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Cayuga County To Present Draft Shared Services Plan to Municipalities

Cayuga County is holding its final panel workshop with municipalities for the Countywide Shared Services Initiative on 3:30 pm on Friday, July 13 at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES in Auburn. The Chair of the Legislature, Mayors, and Town Supervisors will discuss a draft plan assembled by the county administrator and county staff which is based on member survey responses that identified needs and interest in various shared services focus groups, such as Highway and Public Works, Assessment, Human Resources, Public Safety, Courts, and Procurement. The draft plan will be posted on the county website <https://www.cayugacounty.us/> prior to the meeting.

New York State requires all counties to complete a Countywide Shared Services Plan with the intent of generating tax savings through inter-governmental collaboration. This statewide initiative requires the formation of a shared services panel, which consists of the Mayors of every city and village and the Supervisors of every town in the county, for the purpose of identifying and developing shared service projects. The Panel is chaired by the County Legislature Chair Pat Mahunik, and the county's project team is led by Cayuga County Administrator J. Justin Woods.

"The shared services initiative has been a big undertaking and we are grateful to all of the committed elected officials and county staff for dedicating so many Friday afternoons to this project," said Chair Mahunik. "Hopefully our efforts at sharing services will yield both savings and improvements in the services we provide to our constituents."

The other members of the County's project management team include Planning Director Steve Lynch, Budget Director Lynn Marinelli, and Monika Salvage, Executive Assistant to the Administrator. The project management team has had assistance from all of the local Highway Superintendents and Assessors, as well as several county departments heads including County Attorney Fred Westphal, Kelly Anderson (Real Property) Mike Russell (HR/Civil Service), and Llyod Hoskins (Assigned Counsel), District Attorney Jon Budelmann, and Consultant/Special Assistant to the Administrator Bill Dashnaw.

The draft plan has to undergo a legislative review before public hearings will be held. Three hearings will be held throughout the County in August. The finalized Shared Services Plan will be voted on by the shared services panel and must be submitted to the state no later than September 15, 2018. The County looks forward to working with all stakeholders and the public to identify ways to better serve our communities in more economically efficient ways. Learn more about the state program at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/shared-services-initiative>.
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