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NYSAC 2023
Legislative Conference

Monday, February 27, 2023

7:30am - 5:30pm
Registration
Fort Orange Courtyard

NYSAC Standing Committee Meetings

9:30am - 11:00am (TRACK I)
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs: Fort Orange 9
- Climate Action: Suite 120
- Transportation & Public Works: High Street 28
- Children with Special Needs: Fort Orange 7
- Public Employee Relations: Suite 111
- Taxation & Finance: Shaker

11:30am - 1:00pm (TRACK II)
- Intergovernmental Relations & General Government: Suite 111
- Public Health & Mental Health: High Street 28
- Economic Development, Environment & Energy: Fort Orange 9
- Medicaid & Human Services: Shaker
- Native American Affairs & Gaming: Suite 120
- Public Safety: Fort Orange 7

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Conference Luncheon
King Street Ballroom 2/4/6/8 (meal ticket required)

Sponsored by:

1:00pm
Exhibit Hall Open
Fort Orange/King Street Courtyards

2:00pm-3:15pm
NYSAC IT Task Force Meeting
High Street 22
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Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:30am - 5:00pm
Registration
Fort Orange Courtyard

7:30am - 5:00pm
Exhibits Open
Fort Orange/King Street Courtyards

7:30am - 8:45am
Breakfast
2/4/6 King Street Ballroom (TICKET REQUIRED)

7:30am - 8:45am
Board Chairs Private Breakfast
High Street 26 (Members Only)

9:00am - 10:15am
A.M. Plenary Session
Fort Orange Ballroom
“Economic Forecast for 2023”
Speaker:
Vincent Reinhart
Chief Economist &
Macro Strategist
Dreyfus

10:15am - 10:45am
Coffee Break
Fort Orange/King

10:45am - Noon
WORKSHOPS

State Budget Review  Town Hall
Growing NY’s Cannabis Industry  Fort Orange 7
Robert’s Rules of Order  Fort Orange 5
Three Ways to Reduce County Healthcare Costs  Fort Orange 9

Sponsored by:

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1:30pm - 3:30pm
NYS County Administrators Meeting
Shaker Room  (Members Only)

2:00pm - 3:30pm
NYS County Planners Association Meeting
High Street 24  (Members Only)

Program-at-a-Glance—Tuesday

1:30pm - 3:30pm
NYSAC Legislative Luncheon
King Street Ballroom   Meal Txt Required
Sponsored by: GDI

Noon - 1:30pm

WORKSHOPS  2:00pm - 3:15pm

Aging Programs Serving NYS Seniors Town Hall
Public Sector Labor Mgmt Fort Orange 9
1st Amendment Audits Fort Orange 7
County Communicators Forum Fort Orange 5

3:15pm - 3:45pm
Coffee Break Fort Orange/King
Sponsored by: Alera Group

3:45pm - 5:00pm
County Veterans Service Officers Meeting
High Street 28  (Members Only)

3:45pm - 5:00pm
Afternoon Plenary Session
Fort Orange Ballroom
"Leadership Drives Economic Development"
Sponsored by: OnATech
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

8:00am - 10:00am
King Street Ballroom

Inter-County Breakfast Mtg &
General Breakfast: 8am-9am

**EV Charging Stations & Electric Fleet Transitions**

As counties continue to make decisions about converting municipal fleets to electric and hybrid vehicles, counties are also exploring opportunities to bring electric vehicle charging to their communities. The NYS DEC administers the Municipal ZEV Program, which provides rebates to cities, towns, villages, and counties to encourage and enable ZEV adoption by municipalities for fleet use as well as install electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fuel filling station components primarily for public use. This workshop will highlight those funding opportunities and ways to help evaluate your electric vehicle and charging infrastructure needs for your community.

(Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 8:00 am – 9:00 am, King Street Ballroom)

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**Speakers:**

**Tara Donadio**  
Assistant Director of Sustainability  
CDRPC

**Haley Balcanoff**  
Sustainability Planner  
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**Myra Fredyniak**  
NYS DEC ZEZ Rebate Program

**Amy Dobrikova, VP**  
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**Moderator:**

**Hon. Richard Helmich Jr.**  
Legislator  
Cattaraugus County

**NYSAC Business Meeting:**

**Resolutions**, 9:00am-10:00am
All workshops are eligible for 2 NYSAC County Government Institute educational credits.
The State of Early Intervention Services in New York State

The New York State Health Department and Bureau of Early Intervention Services will join us for a discussion on the rollout of the new fiscal agent, and early intervention program updates. This timely workshop will also focus on opportunities for the state and counties to partner together to help address the recruitment and retention of early intervention providers.

