

Chautauqua County Legislature  
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Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:30 p.m.  
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Chagnon: I will call to order the meeting of the Chautauqua County Legislature on April 24, 2024. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Clerk Lee called the roll and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Johnson)

Legislator Scudder delivered the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence in Memory of Former Legislator Frank “Jay” Gould III by Legislator Bob Scudder.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Wilfong and duly carried the minutes were approved. (03/27/2024)

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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.

Karen Engstrom, Town of Chautauqua. I'd like to commend and thank the legislature for the motion – I'm speaking to the motion opposing the Rapid Act and to the MOU on the NYSERDA proposals for solar. I'd like to thank the legislature for the motion and opposition to the governor's item in her budget which would impose eminent domain her control over our region and it would also attack our right to home rule. We see that the Rapid Act did remain in the State budget as it was passed this week but it is still important to oppose these policies because they have such a big effect on us. Other counties plan to pass a thing called a condemnatory resolution in response to her placement of the control of the siting of energy products through eminent domain and the threat to our right, our very important right to home rule. Your work to protect our beautiful corner of this world is very much appreciated and we expect that that protection will continue against great odds. So I support that motion and I'd like to address the MOU as well. On your desk is a copy of Green Madness. It is a DVD film document. It documents the destruction on waste caused by the building of 1 utility scale industrial wind factory in Chautauqua County. It's a 4 year project and it is Cassadaga Wind only. I hope you will be curious enough to look at it. It is narrated by your colleagues, your neighbors and your constituents. It's very short. The DVD is provided as a document to inform

the legislature and you are the first to see it. It has not been distributed so this will be the world premiere. The use of wind and solar and the imposition of electricity mandates is not clean, it's not green and it's not zero. The pollution is just elsewhere. (*Inaudible*) to policy is based on the false assertion that Carbon Dioxide is bad. This is not true. The world is at a CO2 low point in geologic time. Plants and all life thrive with more CO2 and that is why CO2 is pumped into green houses to enhance the growth of plants. It is clear that the battery energy storage system, BESS, which have been proposed by NYSERDA in this proposing for an MOU at Dunkirk Airport is wasteful and unsafe. BESS is wasteful and unsafe. It's been proven many times. One example is Chateaugay, New York where there is a BESS in in operation. It costs 20 million dollars and it provides 2 hours of back up. Thermal runaway BESS fires and lithium ion battery fires cause toxic plumes of sulfuric acid and hydrofluoric acid. You've probably already heard of lime and the others that have happened that have been fatal in New York City. I would like to thank you again for your effort through this motion and any future motions to guard the health, safety and welfare of our communities, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Is there anyone else wishing to address the first privilege of the floor? Seeing no one, I will close the first privilege of the floor and now, it's our pleasure that we have 2 commendations tonight so I would invite Legislator Wilfong and the County Executive to present the first commendation.

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**COMMENDATIONS:**

**ABBIE DERBY**  
**BOWLING STATE CHAMPION – JAMESTOWN**  
**BY**  
**LEGISLATOR DAVID WILFONG**  
**AND**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL, JR.**

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**MATTHEW TRIM**  
**WRESTLING STATE CHAMPION – MAPLE GROVE**  
**BY**  
**CHAIRMAN PIERRE E. CHAGNON**  
**AND**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL, JR.**

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**STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS**  
**BY**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL, JR.**  
<https://chqgov.com/county-executive/news/video-2024-state-county-address>

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Clerk Lee: There are no veto messages from County Executive Wendel from the March 24, 2024 meeting.

