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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is Franklin County's *Revised* Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Summary that includes Appendix A and the plan in narrative form.

Public Meetings were held at 3 different locations on July 18, 2017; the Legislature approved the plan on 7/20/17 and a hard copy was delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Legislature on 8/1/17. On 8/23/17, a panel vote was conducted; all participating Towns, Villages, School District and BOCES approved the plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Kissane



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Partners			
Row 1 – 0 Cities in Franklin County			
Row 2 – 19 Towns in Franklin County			
	Participating Towns	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)
1.	Bangor	Gary Monica	Yes
2.	Bellmont	Bruce Russell	Yes
3.	Bombay	Mary Frances Smith Taylor	Yes
4.	Brandon	Michael Lawrence	Yes
5.	Brighton	Peter Shrope	Yes
6.	Burke	David Vincent	Yes
7.	Chateaugay	Donald Bilow	Yes
8.	Constable	Richard Onufer	Yes
9.	Dickinson	Sherry Smith	Yes
10.	Duane	Edward LeMieux, Sr. (not present due to medical app't but advised through correspondence that he is voting yes)	Yes
11.	Ft. Covington	Patricia Manchester	Yes
12.	Franklin	Arthur P. Wilman, Jr.	Yes
13.	Harrietstown	Michael Kilroy	Yes
14.	Malone	Howard F. Maneely	Yes
15.	Moira	Barry Dabiew	Yes
16.	Tupper Lake	Patricia Littlefield	Yes
17.	Westville	Rod Lauzon	Yes



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ROW 3: 6 Villages in Franklin County			
	Participating Villages	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)
1.	Brushton	Kevin Pentalow	Yes
2.	Burke	Craig Dumas	Yes
3.	Chateaugay	Matthew Clarke(yes but could not make it)	Yes
4.	Malone	Joseph Riccio	Yes
5.	Saranac Lake	Clyde Rabideau (represented by Rich Shapiro-Village Board as mayor had medical appointment)	Yes
6.	Tupper Lake	Paul Maroun	Yes
Row 4 – 8 School Districts, BOCES, and Special Improvement Districts in Franklin County			
	Participating School Districts, BOCES, and Special Improvement Districts	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)
1.	Malone Central School	Jerry Griffin	Yes
2.	FEH BOCES	Stephen Schafer	Yes
Row 5			
2017 Local Government Property Taxes		The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2017 by the county, cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvement districts within such county.	
		\$85,914,686	
Row 6			
2017 Participating Entities Property Taxes		The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2017 by the county, any cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvements districts identified as participating in the panel in the rows above.	
Using a 1.5% increase		\$48,672,269 (2017) \$49,158,991 (2018) \$49,896,377 (2019)	
Row 7			
Total Anticipated Savings		The sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter.	
Estimated savings		\$1,650,891 (2018) \$350,891 (2019) and \$350,891 annually thereafter	



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Row 8	
Anticipated Savings as a Percentage of Participating Entities property taxes	<p>The sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2018 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6, calendar year 2019 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6, and annually thereafter as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6.</p>
	<p>3.39% (2018), 1% (2019) 1% annually thereafter</p>
Row 9	
Anticipated Savings to the Average Taxpayer	<p>The amount of the savings that the average taxpayer in the county will realize in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.</p>
	<p>\$.15 per thousand of full value based on plan & participants only for 2018, \$.05(2019) and \$.05 annually thereafter</p>
Row 10	
Anticipated Savings to the Average Homeowner	<p>The percentage amount a homeowner can expect his or her property taxes to decrease in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.</p>
	<p>1.9% based on 2017 local government property tax for 2018, 1% (2019) and 1% annually thereafter</p>
Row 11	
Anticipated Savings to the Average Business	<p>The percentage amount a business can expect its property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.</p>
	<p>1.9% based on 2017 local government property tax. For 2018, 1% (2019) and 1% annually thereafter</p>
CERTIFICATION	
<p>I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. This is the finalized county-wide shared services property tax savings plan. The county-wide shared services property tax savings plan was approved on August 23, 2017, and it was disseminated to residents of the county in accordance with the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Law. It is Franklin County's intention to continue to work on Shared Services through identification and implementation of shared services. It is also our intention to work towards achieving the action plan identified in the narrative of this plan or modifying as the plan is further developed to reduce property taxes.</p>	
Donna Kissane _____ (Signature)	County Manager _____ 9/14/17 _____ (Date)



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FRANKLIN COUNTY SHARED SERVICES

NARRATIVE

The first meeting to discuss the County-Wide Shared Services Plan Initiative began with a meeting on April 19, 2017 at the quarterly Town Supervisor's meeting. Following that meeting, all Towns, Villages, and School District representatives were notified of the 1st official panel meeting that was held on 5/31/17. Subsequently, unions were notified and have participated in panel meetings. Three official panel meetings have been held to develop a plan for the Shared Services Initiative – 5/31/17, 6/20/17, & 7/12/17.

