

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>1:00 PM Human Resource w/D. Farberman</b>			
1. <i>General Update:</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><i>At 1:05 PM there was a motion by Supervisor Brick to enter an executive session to discuss the employment and performance history of a particular employee. This was seconded by Supervisor Kehl and all voted aye.</i></p> <p><i>J. Santullo was excused from the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk Ketchum, Budget Officer Cook, County Attorney Wujcik, M. Dadd and HR Director Farberman remained.</i></p> <p><i>At 1:36 PM there was a motion by Supervisor Becker to end the executive session and continue the regular meeting. This was seconded by Supervisor Brick and all voted aye.</i></p>			
<b>1:15 PM Budget Office w/J. Cook</b>			
1. <i>Review 2021 Budget Request Submissions</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All budgets have been entered by the departments</li> <li>• Budget Officer Cook has begun the process of reviewing the individual department requests.</li> <li>• Initial levy increase is 20.37%</li> <li>• Employees spend 85-90% of the budgeted HRA</li> <li>• Sales Tax is still an unknown.</li> <li>• Initial projections, in order to achieve a 5% increase in levy, the current proposed budget would have to be reduced by \$1.2 million.</li> <li>• Tax Cap is at 1.94% for 2021</li> </ul>			
<b>Board of Supervisors w/J. Davis</b>			
1. <u><i>DRAFT Resolution Calling on Congress to Provide Direct Aid to County Governments</i></u>		Motion: Grant Ayes: 16 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><i>NYSAC e-mail (Action Alert: Direct Federal Aid Now)</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>County Economic Update (07/24/20)</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Federal Direct Aid Sample Tweets</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Federal Direct Aid Talking Points</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Protect Local Jobs and Services – Federal Direct Aid</i></u></li> </ul>			<i>UC Resolution</i>

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<p><b>2. FYI:</b>                      Otsego &amp; Onondaga counties have both requested legislation to increase their hotel/motel tax by 2%. The legislation has passed both houses. Once Gov. Cuomo signs the bills, Onondaga will go to 7% and Otsego will go to 6%. Wyoming County is at 3%.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>3. Chairman's update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security for the Government Center                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$60-\$80K estimate</li> <li>○ Staffing?                                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School Resource Officers are returning to school</li> <li>▪ Budget Officer Cook suggested a shared position with the Office of Court Administration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Real Property Tax Services office                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Former Director Kirsch has provided the county with several options for moving the department forward after his resignation.                                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposals include him working 2-3 days per week with prorated health insurance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Chairman Davis, T/Covington suggested offering \$3,500 to prepare the school tax bills.</li> <li>○ Dir. Farberman ~                                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessor Trainee candidate has accepted the offer. Papers were signed yesterday.</li> <li>▪ Candidate for the Director position is interested in interviewing.</li> <li>▪ N. Grover has agreed to being appointed Assessor, PT, his paperwork is in process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Chairman Davis instructed the Supervisors to think about a Deputy Director position so the county is never without leadership within the department (or any other department this may apply to).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Coming Events:</b>			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/J. Davis ( C. Ketchum ).

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 08, 2020 @ TBD**