# Seventh Regular Meeting July 14, 2020

The Seventh Regular Meeting of 2020 was held on July 14, 2020 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. with all Legislators being present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Sullivan to have a moment of prayer. "Heavenly Father, we ask that you remain through us especially during the time of this virus. We want to thank all of our employees who have really stepped up to the plate and did everything they could to manage the situation and keep our residents safe. We especially want you to pour your blessings down upon those employees who we are recognizing today for all their years of service. And, for those who are retiring from service to Tioga County that they may be able to adjust to a completely different lifestyle especially during this pandemic."

Legislator Sullivan led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 47 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a unanimous motion for the following five recognition resolutions, seconded unanimously and carried.

Legislator Standinger read and presented the following recognition resolution to Jean Slocum, Office Specialist II, of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

REFERRED TO	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 131-20	RECOGNITION OF JEAN SLOCUM'S 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Jean Slocum was hired as a temporary Clerk Typist at the County Clerk's Office on July 6, 1989 and within a few months was hired into a permanent Typist position with them. Then after three years of dedicated service at the County Clerk's Office, Jean joined the Department of Mental Hygiene in February of 1992 as a Typist and was promoted to Senior Typist in January 1994. Her title changed in 2017 to Office Specialist II; the position she still holds; and

WHEREAS: Jean Slocum has been an extremely dedicated and loyal employee in the performance of her duties and responsibilities for the last 30 years thereby earning the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and WHEREAS: Jean Slocum will retire on July 31, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Jean Slocum for her 30 years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this outstanding employee, Jean Slocum.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Thank you for your service. I appreciate it."

Chris Korba, Director of Administrative Services for Mental Hygiene spoke.

"Jean Slocum started working for Tioga County on July 6, 1989 for the Tioga County Clerk's Office as a temporary Clerk-Typist and within a few months she was hired into a permanent Typist position with them. In February 1992, Jean found her career path when she joined the Department of Mental Hygiene as a Typist and was promoted to Senior Typist in January 1994. In 2017, her title was changed to Office Specialist II.

"Mental Hygiene is a very busy department that requires balancing clients and counselors needs while handling medical billing, but Jean manages all the demands and is always courteous to the customers and considerate of her coworkers. The work can change on a daily basis and Jean can easily adapt from working independently, taking ownership of her work to recognize and address the problems that need immediate attention to ensure any crisis is handled in the proper manner. Jean is always flexible with her schedule to ensure that all staff requirements are met.

"Jean lives in Owego, NY close to her family and friends. She likes helping her mom when she needs it, taking care of her neighbor's cat, eating at the Olive Garden, and going to movies. "Congratulations Jean on your 30 years of service and thank you for helping the residents of Tioga County.

"I would like to personally thank you for being such an outstanding employee all these years and all your service. As you can see, Jean is a very emotional employee. She has a warm, infectious smile. She greets all the clients that come into the clinic with such a beautiful, warm smile. When she goes on vacation, the clients will say 'where is Jean and that smile' and they miss her so much when she is on vacation. You have made my job an easier job throughout these years I have been here and I really appreciate all your work. Thank you, Jean."

Jean Slocum spoke. "I have really enjoyed my time with the County and I love Mental Hygiene like you wouldn't believe. I love having the clients come in and being able to socialize and talk with them. My bosses have all been amazing to me and you have always helped me and always listened to me whenever I needed someone and I want you to know that I really, really appreciate it. I loved working there and it is hard for me to do this, but I think it is time. I can tell you that I enjoyed every minute of it. I really, really appreciate it."

Legislator Mullen read and presented the following recognition resolution to Steve DuVarney, Sergeant/Chief Public Safety Dispatcher, of the Sheriff's Office.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 132-20	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING STEVE DUVARNEY'S 32 YEARS OF
	DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Steve DuVarney was appointed as a Sergeant/Chief Public Safety Dispatcher on January 2, 1988; and

WHEREAS: Steve DuVarney has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the past 32 years to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Steve DuVarney retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on June 26, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Steve DuVarney for his

more than 32 years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this outstanding employee, Steve DuVarney.

ROLL CALL VOTE Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Mullen spoke. "This is something that is pretty different for me because I get to call Steve DuVarney into action instead of the other way around.

"Some of you do not know that I am a retired State Trooper working  $17 \frac{1}{2}$  years out of the Owego barracks. The State Police get all their 911 calls dispatched through Tioga County Sheriff's Department.

"One of the things I want to pass on personally about Steve is that there are many times when you get a call to answer a complaint and if Steve was supervising you would also get a click on the radio from him saying 'Hey, call the office'. He would go above and beyond giving you other information that was crucial to the officer's safety.

"For those who do not know, on any given shift, there are two or three Sheriff patrols and maybe two or three State Police patrols out covering 572 square miles of Tioga County. That's it besides the Owego and Waverly Police Departments. So, your backup might be 60 miles away and Steve always provided the additional information related to previous complaints to the same residence. This is the kind of thing that you cannot train; it comes from a personal integrity and officer's safety.

"So, personally I want to thank you for the number of times that I got those calls in the middle of night or a Saturday afternoon saying to call the office and he would always pass on additional information making it nicer to go into the complaint with that little bit of extra knowledge. That is truly appreciated."

Steve DuVarney spoke. "I just want to thank Sheriff Howard, all the Sheriff's before him, all the administrators, Lieutenants, Captains, Sergeants, and Dispatcher's I worked with over the years. I also need to thank Sue."

Legislator Mullen read and presented the following recognition resolution to Susan Fortier, Data Machine Entry Operator, of the Sheriff's Office.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 133-20	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUSAN FORTIER'S 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Susan Fortier was appointed as a Data Entry Machine Operator on April 4, 1988; and

WHEREAS: Susan Fortier has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities during the past 32 years to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Susan Fortier retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on April 29, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Susan Fortier for her more than 32 years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this outstanding employee, Susan Fortier.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Mullen spoke. "Thank you. Knowing some of these guys up there for the past 30 years, I know it wasn't easy. God bless you. Enjoy your retirement".

Susan Fortier spoke. "I just wanted to say a couple of things. First of all, believe it or not, I amongst my grumblings have actually been happy to be here. I feel very grateful to have had this job and certainly grateful to have had it for so long. I have enjoyed working with a lot of the people and there have been a lot of experiences that I had working there that probably would not have happened anywhere else. It has been great. Although I am actually back working two days a week, it was time to hang up the full-time after over 30 years. Thank you."

