

**SCHUYLER COUNTY
SHARED SERVICE INITIATIVE
PUBLIC INFO / INPUT SESSION**



AGENDA

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COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE

UNDER THIS INITIATIVE, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EACH COUNTY (OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY) WILL:

Establish a Shared Services Panel that will include the mayor of each city or village and the supervisor of each town. In addition, a representative of a school district, board of cooperative education services, and/or special improvement district may be invited to participate.

Develop a County-wide Shared Service Property Tax Savings Plan to identify, propose and implement new actions to save taxpayers money through shared, coordinated and more efficient services between local governments within the county.

Save taxpayer dollars, engage the public and have the opportunity for State match funding. Plans that create actual and demonstrable savings across multiple jurisdictions may be eligible for a one-time match of the net savings resulting from new actions implemented pursuant to the Plan.

PLAN CONTENTS

Plan should include shared and coordinated actions that can be implemented during the subsequent calendar year.

Proposed actions must be among the county, cities, towns and villages within the county, as well as any participating school districts or special improvement districts.

The Plan must contain new recurring property tax savings to be achieved through actions such as the elimination of duplicative services, shared services, the reduction of back-office administrative overhead, and the improved coordination of services.



PLAN DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Starting Immediately:

The CEO shall serve as chair of the Panel. In addition to the CEO, the Panel must consist of the mayor of every city or village within the county, and the supervisor of every town within the county.

No Later Than August 1, 2017

The CEO shall regularly consult with, and take recommendations from all the representatives of the shared services Panel as well as the representative of each collective bargaining unit of the county and the cities, towns, and villages and other optional invited panel members

CEO shall submit the plan to the county legislative body. The plan must be accompanied by a certification as to the accuracy of the property tax savings. The following certification may be used: "By my signature below, I hereby certify that the savings identified and contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief". Thereafter, the county legislative body shall review the Plan, and may, by a majority of its members, issue an advisory report with recommendations to the CEO.

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Upon receipt of an advisory report from the county legislative body, the CEO may modify the Plan. If modified, the CEO shall produce an updated certification as to the accuracy of the property tax savings.

The CEO, the county legislative body, and the Panel shall accept input and testimony on the Plan from the: public, civic, business, labor, and community leaders. To facilitate such input, a minimum of three public hearings shall be held within the county. All such public hearings shall be conducted prior to the submission of the county-wide shared services property tax savings plan to a vote of the shared services Panel. Public notice of all such hearings shall be provided at least one week prior in the manner prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the Public Officers Law. This process should begin as early as possible, as at least three public hearings must be conducted prior to the Panel vote.

Panel shall vote on the Plan submitted by CEO.

A majority vote of the Panel is required for approval of the Plan. Each Panel Member must state in writing the reason for his or her vote. However, prior to the vote each member of the Panel may remove any proposed action that affects their local government. Written notice of the removal will be provided to the CEO prior to the Panel-wide vote.



If the Plan is Approved:

The CEO shall finalize the Plan.

The CEO shall submit to the Director of the Division of the Budget a certification of the Plan and its property tax savings plan.

The CEO shall disseminate the Plan to residents of the county in a concise, clear, and coherent manner using words with common and everyday meanings.

If the Plan Fails or is not Voted on:

The CEO shall release, to the public, a report on the proposal, including the vote of the Panel, the vote of each Panel Member and the reasons for their vote. The CEO shall then follow the same procedures defined in this section to attempt to produce an approved county-wide shared services property tax savings plan by the deadlines required for 2018 (which are the same dates as in 2017)



NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2017

The CEO shall conduct a public presentation of the Plan, if it was approved. Public notice of such public presentation shall be provided at least one week prior in the manner prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the Public Officers Law.



PURPOSE

Plans that create actual and demonstrable property tax savings may be eligible for a one-time match of the net savings resulting from new actions implemented pursuant to the Plan.

(The Panel must decide how to divvy that up among the Plan participants and submit the methodology with the Plan.)



SHARED SERVICES CURRENTLY OCCURRING BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES (NOT COUNTY)

Highway equipment & manpower (cost avoidance)

- Towns of Reading & Starkey(Yates County) sharing Code Enforcement Officer
 - Town of Montour & Village of Montour Falls sharing Court
 - Villages of Watkins Glen & Montour Falls Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant also includes Towns of Dix and Reading. Includes a study of regional governance as well. Construction to be completed in 2019.
 - Town of Catharine & Village of Odessa and the Town of Reading & Village of Watkins Glen share mowing services & maintenance.
 - Village of Watkins Glen supplies water to Towns of Reading & Dix
 - Town of Montour, Villages of Montour Falls & Burdett, and Schuyler County – MEGA participation
 - Town of Hector provides water to Village of Burdett
 - Landfill Commission (oversight of closed landfill - 6 towns)
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SHARED SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING DONE BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES (INCLUDING COUNTY)

- Consolidated Weights and Measures Department (Schuyler, Chemung, Yates)
 - Shared Records Management Facility (County, WG Schools, Village of WG, Town of Hector)
 - County Assisted Assessing
 - Shared Legal Counsel for Certiorari Defense (large challenges)
 - Shared Fuel Facility (County, Towns, Villages, NFP's)
 - School Resource Officer (Village of WG/WGCSD)
 - County Information Technology Department outsourced to BOCES
 - IT Services IMA between County and Town of Tyrone
 - Shared Public Works Facility (County, School, Village WG)
 - 911 Dispatch between Schuyler County & Village of Watkins Glen includes Records/Administration
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- Consolidated Transportation Department - Watkins Glen & Odessa-Montour School District
 - Watkins Glen & Odessa-Montour Athletics merged sports teams
 - Economic Development – SCOPED (public / private partnership)
 - Schuyler/Chemung Health Insurance Consortium
 - Combined Staff Development Position DSS (Schuyler/Steuben)
 - Shared Assistant District Attorney (Schuyler/Steuben)
 - Central Garage – Vehicle Maintenance & Repair County/Towns/Villages
 - STN Dark Fiber Open Access Network (Schuyler, Yates, Chemung, Steuben, Broome, Tioga, Tompkins)
 - STC Regional Planning (Schuyler, Steuben, Chemung)
 - Court Security (County, Hector, Reading)
 - Code Enforcement (Schuyler, Yates)
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- **Mental Health Clinical Services (Schuyler, Yates)**
 - **WGI – IMA for law enforcement coverage w/ 9 counties**
 - **Dog Control (County provides for Towns)**
 - **Summer Youth Recreation Program**
 - **PH Shared STD Clinic (Schuyler/Chemung)**
 - **Radio Consortium (Interoperability) 9 County**
 - **HazMat Response Team (Schuyler, Chemung, Steuben, Tioga)**
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PROPOSED SHARED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Highway Administration
 - Tax Collection-Consolidation and /or Privatization
 - County Role in Tax Foreclosure Extended to Villages
 - Health Insurance Consortium
 - Property & Liability Insurance Consortium
 - Workers Compensation Consortium
 - Legal Services – County to Provide to Municipalities
 - Centralized Code Enforcement
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- **Consolidated Courts**
 - **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**
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- **Joint Purchasing**
 - **Fire Departments:
Administration/Equipment/Consolidation/Procurement**
 - **County Wide Law Enforcement Agency / Police
Consolidation (Introduced after mtg by Mayor of WG)**
 - **Planning-Economic Development/Grant Writing**
 - **GIS**
 - **Human Resources & Payroll**
 - **Central Business Office**
 - **Financial Audits & AUD – Accounting Support**
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WHAT ELSE?

Public Input