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WENDEL  
NO VETOES FROM 03/27/2024**

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Clerk Lee: Our office has received the 6 communication as listed on the agenda, if you would like a copy of any of these items, please let our office know.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. MINUTES – CONEWANGO WATERSHED COMMISSION – MARCH 13, 2024 MEETING
  2. LETTER – ASSEMBLYMAN ANDREW GOODELL – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MOTION 5-24
  3. LETTER – NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS 3-24, 4-24, 5-24, 6-24, 7-24, 8-24, 9-24, 10-24, 11-24, 12-24 AND 13-24
  4. LETTER – JEFF KEHOE, ASSOC. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST – AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 8 YEAR REVIEW
  5. LETTER – CATHERINE A. RYBCZNSKI, RMC TOWN CLERK – CERTIFIED COPY OF “OPPOSITION TO WINDMILLS IN LAKE ERIE”
  6. AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION (2) – LEGAL NOTICE – 2024 AG. DISTRICT INCLUSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (POST JOURNAL AND OBSERVER)
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Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to our public hearing that is scheduled this evening regarding the 2024 inclusions to the Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts. So I will open the public hearing. Is there anyone wishing to address the public hearing regarding the 2024 inclusions to the Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts?

*Opened*

*7:12 p.m.*

**PUBLIC HEARING  
2024 INCLUSIONS TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

Clerk Lee: Mr. Chairman, I have a brief narrative to read from the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

Chairman Chagnon: Please do.

*“The Chautauqua County Legislature is responsible for Chautauqua County Agricultural Districts in accordance with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the annual*

*yearly inclusion was held from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. Landowners submitted request for land to be added to the Ag. District during the month of January. The Chautauqua County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board reviewed the requests and recommended for the 7 requested parcels to be added to the existing Ag. Districts.”*

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Anyone else to address the public hearing? Seeing no one, I will close the public hearing.

*Closed*

*7:13 p.m.*

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 103-24 Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments – Parks Commission**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 104-24 Amend 2024 Budget for Buildings and Grounds**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 105-24 Amend 2024 Budget for Real Property Tax Office**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 106-24 Amend 2024 Budget for the Tyler Civil Serve License Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 107-24 Amend 2024 Budget to Accept NYSDEC Grant Funds and Designate Local Match for Bemus Creek Nonpoint Source Planning Grant**, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 108-24 Accept Grant Funding from the New York State Department of State for a Chautauqua County Countywide Resiliency Plan and Amend 2024 Budget**, by Planning and Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 109-24 Amend 2023 Budget for Year End Reconciliations – Health Insurance Fund**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- 110-24 Amend 2023 Capital Project Account (DPF Large Equipment)**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**111-24 Amend 2023 Budget due to 2023 Year End Reconciliations – Capital Projects, by Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**112-24 Close Capital Projects – 2023 Year End Reconciliation, by Audit & Control Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**113-24 Authorize Execution of NYS Office of Homeland Security Funding Grant Operation Stonegarden FY23, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**114-24 Authorize Lease Agreement between Chautauqua County and Western New York Public Broadcasting Association for Tower Space, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**115-24 South Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Lateral Restrictions for Agricultural District Properties Situated within the District Phase 2 Boundary Extension, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**116-24 Authorize MOU with NYSEERDA to Conduct a Feasibility Assessment for the Development of a Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Project At DKK, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees**

Legislator Scudder: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. While I voted in favor of this in committee, I will be changing my vote tonight against it. This is not a vote against the Dunkirk Airport, it's just a vote not in favor of the solar project, thank you.

Legislator Pavlock: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I also won't be supporting this this evening. I do want to acknowledge that I appreciate the Dunkirk Airport and staff for seeking opportunity for some financial support, I applaud that but I don't support the solar project in general. I feel that we should be, as a state, as a country seeking other alternatives that have a better long term feasibility, something that would – I think that it's a lot of money to put into a lot of different areas of our county. We're utilizing a lot of acreage. We have a facility right in Dunkirk that doesn't take that much of a foot print. I think some research and development – I think just as a clean of a producing plant could be placed back in there and produce just as much energy and I think that would be a better utilization of our funds as a country and I think that it would have a longer shelf life, if you would and less disruption to our county. We have a beautiful county and more and more power plants that are spread out across the county are cluttering it up in my opinion so I just can't support the MOU, thank you.

