good at all the terminology for this but there's been a history of developing this over time. Sewage surveillance provided early warning of Hepatitis A and Norovirus outbreaks in Sweden in 2013 and it was credited that same year with (*inaudible*) of outbreak of paralytic Polio in

Israel. There are so many examples and I only bring those up as a way to say that we are not creating something new. We're folding in a technology that is going to work for us now. This is a great opportunity for us to stay on top of public health trends. The samples are collected at publicly owned central treatment plants and not in neighborhoods and not at specific houses. We're not targeting anyone in particular in its planning for the community based on results. I think this resolution deserves to pass. I'll be voting "yes" and I hope that everybody else does too, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak to the resolution?

Legislator Niebel: Mr. Chairman, as Mrs. Rankin mentioned, testing is only going to be done at the waste treatment plants. So with the resolved clause that has been added to amend the resolution, it now addresses and protects the individual privacy concerns that have been raised by members of the general public. So as this resolution is amended, I can support the resolution, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Just to clarify Legislator Niebel, the resolution has not been amended yet.

Legislator Niebel: Okay, I might have jumped the gun but that's my statement.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay. Legislator Harmon, this would be an appropriate time for you to speak.

Legislator Harmon: I would like to make a motion to amend the resolution.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a proposed amendment to the resolution that has been shared with all the Legislators and that's the motion that Legislator Harmon has just made is that we adopt proposed amendment and I have a second to that by Legislator Vanstrom and I will read the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment adds a final resolved clause to the resolution stating "Resolved, that pursuant to the Pilot Program work plan, collection of wastewater samples will be limited to the headworks of one or more publically owned treatment works in Chautauqua County, and the Pilot Program will be completed by July 31, 2022, at which time a written final report will be generated, to include a spreadsheet of all sample results and a description of collection and laboratory products." I believe that's the motion you made Legislator Harmon?

Legislator Harmon: Yes.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, is there any discussion on the motion to amend resolution 67-22?

Legislator Wilfong: Will that report be coming right the Legislator itself? When will the public get a chance to see that?

Chairman Chagnon: I don't know the answer to that. We will get the reports to the Legislators as soon as it's available to the County. I'm not sure if it'll come directly to us or not that's why I was pausing.

Legislator Wilfong: Okay that's fine.

Chairman Chagnon: Any other comments on the motion to amend? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion to amend resolution 67-22 please say "aye", opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Amend

Chairman Chagnon: Now onto discussion of the resolution as amended. Are there any further comments on the resolution as amended?

Legislator Parker: I just would like to say that I spoke with both environmental health and emailed with the department of health and human services and I am satisfied that they have a complete understanding of what exactly is involved in the surveillance and they are recommending it as a collection of aggregate information to look at trends and I just wanted to speak in support of their knowledge and their recommendation, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, are there any other questions or comments on the resolution as amended? Hearing none, Kristi if you would be so good as to call the roll please.
– R/C Vote: 16 Yes – 2 No (Legislators Davis & Scudder) - 1 Absent (Legislator Pavlock) -
ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

Legislator Bankoski: I'd like to make a motion that we block resolutions 75-22 through 83-22.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion by Legislator Bankoski to block.

Legislator Harmon: I will second.

Chairman Chagnon: Is there any discussion on the motion to block resolutions 75-22 through 83-22? Hearing none, all those in favor please say "aye", opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Block Resolutions 75-22 through 83-22.

RES. NO. 75-22 Confirm Appointment – Parks Commission, by Public Facilities Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 76-22 Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments – Airport Commission, Public Facilities Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 77-22 Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Ethics Board, by Administrative Services Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 78-22 Confirm Appointment – STOP DWI Advisory Board, by Public Safety Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 79-22 Confirm Appointment – Traffic Safety Board, by Public Safety Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 80-22 Confirm Appointment – Chautauqua County Youth Board, by Human Services Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 81-22 Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency Board, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 82-22 Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Food Policy Council, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 83-22 Confirm Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, are there any questions or comments on the blocked resolutions or any of the blocked resolutions? Hearing none, all those in favor of the blocked resolutions 75-22 through 83-22 please say “aye”, opposed?

RES. NO. 84-22 Appointing a Chautauqua County Director to the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, by Planning & Economic Development Committee

Chairman Chagnon: Any questions, comments, discussion on the resolution?

Legislator Vanstrom: Tom Harmon will be an excellent replacement for this vacancy from Chautauqua County and I'm proud he stepped up to take on this responsibility.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, well said. Any other questions or comments on the resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor please say “aye”, opposed?

