

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MEETING: STATE MANDATED SHARED SERVICES PANEL**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

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**PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

RONALD CONOVER  
EDNA FRASIER  
MATTHEW SIMPSON  
ANDREA HOGAN  
EUGENE MERLINO  
JOHN STROUGH  
FRANK THOMAS  
CYNTHIA HYDE  
KEVIN GERAGHTY  
ROBERT BLAIS  
DANIEL HALL

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

BRAD MAGOWAN, AT LARGE SUPERVISOR, TOWN OF  
QUEENSBURY  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
SUSAN SAVAGE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE  
JACK MCPHILLIPS  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE  
SPECIALIST

**PANEL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

CRAIG LEGGETT  
DENNIS DICKINSON

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 13, 2018 Meeting of the State Mandated Shared Services Panel; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2018/shared/>*

Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Roll called, the following members present: Supervisors Conover, Frasier, Simpson, Hogan, Merlino, Strough, Thomas, Hyde, Geraghty, Mayors Hall and Blais; absent: Supervisors Leggett and Dickinson.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Panel meeting.

Commencing the Agenda review, Mr. Moore presented a Power Point presentation entitled “*Warren County Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan*” which he reviewed in detail. *A copy of the Power Point presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Merlino entered the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Mr. Moore explained that shared services took place at the County and with surrounding Counties.

Following the Power Point presentation, Mr. Moore asked if there were any questions, as there were none, he thanked Susan Savage, *New York State Department of State*, for attending the meeting and providing assistance throughout the process.

Mr. Moore explained if there was a vote of no, it would have to be accompanied by written justification, adding for all yes votes to include a verbal synopsis of the reason they voted in the positive . He commenced with a roll call vote.

Starting with Mayer Hall who voted in the positive, and commented it was exciting anytime money could be saved, reporting there was a collaboration with the villages, towns and the city working together, and he included it saved the taxpayers money.

Chairman Conover voted yes, and thanked Mr. Moore for the work he had done on the Shared Services Plan.

Mr. Moore indicated Supervisor Leggett was excused.

Supervisor Frasier voted yes, and said working together and making savings was wonderful.

Supervisor Simpson voted in the positive, apprising it would support delivering the services they were required more efficiently and save everyone money, he concluded with congratulations.

Supervisor Hogan voted in the positive, echoing the words of Mr. Conover and she remarked for the Town of Johnsbury the lighting would provide promising savings. She mentioned there were services included that were difficult to maintain.

Mr. Moore indicated Supervisor Dickinson was excused.

Mr. Merlino voted yes and thanked everyone for a great job that would help the small Towns. He added Lake Luzerne had shared services with the Town of Corinth and Hadley. He advised the Town of Corinth provided a mile and a half of paving at no charge, adding they had to provide the material.

Supervisor Strough indicated anytime there was cooperation and shared serviced between municipalities was a good thing. He apprised saving taxpayers money was a significant benefit as well and he voted in the positive.

Supervisor Thomas voted yes and commented that Mr. Moore had done an excellent job. He voiced that anytime the cost of Government was reduced it was a good thing that made him happy.

Supervisor Hyde voted in the positive indicating she was always happy to work together and she was interested in saving money.

Supervisor Geraghty voted yes and apprised Mr. Moore of the job he did. He advised his Town was excited about the Smart Street Lighting NY Initiative that had the potential to save them up to 50% on street lights going forward. He commented that the shared service items presented by the County were good items that were achievable and continued the heritage of working together as a County.

Mr. Moore thanked Supervisor Geraghty for starting the panel before his arrival in April.

Mayor Blais voted positively and thanked the County Supervisors for all the great work they provided. He indicated overlapping services was a problem for the County and across the State for many years, adding it was a great first step toward sharing services within all the municipalities.

Mr. Moore apprised the Shared Services Plan was adopted.

Concluding, Mr. Moore opened privilege of the floor. Supervisor Geraghty inquired if he could receive a copy of

the Power Point presentation and Mr. Moore replied he would send it to the everyone on the Board along with the submission to the State.

Mr. Moore thanked the Panel and explained there was a lot of interaction and a lot of work form everyone in the room. He expressed he was happy with the results, mentioning it was time consuming when there were other priorities and he thanked them all again.

Mr. Moore closed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist