

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

Present: **Davis**, Berwanger, Kehl, Grant, Roche, Granger, Roberts, Brunner, Leuer, May, Brick, King, Becker, Ryan

Absent:

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; J. Wujcik/County Attorney; M. Dadd/County Attorney's office; C. Mayer/Treasurer; D. Farberman/Human Resource Director; J. Samsel, T/Gainesville resident

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>Board of Supervisors:</b>			
1. New Committee assignments are on Supervisors' desks. Please let Chairman Davis know if there are any conflicts.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Review <a href="#"><u>10/24/2019 NYMIR facilities visit recommendations</u></a> from Jay Lewandowski, Sr. Risk Control Specialist		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <b><i>NYSAC Attendee confirmation</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M. Dadd</li> <li>2. J. Gozelski</li> <li>3. B. Ryan</li> <li>4. C. Mayer</li> <li>5. A. D. Berwanger</li> <li>6. J. Cook</li> <li>7. J. Davis</li> <li>8. C. Ketchum</li> <li>9. J. Brick</li> <li>10. B. Kehl</li> <li>11. E. Grant</li> <li>12. M. Roche</li> <li>13. L. Roberts</li> <li>14. D. Granger</li> <li>15. D. Farberman</li> </ol>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b><i>Budget Officer Cook talked about discussions she's had with County Highway Supt., T. Gadd regarding the county's fleet maintenance, implementation of a computerized fleet maintenance tracking program and a replacement schedule. There was some discussion over the addition of a Fleet Maintenance Mechanic.</i></b>			
4. <b><i>Discussion:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New "point person" for disposition of county vehicles to Buffalo Auto Auction, etc.</li> </ul>	<b><i>Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon will take on this role. Public Works will be discussing a program to replace county fleet vehicles with Co. Highway Supt. Gadd.</i></b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b><i>The newly appointed Wethersfield Town Supervisor, Ron Jacoby and Deputy Supervisor, Daryl Dembowski entered the meeting and were introduced by Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade.</i></b>			
5. <a href="#"><u>Sunshine Fund reconciliation</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p><b>6. <u>Upcoming Events:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mary Nicoles, Community Mgr. for Grandview Terrace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meet and greet Supervisors and provide an overview of programs and organization.</li> <li>○ February 11, 2020 Committee of the Whole mtg.</li> <li>○ Per Supervisor Ryan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Annual Wyoming County Farm Bureau / Board of Supervisors meeting and luncheon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ February 11, 2020 at 10 AM in the Ag. Center.</li> <li>○ Confirmation required by 01/15/20.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><b>7. <u>Open to the Floor:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington requested of HR Director Farberman to please send new department head evaluation forms to committee chairs. He added that the forms are available on the public directory (of which Supervisors do not have access to)... Chairman Davis suggested that training be provided on how to complete the evaluations. The goal is to get department head evaluations done. Chairman Davis encouraged new Supervisors to reach out to fellow Supervisors and invited them to attend committee meetings they’re not members of.</li> <li>• Treasurer Mayer reported sales tax met and exceeded the 2019 budget by \$125K</li> <li>• Chairman Davis mentioned an article he recently read relative to a “think tank” in Albany and the Governor’s \$6.1Billion budget deficit, \$4 Billion of which is Medicaid.</li> <li>• Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade added that in Governor Cuomo’s state of the state address he mentioned the Medicaid cap no longer being sustainable for New York State. Marc Polencarz, Erie County Executive and fellow Democrat has been heard speaking out against reforms that would essentially uncap the Medicaid cap. Doing so would mean double digit tax increases for Erie County residents. Polencarz testified before the House Budget Committee to make his case for continued federal aid for localities. New York State Association of Counties Exec. Director Steve Acquario also provided a statement to that effect...</li> <li>• During a WCCH Plant &amp; Equipment meeting this morning there was a discussion on much needed repairs.</li> </ul>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><b><u>At 1:30 PM Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury entered the meeting.</u></b></p>			
<p>The Board of Supervisors at the time prided themselves in not raising taxes but infrastructure was failing. Chairman Davis does not think that buildings should be left unmanaged and left to disrepair. Maintenance issues should be appropriately addressed. Budget Officer Cook reminded Supervisors that there is already a \$1M deficit for 2020...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman Davis spoke with NYS Senator Gallivan on the issue of uncapping the Medicaid Cap. The Senator felt both Democrats and Republicans are supporting the proposal.</li> <li>• Supervisor Brick, T/Perry stated that Wyoming County was well represented at the Ag. Society meeting in Syracuse January 9<sup>th</sup>. He spoke of an article in the paper that highlighted Wyoming County’s high rate of suicides among ag. producers. Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw stated that Mental Health is working on bringing greater awareness and getting information out to the community. Supervisor Brick will provide the article to Clerk Ketchum for sharing with the Mental Health and Health Department administration for a more in depth conversation during committee meetings next week. The article stated there were 5 such deaths in 2019.</li> <li>• There was a brief conversation regarding a recent Ag. and Farmland Protection award to Milligan Farms in the Towns of Covington and York for a \$2Million for the Purchase of Development Rights</li> </ul>			

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Signature of Committee Chairman: **p/J. Davis** ( C. Ketchum ).

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ TBA**