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## **New Tax Director Announced**

**Mayville:** -- Earlier this year Chautauqua County's current Tax Director Alice Growley notified the Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards that she would be retiring from County service at the end of this year. Following the standard process Edwards has developed for selecting Department leaders, he asked a bi-partisan committee to review applicants and conduct initial interviews. For this position, Democrat Legislator Lori Cornell and Republican Legislator Larry Barmore joined Finance Director Darin Schulz as the interview committee.

After soliciting resumes and interest from people across the Region, this group met and interviewed those candidates who met the criteria established by the New York State Office of Real Property Services. Following a full interview process, this group delivered to Edwards a ranking of the candidates listing whom they viewed as the best candidate followed by others in order of preference. Edwards then interviewed the top candidates and following those interviews he selected James E. Caflisch as Chautauqua County's next Tax Director.

"I am pleased to report that my interview supported the unanimous decision of this committee of both Republican and Democrat Legislators and our Finance Director that James E. Caflisch is the best candidate," said Edwards.

"Jim's involvement of over 19 years on the assessment board of review for the Town of French Creek and other experiences make him uniquely suited to take on the task of modernizing and streamlining the work of the Chautauqua County Tax Department in partnership with Chautauqua County's local municipalities and New York State," Edwards said.

Caflisch will begin his tenure as Chautauqua County's next Tax Director on January 1, 2011 to fill the balance of the term of the outgoing Director through October 11, 2013

"I look forward to Jim beginning his career in this office at the start of next year," Edwards said.

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