



2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Board of Elections

Voter Outreach Plan Expansion:

On-site presentations and voter registration options at Ontario County High Schools, Hobart and William Smith Colleges and FLCC.

Goals of the program: establish a school liaison, provide information regarding the history of the major parties, importance of voting, and conduct mock voting exercises utilizing the newer voting machines and having eligible 18 year old seniors complete voter registration forms.

Historical Numbers:

Processed 166 sets of petitions and 6 caucus certifications naming 122 candidates seeking election to 106 elected offices.

General and primary results were posted on-line within two hours of the polls closing and thankfully, there were no significant issues during the voting process at 92 districts, 45 polling sites or with absentee voting.

Board of Supervisors

Committee Consolidation:

Committee consolidation, from 10 to 6.

Supervisors attend 2 committees instead of 3.

Savings in mileage, time, for both board members and county staff.

Going paperless:

Board members transitioned to paperless agendas.

All committee and board agendas, resolutions, and associated documents are posted online.

Conflict Defender

Staffing:

The office expanded to 5 with the addition of two new people in October – attorney Ben Gilmour and senior clerk Stacy Schmitt.

Caseload:

Handled approximately 174 criminal cases, that otherwise would be assigned to outside attorneys.

We assigned over 1000 Family Court cases.

Office Location:

Moved out of leased space in Canandaigua into new offices at 3010.

Kudos:

Confidential secretary Lisa Phillips was named the 2017 “Friend of the Court” award recipient by the Ontario County Bar Association.

County Administrator

Citizens Academy:

35 began the program with 32 “Ontario County Ambassadors” graduated, including 2 new members of the Board of Supervisors, 4 advisory board members.

Presentations on 28 different departments and partner agencies.

Shared Services:

Governor’s mandate in April 2017 to engage all County municipal CEO’s on a Shared Services Panel (SSP) to develop a property tax savings plan by August 1.

100% participation by all municipalities and schools.

4 panel meetings, 3 required public hearings and submission to the BOS by 8/1, SSP approval on August 23 and final submission to Dept of State by 9/15.

19 projects totaling \$4.6 million in savings or cost avoidance.

County Attorney

Project Permanency:

2014 a record number of children were in temporary foster care – 90
County Attorney's Office and the Department of Social Services
marshaled resources and collaborated to move these children towards
permanency, through family reunification or adoption.

2017 the number of children in temporary care – 65

Contract Conformity:

Collaborative effort involving the Department of Social Services , Finance,
Purchasing and the County Administrator's Office, brought all DSS
contracts (about 100) into conformity with the county contract process.
In 2018 DSS contracts will be entered into Contraxx.

County Clerk / DMV

Organ Donor month is April:

In April all staff wore Organ Donor T-shirts on Fridays.

Distributed items to people who registered (key chains, lanyards, t-shirts). Office received an award for having the largest increase of registrants from Donate Life. With approximately 50% of licensed drivers enrolled. Ontario County ranks 3rd in the state.

Veterans Day at the DMV:

Opened on a Saturday in November to our Veterans.

Advertised throughout all local VA's and in the Finger Lakes Times.

11 Vets served, processing mostly licenses and non-driver ID's.

Cheri Shahin worked closely with the VA to make it a super opportunity for our Vets to come in and feel appreciated.

Planning to be an annual event.

County Treasurer

Occupancy Tax Collection from Air B & B

Worked with the County Attorney office to prepare an Air B&B Agreement for occupancy tax collection, following amendment of our local law. (Awaiting State approval)

The number of property tax foreclosures:

Decreased from 26 in 2016 to 22 in 2017.

District Attorney

Key Stats:

Prosecution of 646 felony arrests.

476 made their way to the Superior Court – either County Court or Supreme Court by way of waiver (313 Superior Court Information filings) or Indictment (162 Indictments).

Thousands of misdemeanor cases prosecuted in local courts and violations of probation in both County and Local Courts.

Supervision of the three very important treatment courts.

New District Attorney:

First time in 3 decades.

Smooth transition, the only employee who left was our retiring District Attorney, R. Michael Tantillo.

Temporary ADA will fill the vacancy.

Economic Development

SUNY Poly Privatization to Akoustis Technologies

Canandaigua Crossroads:

OC Industrial Development Agency Assistance on the planned rehab of the former Labelon building

Critical PILOTs approved by BOS

Emergency Management

New Sand Bag Machine used for flood events

Tactical Operations Manikins (TOM) used for training



Employee Safety

Training:

2422 students attended our safety training classes.