(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speakers:
Ray Pierce
Director, Bureau of Early Intervention
NYS Department of Health

Representatives, BEI

Representatives, PCG

Moderator:
Deirdre Romanski
E.I. Service Manager
Albany County

Ethics in Government: County Government Institute Core

This session will provide an overview of the codes of conduct and legal requirements of county elected and appointed officials under state and local ethics laws, policies, and procedures. The session will describe state and local laws governing gifts and inducements, conflicts of interest, financial disclosure requirements, operations of county ethics boards, and other areas relating to integrity in government. This session is one of the core course requirements of the County Government Institute (4 credits awarded).

(Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, High St 26)
County Procurement: From Everyday Purchases to Using ARPA Funds
This workshop will provide a quick overview of the current procurement regulations under General Municipal Law 103. County procurement experts will also cover the regulations and issues facing local governments when spending federal funds, including those from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm, High St 24)

Speakers:
Karen Storm
Procurement Consultant
Paul Brennan
Rockland County Director of Purchasing

Moderator:
Hon. Shelley Stein
Chairwoman, Genesee County Legislature

Improving Health Through Housing
Ending homelessness and preventing childhood lead poisoning are key public health priorities for counties. This workshop will explore innovative approaches to improving health through housing, where additional investments are needed, and the legislative and budget proposals under consideration during the 2023 New York State Legislative
Session. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm -3:15 pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speakers:
Sarah Merrick
Commissioner of Social Services
Onondaga County

Daniel Gilmore, PhD, MPH
Public Health Director
Oneida County

Gerard Giuliano, JD
Director, Office of Public Health Legal Affairs
Nassau County

Pamela Smith, JD, MPH
Deputy Director, Office of Public Health Legal Affairs
Nassau County

Moderator:
Linda Beers, MPH
Public Health Director
Essex County

858-SNOW: Erie County’s Unexpected Lifeline for Residents
Erie County implemented a new phone line, 858-SNOW, just days before the worst blizzard in decades hit the region in December 2022. The new phone line was designed to serve numerous non-emergency needs, but when emergency services were entirely down due to the whiteout conditions and snow accumulation, it became a lifeline to offer survival tips to callers on how to shelter in place where they were and helped the coordination between the many departments at its emergency operations center. Workshop presenters will discuss lessons learned and how the phone line was also used to pivot to the most urgent needs as recovery happened for the following days, from dialysis trips to baby formula delivery. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Town Hall)
Speakers:
Sarah Bonk
Special Assistant
Erie County’s Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Jason Hurley
Executive Assistant
Erie County’s Department of Health

Moderator:
Lisa Chimera
Deputy County Executive
Erie County

Anatomy of a Cyber Attack: Lessons from Suffolk County
In September 2022, Suffolk County was a victim of a ransomware attack that brought its systems down immediately, requiring them to rely on its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and activate its continuity of operations plans (COOP) to deliver public services without back-office information systems. In this workshop, Suffolk County leaders will discuss findings from their forensic investigation and some of the lessons learned from their response to this cyber-attack. 3:45 p.m.
(Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Fort Orange 7/9)

Speakers:
Lisa Black
Chief Deputy County Executive
Suffolk County

Colin Ahern
Chief Cyber Officer
Office of Governor Hochul

Benjamin Voce-Gardner
Director, Office of Counterterrorism
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Mike Hastings
Cyber Security Coordinator

Sponsored by:
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Region 2

Moderator:
Meghan Cook
Program Director
Center for Technology in Government
State University of New York Albany

Building a Green Future in New York State
2022 was a banner year for the environment in New York, and the Governor and Legislature are expected to continue their legacy of environmental leadership in 2023. This workshop will provide an overview of the major legislation and rulemaking to watch during the 2023 Legislative Session and beyond. (Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, High St 26)