The following recognition resolution for Judy Keil, part-time Cook, of the Sheriff's Office was noted. Ms. Keil was not in attendance.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 134-20	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUDY KEIL'S 19 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Judy Keil was appointed as a part-time Cook on March 13, 2001; and

WHEREAS: Judy Keil has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities during the past 19 years to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Judy Keil retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on June 28, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Judy Keil for her more than 19 years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this outstanding employee, Judy Keil.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following recognition resolution for Paul Garlitz, Deputy Sheriff, of the Sheriff's Office was noted. Mr. Garlitz was not in attendance.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 135-20	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PAUL GARLITZ'S 18 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Paul Garlitz was appointed as a Deputy Sheriff on June 10, 2002; and

WHEREAS: Paul Garlitz has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the past 18 years to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Paul Garlitz retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on June 10, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Paul Garlitz for his 18 years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this outstanding employee, Paul Garlitz.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Howard spoke. "Those four employees who have retired represent just over a 100 years of experience with the Sheriff's Office. Of this number, 64 years of service is represented here today. "As I was sitting here, I was thinking that Steve DuVarney started back in 1988 in basically a 12x15 foot room that was the whole communication system and to spiff it up and make it really nice, we had Building & Grounds come down and put shag carpeting on all the walls to keep it quieter from outside noise. And, there were no windows in this room. To the point where we are today, we are in a stateof-the-art room bigger than the old communications room just for our radio and telephone equipment. That is how far we have come and Steve was a major component of making that happen by telling us what we needed to get the 911 system for the County. That was down at the old building on the corners of Court and Main Streets. There are only two people left in the Department now that worked downtown.

"Sue also started back in 1988. The Data Entry Machine Operator was at a time when the Records Department was on 3x5 index cards and if we wanted to know something, we had to go through all the index cards. We were changing over to computers in 1988 so we needed someone's expertise to work on that and Sue was brought in to work on this transition. Today, of course, you come to our office and everything is computerized. There are people walking around with computers in their hands, laptops, etc. so we have come a long way.

"As I stated, 64 years of service and experience is sitting here today and with the help of the Legislature both of them are coming back to work part-time. In doing so, this helps with my overtime budget and our part-time budget by volunteering to come back in and work part-time to fill some gaps. They are deeply appreciated and their expertise, of course, is valuable to the transition of new people coming in and will be of tremendous help. Thank you, Steve and Sue."

Chair Sauerbrey noted the following Proclamation on Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

### County of Tioga EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Public Health reminds you that as the weather gets warmer, outdoor activities begin taking place in areas where ticks are found, such as tall grass, bushes, and leaf piles; and

WHEREAS: The Black-legged tick, also known as a Deer tick, carries the bacteria Borrelia Burgdorferi that causes Lyme disease; and

WHEREAS: Lyme disease can be spread to humans and other mammals as ticks feed off their blood, with an increased risk of the bacteria being spread after feeding for 48 hours; and

WHEREAS: From 2014 -2019 there were over 250 confirmed cases of Lyme disease in Tioga County, along with many probable and suspected cases, and more that were undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS: Preventing Lyme disease can be done by wearing insect repellent, covering up when outdoors, showering soon after coming inside, and completing daily tick checks on yourself and your pets; and

WHEREAS: By knowing the signs of Lyme disease, treatment can be started to avoid long-term complications of Lyme disease; and

WHEREAS: The residents of Tioga County recognize the threat that Lyme disease has on them and their family; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of

July as:

## LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

And urges all residents to take steps to protect themselves, their families, and pets from Lyme disease and to take immediate action if Lyme disease is suspected.

Chair Sauerbrey reported the next Proclamation is for Employee Recognition and Appreciation Week (July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>). On behalf of the Legislature, Chair Sauerbrey thanked the employees and acknowledged appreciation of their service.

Chair Sauerbrey reported Steven Palinosky, Employee Recognition Committee member, with be the emcee for today's presentation recognizing the County's employees who have attained 25 and 30 years of service and will read and present the following Proclamation.

Steven Palinosky spoke. "Good Afternoon Chair Sauerbrey, County Legislators, Department Heads, Supervisors, Co-workers, Family, Friends, and most importantly today's Employee Recognition honorees. My name is Steve Palinosky and I will be the emcee for the recognition portion of today's meeting.

"To begin, I would like to read the following proclamation from the Legislature.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The mission and services of Tioga County depend heavily on the tireless contributions of its dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature wishes to recognize the efforts of all Tioga County employees; and

WHEREAS: The Employee Recognition Committee was created to provide a mechanism to show our appreciation for the Employees of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Those employees who have served for more than 25 years have shown a steadfast commitment to serving the well-being of the residents of Tioga County, and should be recognized by those whom they have served; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature would like to especially recognize the following employees who have attained 25 and 30 years since last year's ceremonies:

Name	Department	Years
Anne Davis	Law	30
Tracy Hill	Social Services	30
Jean Slocum	Mental Hygiene	30
Anita Teed	Social Services	30
Julie Whipple	Social Services	30
Elaine Jardine	Economic Development	25

NOW THEREFORE, THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim and designate the week of July  $13^{\rm th}$  – July  $17^{\rm th},\,2020$  as

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the County of Tioga, New York, and call upon our citizens to join in recognizing these dedicated employees.

"As it is stated in the Proclamation, today we will honor our employees who have reached the 25 and 30 years of service milestones in Tioga County. As most of you may know, normally we do this at a nice black tie affair, well a nice luncheon in May, but like everything else this year, COVID-19 has forced us to make some adjustments. But, we would have been remiss if we did not conduct an official public acknowledgement of the many years of hard work and loyalty shown by these individuals.

"Before we commence with the recognition, I would like to ask the Chair of the Legislature Martha Sauerbrey to offer some remarks."

Chair of the Legislature Martha Sauerbrey spoke. "Thank you, Steve. I am just going to speak from here and congratulate all of you and thank you again for your service. As Steve mentioned, normally we would all be sitting at a lovely lunch, you would have guests, there would be gifts, there would be lengthy speeches, and we would basically party all afternoon. Not quite, but we absolutely wanted to honor you and recognize all of you this year, so this is the perfect opportunity. We certainly never would have dreamt we would be doing this under these circumstances, but we are making something out of nothing. So, again congratulations to all of you and we will just have to wait to see what your Department Heads have to say about you and I am sure there will be some good stories."

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Thank you, Chairwoman Sauerbrey. So, today we are here to honor those among us who have served the County and its residents for 25 years (one individual) and 30 years (five individuals), which adds up to 175 cumulative years of service. As you listen to the individual bios, I am sure you will marvel at the breadth of expertise and accomplishments these honorees represent.

"We will begin with our employee who has reached 25 years of service.

"For a little perspective, there are a few things that happened 25 years ago. Now, if you were at the luncheon last year, I mentioned there was a famous lowspeed chase involving a white Ford Bronco. Well, in 1995, the glove did not fit so the jury acquitted O.J. Simpson, Java script was introduced for all the computer geeks out there, and EBay started. The shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian Mir space station, and a domestic terrorist set off a truck bomb outside the federal building in Oklahoma City.

"Our newest member of the Quarter Century Club is Elaine Jardine from Economic Development and Planning. Here to read her bio and give remarks is LeeAnn Tinney, Director of Economic Development and Planning."

LeeAnn Tinney spoke. "Thank you, Steve. To give a little background on Elaine and what she has accomplished over these past 25 years, she has worked in the fields of Planning and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for 30 years. For the last 25 years, she has worked as the County Planning Director in the Tioga County Department of Economic Development & Planning.

"I have had the honor of working with Elaine for 23 of those 25 years.

"Some of Elaine's responsibilities include performing all State-mandated planning duties, oversight of the NYS Agricultural District Reviews, providing planning and technical assistance to municipalities in the County, supporting economic development activities, writing and administering grant projects and implementation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping in Tioga County. She has led the development of countywide plans and studies such as the County's Comprehensive Plan, 2020 Strategic Plan, Agricultural Farmland Protection Plan, Countywide Code Enforcement Feasibility Study, and assistance with the Countywide Housing Study, among others.