Significant Decrease in Workplace Injuries and Illnesses:

“Recordable” injuries and illnesses reported to the County Self-Insured WC program

Total Plan – 69 (81 in 2016)

Ontario County only – 13 (27 in 2016)

“Total” injuries and illnesses reported to the County Self-Insured WC program

Total Plan – 147 (178 in 2016)

Ontario County only – 39 (77 in 2016)

Finance

Successful implementation of McGuiness Pre-School Software and billed for entire 2016-17 school year

Credentialed Public Health as Medicare provider for flu shots and received first payment

Human Resources

Excelsior Institute:

16 training programs administered

283 participants

Civil Service:

4,044 applications received and reviewed

Staffing:

Michele Smith appointed as Director

Lindsey Burgess appointed as Deputy Director

Information Services

Papercut:

Installed on copiers to save paper and improve confidentiality
Approximately 20,000 sheets of paper saved since July

OnCor:

Parcel Quicklink Tool went live in OnCor

Cybersecurity Incidents:

Zero incidents!
(also a County-wide accomplishment)

Lease to buy for AxCESS Ontario:

Sean Barry led the team on successful lease to buy agreement on AxCESS Ontario.

Mental Health

“Open Access”:

Screened approximately 10-15 new individuals each week
Providing clinical services to over 100 more individuals at any given time than we were in 2016.

Our typical clinic case load is approximately 600, with an additional 100 individuals in the “screening” process.

Suicide Prevention Coalition:

In partnership with Public Health, Mental Health and Partnership for Ontario County we developed the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Office for the Aging

Expanded Transportation Service:

New service through contract with Regional Transit Service (RTS).

Buses provide transportation to shopping in Canandaigua, Bloomfield and Clifton Springs.

Rides to medical appointments through an on-demand service.

Expanded services now cover the entire county including rural areas.

Program Support through collaborations:

St. Benedict's Parish, Kinship Navigator, GRAPE, Habitat for Humanity, Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute and Wegmans.

Office of Sheriff

Substance Abuse Epidemic:

- Enhanced education, prevention and law enforcement efforts to reduce the substance abuse epidemic, in partnership with other organizations.
- OCSO Special Investigations Unit members have been responding to all drug overdose calls.
- The number of drug arrests have greatly increased.
- 2018 budget process added another special investigations unit investigator.
- Added resources to the county wide drug task force with the cities.
- Working closely with FLACRA's response team to drug overdoses.
- Work continues with the Partnership of OC to deploy medication drop boxes to various sites including senior communities.

Firearm Safety:

- Created a handgun safety program for pistol permit applicants and the general public.
- 4 hours of classroom instruction on laws, use of force, proper handling, storing and transporting of firearms etc.
- The backlog of background investigations for new pistol permit applicants has been eliminated.

Planning

Completion of Manchester Rail Corridor Plan:

Roundhouse designation as one of the Landmark Society of Western NY's Five to Revive sites.

EPA completion of phase 1 environmental assessment and funding of phase 2.

County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan:

Coordination of funding for two cities and 16 towns to implement projects supporting the SWMP to divert waste in multiple and creative ways from being landfilled.

Probation

Two New Probation Programs:

FLACRA Weekend Jail Alternatives and Pretrial Release EHM.

Saved the county 1568 jail days and \$218,050 in the cost of housing jail inmates.

Ignition Interlock Enforcement Device (IID) Program:

Selected by the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to participate and receive \$30,000 for training and overtime.

Probation, Sheriff's Dept, District Attorney's Office, Geneva and Canandaigua City Police received training from the state and ran a summer long IID enforcement program.

68 shifts to target 286 suspected violators of NYS Vehicle & Traffic Laws.

Resulted in 13 arrests and 7 violations of probation for violating NYS V&T Laws.

Public Defender

Training:

The PD Office planned and hosted numerous trainings in 2017, covering topics including immigration and other collateral consequences of criminal convictions, DWI defense, Judicial Diversion Programs, and ethics.

Funded by grants secured by the PD, provided more than a year's required CLE credits, and were offered to all indigent defense practitioners free of charge.

First Appearances:

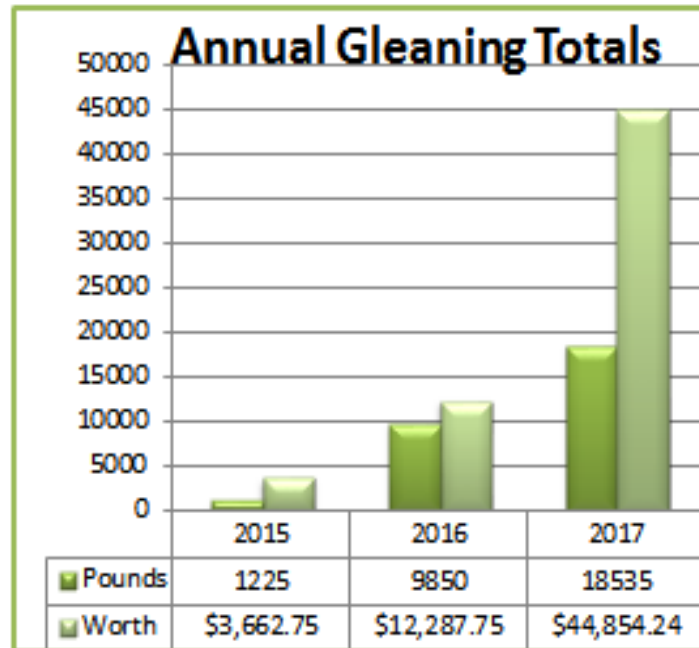
Representation available to those arrested throughout the County all 365 days.

