

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center.*

Present: **Kehl, Rudgers (9:05 AM)**, Klein, Roche, Roberts (9:03 AM), Leuer, May, Smith

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Committee Chair's Agenda			
Approval of the <u>December 02, 2025</u> minutes.		Motion: Klein Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 2 Rudgers, Roberts	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
9:00 AM - Wyo. Co. Community Hospital w/J. Perry			
<i>At 9:03 AM Supervisor Roberts, T/Genesee Falls entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
<i>At 9:05 AM Supervisor Rudgers, T/Covington entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
1. General Update A quarterly financial report will be provided during the months of February, May, August & November each year.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Appointment: WCCH Board of Managers Member <i>Five (5) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030</i> ✓✓ Jerry Davis , 7414 Court Road, Pavilion, NY14525	✓✓ - <u>Letter of intent attached</u> Three are currently 8 members on the board. By-Laws allow up to 15.	Motion: Klein Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 2 Rudgers, Roberts	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
9:15 AM - Co. Insurance Office w/ T. Horton			
1. Professional Service Contract (\$5,000 or greater): Authorize Chairman to sign Excess Employer's Liability Insurance renewals pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with Imperium Insurance Company effective January 1, 2026 through January 1, 2027; in an amount not to exceed \$22,648.00 (Munis Contract #3462)	An increase of 3.2% over the 2025 premium	Motion: May Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 2 Rudgers, Roberts	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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3. Correction of Errors (RPTL §554) Greater than \$2,500: Authorize the correction of the 2026 Town/County Tax Roll for a parcel in the Town of Castile pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §554 . The Wyoming County Treasurer shall charge back and apportion the appropriate amounts to the benefiting taxing authorities (school relevy). Parcel ID: 112.6-1-4 Owner: Susan Tew Selden Property Location: 3927 (82) Thomspson Ave Correction Amount: \$2,581.12	Property was demolished.	Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:
4. Correction of Errors (RPTL §554) Greater than \$2,500: Authorize the correction of the 2026 Town/County Tax Roll for a parcel in the Town of Arcade pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §554 . Parcel ID: 88.15-1-22 Owner: Matthew Sawicki Property Location: 7434 Route 98 Correction Amount: \$2,522.56	To remove omitted taxes placed on the tax bill in error.	Motion: Klein Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:
5. FYI: - Town/County Tax Bill Recap: Town Outside Highway taxable values and tax rates adjusted for town/county bill – does not affect levy or any apportionments - BAR: In the process of scheduling 2026 BAR training to be held in the spring	Director Blancato recognized her staff for getting tax bills completed early and ready for distribution to the Town Tax Collectors.	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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6. Discussion: - Increasing RPTL 467 Senior Exemption Income Limits for 2026 - Director Blancato will provide the committee with a draft of the proposed local law next Finance Committee. - NYS Senate Bill S.01183 and Assembly Bill A.00074, AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to establishing a real property tax exemption for veterans who have a one hundred percent service-connected disability, was signed into law on 12/19/25; Chap. 672 of the laws of 2025			
Comments provided by Veteran Services Director, Anthony Solina, dated 01/05/26: <i>This bill is just a slight modification to an already existing NYS law. Previously, veterans who were rated 100% permanent and total and were in receipt of a specialty housing grant (also called pecuniary assistance under the law) were eligible while this new law expands it to those who are rated below 100% but are considered permanently unemployable (TDIU). The key provision is about the pecuniary assistance, as for the most part, those are soldiers who lost a limb in the war. An example is the Vietnam veteran who was our veteran of the month at the fair board meeting and had lost his leg while in service to his country in Vietnam, he receives the special housing grant, is 100% and thus he already pays no property taxes.</i> <i>The main thing is that the county and towns should be ready because there is already a push in the state to make ALL 100% permanent and total veterans exempt from property taxes, pending local laws approving it, so be ready.</i> Bottom line, this new law would bring either none or almost no new veterans in our county under its umbrella, for now.			
7. Position Create/Fill: Real Property Tax Services One (1) position of Tax Map Technician (Per Diem) (Temp) , hourly wage same as FTE Tax Map Technician; Grade MC7 / step 1, \$24.54/hr. - 2025 scale. (2026 step 1 is \$25.28/hr.); effective January 15, 2026. Position is effective for six months from date of hire.		Motion: Leuer Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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9:30 AM - Treasurer w/R. LaWall			
1. <u>Sales tax update</u> <u>November 2025 Investment Income Report</u> <u>November 2025 Investment Report</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Resolution Approving Sale of Properties from County Tax Auction held on January 5 at 6 PM at Bid-N-Buy Realty & Auctions, Inc. in Castile. 26 parcels (as of 1/2/26) - Auction surplus to be held in Trust until claimed by owner and presented to the court for payment.	Auction results to be provided	Motion: Leuer Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
3. Overnight Travel Authorization: R. LaWall, L. Becker, and M. Lapiana to attend NYS GFOA Annual Conference, April 15-17, 2026 in Albany, NY. Conference expense is \$255.00; Hotel Cost \$150 /night. County car will be used if available, if not TASC will cover mileage.	*Early Bird Price *TASC will cover costs for R. LaWall	Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
Budget Office w/J. Cook			
1. Permission to transfer funds between departments and classifications for year-end budgetary clean-up for Fiscal year ending 12/31/2025.	Lists will be provided to Finance Committee for Final approval as has been done in the past.	Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
2. Overnight Travel Authorization: J. Cook to attend NYS GFOA Annual Conference, April 15-17, 2026 in Albany, NY. Conference expense is \$255.00; Hotel Cost \$150 /night (this will be split 50/50 - Sharing a room w/ L. Neary City of Batavia) and is budgeted.	*Early Bird price *TASC will cover costs	Motion: Smith Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
MUNIS Trainings are being offered to county departments January 08, 2026 & January 15, 2026 in the Supervisors' committee room.			