Speakers:
Maureen Leddy
Director, Office of Climate Change
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
Sarah Osgood
Executive Director, Climate Action Council
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Moderator:
Heather Brown
Deputy Commissioner, Division of Planning
Community Development and Environmental Management
Sullivan County

Pre-School Special Education: An Update from the NYS Education Department
The State Education Department oversees the administration of the preschool special education program. In conjunction with lo-
cal school districts, an evaluation and services are provided to eligible children with disabilities at no cost to the parents/guardians. In addition to program expenses, counties are also responsible for providing transportation services to children receiving services. NYSED will provide attendees with an update on the program and administrative actions affecting the preschool special education program.
(Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Fort Orange 5)

Speakers:
Suzanne Bolling  
NYSED
Robert Wojkiewicz  
NYSED
Nicholas Thayer  
NYSED

Moderator:
Christa VanCour  
Children’s Services Coordinator  
Clinton County

The State of Media: Reporters Roundtable
Few industries have experienced as much change over the last decade as journalism. Social media, smartphones, cord-cutting, and media consolidation have all changed how reporters cover the news and which stories break through to them, their editors, and producers. In this workshop, you’ll hear directly from reporters about the current media landscape and how local government officials can build mutually beneficial relationships with reporters, meet the demands of today’s multimedia environment, and more effectively inform residents.  
(Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Town Hall)
A.M. PLENARY: Seeing the Forest through the Money Tree: An Economic Forecast for 2023

Pinning down what is happening in the economy today, let alone next year, has never been more challenging. While we are finally recovering from a devastating pandemic, we are also dealing with the highest inflation in four decades, lingering supply chain issues, workforce shortages, interest rate tightening, and mixed economic signals on whether, or when, a recession might occur. Join us for this plenary session to hear from a national economic expert on whether counties should batten down the hatches or just take precautions for a minor economic speed bump. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 9:00 am-10:15 am, Fort Orange Ballroom)

State Budget Review & Advocating County Priorities in Albany  

Dave Lucas, NYSAC’s Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs along with Ryan Gregoire, NYSAC’s Legislative Director will provide a review of
the state budget, where our county priorities stand in the budget process, and how to effectively advocate for county interests before members of the State Legislature.

(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon, Town Hall)

Speakers:
Dave Lucas
Director of Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs
NYSAC
Ryan Gregoire
Legislative Director
NYSAC

Growing New York’s Cannabis Industry
After years of preparation, New York State’s first adult-use cannabis dispensaries are opening their doors to customers. This workshop will explore how the industry is taking shape and what is on the horizon.

(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon, Fort Orange 7)

Speakers:
Phillip Rumsey
Manager of Intergovernmental Outreach
NYS Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)
David O’Brien
President & CEO
Massachusetts Cannabis Business Association
David Pejovic
Chair, Municipal Affairs Committee
Cannabis Association of New York

Moderator:
Hon. Jen Metzger
County Executive
Ulster County
Three Ways to Reduce County Healthcare Costs  There are three certainties in this world: death, taxes, and rising healthcare costs. This workshop will address three ways that self-insured counties can start to reduce healthcare insurance costs for taxpayers and employees. The first is adopting a Medicare Advantage program for retirees over 65. The second is choosing the right prescription benefit manager. And the third is exploring a stop loss captive.  (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon, Fort Orange 9)

Speakers:
Al Saavedra  
Vice President  
Aetna
Eric Lintala  
Executive Benefits Consultant  
Alera Group
Nick Schooley  
Regional Sales Director  
ProAct

Moderator:
Nonie Flynn  
Yates County Manager

Robert’s Rules of Order: How to Achieve a Balanced, Productive, and Civil Public Meeting  Robert’s Rules of Order is the most common parliamentary authority used in the United States. Counties across New York rely on its principles to form the rules for conducting civil and effective public meetings and hearings. Understanding what these rules are, and why they are followed, will help you effectively message your goals at meetings to both the residents that are present as well as the legislature who will take action. Join our expert who will train you on how to achieve an organized public meeting and how the
well-enforced rules will create a civil environment allowing all a voice for all and a path to work through the agenda. 