2,981 first appearances were made on behalf of accused individuals.

Creation of Trust Accounts:

72 accounts, \$26,000 collected, \$11,000 disbursed

2017 Public Health Accomplishments



1.) Supported Geneva Food Justice Committee in gleaning and distributing almost double the previous years totals to 28 different sites.

2.) Received a competitive award of \$48,000 for work achieved in Chronic Disease Prevention...scored 20 out of 21 points! \$ to be spent in 2018 in addressing chronic disease.



Public Works

Completed Courthouse Renovation:

The final phase of the Domino Project

Lakeshore Drive & Moran Road Sidewalk Improvement Project:

This federal aided project constructed approximately 1-mile of 8-ft wide sidewalk & pedestrian signal upgrades to improve pedestrian safety.

The project closed sidewalk gaps to provide continuous sidewalk from City of Canandaigua to Marvin Sands Drive (FLCC Main Entrance).

Purchasing

Surplus Inventory:

Highest amount of revenue received in a calendar year for the sale of surplus items including vehicles, furniture and electronics totaling \$237,880.

Pricing Tab Sheets on the Web:

Now posting on the Purchasing webpage all pricing tab sheets for bids opened in 2017.

After each bid opening the tab sheets are posted for all vendors to review.

Bid documents also available for viewing and download that was started in 2016.

Real Property Tax

County equalization rate has consistently remained above 99.5% since 2007:

Direct result of the efforts of the Municipal Assessors with help of RPTS staff.

Cyclical reassessments in all municipalities create consistency of values.

Creates Transparency; assessed values, exemption amounts and tax rates are not affected or complicated by low equalization rates.

Fewer Correction of Errors, Small Claims and Certiorari filings.

Creates and maintains credibility in the property tax system.

Consistency in the tax base for budget and tax rate projections.

Favorable impact on the bond rating.

Assisted many taxpayers with Pre-Payment of 2018 County/Town Taxes:

Thanks go out to Town Tax Collectors, Info Services, County Attorney, Co Administrator and all the County employees that fielded phone calls.

Records and Archives

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant:

Awarded in the amount of \$63,020 in order to scan 7 historical record series for RAIMS and the Sheriff's Office.

Enhance our patrons' research by giving quicker and more comprehensive service.

Archives Month Celebration:

Staff constructed and displayed an exhibit "They Answered the Call: Ontario County's Heroes in World War I".

Hosted an Open House in order for people to visit and review the exhibit.

Preston Pierce, County Historian presented a lecture describing the bravery and hardships of our local men and women during the wartime.

STOP D.W.I

Created a Full Time position of Stop DWI Officer in the 2018 budget process – salary funded and car provided by DWI revenues

Increase in public education and presentations

Veterans Service Agency

Scanned 23,806 Veterans' files into digital format

Staff processed 115 burials of deceased veterans

Weights & Measures

Eased consumer worry about a credit card skimmer issue

Maintained a presence in the marketplace – by answering questions from the public and assisting with business compliance

Social Services

Hotel/Motel Inspections:

Contracted for semi-annual inspection of the hotel and motel rooms the Department uses to house homeless individuals and families.

Permanency Summit:

Coordinated and hosted a summit on successful permanency strategies. Seven counties presented and 23 counties attended.

Temporary Assistance and SNAP benefits:

Issued over \$15,000,000 in Temporary Assistance and SNAP benefits to Ontario County residents.

Assisted an average of 3300 households every month.

Youth Bureau

Positive Youth Development Coalition:

Established a Positive Youth Development Coalition made up of 35 individuals, representing a total of 25 organizations, communities and/or agencies.

Successfully worked together to create an updated resource packet of programs, events, activities, services, etc. for youth and families with youth.

Resource packet will be available electronically for all agencies and county departments as well as on our new webpage for the community at-large.

Webpage Re-Design:

A new Youth Bureau Webpage has been completed with the help of Info Services, that will go live in January 2018.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON A JOB
WELL DONE!**