"Elaine serves on various Boards Committees, Coalitions, and Associations.

"Elaine lives in Owego, NY with her husband, Dan and son, Jordan.

"You are not able to accomplish economic development without planning. So, if I have learned anything in 23 years of working with Elaine Jardine, I think I learned that. I think I could speak on behalf of all of Team Tioga to say we rely very heavily on Elaine's history with the County, her expertise, her knowledge across many facets, and we appreciate very much everything that she brings.

"It has been a pleasure and an honor working with you over the past 23 years. She works as a wonderful mentor to our younger staff people and has a done a wonderful job. This is very much appreciated.

"I just want to say that we cannot do what we do without Elaine Jardine as the Director of our Planning Department. Thank you, Elaine."

Elaine Jardine spoke. "Thank you very much. I want to thank the County Legislature for supporting Planning since 1972 and to this Legislature for supporting our Economic Development & Planning Department. I have been through many iterations of Economic Development & Planning Department and this current one is just a superlative team. It takes a lot of people to do what we do in Economic Development & Planning and move Tioga County forward in a sustainable, economic, and viable manner. Thank you very much, Team Tioga. Thank you."

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Now, we will move on to our 30 year honorees.

"For a little perspective, here are a few things that happened 30 years ago. A proposal was published for this thing called the World Wide Web, the Hubble telescope was launched into orbit, and the Simpsons debuted on TV. In world politics, Nelson Mandela was released from prison in South Africa, Margaret Thatcher resigned as Prime Minister of England, and Boris Yeltsin was elected President of Russia. East and West Germany were reunited, and Iraq invaded Kuwait.

"We have five employees today who have reached 30 years of service, of whom four are in attendance.

"Our first 30 year honoree is Anne Davis from the Law Department. Here to read her bio and give remarks is Assistant County Attorney John VanWert." John VanWert spoke. "Good Afternoon, everyone. I have had the fortune of working with Anne for the past 13 years and I would like to read her biography.

"In September of 1989, Anne started her career with Tioga County as a Senior Typist in the Probation Department. On September 14, 1994, she was promoted to Secretary to the Director of Probation, Halbert Brink. Mr. Brink was very impressed with Anne's abilities as his secretary and had a lot of nice comments about Anne, including that she was a pleasant and cooperative employee who was willing to learn new things. In a short timeframe, he described Anne as energetic, a takecharge personality, and I can attest to that, and commendable in many areas; an asset to the Department who is relied upon by management and staff. Mr. Brink also indicated that Anne is always willing to help where needed and she later transferred to the Law Department, which was our great fortune.

"In the Law Department, some of Anne's responsibilities include scheduling the attorneys, preparing the attorney's for court, corresponding with other agencies, and she is a manager of a fairly hectic office. She is a quick learner and self-motivated individual, she is probably one of the most compassionate, and thoughtful individuals you will come across. She is always looking out for the welfare of her co-workers, as well as members of the public.

"We recently had some personnel changes in the office, which created a significant amount of extra work for Anne because we happened to poach one of the other attorneys from another County Department, which is an adversarial office most of the time for our office. This created many issues with conflicts of interest. Anne called through the client lists and schedules, was able to compile a workable solution to having the new member of the office fit in and have the office run smoothly.

"Over the years, Anne's assistance has made a lasting impact on all of her co-workers and she is a tremendous value to the office beyond her professional skills. Her compassion, thoughtfulness, and genuine regard for the well-being of her co-workers is demonstrated on a daily basis.

"In addition to her work in the office, she served on the United Way Committee for Tioga County and in the past, she has also taken on the responsibility of training guide dogs for individuals who have visual impairments.

"Anne is a wonderful wife and mother to her children and grandmother to her grandchildren, Harper, Scarlett, and Everly.

"On behalf of the Law Department, myself, co-workers, and Tioga County, I wish to congratulate and thank Anne for her 30 years of service". Anne Davis spoke. "I just want to say thank you to everyone and I have really enjoyed my time with the County. I think I will continue for a few more years."

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Our next 30-year honoree is Jean Slocum from Mental Hygiene".

Director of Community Services Lori Morgan spoke. "I just want to say that it has been a pleasure to work with you for as long as I have. I think that you are an amazing person and you are one of the nicest people I have ever met. I know our staff and people we serve would agree. We wish you an amazing retirement".

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Our next 30 year honoree is Anita Teed from Social Services. Here to read her bio and give remarks is Commissioner of Social Services Shawn Yetter".

Commissioner of Social Services Shawn Yetter spoke. "Thank you to the Legislature for continuing to support this program. It means a lot to us, as both Department Heads and employees. It is a great way to recognize hard work and longevity that is really important.

"Anita began her employment with Tioga County on August 21, 1989 as a Social Welfare Examiner in the Department of Social Services. In June 2001, Anita was promoted to Child Support Investigator in the Child Support Collection Unit and in July 2019 was promoted to Senior Support Investigator.

"Anita has served on the Working on Wellness Committee and the Tioga County Employee Recognition Committee.

"Anita and her husband, Dale, have been married for thirteen years and currently reside in Owego, NY. She has a daughter, Rebekah and son-in-law, Benjamin; four stepchildren, Garrin, Miranda, Doug, and Moriah; and two grandchildren, Amelia, age eight, and Nathan, age three. Anita also has a son in Heaven, Nathan Meyers, who passed away in 2005 at age 17. Her daughter, Rebekah, named her son after him.

"Anita is active in church at Triumphant Life Church in Endwell, NY. She and her husband served as Youth Group Leaders and Children's Church. They are currently on the prayer ministry team and work in the church nursery.

"In her spare time, Anita enjoys playing with her grandchildren, reading, and going for walks. She and her husband like to travel, hike, and spend time with family and friends.

"We congratulate Anita on her 30 years of employment with Tioga County and her service to the residents of Tioga County. "When Anita started back in 1989 we were still in the A-frame on Route 38 and was known as the Income Maintenance Unit, another antiquated term. When she was with the Child Support Collection Unit, she ended up at 231 Main Street, affectionately referred to as the Pink Prison to take on her role as Support Investigator. Once again, she had to physically move to the Court Street Annex and just recently had to move spaces within the Annex because of swapping spaces with the District Attorney's Office. However, I know this last move came with your own office with a window, so hopefully that is a little perk for all the moves.

"There is no complaining in general from Anita. She is well known as being quiet and unassuming. Nevertheless, her co-workers are quick to point out that she has a great sense of humor and does a great job of lightening the mood when things get stressful.

"Anita apparently has her own method of dealing with stress at the office. Anita is very health conscious. One of the ways she takes care of herself is to eat well and is gluten-free, but she has been known to dive into the regular cookies and snacks if the situation warrants.

"Her soft-spoken demeanor does not mean that she is not well-versed in all things involving Support Collection. Next to her Supervisor, Support Collection Unit Coordinator, Chris Kallin, she has the longest tenure with the Unit and she is currently part of the leadership for advancement programs sponsored by the County with a focus on succession planning.

"Anita, I will just say one more time what a pleasure your personality and demeanor is to the Department, your knowledge is exemplary, and again we thank you very much for your 30 years of service".

Anita Teed spoke. "Thank you. I am just very grateful for the job and getting to know all the people I have worked with over the years. They have been great and I have had great supervisors and staff to work with. Sometimes it has been stressful, but we have all worked together and I appreciate that and all the people I work with. Thank you".

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Our final 30 year honoree is Julie Whipple from the Department of Social Services. I will ask Commissioner of Social Services Yetter to do the honors again".

Commissioner of Social Services Shawn Yetter spoke. "Thank you, Steve.

"Julie began her employment with the Tioga County Department of Social Services as a Clerk-Typist in November 1989. Julie was promoted to Senior Typist in November 1990 and then appointed as an Account Clerk-Typist in May 1992. In October 1992, Julie was appointed to Social Welfare Examiner. Julie was promoted in February 2001 to her current position as Principal Social Welfare Examiner.

"In the Food Stamp Medicaid Unit, Julie was responsible for auditing SNAP and Medicaid cases while assisting in the processing of the Chronic Care caseload. Julie's in-depth knowledge of the SNAP and Medicaid programs made her a great resource for her staff and co-workers.

"In 2018, Julie became the HEAP Supervisor and quickly came up to the speed on the policies. By the 2019-2020 HEAP season, she had successfully mastered the operation of the program while retaining Food Stamp Medicaid Unit knowledge.

"Julie resides in Waverly, NY with her husband, Mark, and her son, Mark, Jr. Her daughter, Emily, is a self-employed photographer. Her daughter, Amy, is an Ophthalmic Assistant at Guthrie Clinic and Mark, Jr. will soon be entering the job market.

"Julie is a very active member of the Lounsberry United Methodist Church. In her free time, she enjoys camping and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter, Addyson.

"Congratulations, Julie and thank you for your 30 years of dedicated service to Tioga County and its residents.

"Julie and I have worked together for a long time. In 2018, Julie went back to her roots because she actually started as a temporary Clerk-Typist in HEAP so becoming the HEAP Supervisor was coming full circle for her. She did not miss a beat and HEAP is an incredibly busy and stressful Department, especially in the height of HEAP season. She continued to provide SNAP and Medicaid backup to those who needed it.

"She immediately became a constructive supervisory resource to the energy unit staff, as well as efficiently managing the hiring and training of our usual seasonal HEAP employees. She seemed un-phased by the influx of 400 walk-ins, 2000 phone calls, and 1200 applications in the first three weeks of the HEAP season. Or, at least it appeared that way.

"With the stress of being the supervisor new to the Unit, along with the staff during the hectic busy season, Julie maintained an encouraging environment and positive morale. Julie continued to assist her Food Stamp and Medicaid cosupervisors in case auditing or new employee training, as needed.

"Now, there are three supervisors in the Food Stamp Medicaid Energy Unit and they would all agree that Julie is the one most likely to temper her reactions and is more contemplative when issues arise. Although she is never shy about speaking her mind. Her co-supervisors also believe she would be considered the most nurturing of the three, which a staff poll might show. I also have learned that the same poll would show you make the best macaroni and cheese.

"In recognition of her work, Julie was named Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2000 and Supervisor of the Year 2018. She is also currently part of the leadership for advancement program sponsored by the County with a focus on succession planning.

"Above all, Julie knows her stuff and she is invaluable to the agency. She knows the ins and outs of everything; SNAP, Medicaid, Chronic Care, HEAP, and beyond. There are truly not many people in our organization that we can say that about. If there is something she does not know, she figures it out.

"Julie, thank you so much for your 30 years of dedicated service to the County and the people we serve".

Julie Whipple spoke. "As always I will be a woman of very few words in this setting. I do appreciate, as others have said, the time given to this. But, I will save the big speech for my retirement in 5 years, 3 months, and 7 days".

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes our Employee Recognition Ceremony. Please join me in a final round of applause for our honorees and retirees. Thank you for coming and have a wonderful day".

There was no Privilege of the Floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey stated that all Legislative Committees met this month and the minutes are or will be on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Legislator Weston moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO:	ED&P COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 136-20	RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCLDC)

WHEREAS: The term of Tioga County Local Development Corporation member, Lisa Engelbert, expired on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Lisa Engelbert has expressed a desire for re-appointment to serve another term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoint Lisa Engelbert for another three-year term of 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Weston moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 137-20 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE OWEGO-NICHOLS EIGHT-YEAR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature is reviewing a proposed plan for continuation with modifications of the Owego-Nichols Agricultural District, which is comprised of enrolled and proposed new parcels in the Towns of Owego and Nichols; and

WHEREAS: This review is being conducted pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agricultural & Markets Law; and

WHEREAS: The proposed plan and map, as recommended by the Tioga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, is available for public inspection at the Clerk of Legislature's Office at 56 Main St. in Owego; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Town of Owego Hall, 2534 State Route 434, Apalachin, NY. All interested parties will be heard by the Tioga County Legislature at this hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 138-20 AMEND ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT TOWN OF TIOGA

WHEREAS: An erroneous application for Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2019 indicated that parcel 114.00-1-9 Account #0000000094 in the Town of Tioga assessed to James B & Tammy Clearwater on the 2019 tax roll of the Town of Tioga was erroneous in that a court judgement in 2001 removed 3.2 acres of land and a cabin from Mr. Clearwater's parcel thereby reducing the assessment; and

WHEREAS: A new tax bill for 2020 was issued to James B & Tammy Clearwater by the Tioga County Real Property Office and the erroneous tax was charged to the proper account in the records of the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS: It was discovered during settlement with the Town of Tioga that the parcel was not erroneously assessed but apportioned, creating two tax bills that equaled the original tax bill, and that there was in fact no change to the warrant. Since there was no change to the warrant no erroneous taxes exist and should not be reflected in the accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the erroneous resolution 18-20 be null and void, and the accounts in the Office of the County Treasurer be corrected.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Weston.

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 139-20 HOME RULE REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF S7618/A10713: AMEND COUNTY LAW AND TAX LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF TIOGA TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE TO PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPDATING THE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND TELEPHONE SERVICES NEEDED TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF SUCH PROVISIONS UPON EXPIRATION THEREOF

WHEREAS: The current County of Tioga Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System is in need of updating; and

WHEREAS: State Legislative authority is needed to amend the current County Law by adding section 337 authorizing and empowering Tioga County Legislature to adopt, amend or repeal local laws to impose an additional surcharge per access line for the costs associated with obtaining, operating and maintaining an enhanced 911 system; and

WHEREAS: State Legislative authority is needed to amend Section 186-g of the Tax Law, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2, as separately amended by chapters 120 and 711 of the laws of 2019, to impose a surcharge on each wireless communications device; and

WHEREAS: The additional imposed surcharges will pay for costs associated with obtaining, operating, and maintaining the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 (E911) emergency telephone system to serve Tioga County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby requests the enactment of Senate Bill number \$7618 and Assembly Bill number A10713 entitled "An Act to amend the County Law and the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Tioga to impose an additional surcharge to pay for the costs associated with updating the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system to serve such county; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof. Legislator Roberts spoke. "I would like to say just remember when you are looking at your cell phone bill and its \$39.95 and then its \$100.00 now this is why. Not this particular one is going to raise it that much, but these are all the additional fees on your bill. Thank you".

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I would like to say that I am against any tax increase, but given the circumstances of 911 and the need to streamline the process here, I will bite my tongue and vote yes".

### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Weston moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 140-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN TIOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING WITH THE TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCPDC) FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE, 2021

WHEREAS: The Director of TCED&P requested an authorization to accept a CRI Program Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 and enter into an agreement with TCPDC for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, through Resolution No. 273-18; and

WHEREAS: Additional funds have been granted through the CRI 4.2 Modified Program Grant extending the original contract in the amount of \$560,000.00 for the period to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS: Said program grant will provide funding towards the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by Tioga County Economic Development staff to perform the duties of the Land Bank Director of the TCPDC; therefore be it RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves acceptance of \$16,266.24 from the TCPDC, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827 to provide funding towards the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by Tioga County Economic Development and Planning to perform the duties of the Land Bank Director of the TCPDC for the additional period through June 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or her duly authorized representative (including County Treasurer and/or Budget Director), is hereby authorized to make any transfers of funds required within this grant budget.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 141-20 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH INTELLINX FOR THE TIOGA COUNTY ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Administrator's Office has budgeted, and NYS has appropriated \$39,500.00 in its 2020 NYS Hurrell-Harring Grant budget for a new Case Management Software System; and

WHEREAS: Intellinx offers such software which the County wishes to use to track and accumulate data to be used in completing NYS mandatory reports, assist with budgeting for the Assigned Counsel Program which the County is mandated to fund, and provide ability for e-vouchering when fully implemented; and

WHEREAS: There is a one-time Installation Fee of \$12,500.00, one-time Data Migration Fee of \$5,500.00, and Annual Licensing Fee of \$9,500.00, all of which are fully covered by the NYS Hurrell-Harring Grant; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, upon approval of the County Attorney, to sign a contract with Intellinx to provide the services outlined in the proposal and to authorize payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 142-20 EXECUTE LEASE WITH MCP ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services has appropriated funding to establish a Child Advocacy Center in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The space needs of the center necessitate the leasing of space; and

WHEREAS: MCP Enterprises, Inc. has appropriate space available at 6 McMaster St. Owego; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized and directed to sign said lease with MCP Enterprises, Inc. for space at 6 McMaster St., Suite #3, Owego, NY for a 1-year lease term with the option of an additional two-year term commencing on August 1, 2020 at the monthly rate of \$850.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 143–20	AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF LEGISLATURE TO SIGN THE FEDERAL TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE CORONA VIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND AMEND 2020 BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Based on a recommendation by the New York Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration has designated Tioga County as eligible for supplemental rural transit operating assistance of \$340,978 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to act on behalf of Tioga County to sign the Federal Transit Operating Agreement for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (No. C004202) and any contracts or agreements between Tioga County and any third-party subcontractor necessary for the use of these funds, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A5630.440900-CARES Federal Aid: Transportation	\$ 340,978.00

To:A5630.540140-CARES Contracting Services\$ 340,978.00

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Weston.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 144-20 APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WEST RIVER DRIVE BRIDGE – CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding through NYSDOT 2018 Bridge NY program for a bridge project, West River Drive over Parks Creek, BIN 3335400; and

WHEREAS: McFarland Johnson Engineers was awarded the design services on Resolution 28-19; and

WHEREAS: There is a need for Construction Support Services to provide Engineering Services for the project, along with unforeseen extra design costs; and

WHEREAS: McFarland Johnson, Binghamton, NY has submitted a supplemental proposal of \$9,646.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the Supplemental Agreement for Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY to provide Construction Support Services and additional design services not to exceed an extra \$9,646.00, for a new total of \$131,486.00 to be paid out of the following account:

H5110.540004.H1903 – West River Drive Bridge – BIN 3335400

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Standinger.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 145-20	AWARD WEST RIVER DRIVE OVER PARKS CREEK BIN 3335400 PIN 9754.81 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding for this project through NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS: Funding is available for this portion of the project; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received sealed bids on June 18, 2020 and the bid results were as follows:

Procon Contracting, LLC	\$577,000.00
Silverline Construction Inc.	\$589,376.00
Slate Hill Constructors Inc.	\$666,311.75
Vector Construction Corporation	\$674,119.50

WHEREAS: McFarland Johnson has completed the review of the bids and finds the low bidder Procon Contracting, LLC meets all of the qualifications of the bid specifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize awarding the bid to Procon Contracting, LLC, not to exceed \$577,000.00 to be paid out of the following account: H5110.540004.H1903 – West River Drive.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Standinger.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 146-20	AWARD BID FOR ELLIS CREEK ROAD PAVEMENT OVERLAY

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works appropriated funds in the 2020 budget for this project; and

WHEREAS: On July 1, 2020, the Department of Public Works received sealed bids from the following contractors:

Lancaster Development Corp., Richmondville, NY	\$	913,024.89
Dalrymple Gravel and Contracting, Elmira, NY	\$	941,940.00
Broome Bituminous, Vestal, NY	\$	948,700.00
Bothar Construction, Binghamton NY	\$1	,164,790.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the low bidder, Lancaster Development Corp., Richmondville, NY not to exceed \$913,024.89 to be paid out of Ellis Creek Road Paving Account H5110.540001.H200.

Legislator Roberts spoke. "It may seem that we are spending money with a freeze basically, but these are things that were pre-budgeted, so we are not on a spending spree".

## ROLL CALL VOTE Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 147-20	Amend Budget Public Works

WHEREAS: The Ellis Creek Road Paving Project 2020 budget amount is insufficient to complete the project; and

WHEREAS: Corporate Drive requires rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: There are funds available in our NYS CHIPS Funding and Pave NY Funding and EWR Funding; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments require Legislative approval;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Tioga County Legislature hereby approves to amend the Budget and appropriate additional funds from Capital Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the expense account for Ellis Creek Road Paving is increased \$150,000.00 for a total of \$2,000,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the expense account for Corporate Drive Rehabilitation is established and increased for a total of \$555,330.50; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CHIPS revenue account be increased \$705,330.50:

To:	H5110.540001.H2001	Ellis Creek Road Paving	\$150,000.00
	H5110.540001.H2004	Corporate Drive Pavement Rehab	\$555,330.50
	H5110.435010	CHIPS (Ellis Creek)	\$150,000.00
	H5110.435010.H2004	CHIPS (Corp. Dr.)	\$146,001.07
	H5110.435020.H2004	State Aid – County Road & Bridge	\$409,329.43

Legislator Sullivan spoke. "Mike, in a nutshell what happened here."

Legislator Roberts spoke. "This is CHIPS money we already set aside from a prior year."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 148-20	AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health has been awarded funding from NYSDOH; and

WHEREAS: The funding is specifically designated for Public Health efforts toward COVID-19 in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4011 43401	0 Public Health: State Aid	\$ 7,700
	<ol> <li>Public Health: Equipment</li> <li>Public Health: Supplies</li> </ol>	\$ 2,700 \$ 5,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Mullen moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Standinger.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 149-20	CONTINGENCY REQUEST AND AMEND 2020 BUDGET – COVID 19 STOCKPILE EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services desires to order a stockpile of COVID19 supplies so they are prepared in the event Tioga County gets a future outbreak of the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS: There is insufficient funds to cover such costs for said supplies in the 2020 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following contingency funds be appropriated and the 2020 budget be amended as follows:

From:	A1990.540715	Contingency	\$70,000
To:	A3640.540640.COV19	Supplies not Office	\$70,000

Legislator Mullen spoke. "First, I would like to thank the Legislature in difficult fiscal times to agreeing to this resolution. This is going to allow the County to stockpile Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) that we so desperately needed at the beginning of this pandemic, especially in our nursing homes and other emergency services. Relying on the State was a boondoggle at best in the beginning. It is a lot of money, but it is for the good of the people in the County, so I appreciate the Legislature's support".

Legislator Standinger spoke. "One of the things in Emergency Management is you plan for the worst and you pray for the best, so this is planning for the worst. It makes sense to have a reserve, so I think it is a great thing to do".

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Hollenbeck moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO:	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 150-20	transfer funds self-insurance Plan additional stop loss premium

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan has received notification from Midwest Employers Casualty Company that an audit of the payroll figures for the period of January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020 submitted for workers' compensation Specific Excess Insurance has resulted in additional premium due in the amount of \$7,050.00; and

WHEREAS: The account used to pay the premium only has a balance of \$5,089.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following sums be transferred:

From:	Workers' Compensation Account \$1720.40 (540380)	\$1,961.00
To:	Workers' Compensation Account \$1722.40 (540270)	\$1,961.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Balliet.

REFERRED TO:	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
resolution no. 151-20	AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS: The Comprehensive Information Security Policy needs to be amended in whole due to numerous updates and changes; and

WHEREAS: The Information Security Officer reviewed the Comprehensive Information Security Policy and made recommendations that the policy should be amended in its entirety and replaced; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Comprehensive Information Security Policy be amended in its entirety and replaced as follows:

# **Comprehensive Information Security Policy**



Tioga County, New York

**Comprehensive Information Security Policy** 

Policies, Procedures, and Standards for Information Security

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## II. Purpose

The purpose of the Tioga County Comprehensive Information Security Policy is to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all information that County Agencies, towns and villages and employees, create, receive, maintain or transmit.

It is to provide a security framework that will ensure the protection of Tioga County information from unauthorized access, loss or damage while supporting the open, and information-sharing needs of our county. This information may be verbal, digital, and/or hardcopy, individually-controlled or shared, stand-alone or networked. Failure to comply with this policy may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

This document is organized by audience to assist in clearly defining the responsibilities required for different roles.

## III. General Provisions

- A. Definitions
  - Breach

A security incident, in which sensitive protected or confidential data is copied, transmitted, viewed, stolen or used by an individual unauthorized to do so.

- Business Associates
   Is an organization or individual that performs services for a covered entity (healthcare organization) that has access to protected health information (PHI).
- Confidential Data Protected information that is not available to the general public.
- Covered Entities

Any organization or corporation that directly handles Personal Health Information (PHI) or Personal Health Records (PHR).

Data Custodian

The individual or group who has responsibility for maintaining the tools necessary for storing of data by the data owners. Ex: ITCS maintains servers that a department's software program runs on. ITCS is the data custodian as the maintainer of the server\data storage infrastructure.

- Data Owner The individual who is responsible for the maintenance and safekeeping of data, whether it be electronic or physical.
- End User

Individuals performing work for Tioga County, whether they are employees or contractors.

• Information Security Officer An individual named by the County Legislature to function as a point person for ensuring compliance with the details of this policy. • Phishing

The attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details, often for malicious reasons, by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication (email, website etc.).

• Protected Health Information (PHI)

Any **information** in a medical record that can be used to identify an individual.

Public Data

Information that may be freely disseminated is considered to be *Public* data. However, even though the data may be freely disseminated to the public, the integrity of the data must be protected.

Ransomware

A type of malware that restricts access to an infected computer system in some way, and demands that the user pays a ransom to the malware operators to remove the restriction.

- Spear Phishing An email-spoofing attack that targets a specific organization or individual, seeking unauthorized access to sensitive information.
- Social Engineering

The art of manipulating people so they give up confidential information.

• Super Users

Users who are granted additional authority for specific functions on the data network.

#### B. Breach Policy for High Risk and Confidential Data

Any breach of High Risk and Confidential Data must be reported to your supervisor who will report it to the Information Security Officer and the County Attorney immediately for investigation. The County Attorney and Information Security Officer shall investigate the matter and recommend further action to ensure compliance with applicable statutory requirements and County Policy provisions.

C. Facility Security Plan

Access to every office, computer room, and work area containing High Risk or Confidential information will be physically restricted.

Visitors and other third parties must not be permitted to use employee entrances or other uncontrolled pathways leading to or through areas containing High Risk or Confidential information.

Identification badges, keys and physical access cards that have been lost or stolen – or are suspected of being lost or stolen – must be reported to the department head or designee, who will notify Buildings and Grounds, or any other appropriate entity, immediately. Likewise, all computer or communication system access tokens that have been lost or stolen – or are suspected of being lost or stolen – must be reported to the Department Head or supervisor immediately.

Each person must present his or her badge to the badge reader before entering every controlled door within Tioga County premises. Before proceeding through every controlled door, each

person must wait until the reader indicates that they have permission to enter the area. Workers must not permit unknown or unauthorized persons to pass through doors, gates, and other entrances to restricted areas at the same time when authorized persons go through these entrances.

Whenever controlled doors are propped open (perhaps for moving supplies, furniture, etc.) the entrance must be continuously monitored by an employee or guard.

Tioga County workers must not attempt to enter restricted areas in Tioga County buildings for which they have not received access authorization.

#### D. Contingency Operations

In the event that primary facility access controls are not functional or unable to be utilized, the Buildings and Grounds department shall keep as part of the County's Disaster Plan the backup or secondary methods for facilities access. This includes consideration for ensuring data is secured in the event a primary security control (e.g. electronic door lock) is non-operational.

#### E. Data Security Policy

County Information Assets shall be handled in accordance with their Data Classification and in accordance with appropriate federal and state statutes and regulations.

Tioga County employees may be in a position to receive confidential information during the performance of their duties. County employees shall never use information obtained confidentially for any non-business related purpose and shall respect the privacy of individuals. Since public access of information varies, employees should consult with their supervisor/department head regarding the dissemination of High Risk or Confidential information. Violations of this confidentiality requirement may be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### F. Data Classification Policy

It is essential that all County data be protected. However, there are gradations that require different levels of security. All data should be reviewed on a periodic basis by the Data Owner and classified according to its use, sensitivity, and importance. Tioga County recognizes four classes of data: Public, Internal, Confidential, and Restricted Use.

**Public** Classification is any data that may be disclosed to the public. An example may be an announcement or general information.

**Internal** Classification is sensitive information that is not shared with the public. An example may be some memos, contact lists and procedures.

**Confidential** Classification is secure data that needs protection. This data would have limited access. An example may be HIPAA data.