First and foremost, Franklin County is proud of the amount of existing Shared Services already in place.

- ❖ The municipal highway departments all share services on a regular basis – equipment, manpower, consolidated road salt bid, road plowing, mowing, consultation, etc. In 2017, Malone Central and FEH BOCES will purchase road salt through the Franklin County Highway Department.
- ❖ Emergency Services provides dispatching services to the local police departments, fire departments and shares equipment.
- ❖ Office for the Aging, Public Health & DSS provides a team to assist any municipality at a time of emergency/crisis.
- ❖ The Sheriff's Department is active with other law enforcement teams. i.e. DWI and Drug Stings.
- ❖ Franklin County Public Transportation has extended its public transportation routes to assist with various economic development driven events to various municipalities – i.e. Empire State Games, Snow Shoe Competition
- ❖ Franklin County Public Transportation shares Malone Central School's bus wash and bus inspection.
- ❖ School Districts partner with Franklin County for pre-school transportation.
- ❖ Towns help other towns, villages and County; Villages help other villages, towns and county; County helps other counties, villages and towns. Some of these shared services include Fire and Rescue shared departments, food pantries, road work, etc.

The following shared services as identified by the participating municipalities are recommended:

1. The County Tax Collection Software will be installed in interested municipalities with Franklin County paying 50% of the installation for those committed to install in 2018. This will streamline the process and as a result, efficiencies will be gained. The current savings' calculations for each participating municipality has been calculated at a 30-60% savings in Tax Collectors' and County staff hours dedicated to tax collection. **Estimated savings potential: \$92,240**
2. Joint Purchasing through Franklin County Purchasing Office: Several purchases will be made that will allow better pricing due to ordering in quantity. For example: Steel Bid, Random Drug Test Provider BID, Concrete Bid, Ice Melt/Rock Salt Bid, Shredding Bid, Asbestos Abatement, Fuel Bid, Paving, Road striping etc. Calculations of consolidated paper purchases shows significant savings in that area for several municipalities. We estimate a minimum savings of 10% in joint purchases; current calculation of **\$4305** for paper and random drug testing commitments.
3. Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition through a partnership with BOCES: It is anticipated that any municipality who has a self-fund health insurance program will save by joining the partnership with BOCES. Full analysis is available to the municipality to determine projected savings. **Estimated potential Savings \$50,000**



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4. County of Franklin Solid Waste Authority has agreed to reduce the price to municipalities of “non-asbestos disposal” of municipal- owned blighted buildings by **\$5.00/ton savings effective 1/1/18. Estimated potential savings \$15,000 or more** if there is 3000 tons across the county.
5. Shared Internet Services will be pursued with existing vendors and municipalities. **Estimated potential Savings: \$1,875**
6. Franklin County anticipates extending the road salt purchase for significant costs savings to municipalities currently not purchasing through our bid. **Estimate 25% savings in road salt purchase.**
7. Shared space with a Franklin County extension office. **Estimated Savings: \$10,000**
8. Joint CFA funding for Village and Town of Tupper Lake for a new water line on the Tupper Lake Country Club Road. Water District # 3 is also eligible for upgrades and improvements to their service. Estimated project cost is \$1.5 million and the Village and Town’s investment is \$200,000. **Estimated Savings: \$1,300,000**
9. Franklin County in partnership with Town of Malone & Village of Malone will provide administrative oversight of two sidewalk installations. Franklin County will also assist with other infrastructure projects at an **estimated savings of \$170,000.**
10. Town of Bellmont and Town of Duane share plowing a road with an **estimated savings of \$7,471.**
11. Video Conferencing Technology installed at Franklin County Courthouse, Saranac Lake Village and Tupper Lake Village offices and available for use to reduce travel costs to municipalities. **Estimated potential savings: TBD**
12. Franklin County and any other interested municipality will explore partnerships with BOCES to secure grant writing assistance. **Estimated potential Savings: TBD**

In summary, Franklin County entities will continue to implement the long-time existing practice of shared services. 3 Public Hearings were held on 7/18/17 in Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake and Malone, and the plan was presented to the Franklin County Legislature on 7/20/17 at their official Board of Legislature meeting. The Shared Services Panel will vote on the plan in August. The plan was filed with the Franklin County Legislature on 8/1/17 with the Board of Legislature Clerk.

Franklin County requests from the Governor exemptions from the property tax cap on capital projects for all municipalities. Franklin County also requests that the Governor review the state spending and decrease it to directly support the County, Towns, Villages, School Districts and Special Districts in our mission to be responsible to Franklin County tax payers while fulfilling our obligations to them to improve our infrastructure and assist our residents. Continuous unfunded mandates impedes us in making decisions on behalf of Franklin County communities while staying within the tax cap which everyone hopes to achieve.