Legislator Wilfong: Well I'd like to speak in favor of this opportunity for solar power at the Dunkirk Airport. This is going to be an opportunity for us. We will be getting some type of revenue and it'll be great to maybe offset the operating cost of the Dunkirk Airport itself. One of the things is I can actually look around and if you travel in the country, solar farms and wind farms are popping up and I'm not a big fan of them myself but you lead, follow or get out of the

way and when you go and fly into airports, you see all kinds of solar panels there. I think it's a great opportunity for Dunkirk to move forward. I wish it was in the City of Jamestown where I represent but I think it's an opportunity we cannot afford to pass, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Any other questions or comments on the resolution?

*RES. NO. 116-24 – R/C Vote: 14 YES; 4 NO (Gustafson, Pavlock, Proctor, Scudder); 1 Absent (Johnson) – ADOPTED*

**117-24 SEQRA Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency for the North Chautauqua County Water District Phase 3**, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**118-24 Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding Third Modification to Map and Plan for Improvements in the North Chautauqua County Water District**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**119-24 Affirmation of Determinations in Relation to Reduction of Infiltration and Inflow in the Portland-Pomfret-Dunkirk Sewer District**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**120-24 Authorizing Application to the NYS Office of the State Comptroller in Relation to the Repair and Replacement of Apparatus and Equipment of the Portland Pomfret-Dunkirk Sewer District**, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**121-24 Designate Chautauqua County as Lead Agency Responsible for State Environmental Quality Review of State Funded Snowmobile Trail Updates for 2024**, by Planning and Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**122-24 Accept State Environmental Quality Review of Proposed 2024 Agricultural District Inclusions**, by Planning and Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**123-24 Determination of Chautauqua County Legislature on Proposed 2024 Agricultural District Inclusions**, by Planning and Economic Development Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

*MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Wilfong to bring Emergency Resolution 124-24 to the floor – Unanimously Carried*

Chairman Chagnon: Any discussion to on the motion to bring this resolution to the floor for discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say “aye”, opposed?

*Resolution 124-24 – Authorize Federal and State Aid Application for the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport ARFF Testing Equipment – Unanimously Carried to bring to the floor*

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, it is on the floor for discussion. Would the clerk please read the resolution name?

Clerk Lee: Authorize Federal and State Aid Application for the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport ARFF Testing Equipment.

Chairman Chagnon: I will now invite the Airport Manager to come down and explain the resolution. Shannon, please.

Shannon Fischer, Manager of Jamestown and Dunkirk Airports: Good Evening, thank you for accepting the emergency resolution. The resolution, as Olivia said, is to apply for ARFF Testing Equipment. This equipment would be added on to our current ARFF truck. The testing equipment was recommended by the FAA in order to test (*inaudible*) film forming foam (*inaudible*) in our ARFF truck right now. ARFF is our aircraft rescue and firefighting truck. I'm sure you heard a lot about PFAS as we test it right now, the older truck does not have the capability to recirculate that inside and we have to test it onto the ground. We don't want to do that it's a requirement (*inaudible*) we can't anymore so we are looking to purchase at this time, instead of the new ARFF truck which we have already been approved to apply for in February this year, we went to apply for it in March and then they asked us just recently if we would apply now for this testing equipment instead of spending the \$800,000 of federal funding, it would be \$43,000 (*inaudible*) local share they're asking us to do this testing equipment which is now \$1,400 local share in 2024, so reducing it around \$40,000 and that was the quick turnaround getting this in today, we have until the end of the month to sign it and get it applied for so this isn't the acceptance they have asked us to just replace what we had already applied for. Does anybody have any questions?

Legislator Wilfong: I just wanted to chime in and one of the things is the FAA does this to us all the time. They actually came to Shannon and they told Shannon that we're going to do this for you but it has to be approved by April 30<sup>th</sup>. That's why it's an emergency resolution at this time. We had to have the O.K. before our next meeting, thank you.

Legislator Parker: My understanding, and it's really so significantly less expensive right?

Shannon Fischer, Manager of Jamestown and Dunkirk Airports: Yes. So the truck replacement was \$860,000 with a \$43,000 local share. This testing equipment which would now be added onto our current truck and the reason we wanted to replace it was because it's a 2006, (*inaudible*) but it's still in great shape and usable so this equipment would be \$28,000 with a local share of \$1,400 in this year.

Chairman Chagnon: Any other questions or comments on the proposed resolution? Thank you, Shannon, all those in favor please say “aye”, opposed? We have 1 nay.

*Emergency Resolution 124-24 - Authorize Federal and State Aid Application for the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport ARFF Testing Equipment*

*Carried with Legislator Scudder voting “No”*

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**MOTIONS:**

**A. OPPOSING PART O OF THE GOVERNOR’S 2024 ARTICLE VII  
REVENUE BILL REGARDING THE SITING OF MAJOR ELECTRIC  
TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “RAPID” ACT**

Clerk Lee: Motion “A” on the agenda, “Opposing Part O of the Governor’s 2024 Article VII Revenue Bill Regarding the Siting of Major Electric Transmission Facilities, also known as the “Rapid” Act” has received the required amount of signatures to be brought to the floor.

Legislator Proctor: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to make a motion to withdraw this motion for consideration. The budget law has been passed by the New York State Legislature and along with it, the inclusion of a revised Part O, also known as the “Rapid” Act”. With this passage, the language in this motion is obsolete. I do intend to rewrite the motion reflecting on revisions made and reintroduce this motion next month because I very much oppose this legislation. This legislation will undermine the protection of natural resources by extinguishing the conservation easements imposed deadlines to rush to decision and undermine home rule and municipal law. I believe literally, New York will have a cold and dark future if this state continues down the path of which the “Rapid” Act” is just 1 part of, thank you.

*MOVED by Legislator Proctor, SECONDED by Legislator Gustafson to withdraw Motion A. – Unanimously Carried to Withdraw*

**B. PROCLAIMING MAY 14, 2024 APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY IN CHAUTAUQUA  
COUNTY**

Clerk Lee: Motion “B” on the agenda, “Proclaiming May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Apraxia Awareness Day in Chautauqua County” has received the required amount of signatures to be brought to the floor.

Legislator Proctor: Mr. Chairman, I brought this motion forward because I was unaware what Apraxia was. So I hope this will make more people here and in the county aware of this disease that afflicts children, thank you.



*Motion “B” Proclaiming May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Apraxia Awareness Day in Chautauqua County – Unanimously Adopted*

**C. CALLING ON ELECTED OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK STATE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL JOURNALISM SUSTAINABILITY ACT**

Clerk Lee: Motion “C” on the agenda, “Calling on Elected Officials in New York State to Support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act” has received the required amount of signatures to be brought to the floor.

Legislator Niebel: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to amend this motion by substitution. The substituted versions are on our desks.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay and could please briefly explain the changes?

Legislator Niebel: Yeah, actually the journalism sustainability act has been passed by both the Senate and the Assembly. It is in the 2024/2025 budget which was recently signed by the Governor so at the time that I wrote the motion, it hadn’t been passed by either the Senate or the Assembly and it certainly hadn’t been signed by the Governor. Basically now this just puts the legislature on record in support of the journalism sustainability act and copies will be sent to the governor’s office.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, good explanation. So we have a motion to revise the motion to the copy that is laid on the desks so to revise it by substitution.

*MOVED by Legislator Niebel, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom to amend Motion “C” by substitution*

Chairman Chagnon: Any discussion on the motion to accept the replacement by substitution of Motion “C”?

Legislator Parker: I wanted to say that I appreciate Legislator Niebel’s efforts to support the local journalism sustainability act but I wanted to read something out of the paper today.

Chairman Chagnon: Excuse me, does this relate to the change?

Legislator Parker: Oh, is this just the change?

Chairman Chagnon: It’s just to the change.

Legislator Parker: Okay, then I will save my comments, thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. I look forward to your comments but this is just a discussion to accept the changes by substitution. Any other comments or questions on the motion to accept the changes by substitution?

