

REQUEST TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

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Dated at Lyons, New York
November 1, 2017

Steven M. LeRoy, Chairman
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

State of New York
Wayne County
Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Wayne County Board of Supervisors

**14th Day
Monday, November 6, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Pursuant to call, a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in their chambers in the Court House, Chairman LeRoy presiding.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Spickerman.
Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present.
County Administrator House and Assistant County Attorney Erin Hammond were also in attendance of the mid-morning session.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mrs. Crane moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried.

Ken Blake, Fiscal Assistant/Deputy Budget Officer informed Supervisors a presentation on the tentative budget will be made at the Board meeting on November 21st and a public hearing will be scheduled for December 5th. The budget will need to be amended to include a matching appropriation and expenditure in the Public Defender's Office for 2018 for grant funds they will receive. The budget does not include any IGT revenue. Mr. Blake noted the Nursing Home just received its second IGT payment in 2017 for \$5.2 million and he does not anticipate a payment in the coming year. If one is received, the budget would have to be amended for both an appropriation and expense. The 2018 tentative budget does not include a health care rate holiday, which could result in a saving of \$850,000 per month. In the past two years rate holidays have been held for two months each year. Salary increases for Union members with contracts in place through 2018 are in department budgets, those for managerial staff members and for Union members without 2018 contracts are in place in the contingency fund. The budget reflects savings in health insurance due to reduced rates for plans in 2018. Mr. Blake said he initially increased the appropriation to Community College from \$4.5 million in 2017 to \$4.7 million for 2018; however after additional review and consideration, believes this number could be lowered to the 2017 amount. The budget includes \$250,000 as seed money for establishment of a Land Bank and \$100,000 for County promotion activities—billboards.

The tentative budget includes the new position of Mental Health Substance Abuse Counselor, Community Mental Health Aid and Probation Assistant for four months of the year. The Mental Health positions will take the place of a contract for in-house jail services and services offered by these staff members are reimbursable. The Probation position will not begin until September when Raise the Age Legislation mandates the Office participates in additional activities. The budget includes an increase in sales tax revenue, but a decrease in casino revenues.

Mr. Blake quoted a past Board resolution that stated Wayne County is to strive to keep a fund balance of between 25% and 33% of their total budget. The 2016 audited financial statement General Fund Balance is approximately \$55 million; in excess of the amount needed to fulfill this resolution, which would be between \$35 and \$46 million.

There are \$2.2 million of projects in the 2018 capital plan; of this amount \$1.6 million is included within Department budgets. The budget includes a vacancy factor of \$874,000 and a decrease in Public Health transportation costs of \$500,000. Mr. Blake said he feels comfortable with the budget as presented today.

Each \$1 million of Tax Levy equates to 20 cents of property tax rate. Mr. Blake distributed information on the tentative budget. The information contained various scenarios of tax levy, tax rate, and use of unassigned fund balance. If the same tax rate is kept additional tax levy dollars will be raised due to the increase in assessed property value in the County. The taxable value of County equalized assessed value is up 1.6% for the coming year. The overall County General Fund budget is approximately \$1.3 million higher than last year's budget; the 2017 budget had both the remainder of the retirement reserve and \$2.8 million of fund balance totaling \$2.9 million placed against it to bring the tax levy down to \$7.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If no fund balance is placed against the existing tentative budget, the tax rate would be \$8.59, if \$2.8 million of fund balance is placed against the

budget, the rate would be decreased to \$8.03.

Mr. Blake reminded Supervisors if no fund balance or the same amount of fund balance is placed against the budget in 2018 as applied to the 2017 budget, the State Property Tax Cap would be exceeded.

Mr. Spickerman stated the County has a healthy fund balance and he would like to see the tax rate the same as this year or lower. He also thanked administration for funding many of this year's capital projects in the budget. Mr. Blake noted not all capital projects proposed for 2018 were funded within the budget. Repurposing of the jail annex, roof repairs at highway barns and park playground equipment were not included.

Mrs. Crane said she favored keeping the tax rate level by utilizing more fund balance. Mr. Verno said he supported keeping the tax levy the same as this year.

Mr. Miller asked which Supervisors would join him in support of appropriating enough fund balance to keep the County tax rate at the same level as in 2017; this would also include the decrease in the Community College appropriation by \$200,000 and having the tax rate at \$7.75. The overwhelming majority of Supervisors favored this action. Mr. Manktelow said Supervisors owe it to taxpayers not to raise taxes since the assessed value of many properties increased during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie A. Liseno
Deputy Clerk of the Board

REGULAR SESSION

By motion of Mrs. Crane, seconded by Mrs. Marini, the Board resumed regular session at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Baldrige addressed the Board to report that Tabled Resolution No. 332-17, entitled: "Authorization to Create Supervisor of Children with Special Needs Position" will remain on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield, that the board adjourn at 10:51 a.m. Carried.

Sandra J. Sloane, Clerk, Wayne County Board of Supervisors
