

County-Wide Shared Services Initiative
Legislature Chambers 121 E. Court St. Ithaca
April 25th, 2019 5:00 PM
Meeting Summary

Attendance:

Required Panel- Don Scheffler, Supervisor, Groton; Elizabeth Thomas, Supervisor, Ulysses; Michael Murphy, Mayor, Dryden; Linda Woodard, Mayor, Cayuga Heights; Bill Goodman, Supervisor, Ithaca; Mark Witmer, Supervisor, Caroline

Optional Panel- Fernando de Aragón, Director, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council; Annette Birdsall, Director, Tompkins County Public Library; Sarah Glogowski, Executive Director, Finger Lakes Library System; Tom Parsons, Fire Chief, Ithaca Fire Department; Orinthia Montague, President, Tompkins-Cortland Community College

Staff- Marcia Lynch, Public Information Officer, Tompkins County; Brian Robison, Director of Emergency Response, Tompkins County; Autumn Edwards, Secretary to the County Administrator, Tompkins County; Rick Snyder, Director of Finance, Tompkins County; Kenneth Clarke, Office of Human Rights Interim Director, Tompkins County; Irene Weiser, Town of Caroline

Mr. Molino called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and introductions were made. The panel is made up of City, Town, and Village Supervisors and Mayors.

Mr. Molino presented a PowerPoint that included an overview of the 2018 plan results, plan successes and challenges, along with the 2020 State requirements, timeline, and next steps.

Mr. Witmer asked if the LED streetlight plan can be implemented in this year's submission, since it was not implemented in 2018. Mr. Molino would like to submit it again, whether the State will accept it for reimbursement or not.

Ms. Woodard commented that there is a list of ideas from other shared service initiatives in the past that this panel could investigate. She also mentions that the Gang of Six, which includes the City of Ithaca and the five municipalities that the Cayuga Heights waste water treatment plant serves, meet regularly and discuss creating a common metering system.

Mr. Molino will ask the State for clarity on shared services that include some municipalities, but not the County, and if those services could be considered for reimbursement.

Public hearings will not be for the approval process or feedback for approval, it will be an opportunity for residents to provide ideas and concepts about shared services.

Moving forward the County will be doing a communication to get a list of ideas and suggestions. If you have a great idea, work the project through. Think about logistics, parties involved, level of initial investment, and what the benefit would be. Asking those questions will help give quality to the plan.

Mr. Molino, or his Deputies, would be happy to go to Board meetings to work through ideas.

Meeting adjourned: 5:32pm

Next meetings:

May 23rd @ 4:30p.m.

June 27th @ 4:30p.m.

July 25th @ 4:30p.m.

Public Hearings: (Tentative dates)

June 4th

June 27th

July 25th