*Motion to Amend Motion "C" by substitution – Unanimously Adopted*

Chairman Chagnon: The revised version that was laid on the desks, the substitution is now on the floor for discussion.

Legislator Parker: Thank you, I appreciate that, Chairman and I appreciate Legislator Niebel's efforts to support the local journalism sustainability act which as he said, has been passed by the full legislature at the New York State level and also signed by the Governor. I wanted to read something from one of our local newspapers which apparently will benefit from that and there's a quote from Zachary Richner, founder of the Empire State Local News Coalition and as he says "New York State is the first state to have such a sustainability act and he says this program is a model for other states across the US to follow as communities across the country raise their voices to save local news. We're incredibly proud of the 200 newspapers coalition which builds an unprecedented grass roots movement in support of saving New York's local news industry in a few short months. We're especially grateful to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal whose tireless advocacy for this tax credit was instrumental in moving it through the legislative process. The coalition thanks Governor Hochul, majority leader Stewart-Cousins, speaker Heastie, assembly sponsor Carrie Woerner and the entire legislature for supporting this industry saving policy and we look forward to continuing our advocacy for local news in the years to come. Richner continued other states and stakeholders (*inaudible*) in replicating this playbook and hearing and it goes onto state where you can contact. While I think this is a really excellent bill, local journalism sustainability act, I think that we don't need to send any correspondence supporting this and I will not be voting for that, thank you.

Legislator Wilfong: I know you've heard me many times complain about the editorials that I see in the Post Journal but I think this is very, very important. This is about some of our constitutional rights when it comes to the power of the freedom of speech and there's getting to be less and less papers and news media and I think that's the problem when it comes to what I would call the fake news, that type of thing. I think this type of – we need to support the sustainability act and I want to make sure that the Post Journal knows that I am 100% behind it even though I'm very critical of them but I want them to know that I do support them for what they do, thank you.

Legislator Parker: I just wanted to reiterate about what I said about fully supporting this. I just – we've had many discussions about motions and the real true meaning of them. I am fully supported of this local journalism sustainability act and of our local newspapers and the 200 newspapers across New York, but I don't see a reason for spending the time and money to create a motion that in fact, serves no purpose. Thank you.

Legislator Larson: Over the decades, motions in the county legislature have been a real bugaboo. They tend to result in more discussion than for example, an \$8,000,000 bond issue for a county sewer district. That usually will have no discussion (*inaudible*). So many motions just invite dissention, discussion of whether it's a waste of time. Does the county legislature have any special expertise in what we're being asked to send off to somebody but I don't remember in all my years involved with county government, we ever had a motion saying "well we were going to urge you to pass this law, but now that you've passed it, we just want you to know we're glad you passed it." It's a waste of correspondence by our Clerk, it's a waste of responding time in correspondence from the governor's office acknowledging our motion. What if we voted against the sustainability act and sent that motion off to Albany? It means nothing. It's just a nullity, it means absolutely nothing. What we've asked for, we already have. It would be like writing a motion to Washington that we just want them to know we support the social security act of 1937. We're in favor of social security. It's a waste of time and motions sometimes are and have been decades. I appreciate that the rules of the legislature at least now require 10 people to bring it to the floor and 13 of the 19, I believe to pass the motion. That's an improvement over some decades ago and I congratulate whoever worked on those rules. Obviously well not obviously, since people want to be on the record, this is an historic break for the free press and New York States the first state to do it. I support it but I don't believe in wasting the clerks time or the governor's office time on something that already exists. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Legislator Niebel: Mr. Chairman, I believe there are some efforts in the house to have some sort of corresponding legislation nationally pertaining to the journalism sustainability act so I think what we do here this evening, I think it could lend support to legislation that might be coming nationally so I will not withdraw the motion, I think we should act on it and vote whichever way we want to on this motion.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Any other questions, comments or discussion on Motion C? Hearing none, would the clerk please call the roll?