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Clerk to the Board w/C. Ketchum			
1. Official Newspapers Designated: Pursuant to Section 214 (2) of the county law of this state, the Daily News , Batavia, NY; Country Courier , Warsaw, NY; Perry Herald , Perry, NY; and the Arcade Herald , Arcade, NY; are hereby designated for the publication of local laws and all other notices and matters required by law to be published, for which no other specific designation has heretofore been made. Republican Designation to Publish: Republican members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, State of New York, do hereby designate as follows for the year 2026: <i>Daily News, Batavia, NY</i> <i>The Herald Courier, Warsaw, NY</i> Democratic Designation to Publish: We, the undersigned Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, State of New York, do hereby designate as follows for the year 2026: <i>The Herald Courier, Warsaw, NY</i> <i>Perry Herald, Perry, NY</i>		Motion: Roche Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:
Board of Supervisors w/J. Brick			
1. Appointment: <u>County Purchasing Agent</u> One (1) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 James Brick, 7618 Route 20A, Perry NY 14530		Motion: Leuer Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:
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2. Appointment: County Board of Ethics Members <i>Five (5) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030</i> ✓✓Anthony George , 7780 Cadwell Road, Bliss, NY 14024	<i>Resume' available upon request.</i>	Motion: Roche Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
Information Technology w/B. Sikes			
1. Professional Service Contract (\$5,000 or greater): Authorize Chairwoman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with SHI , 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873, for Rubrik , in an amount not to exceed \$188,292.00, effective for one year from the start of the contract. <i>*Funds budgeted*</i> MUNIS CONTRACT #3470		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. FYI: - Ordering equipment for Towns. - Give IT early notice so the process goes quickly - Working with HR and Co. Admin. on position creation to replace an Administrative Assistant with an IT Coordinator.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Off Track Betting w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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PUBLIC HEALTH			
Public Health			
1. 2025 Appropriation: To: 014010.540704 Lab Fees - Basic \$25,000.00 w/ 01401003.416010 PH Env Fees increased by same \$25,000.00 Reason: Appropriate additional funds to cover expense for Lab Fees associated with water samples through the end of 2025, offset by higher-than-budgeted revenues.		Motion: Roberts Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Sheriff			
1. 2025 Transfer: From: 013110.523001 Motor Vehicles \$8,110.84 To: 013110.540509 Change Over Expenses \$8,110.84 Reason: To cover the cost of underbudgeted change-over expenses on two remaining patrol vehicles.		Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
Jail			
2. 2025 Appropriation: To: 013150.541711 Inmate Medical \$25,500.00 w/ 01315002.426800 Insurance Recovery \$25,500.00 Reason: To cover the cost of underbudgeted inmate medical		Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
Probation			
3. 2025 Appropriation To: 013140.510101 FT CSEA Contract \$11,100.00 013140.585001 Medicare 170.00 013140.583001 FICA 780.00 w/01314006.433100.ATIPT ATI 12,050.00 REASON: to cover for shortage due to raises		Motion: May Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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Supervisor Rudgers, T/Covington offered the following commentary:

By using towers for a new purpose, he requested that Supervisors pay close attention to the assessed value of the telecommunication towers.

Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury stated that the towers are assessed according to a schedule provided Assessors by the state.

Supervisor Rudgers questioned the process for notification when new equipment is installed. Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury explained that a special use permit provides that notification at the local level.

Supervisor Rudgers suggested a standardized process countywide.

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/B. Kehl (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.**

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