

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS/SHARED SERVICES PANEL

Human Services Complex, Conference Room #120

Meeting Notes of January 22, 2026

Present:

- *Rick Lewis - Town of Catharine
- *Kyle Reed - Town of Cayuta
- *Dominick Smith - Town of Dix
- *Justin Boyette - Town of Hector
- *David Scott - Town of Montour
- *Heather Waters - Town of Orange
- *Stephen Miller - Town of Reading
- *Donald Desrochers - Town of Tyrone
- *Linda Arcangeli - Village of Burdett
- *James Ryan - Village of Montour Falls
- *Dustin Carnes - Village of Odessa
- *Denotes voting member
- *Laurie DeNardo - Village of Watkins Glen
- *James Nolan - OMCS
- *Kai D'Alleva - WGSD
- *Vacant - GST BOCES
- Judy Cherry, Associate - SCOPED
- Jerry Verrigni, Associate - Soil & Water
- Ben Saks, M.D., Associate - Health Officer
- Nigar Hale, Associate - WG Area Chamber of Commerce
- *Carl H. Blowers - Chairman Schuyler Co. Legislature
- M. Shawn Rosno, Associate - County Administrator
- Samantha Baker, Secretary - Schuyler County

Others in attendance: Chris Desrochers (Schuyler County), Peter Cherock* (Watkins Glen), Thomas Peer (Orange), Chris Caccia (Schuyler County), Gail Walker (Schuyler County), Dan Walker, Erich Asperschlager, Sheriff Kevin Rumsey

Call to order: 6:30 PM

CrowdStrike – The NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is offering two municipalities in the county free CrowdStrike Enterprise level endpoint protection, for computer and network devices in the municipality. Contact Chris Caccia for more information.

Code Enforcement – Code enforcement officers wearing body armor is legal. Wearing body armor and carrying a firearm is illegal. Tasers are illegal in NYS. Open carry is not allowed. Please call the Sheriff's Office if you think you're going to a residence where you could be unsafe.

Nomination & Selection of Officers –

President – Nomination for Donald Desrochers by David Scott; seconded by Heather Waters. Unanimously approved.

Vice President – Nomination for David Scott by Donald Desrochers; seconded by Dominick Smith. Unanimously approved

Secretary – Nomination for Samantha Baker by Donald Desrochers; seconded by Heather Waters.

Reaffirmation of SCOPED Representatives –

Village Representative – Nomination for Laurie DeNardo by Donald Desrochers; seconded by Richard Lewis.

Town Representative – Nomination for Donald Desrochers by Dominick Smith; seconded by Heather Waters.

Unanimously approved.

Health Officer Report – Handouts: Communicable Disease Update, COVID-19 & Influenza Update, STI Update

SCOPED/IDA Updates – NY Forward is funded again. More interest in Camp Monterey. Façade program is open – great ROI. Open to any commercial building in the county.

Shared Services – No updates on current contracts.

Around the Table

Shawn Rosno – Year-end review is happening, getting ready for the audit.

Gail Walker – Has spoken to constituents and they seem interested in everything as far as energy solutions go. Wind, solar, small nuclear, etc.

Thomas Peer – Two big projects happening in Orange. First, meeting with Palmesano’s office about the cemetery. Second, a map from 1857 was recovered from a local home. Feb. 15 at 1pm, reception to commemorate map. Working with a company to have it preserved.

Kai D’Alleva – Beginning of budget season. Exploring geo-thermal options for energy for the school district.

Dustin – Bridge project went back out to bid. Odessa has a new clerk. Food pantry has served a lot of families, and a lot of people are volunteering/donating.

Judy Cherry – Bar Stool University has two upcoming sessions that may interest the group. May: tech being pursued for deep earth source heat. June: Looking Under the Hood: How AI Really Works

Jim Ryan – Projects for NY Forward are starting. Solar project is starting. New recycling program starting.

David Scott – Bridge bid came back under budget. Salt storage shed going in.

Don – Tyrone had four dogs picked up and all were redeemed by dog owner, so no cost to the town.

Adjourned 7:41 PM