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New Security Measures Planned for Livingston County Government Center Screening at Main Entrance Part of New Plan

Geneseo, NY- Starting Monday, October 29th, visitors to the Livingston County Government Center will experience new screening procedures as they enter the facility. These security improvements are the result of the County's assessment of current building security practices and are in concert with the recommendations of two recent studies conducted by the Board of Supervisors.

Presently, visitors entering the building on the 2nd floor, while greeted by a Livingston County Sheriff's Deputy, do not have to pass through any safety screening/ detection device. In the first phase of the County's security enhancements, the Government Center will have an additional Sheriff's Deputy present and all visitors going beyond the DMV and County Clerk's wings will be screened through a magnetometer and x-ray machine, similar to procedures already in place at the Court House.

"While this work certainly adds an element of inconvenience for visitors to the Government Center, it nevertheless is a necessary layer of protection for both residents and employees. We cannot continue to rely on luck and a streak of good fortune alone," said Ian Coyle, County Administrator.

Sheriff Tom Dougherty also championed the efforts commenting, "I have long stated my position that the Government Center would benefit from additional security measures and I strongly support the Board of Supervisors' decision to add enhanced services to the building with our trained team of personnel."

More substantive improvements are called for in the County's recently approved Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These include ancillary items like improved video capabilities, door access, lighting, and securing of spaces not currently utilized. The largest cost item included in the CIP, and currently under evaluation, is a revised entrance way to include more enhanced screening of all people

entering the building, including those with business at the DMV and County Clerk's Office. Additional security recommendations that were identified in the assessments have been completed or are in process of being completed.

Chairman of the Board, David LeFeber stated, "Many government buildings in the area have similar, or even more stringent, security measures, and this type of security work in today's day and age qualifies as both an important and an essential expense of funds."

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