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Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

MINUTES - April 21, 2017

The meeting, held at Lakeview Country Club, Auburn, NY, hosted by Cayuga County, was called to order by Association President Bob Green (*Ontario*) at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Green (*Ontario*) recognized the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Color Guard who presented the colors. President Green led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance, and M. Pastrick (*Chemung*) provided the invocation.

Roll call of counties

The following 12 counties answered roll call: Allegany (1), Cayuga (1/1), Chemung (3/1), Genesee (1), Ontario (4), Orleans (2), Schuyler (2), Seneca (1/1), Steuben (3), Wayne (3), Wyoming (3/1), Yates (1). **25 members, and 6 guests in attendance.**

Welcome from Host County

President Green introduced Cayuga County Legislature Chairman Keith Batman who in turn welcomed everyone to Cayuga County. He encouraged everyone to tour the Cayuga County Sheriff's command center which was on location today.

Approval of Minutes

J. Pastrick (*Chemung*), made the motion, seconded by J. Sheppard (*Seneca*), to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2017, as written; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

	-	+	Net
Treasury Balance ending February 28, 2017			\$5,390.35
"Cash Box" as of March 31, 2017		\$30.00	
Check Book Balance as of March 31, 2017		\$5,960.35	
Receipts:			
March Meeting @ Allegany (30 people)		\$600.00	
Disbursements:			
Treasury Balance ending March 31, 2017			\$5,990.35

Dues not received from: Tompkins

M. Morris (*Yates*), made the motion, seconded by H. Lando (*Steuben*), to accept the Treasurer's reports dated March 31, 2017; motion carried.

Treasurer Mori reported that Alfred State College did not accept reimbursement for the luncheon last month. Customarily, when this occurs, the association will contribute the amount collected, in this instance \$600.00, to the charity/good cause of their choice. J. Sheppard (*Seneca*) made the motion, seconded by M. Didio (*Cayuga*), to allow the Treasurer to provide a contribution to the college's choice; motion carried.

NYSAC Update

Association President Green introduced Mark LaVigne, NYSAC Deputy Director, who presented an Albany update. He also distributed copies of an Interim County Summary of the Final 2017-2017 State Budget.

- Foster Care shifts.
The enacted budget includes several large funding cuts as proposed by the Governor. There are cuts of 40 million in state funding for foster care reimbursement to counties and NYC achieved by changing the state matching rate to cover foster care costs.
- Indigent Defense Services:
Eligibility guideline changes became effective April 1, 2017. The income eligible rate has doubled from 125% to 250% of Federal Poverty Rate. A family of four with an income of \$60,000 or less is eligible and an individual with an income of \$30,000 or less is eligible.

The Budget requires the Office of Indigent Legal Services to submit a plan by the end of 2017. The expansion includes case cap loads as well as off-hour arraignment coverage. This plan must be approved by the State Division of Budget. While advocating on behalf of the counties, it is believed the plan delivered will be a 'plan to create a plan'.
- Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility:
The enacted budget includes legislation for raising the age for criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 years of age. The state will be implementing regulations over the next three years. This will impact many county departments and budgets. Many uncertainties such as a possible need for additional county attorneys and district attorneys, additional judges, increase demands to service areas such as foster care, social services, workforce, probation, public defenders, youth bureaus, and sheriff deputies. It is incumbent upon NYSAC to work and hold the state accountable. There must be money to reimburse.
- County led shared services plan.
The state is requiring the creation of a shared services panel at the local level, chaired by County Administrator/Manager/Executive, or board chair in counties that do not have an executive. The plan is to bring local municipalities together, to create a property tax savings plan for shared, coordinated and efficient services among the county, cities, towns, and villages. The plan must be made public by August 1st. The panel of CEO's of County, Cities, Towns, and Villages has unilateral ability to eliminate wording in the plan. Schools may be invited but are not required to participate. Every municipality must participate on the panel but they can excuse themselves by writing a letter and making it public. There will be mandatory three public hearings and a public vote on the shared services plan. This is a very short timeframe to accomplish the Governor's proposal.

Brief discussion followed among members after Mark's presentation of highlights.

President Green thanked Mark LaVigne and all members for discussion about these critical issues.

NYS Office of Comptroller

The Association welcomed Mr. Gabriel Deyo, Deputy Comptroller, from the Division of Local Government and School Accountability. Mr. Deyo leads his department in analysis and reporting on the NYS Budget and wide-ranging fiscal policy issues.

Mr. Deyo explained how his department collects and shares data. The question of benchmarking was presented to him earlier and he noted that this office does not participate at this time. With limited state-wide staff of approximately 320 people, his main focus is auditing government entities. Annually an average of 400 audits are

performed. The department does receive requests for audits, about 10-15 a week, and they must assess the requests and place their focus on those with high risk. 543 audits were performed in 2016 realizing a cost savings of \$53 million dollars. The department is making strides in streamlining the audit reports along with one page summaries. Key information is delivered more efficiently. He added that the comptroller's website provides much valuable information and urged all to review the page on 'The Academy for NYS's Local Officials'. The website is a great resource with publications and guidelines. He noted other issues of review and concern are sales tax reporting, water quality issues, and demographic data relating to industry, education, stress, home values, among many.