(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:45 am-Noon, Fort Orange 5)

Speaker:
Robert Robinson, PRP
Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Public Sector Labor Management Relations: County Government Institute Core
Participants will learn about the unique labor/management relationships existing in county government as established under State law. Topics of this session will include requirements of the Civil Service Law, the Taylor Law, the operations, and responsibilities of the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), and procedures mandated under other relevant state statutes. This session is one of the core course requirements under the County Government Institute. (4 credits).

(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Fort Orange 9)

Speaker:
Paul Eldridge
Personnel Director
Putnam County

Moderator:
John Welsh
County Administrator
Orleans County

1st Amendment Audits “First Amendment audits” are becoming a common occurrence in local governments across the state. These “audits” involve a person entering the local government property to record, and later posted online, their interactions with government officials. This is
often provocatively done by individuals, seeking those out that may be unaware of the rules that govern what spaces are open to the public and what areas may be restricted. Join our legal experts that will train you and your staff on how to develop responsive policies that will ensure all are aware of when and where the public can enter and record and also what areas have reasonable time, place, and manner (TPM) restrictions applicable within your county. (NOTE: This workshop provides a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for all attorneys present, however, you do not need to be an attorney to attend.) (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Fort Orange 7)

Speaker:
John D. Aspland, Jr. Esq.
Managing Partner
FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth

Moderator:
Ashley Smith
Cattaraugus County Attorney

County Communicators Forum
No one understands the challenges facing county communicators better than your colleagues in the field. In this open forum, PIOs, Communications Directors, and other county officials who engage in communications work will have the opportunity to share ideas for effectively telling your county’s stories of service to your community. This is a great chance to discuss successes and challenges, ask questions, and network with fellow county communicators! (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Fort Orange 5)
Moderator:  
Dominick Recckio  
Communications Director  
Tompkins County

Aging Programs Serving NY’s Seniors & NY’s New Master Plan  
Join us for a presentation from the New York State Office of the Aging and the Association on Aging in New York to learn about new initiatives that can help your county enhance services for Older Americans. Director Greg Olsen and Executive Director Becky Preve will provide this critical information for county leaders including a review of the SFY 23 Enacted Budget and the significant investments in aging services.  
(Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm, Town Hall)

Speakers:  
Becky Preve  
Executive Director  
NYS Association of Aging  
Greg Olsen  
Director, NYS Office for the Aging

Moderator:  
Beth Stranges  
Director, Department of Aging & Long-Term Care  
Chemung County

P.M. PLENARY: Leadership Drives Economic Development  
Everyone supports collaboration and partnerships, but someone has to lead. Local leaders know best the assets, quality of life, and benefits of doing business in your respective communities. The days of waiting for a company (or another level of government) to bring you...
a project are a thing of the past! Learn about the process, efforts, collaboration, and work done by local officials in Onondaga County—work that was done before engaging federal and state partners—to land the largest economic development deal in the history of the United States with Micron. The success of this bottom approach to economic development not only proved to be hugely successful but can serve as the model for other counties and regions across the state. Be the leader that seizes the next Micron instead of waiting for someone else to tell you what’s best for you and your community. (Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Fort Orange Ballroom)

Speakers:
Hon. Ryan McMahon
County Executive
Onondaga County
Robert Petrovitch
Director of Economic Development
Onondaga County

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Stephen J. Acquario
Executive Director
NYSAC

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Amy Dobrikova, VP  
Fleet Solutions  
Blink Charging

**Moderator:**

Hon. Richard Helmich Jr.  
Legislator  
Cattaraugus County

**NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training Program**  
The NYS Emergency Management Certification and Training (EMC&T) Program supports the State’s strategy of creating unified emergency management training for County Chief Executives and other emergency management stakeholders. The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has worked with the local emergency management community to develop a standardized curriculum for three tiers of training aimed at County Chief Executives (Tier 1), County Emergency Managers (Tier 2), and other local public officials within Counties (Tier 3). County Chief Executives and...
County Emergency Managers must complete the training (to include annual refresh-er training) for DHSES grant eligibility purposes. The training covers all facets of emergency management, including disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. It also outlines the legal authorities and responsibilities related to emergency management in NYS. DHSES is partnering with NYSAC to deliver this training. (Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (lunch included), Town Hall)

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