*Motion "C" – R/C Vote: 15 YES; 3 NO (Bankoski, Larson, Parker); 1 Absent (Johnson) – ADOPTED*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to announcements on our agenda. Are there any announcements other than having to do with the events on April 8<sup>th</sup> that any legislator would like to bring to our attention tonight?

Legislator Wilfong: Yeah, I'd like to – please come and join us at the (*inaudible*) Chambers State Legislative breakfast on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Chautauqua Suites. 215 W. Lake Road Mayville. Advanced registration is required by May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to once again host, State Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Goodell for this interactive event. Come prepared with your questions for our

State Legislators. It's a great opportunity to interact with them and other local business people. Check in will be at 8:00 a.m. with a buffet breakfast. The program starts at 8:30. The price is \$25 for chamber members and \$29 for nonmembers, thank you.

Legislator Bankoski: On behalf of myself and Legislator Buchanan, we'd like to invite everybody to the Dunkirk City Pier on May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the City of Dunkirk for the first Walleye Festival which will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are going to have live music on Saturday from 7-10 p.m. There is going to be food trucks and fishing gear vendors will be on site both Friday and Saturday and then Sunday there is a real nice little caveat here. They're going to have a kids fishing clinic and tournament which will take place on Sunday morning at 10a.m.

Legislator Heiser: Yes, just inviting everybody out in that same vein to the Clymer Tulip Festival. The 2024 Clymer Tulip Festival will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Great food, music and Dutch dancing, jump houses, clowns, tractors, firetrucks and more. So please avail yourself to that if desired, thank you.

Legislator Landy: Thank you, Chairman. The Jamestown Airport has gifted all the Legislators a t-shirt from the eclipse, so if you haven't picked it up, they are in the clerk's office.

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### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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.

Legislator Wilfong: A couple months ago I spoke about my disappointment in the information in articles printed by the Post-Journal. I want to make sure that my statements were only speaking about the editorial comments in the Post-Journal and I'd like to apologize to any current or past reporter that I may have offended that have worked for the Post-Journal. I have always been treated fairly by these reporters and would like to thank them for what they do. Thank you very much.

Legislator Larson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Speaking of newspapers, someone pointed out to me there's a big story on a new rescue boat and the person who commented said that they had read through the story rather carefully and nowhere in there did it say how much it cost and where the money came from. So maybe at our next month's meeting, somebody can fill us in on the cost of the boat, if it came from President Biden's ARPA money or State Grant or local foundations or whatever, I think the people – it sounded like a great thing but, people ought to have a right to know how much did it cost and where the money came from.

Chairman Chagnon: It's a good suggestion and hopefully the public safety committee next month could receive that information. Hopefully the chairman will support that.

Karen Engstrom, Town of Chautauqua. Just one more thing, perhaps you are aware of it, if you're not I would like to know why there are wind turbine components passing on our county roads. They are apparently coming from China through the Niagara area, offloading, coming down 219, going west on I86, and then encountering the construction of Bemus Point bridge, taking that as a detour, going west on 430 through Hartfield and Dewittville and Mayville and then turning east again on 394. They are convoys of 8 vehicles, front and back state police and so far it's been Nasals, those are the large units that go on the top of the columns of wind turbines that weigh 300 tons. Does anyone know that these are passing on our county roads? I've asked the State Police to respond, I've asked the DOT to respond. I've questioned the Mayville Town and have gotten no answers. We should be informed. We are bicycle people. Everyday bicycling on 394 and 430. We are Amish, we use buggies, and we are Chautauqua Institution pedestrians. We need to be warned when extremely large convoys of this nature are coming. We don't know where they are going. They go back on 86. I've witnessed them going west on 86 from 394. Don't know if they're going to Pennsylvania or Ohio, Illinois, Texas? Who knows where they are going. They came from china and they are passing through our county roads. Sure would like you to know about it so that's why I'm telling you, thank you.

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

*Unanimously Carried (7:49 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Lee, Clerk of the Legislature & Kristi Zink, Deputy Clerk