Old / New Business: none.

Resolutions:

2017 FINAL NUMBER	PRESENTING COUNTY	RESOLUTION TITLE	ACTION TAKEN
10	Yates	Resolution Urging NYS Increase 224 Funding for Cooperative Extension	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by M. Morris (<i>Yates</i>), seconded by H. Lando (<i>Steuben</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
11	Cayuga	Resolution Supporting Ride-Sharing Legislation in State of New York	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by M. Didio (<i>Cayuga</i>), seconded by J. Sheppard (<i>Seneca</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
12	Ontario	Resolution in Support of Housing NYS Administrative Parole Violators in NYS Department of Corrections Facilities	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by R. Green (<i>Ontario</i>), seconded by D. Callard (<i>Orleans</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
13	Yates Seneca Wayne	Resolution Supporting Research and Funding to Address Harmful Algal Blooms in the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier Region.	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by M. Morris (<i>Yates</i>), seconded by J. Sheppard (<i>Seneca</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
14	Allegany	Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Excelsior Scholarship Program and the Proposed Denial of Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Aid and Bundy Aid to Students in Colleges and Universities that Increase Tuition Beyond a Government Regulated Threshold.	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by K. LaForge (<i>Allegany</i>), seconded by T. Sweet (<i>Chemung</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
15	Allegany	Resolution in Support of Federal Legislation that would Prohibit New York State From Passing on the Cost of Medicaid to a County	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by K. LaForge (<i>Allegany</i>), seconded by T. Sweet (<i>Chemung</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
16	Livingston	Resolution in Support of an Amendment to the Proposed Federal Health Care Legislation Known as the American Health Care Act to Limit the Local Share of Medicaid	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by R. Green (<i>Ontario</i>), seconded by D. Draxler (<i>Chemung</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
17	Seneca Livingston	Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Provide Funding for Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by seconded by J. Sheppard (<i>Seneca</i>), seconded by P Ingalsbe (<i>Ontario</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
XX	Cattaraugus	Urging Adoption of Cancer Presumptive Bill for Volunteer Firefighters	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by J. Pastrick (<i>Chemung</i>) seconded by H. Lando (<i>Steuben</i>). <i>Vote to carry: 8 in favor, 13</i>

			<i>opposed; motion defeated.</i>
18	Orleans	Calling on the State of New York to Fully Reimburse Municipal Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plans	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by D. Callard (<i>Orleans</i>), seconded by J. Davis (<i>Wyoming</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
19	Orleans	Calling on Governor Cuomo and State Lawmakers to Invest and Implement Funding for a Statewide Workforce Strategy that Assists Locally-Driven Workforce Development Programs	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by D. Callard (<i>Orleans</i>), seconded by B. Young (<i>Ontario</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
20	Cattaraugus Erie	Resolution Supporting S.879C, A.6140, and S.3382 Regarding Repeal of New York SAFE ACT for Upstate New York	<i>Motion to adopt</i> made by M. Morris (<i>Yates</i>), seconded by J. Sheppard (<i>Seneca</i>). <i>Motion carried unanimously</i>
9	Orleans	Supporting Legislation to Partially Repeal the NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013 for Areas Outside of NYC	MARCH 17, 2017: <i>Motion to present</i> made by J. Sheppard (<i>Seneca</i>), seconded by P. Ingalsbe (<i>Ontario</i>); carried. <i>Motion to table</i> made by K. DeRoller (<i>Orleans</i>), seconded by S. Stein (<i>Genesee</i>); motion carried. APRIL 21, 2017: Not acted upon by association; withdrawn.

Presentation/Program:

Cayuga County Legislator Mike Didio introduced Ms. Tracy Verrier, Executive Director of Cayuga Economic Development Agency, Ray Bizzari, Cayuga County Mental Health Director, and Steve Lynch, Cayuga County Planning Director.

Ms. Verrier spoke of the many partnerships established in Cayuga County relating to economic development. She noted the attraction process for start-ups, nurturing existing business, and growing efficiencies.

Mr. Bizzari provided an update on the heroine epidemic. This is an issue we struggle with throughout New York State and he added the particular struggles of rural counties.

Mr. Lynch shared the dynamics of his planning department. As most counties will agree, planning departments are multi-faceted and most valuable in their functions.

President Green thanked Cayuga County for hosting this meeting and all who contributed.

Adjournment: On motion of J. Pastrick (*Chemung*), seconded by S. LeRoy (*Wayne*), the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM followed by lunch; motion carried.

Reminder: The next regular meeting will be hosted by Seneca County on May 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen R. DeMay, Secretary
Inter County Association of Western New York