RES. NO. 84-22 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 85-22 PPDS District-Wide I&I Study SEQR Determination, by Public Facilities Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 86-22 Portland Pomfret Dunkirk Sewer District I&I Study Grant, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 87-22 NCLSD District-Wide I&I Study SEQR Determination, by Public Facilities Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 88-22 North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District I&I Study Grant, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 89-22 Authorize Local Utility Work Agreements, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 90-22 Authorizing the County to Enter into an Agreement for Vending Equipment and Services, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 91-22 Amend 2021 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Office of the Sheriff, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 92-22 Authorize Agreement Renewal with WNY Public Broadcasting Association for Lease of Space on County’s Tower in the Town of Ellery, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 93-22 FY2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 94-22 Authorize Acceptance of Indigent Legal Services Grant for the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 95-22 Authorize Acceptance of Indigent Legal Services Grant for the Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 96-22 Amend 2022 Budget Appropriations to Include Office of Mental Health (OMH) Mobile Crisis Centers Grant Allocation, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 97-22 Amend Chautauqua County Health & Human Services 2022 Adopted Budget for Equipment Purchases under Drinking Water Enhancement Grant Program, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 98-22 To Accept New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Funding, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees

Chairman Chagnon: Are there any questions or comments on the resolution? I would like to take this opportunity to share some information that I have been able to gather regarding this resolution. I happen to have, living in my district, an epidemiologist who works for the City of New York, New York City, doing epidemiology teaching and work. He's done public health work all around the world. So when I became aware of this resolution, I got in touch with him and said "Can you give me some perspective on this fellowship program?" and he said "I certainly can because I am one of the developers of this program for the State of New York and I said "Isn't that interesting?" I said so "Let me get a friend of mine on the phone" so I contacted Legislator Harmon and the 2 of us talked to him for an hour and a half and he shared a wealth of information about this program. This program was established 6 months into the COVID epidemic when the State and the Counties recognized that we didn't have enough public health workers to deal with the epidemic effectively. There was a shortage of workers so the concept was how do we get more people involved in public health, trained in public health, educated in public health? So this was started as a means of encouraging people to become more educated in public health by putting them to work in fellowships working with public health departments in the counties, doing work on the ground, learning about public health. It would also then provide assistance to the public health staff in the counties. This program as it has evolved and to the point that it's come to now is that these fellows, these students if you will, will not be employed by the State of New York, they will not be employed by the Counties but they will be employed by a not for profit organization. They will work for the County Health Department entirely at the direction of the county health department, not at the direction of the State at all. So they are there to help the county health department, public health department and they are there to learn and experience the public health field first hand so that they can become better educated about the practice of public health and also to encourage those who are interested in pursuing education in public health. So it truly is a win, win program and the concerns that I have heard about these individuals working for and working at the direction of New York State are misinformed. So I wanted to share that information that we gathered and I feel that this is a great opportunity for Chautauqua County and in particular this gentlemen told me that he fought hard to make sure that the rural counties would get assistance because he said there are limited number of public health students, fellows if you will in the state and they would go to New York City in a heartbeat. But that wouldn't help the rural counties which really struggle with having sufficient public health staff to do the public health work - to be at rabies clinics or inspecting restaurants or food vendors, all the activities that public health does, these fellows can help with that and so he insisted and remember he lives in Chautauqua County. He was successful in getting a guarantee that each county would get at least one of these fellows. So he was advocating for Chautauqua County (*inaudible*) to me and he lives in my district but I learned a lot and Tom learned a lot and so I fully support this resolution. Are there any other questions or comments on the resolution?

Legislator Davis: Allegedly, I had some level of discomfort to this resolution due to my own - I'll call it my own inability to research properly into what was involved in this process. I appreciate the work that you did as well as Legislator Harmon with speaking with this individual and clarifying things so I will be supporting this, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other comments or questions? Hearing none on the resolution. All those in favor please say "aye" opposed?

RES. NO 98-22 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 99-22 Amend 2022 Occupancy Tax Budget to Implement the Soil & Water Conservation District Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees

Deputy Clerk Zink: It should be noted that this resolution had added information that was omitted in the prefile.

Legislator Vanstrom: I fully support this resolution. The Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District is a great service to our county implementing environmentally secure projects to help farmers and private land owners alike, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Any other comments or questions on the resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor please say “aye” opposed?

RES. NO. 99-22 - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 100-22 Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2022 CDBG-CV Funding, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 101-22 Authorizing the Adoption of a Fair Housing Plan in Connection with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 102-22 Accept State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of Agricultural District Review, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 103-22 Proposed Agricultural District Modifications and Consolidation Determination, by Planning & Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 104-22 Accept State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of Proposed 2022 Agricultural District Inclusions, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 105-22 2022 Agricultural District Inclusions Determination, by Planning and Economic Development Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 106-22 Designate Chautauqua County Legislature as Lead Agency Responsible for State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of State Funded Snowmobile Trails

Modifications for 2022, by Planning and Economic Development Committee -
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 107-22 Amend 2021 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Additional
Adjustments**, by Audit and Control Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**RES. NO. 108-22 Transfer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan Budgets
from 2021 to 2022**, by Audit & Control Committee - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: Okay that brings us to Announcements. Are there any Announcements from the Legislature for the good of the order? Any Announcements? Any Announcements?

Legislator Gould: At this time Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we have a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Bankoski: I will second that.

Chairman Chagnon: There's no discussion on a motion to adjourn, all those in favor please say "aye", opposed? We are adjourned.

MOVED by Legislator Gould, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (7:20 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Kristi R. Zink, Deputy Clerk

