



LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING NOTICE

Livingston County Government Center, Geneseo, New York 14454 585.243.7030

COMMITTEE: WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2016

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

Committee Members

- D. Pangrazio, Chairman
- D. Mahus, Vice Chairman
- D. Fanaro
- D. Knapp
- W. Wadsworth
- E. Gott
- D. LeFeber

1:30 PERSONNEL ISSUES – TISH LYNN

CENTRAL SERVICES – BILL CAVALIER

AMENDING THE 2017 HOURLY EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE: CENTRAL SERVICES

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Hourly Employee Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Central Services:

- Create one full-time Building Maintenance Mechanic position name.
- Delete one full-time Carpenter position effective _____.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

AMENDING THE 2017 HOURLY EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Hourly Employee Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Department of Health

- Create one full-time Medical Typist position.

1:35 REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – BILL FULLER

CORRECTING TAX ROLL-TOWN OF OSSIAN

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has transmitted a written report of his investigation and recommendation with regard to one (1 parcel) application for correction of the tax roll, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, as prepared for the Town of Ossian on the tax roll for the years hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, said parcel was incorrectly assessed and/or taxed for reasons set forth in the application for correction requested from the Director of Real Property Tax Services attached hereto, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the officer(s) having jurisdiction of the tax roll so that the roll can be corrected; and a notice of approval to the applicant(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and/or Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the tax roll correction and forward the corrected tax bill. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue refunds and/or make the appropriate chargebacks as hereinafter set forth for the application(s).

Year, Municipality	Owner(s)	Taxing Jurisdiction	Original Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund to Owner	Chargebacks to Taxing Jurisdictions
1. 2017 Ossian	Knapp, Dwight	Livingston County	\$885.79	\$214.94	\$0.00	\$670.85
	Knapp, Deanne	Ossian Town Tax	\$963.39	\$233.77	\$0.00	\$729.62
	Tax Map Number	Ossian Fire	\$45.64	\$11.07	\$0.00	\$34.57
	221.-1-32	Total	<u>\$1,894.82</u>	<u>\$459.78</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,435.04</u>

Informational Item(s) Written Only

cc: BOS, Administration, Amy Mann, Jason Parker, Tish Lynn, Bill Fuller, Heather Grant



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1. The Tentative Village Assessment Rolls have been picked up by the Assessors; the rolls should be delivered to the Villages by February 1st.
2. I completed training on the Valuation of Real Property this past month in Syracuse.
3. The Assessors have sent out data mailers and questionnaires to owners of commercial properties in the County for the upcoming 2018 revaluation project.

1:40 OTHER – DAN PANGRAZIO (1 Attachment)

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Discussion regarding OpEd - Proposed Property Tax Cut Plan

1:50 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #2A – FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

2. **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested transfers per the Budget Transfer Request Forms on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

3. **AMENDING 2017 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET - HIGHWAY**

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Highway budget be amended as follows:

Account	Dept.	Code	Description	Amount
Increase Revenue	DM5130	2770	Other Unclassified	\$250,000.00
			Total	\$250,000.00
Increase Appropriation	DM5130	4124	Gasoline	\$200,000.00
		4125	Diesel	\$50,000.00
			Total	\$250,000.00

4. **DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – PROBATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston owns surplus personal property that is no longer necessary for public use, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the following item(s) as surplus property to be disposed of as determined by the County Administrator:

Probation Department

Quantity	Item Description (Year, Make & Model)	Mileage	VIN #
1	2007 Ford Taurus – Gold	61,959	1FAFP53U67A185540

5. **APPROVING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the 2017 Legislative Agenda, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. NYSAC Legislative Conference/NYS Budget Update
2. ILSF and Public Defense Legislation

2:15 ADJOURNMENT



Tompkins County Department of Administration

125 East Court Street

Ithaca, NY 14850

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Joe Mareane

"Promoting excellence in County operations while respecting the needs of the people we serve."

January 27, 2017

To the Editor:

As a part of the proposed 2017 Executive Budget, the State has proposed yet another other plan to cut local property taxes. This time, counties would be required to submit a plan to the voters next fall that would save money through inter-municipal consolidations and shared services. Failure to arrive at a plan means the loss of State aid.

Not only is the proposal rushed and heavy-handed (a plan can move to the November ballot without approval by either the county legislature or other impacted municipal governments), it is built on the premise that local property taxes are high because local governments are wasteful, duplicative, and inefficient. That premise is simply not true.

The reason for high local property taxes in New York State is New York State.

Every village, town, city, county, and school district—all of which pay their bills largely with money raised through the property tax—labors under the burden of dictates from Albany that regulate every aspect of their operations. These State mandates add greatly to the costs of local governments and schools, and take money away that is better spent on core needs.

Counties carry an especially heavy financial burden. They are required to help the State pay its bills for a broad spectrum of programs ranging from temporary assistance, to indigent defense, to PreK special education. Forty-four cents of every dollar you pay in County taxes pays for these mandated services. One—Medicaid--looms the largest.

We are fortunate to live in a state that recognizes that Medicaid is an essential part of our social safety net, providing health care to those otherwise unable to afford it. We support the State in that commitment.

However, New York State shifts much more of its Medicaid costs to counties than any state in the nation. The counties' role in Medicaid has nothing to do with the program itself. It's simply a money thing. We receive a weekly invoice from Albany, pay it, and then levy the property taxes needed to pay the bill. In Tompkins County, the annual bill is a staggering \$11.6 million.

If Albany were truly serious about property tax relief, it would follow the lead of virtually every other State and end the practice of shifting Medicaid costs to counties. That single act would cut Tompkins County's tax levy by 24% and save the average homeowner about \$280.

It can't be said loudly enough or often enough: ***Medicaid is not a local government program.*** It is a partnership between states and the federal government. Counties in New York State contribute to the cost of Medicaid only because years ago the State didn't want to be saddled with these costs, so it pushed them down to the little guys. That is why counties are outraged when the state boasts of its own cost controls, and attacks local governments for their spending.

Certainly, we in local government have an obligation to keep our budgets in check. Tompkins County has reduced its workforce by 6%; pioneered a hugely successful health benefits consortium that now spans three counties and is saving taxpayers millions each year; consolidated emergency communications and tax assessment; and is now involved in a study of law enforcement shared services. Our spending rose by less than 1% in 2017. So it can't be said that we're not willing or able to be innovative and frugal.

Now it's time for the State to step up.

If the State wants to put ideas to cut property taxes on the ballot, then let's not nibble around the edges. Let's instead have a vote on a State Medicaid takeover that would permanently cut County real property taxes by nearly 25%, and shift cost support for Medicaid from a regressive, exemption-riddled local property tax base to a progressive, broad-based State tax base. It would be much fairer to all.

When the Governor says property taxes are too high, he's right. But the answer isn't further cuts to local services. Instead, let's cut property taxes by ending the State's ability to hide its costs in local budgets and by beginning to hold Albany accountable for the real costs of its own programs.

Joe Mareane
Tompkins County Administrator