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Public Hearing Regarding County Shared Services June 21st

On Wednesday, June 21st, the Tompkins County Shared Services Panel will seek public input regarding a County-wide Shared Services Plan.

The public hearing will be held on June 21st, 5:30 p.m., at Tompkins County Legislature Chambers, located at the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, 121 E. Court Street (second floor), Ithaca.

The June 21st session is the first of at least three such public hearings that will be held to seek ideas from the public regarding the County's Shared Services Plan. The Tompkins County Shared Services Panel, chaired by County Administrator Joe Mareane, is made up of all town supervisors, and city and village mayors within Tompkins County. Representatives of school districts within the county also have been invited to participate.

This year's New York State Budget enacted the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Law, which requires the chief executive officer of each of the 57 counties outside of New York City to convene a panel of public officials to develop, publicly deliberate, and vote upon county-wide shared services property tax savings plans. The initiative seeks to save property taxpayers money by implementing shared services and other cooperative arrangements among governments. A Shared Services Plan is to contain actions that, when implemented, will result in new property tax savings.

Under the law, the County Administrator, with input from the Shared Services Panel, is to develop the Shared Services Plan and submit the Plan to the County Legislature for review by August 1st, with the Panel voting on a final plan by September 15th.

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