



AGENDA
NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
January 2, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CLERK CALLS THE ROLL
3. PRAYER & PLEDGE
4. CORRESPONDENCE/ RECOGNITION:
5. PRESENTATIONS:
6. PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Clerk will read the names on the sheet for Public Speakers on Agenda items.
7. RECESS
8. RESOLUTIONS
9. COUNTY MANAGER
10. APPOINTMENTS: 7th District Legislator
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. ADJOURNMENT
13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Clerk will read names on the sheet for Public Speakers for the General Welfare of the County

Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk
Niagara County Legislature

The next meeting of the Legislature will be held on January 15, 2019



AGENDA FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 2, 2019
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order by the County Clerk, Joseph Jastrzemski, Chairman pro temp.
2. Roll Call of the Legislators by District by the Clerk of the Legislature.
3. Prayer and pledge of allegiance.
4. Nomination and election of temporary Chairman.
5. Nomination and election of Chairman of Legislature.
6. Temporary Chairman declares Chairman and appoints escorts.
Chairman of Legislature is escorted to the podium to take his oath of office.
7. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairman.
8. Appointment of Clerk of the Legislature.
9. Announcement of Majority Leader, 1st Deputy Majority Leader and 2nd Deputy Majority Leader.
10. Announcement of Minority Leader, 1st Deputy Minority Leader and 2nd Deputy Minority Leader.
11. Motion for designation of dates and times for which the Niagara County Legislature shall convene and conduct business.
12. Motion for the Chairman of the Legislature to be designated to serve on the Niagara County Jury Board.
13. Motion to contract with Attorney for Aging and to appoint said Attorney for a term of one (1) year.
14. Motion to consider Standing Committees and membership
15. Motion for designation of official newspapers.
16. Moment of Silence
17. Adjournment.

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Resolutions not on previous agenda:

CW-023-18 Committee of the Whole, re Resolution Setting Salary of County Treasurer

Regular Meeting – January 2, 2019

CW-001-19 Committee of the Whole, re Abolish Two Part Time Assistant District Attorney Positions/Create & Fill One Full Time Assistant District Attorney Position

CW-002-19 Committee of the Whole, re Calling for State Legislation to Allow Niagara County to Increase the Bed Tax and Designate the Increase for the Discover Niagara Shuttle or Other Transportation Entities that Support Tourism within Niagara County



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*** Indicates Preferred Agenda items**

Attachments for resolutions may be obtained in the office of the Clerk of the Legislature upon request.

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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Committee of the Whole DATE: 01/02/19 RESOLUTION # CW-001-19

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>CW - 01/02/19</u>	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

ABOLISH TWO PART TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITIONS/CREATE & FILL ONE FULL TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office currently has two part time Assistant District Attorney positions, budgeted at Attorney III, Step 5, \$43,820 annually, with benefits, and

WHEREAS, one of these positions is vacant due to a recent resignation, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has determined that it is in the best interest of the operations of the District Attorney's Office and Niagara County to abolish both part time Assistant District Attorney positions and create one full time Assistant District Attorney position, and

WHEREAS, this change will result in a cost saving to the taxpayers of Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective January 7, 2019, part time positions #10526 and #10631 be abolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective January 7, 2019, a full time Assistant District Attorney position, Grade ATT III, Step 5, \$87,650 annually, be created and filled, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated in the District Attorney's 2019 operating budget:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.02.1165.000.71030.00.10526	PT Positions-Asst. District Attorney	\$43,820
A.02.1165.000.71030.00.10631	PT Positions-Asst. District Attorney	\$42,978

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.02.1165.000.71010.00.xxxxx	Positions-Asst. District Attorney	\$86,798
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Committee of the Whole DATE: 01/02/2019 RESOLUTION # CW-002-19

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	<u>CW - 1/2/19</u>	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

CALLING FOR STATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW NIAGARA COUNTY TO INCREASE THE BED TAX AND DESIGNATE THE INCREASE FOR THE DISCOVER NIAGARA SHUTTLE OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES THAT SUPPORT TOURISM WITHIN NIAGARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Niagara County believes in Home Rule and should be able to determine the most preferable way to pay for service to promote tourism, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County sees an advantage to an additional 1% increase of the current Bed tax to aid and promote tourism in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County has an opportunity to assist the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in its operation of the Discover Niagara Shuttle or other entities for transportation or economic development purposes pursuant to New York State Tax Law Article 29 § 1201-d(a) authority to impose tax, and

WHEREAS, the Discover Niagara Shuttle service presently serves the city of Niagara Falls, and along the Niagara River Corridor to the village of Youngstown, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County anticipates several benefits to an additional 1% increase of the current Bed tax, which would include:

1. Promote Tourism by the ease of Transportation to and from all the tourist sites in the city of Niagara Falls, town of Lewiston, Village of Youngstown and in the future the city of Lockport and city of North Tonawanda;
2. Increase Shuttle connections to the city of Lockport and city of North Tonawanda;
3. Relieve congestion of tourism traffic on the roads, parking, and provide a scenic commute throughout the existing Niagara County tourist locations.

and

WHEREAS, there are several attractions in the city of Lockport; the Flight of Five Locks, Lockport Discovery Center, and the Lockport caves; and in North Tonawanda the Carousel Factory Museum, the Canal Fest, thus the shuttle service would promote these attractions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature requests the State of New York Legislature to draft companion bills for the purposes of increasing the existing bed tax by 1% designated specifically to the Discover Niagara Shuttle, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the drafting of this legislation on the state level would provide Niagara County the option of passing a Home Rule Message in support of such legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that subsequent to the State's adoption, Niagara County would have an opportunity to present a local law which would call for action to allow Niagara County residents , and visitors easy comfortable transportation between Niagara County attractions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature respectfully requests the New York State Senate and Assembly to submit companion bill that would pave the way for the County's Local Law and Public Hearing and that copies of this resolution be sent immediately to Niagara county's state representatives.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE