Onondaga County: County-Wide Shared Services Plan Removal of Items

Plan Development - Background

The County-Wide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI) requires the Onondaga County Executive to propose a property tax savings plan to be achieved through the provision of shared, coordinated, and efficient services by and among the local governments within the County (L. 2017, Ch. 59 (Part BBB)). The plan for consideration is available at http://ongov.net/sharedservicesplan/. The first version of the plan was published on July 27, 2017 and submitted to the County Legislature on August 1, 2017. Revised versions were published on August 24 and September 7, in response to requests and input from panel members and other community members.

Empowerment of Local Officials

Each chief executive officer (mayor or supervisor) is specifically empowered by the state statute to serve as a member of the shared services panel. Representatives of school districts and BOCES were selected by their respective boards to participate and serve. Such service includes providing recommendations toward the plan's development, accepting public input, considering the proposed plan, and participating in a vote scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center (Oncenter).

A vote to approve an action that affects your local government does not commit your city, town, or village to complete and implement the shared service. You and your legislative board will have to decide how and if to move forward with whatever subsequent legislative or executive actions are needed to begin the shared service by January 1, 2018. The statute clearly states that the elected boards retain their respective powers and duties to pass legislation approving shared services agreements or transfers of powers, if any. (L. 2017, Ch. 59 (Part BBB), secs. 9 & 5d)

Removal of Items by Panel Members

As required by the statute, the panel "shall consider the county-wide shared services tax savings plan. A majority vote of the panel shall be required for approval of such plan, provided however that each member of the panel may, prior to the panel-wide vote, cause to be removed from the plan any proposed action that affects the unit of local government represented by the respective member. Written notice of such removal shall be provided to the chief executive officer of the county prior to the panel-wide vote on the plan." (L. 2017, Ch. 59 (Part BBB), sec. 4d)

Form Submission

Onondaga County Executive Mahoney respectfully requests that you notify her office of your intention to remove one or more proposed actions affecting your unit of local government from the plan by email to SharedServices@ongov.net or by fax to 315-435-8582 by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 8, 2017. If you are unable to return a signed copy of the attached notice by that time, please be sure to submit an original or electronic copy of your signed notice to the Office of County Executive before 9 am on Wednesday, September 13, when the panel vote will take place.

Any questions or comments may be directed to Brian Donnelly, Chief of Staff, Office of County Executive. (315-435-3516).

Notice to Onondaga County Executive

I,(Name)	, in my capacity as the(Elected	Office) of the
(City Town Village) of (I	, hereby give notice	to the Onondaga County Executive of
my decision to cause the follow	ving proposed action(s) that affects	the local government I represent to be
removed from the County-wide	e Shared Services Plan prior to the p	panel-wide vote.
Proposal #	Description (as set forth in Shared	1 Services Plan version 1.2)
Signed	Date	