

# News Alert

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**NYS Comptroller Thomas Di Napoli met with Rensselaer County Democratic legislators before the October 14 meeting of the County Legislature. Legislator Flora Fasoldt sponsored a resolution commending Mr. DiNapoli for launching the website “Open Book New York,” an initiative to provide NYS residents with access to information about how their tax dollars are being spent. The website provides information about more than 60,000 active State contracts and spending for 113 State agencies and public authorities. The Comptroller and legislators discussed the importance of transparency in government, the free flow of information between elected officials and the citizens they represent as an essential part of government efficiency and accountability. L-R: Legislator Keith Hammond, Legislator Ginny O’Brien, Comptroller DiNapoli, Legislator Kevin Harrington, Legislator Flora Fasoldt, Legislator Brian Zweig, and Legislator Peter Grimm.**