**Restricted Use** Classification is highly sensitive information and should be limited on a need-to-know basis. An example of this would be passwords.

Data Owners and their supervisors must determine the data classification and must ensure that the data custodian is protecting the data in a manner appropriate to its classification.

## IV. Audience – Legislature

A. General

The Legislature holds responsibility to adopt any changes to the Information Security Policy as necessary, and create and appoint members as necessary to a Data Disaster Recovery Workgroup.

### B. Evaluation

The Tioga County Legislature shall receive, review, and adopt the following:

- Risk Assessment Report every two years (Section VII)
- Risk Mitigation and Management Plan every two years (Section VII)
- Disaster Testing and Revision Analysis annually (Section VII.F)
- Data Criticality Analysis annually(Section VI.G)

## V. Audience – End User

A. Sanction Policy

Failure to comply with any of the policies contained in this document may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

B. Expectation of Privacy

All County information resources, including but not limited to equipment, documents, data, information, records and software are the property of Tioga County. Users have no expectation of privacy in their use of County computer and information resources. County equipment, data, records, software and connections are County property, provided for County purposes only. Software and systems that can monitor use may be used. Use of County computer systems and networks constitutes consent to such monitoring.

#### C. Intellectual Property - Legal Ownership

With the exception of material clearly owned by third parties, Tioga County is the legal owner of all business information stored on or passing through its systems. Unless a specific written agreement has been signed with the Legislature, all business-related information, including but not limited to copyrights and patents, developed while a user is employed by Tioga County is Tioga County property.

D. Passwords

Passwords will be changed once every calendar year. They will be at least twelve characters long. There will be a history of eight (8). Which means the end user will not be able to use the same password for 8 calendar years.

E. Acceptable Use - General

It is the user's responsibility to utilize Information and Information Technology resources appropriately and ensure their security. Users shall not use County Information or County IT

systems for purposes other than those that support official County business or as defined in this policy.

Except when in the process of conducting law enforcement activities, users shall not use County IT systems to intentionally obtain or generate information containing content that may be reasonably considered offensive or disruptive. Offensive content includes, but is not limited to images, or comments of a sexual nature, racial slurs, gender offensive comments, or any comments that would offend someone on the basis of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious or political beliefs, national origin, or disability.

The provisions, terms, and rules for acceptable use apply to the use of all County systems and equipment whether in a County Building, remote site, or when working from home or any other location using County resources.

Incidental personal use of any of the below listed tools is permissible so long as: (a) it does not consume more than a trivial amount of resources, (b) does not interfere with worker productivity, and (c) does not preempt any business activity. Users are forbidden from using Tioga County electronic communications systems for charitable endeavors, political campaigns, private business activities, or amusement/entertainment purposes. The use of County resources, including electronic communications should never create either the appearance or the reality of inappropriate use.

#### F. Acceptable Use – e-mail

As a productivity enhancement tool, Tioga County encourages the business use of electronic communications. Electronic communications systems, including backup copies, are considered to be the property of Tioga County. Tioga County cannot guarantee that e-mail communications will be private. All e-mail communications may be stored and archived by ITCS for 7 years. E-mail messages are considered to be "documents" and are subject to all statutory and legal compliance, particularly in reference to Schedule CO-2 published by the New York State Archives. E-mail items that are not "official documents" as described by the New York State Archives should be deleted as soon as they are no longer needed. E-mail items that do fit the definition of "official documents" should be stored in a permanent archive or other appropriate medium for the period of time defined by regulation or statute. See your department's record officer for more information on this.

Sending high or moderate risk information outside of our County email system must be encrypted. This is done by selecting the ENCRYPT icon at the top of the Outlook NEW EMAIL screen.

County employees are prohibited from using personal e-mail to conduct County business.

It is the responsibility of the individual user to manage and maintain their e-mail mailbox. ITCS may employ quotas on mailbox size to enforce compliance. Messages no longer needed for business purposes must be periodically purged by users from their email system mailbox. After a certain period – generally six months – e-mail messages stored on the email server may be automatically deleted by ITCS staff.

It is the policy of Tioga County not to regularly monitor the content of electronic communications. However, the content of electronic communications may be monitored and the usage of electronic communications systems will be monitored to support operations, maintenance, auditing, security, and investigative activities. Users should structure their electronic communications in recognition of the fact that Tioga County will from time to time examine the content of electronic communications.

It may be necessary for ITCS personnel to review the content of an individual employee's communications during the course of problem resolution. ITCS personnel may not review the content of an individual employee's communications out of personal curiosity or at the behest of individuals who have not gone through proper approval channels.

Misrepresenting, obscuring, suppressing, or replacing a user's identity on an electronic communications system is forbidden. The user name, e-mail address, organizational affiliation, and related information included with e-mail messages or postings must reflect the actual originator of the messages or postings.

Workers must not use profanity, obscenities, or derogatory remarks in electronic mail messages discussing employees, constituents, or others. Such remarks may create legal problems such as libel and defamation of character.

Message Forwarding: Some information is intended for specific individuals and may not be appropriate for general distribution. Users should exercise caution when forwarding messages. Tioga County High Risk and Confidential information must never be forwarded to any party outside the County unless the message is encrypted and/or Department Head approval has been obtained.

#### G. Acceptable Use – Internet

All Internet users are expected to be familiar with and comply with this policy. Violations of this policy can lead to revocation of system privileges and/or disciplinary action up to and including termination. Tioga County users have no expectation of privacy in Internet usage.

Access to the internet will be provided to those Tioga County employees who have need for such access for the performance of their official County duties. Upon recommendation of the Department Head, users may be granted either unrestricted or restricted access to the Internet. Should a user require unrestricted access, ITCS must be informed in writing, by the Department Head, in either a service ticket or e-mail.

Tioga County employees should realize that their communications are not automatically protected from viewing by third parties. Unless encryption is used, workers must not send information over the Internet if it is classified as High Risk or Confidential information.

Tioga County routinely logs websites visited, files downloaded, time spent on the Internet, and related information. Department Heads may receive reports of such information and use it to determine what types of Internet usage are appropriate for their department's business activities.

Tioga County routinely uses technology to prevent users from connecting to certain non-business web sites. Workers using Tioga County computers who discover they have connected with an

inappropriate web site that contains sexually explicit, racist, violent, or other potentially offensive material must immediately disconnect from that site. The ability to connect with a specific web site does not in itself imply that users of Tioga County systems are permitted to visit that web site.

Tioga County strongly supports strict adherence to Intellectual Property rights, copyright law, and software vendors' license agreements. Download and use of copyrighted software in a manner that violates the license agreement and without permission are prohibited. Tioga County employees should assume that all materials on the Internet are copyrighted unless specific notice states otherwise. When information from the internet is integrated into internal reports or used for other purposes, all material must include labels such as "copyright, all rights reserved" as well as specific information about the source of the information (author names, URL's dates, etc.). Reproduction, forwarding, or in any other way republishing or redistributing words, graphics, or other materials must be done only with the written permission of the author/owner.

#### H. Acceptable Use - VPN (Virtual Private Network) or other Remote Access

VPN access may be provided to employees, contractors, business partners, and members of other agencies based on demonstrated need and job function as approved by the Department Head. VPN Access is to be used only to support County government business and all the general provisions of the General Acceptable Use policy stated above apply to all VPN use. VPN Access will be granted by ITCS upon written memo from the Department Head. Employees may be granted VPN access during business hours if they are working from a remote site, such as a school or conference.

