

Shared Services Property Tax Savings Panel Meeting

Attendees

David Scott, Town of Montour Supervisor
John VanSoest, Town of Catharine Supervisor
Ken Thurston, Schuyler County Highway Supt.
Brandon Theetge, Town of Cayuta Supervisor
James Howell, County Legislator
Don Desrochers, Town of Tyrone Supervisor
Alvin White, Town of Hector Supervisor
Dale Walters, Village of Burdett Mayor
Keith T. Pierce, Village of Odessa Mayor
Minard Lafever, Town of Orange
Harold Russell, Town of Dix Supervisor
Dennis Fagan, Schuyler County Chairman
Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislator
Tim O'Hearn, Schuyler County Administrator
Peggy Tomassi, Schuyler County Administrators Office

Meeting was held in the Human Services Complex, Montour Falls and began at 7:01pm.

Points of Conversation (general discussion unless otherwise noted)

Tim O'Hearn stated that tonight's meeting is to narrow down which potential sharing of services discussed at the meeting on May 17th that the Towns & Villages support. A listing of topic areas discussed at the last meeting were presented and discussed individually. The list for research & further discussion is as follows:

- Highway Administration
- Tax Collection-Consolidation and /or Privatization **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Will use the practice established by school districts (utilizing private financial institutions) as the model for research.**
 - Centralized Code Enforcement **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Suggestion by Supervisor Russell to create three distinct areas; residential, commercial, and property maintenance.**
- County Role in Tax Foreclosure-Extended to Villages
- Health Insurance Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Tompkins County a potential partner; if not will need changes in state insurance law and or federal insurance regulations that currently limit coverage to employer plans of 50 or greater.**
- Property & Liability Insurance Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. NYMIR to be further explored.**
- Workers Compensation Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact**
- Legal Services—County to Provide to Municipalities **—(Possibly in large certiorari cases)**
- Consolidated Courts **Explore both concepts of a district court as well as combining local courts. Financial impact dependent on level of commitment from municipalities**
- ~~Combined Custodial and Buildings & Grounds Department~~
- Shared PH Emergency Planner (Schuyler, Yates)
- County Wide Enhanced Recycling/Composting/Curbside Pickup
- Libraries
- ~~Franchise Agreements (Administration/Negotiation)~~

- ~~Public Transit Expansion~~
- ~~Sharing / Consolidation of Municipal Facilities~~ - **Possibly courts**
- Joint Purchasing **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact**
- ~~Fire Departments: Administration/Equipment/Consolidation~~ **Procurement Will research as part of purchasing analysis**
- County Wide Law Enforcement Agency / Police Consolidation **Need input from Village WG**
- Planning-Economic Development/Grant Writing **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact**
- GIS
- ~~Human Resources & Payroll~~
- ~~Central Business Office~~
- ~~Financial Audits & AUD — Accounting Support~~
- Centralization of Issuance of Licenses – Dog, Birth, Death, Hunting
- Consolidated / Central Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Day)
- Web Hosting
- Shared Water Operator
- Municipal Consolidations

The items above will be researched to determine if any savings can be recognized and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Next

The Shared Services Panel will meet Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00pm in conference room #120 of the Human Services Complex, Montour Falls.

Notes taken by Peggy Tomassi