#### I. Acceptable Use – Cellular Phones and Other Wireless Devices

Tioga County may provide employees with cell phones, smart phones and other appropriate mobile and wireless devices, when necessary for the performance of their County duties.

Cellular phone service, like other means of communication, is provided for the sole purpose of supporting County business operations

Employees are required to reimburse the County for personal use. Employees must understand that unreimbursed personal use of County Cell Phones may be audited by the IRS and be reportable as income.

Employees shall not use cellular telephones for illegal, disruptive, unethical or unprofessional activities, or for personal gain, or for any purpose that would jeopardize the legitimate interest of Tioga County.

Department Heads must review all cellular telephone statements for compliance with this policy. Any use not in accordance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, in addition to reimbursement to the County for all costs associated with non-compliance.

Cellular phones or other mobile devices shall not be used while operating a motor vehicle.

Smartphones and other mobile devices will be password protected.

#### J. Working from Home or Other Remote Sites

The scope of this section does not indicate working from home is authorized for any particular employee, and only discusses the precautions and steps that must be employed if authorization is given or allowed through a separate policy.

Laptop computers and mobile devices such as tablets, smart phones or other devices, hereafter referred to as mobile devices, as well as Remote Desktop access services may be provided to employees based on demonstrated need and job function as approved by the Department Head. This includes but is not limited to employees whose positions involve on-call duties, employees who during the normal course of employment perform their duties away from their assigned workspace, and employees who have demonstrated a need to be in contact with their office via email and other communication interfaces. County business should always be conducted on County-issued computers or devices approved for use by ITCS. Users should never use personal computers to conduct County business except through County authorized tools or mechanisms.

Mobile devices, like other means of communication, are to be used only to support County government business. Employees may use mobile devices to communicate outside of the County government when such communications are related to legitimate business activities and are within their job assignments or responsibilities.

Employees shall not use mobile devices for illegal, disruptive, unethical or unprofessional activities, or for personal gain, or for any purpose that would jeopardize the legitimate interests of Tioga County.

User identification and passwords must be enabled and used on all Mobile devices and mobile computing devices in accordance with County policy. Access codes must be protected and will be required to be changed in accordance with Tioga County's Password Policy. Mobile devices will be either turned off or locked when not in use.

Users shall avoid leaving mobile devices in situations that increase the risk of theft and never leave mobile devices unattended or unsecured. If the mobile device is stolen, you must immediately report this to your supervisor who will inform the appropriate Department Head, ITCS and appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Mobile devices will not be used while operating a motor vehicle. Employees must take every effort to ensure the safe usage of mobile devices.

Employees must take every effort to ensure the security, safety and maintenance of the mobile device. Any unreasonable use, abuse, neglect, or alterations of mobile device equipment may result in the loss of computing privileges. Misuse of mobile devices will result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Users are required to immediately report any problems with their mobile devices to Information Technology Helpdesk at extension 8294. Any attempt by employees to dismantle or repair their machines or to install modifications themselves may invalidate the manufacturer's warranty.

It is mandatory for all County users of mobile devices to copy or move all data files stored on the hard drives to the network so they will be backed up according to the critical nature of the data. It

is the policy of the County that no user or County data be stored on mobile devices, and instead be stored and accessed from County servers. An exception shall be made for circumstances such as travel outside the County network where access to specific local files is necessary (e.g. presentation on mobile device for out of area court appearance.) Upon return, the user must delete those locally stored files from the computer.

No personal hardware or software is allowed to be loaded on the Mobile Device. All equipment and software of any kind is the sole property of Tioga County.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in discipline, up to and including termination.

K. Remote Office Security

Before approval for working at home or telecommuting is granted, a user's Department Head must review the security environment of the proposed working environment through employee interview or onsite evaluation. If the user works with sensitive information, a shredder must be employed. If sensitive information will be stored in paper form, locking furniture or a safe must be available. Users must also make sure that their files will be remotely backed-up over the network or that they will have appropriate remote systems to perform their own backups.

The security of Tioga County information and physical property at remote locations is just as important as it is in the office. All the same security requirements apply at remote locations, although they may be implemented in different ways. For example, paper-based Confidential and High Risk information must be locked up when not in active use. In Tioga County offices, a file cabinet might be used, but on the road, or at home, a locking briefcase might be employed.

#### L. Handling of Sensitive Information

In general, sensitive (Confidential, High or Moderate Risk) information, regardless of whether it is in paper or electronic form, should not leave Tioga County offices. If it is necessary to remove sensitive information from Tioga County offices - e.g., a court hearing - this information must be protected as appropriate for the type of media. Sensitive data may only be removed from County premises when it is encrypted and securely locked.

#### M. Security Incident Reporting Procedure

Users shall report all suspicious activities, social engineering attempts, anomalous behavior of equipment, systems or persons, virus activity, and any unusual occurrences to their department supervisor immediately. The department supervisor shall report this information to the ITCS department and the County Information Security Officer. The Information Security Officer and the ITCS department will conduct an investigation as required by the nature of the incident and will document their findings and report back to the department supervisor within ten business days. ITCS and the Information Security Officer will contact law enforcement agencies if their investigation warrants it.

#### N. Workstation Security

1. General

Workstations are a gateway to secure network storage, printing, applications and other services. Data shall never be stored on individual workstations. Workstations are not backed

up and may be removed, replaced or erased and reconfigured at any time by ITCS without prior notice. End users are responsible for ensuring that all data resides on appropriate network resources and that no data is stored on their individual computer. All data must be stored on either Home Folders, Shared Folders, or other applicable network storage devices.

No network devices, including but not limited to computers, hubs, switches and routers, and wireless devices shall be attached to the Tioga County network unless they have been approved in writing by the ITCS department. Moreover, only members of the ITCS department or approved contractors may attach network devices to the Tioga County Network. Users may not bring workstations or other devices from home and attach them to the network unless approved in writing by the ITCS department.

All workstations must have county-approved virus protection software on them, configured in accordance with the current Malicious Software Policy.

Workstations shall be stored in controlled access areas, or in areas where there is minimal probability of unauthorized personnel viewing screens or data. When workstations must be stored in public areas, screens shall be turned away from public view. When this precaution is not possible, covers will be installed in order to preclude passerby access to High Risk and Confidential information. When a user leaves his or her work area or office for any period of time, the user must place the desktop in a password-protected "locked" state.

2. Removable Media

Considering federal and state regulations on information security, use of rewritable media including but not limited to flash drives, diskettes, DVDs and CDs is strongly discouraged. Users shall not utilize personal removable media devices in County computer systems.

Media not intended for redistribution must be formatted before being discarded according to applicable regulations.

3. Media Disposal

Media containing County Information Assets, including but not limited to floppy disks, CDs, hard drives, flash drives, and other removable media will be treated in accordance with applicable state and federal statute or regulation. When media is no longer required, it will be turned over to ITCS for proper disposal.

Hard drives from workstations must be turned over to Buildings and Grounds/Public Works by ITCS to go through a certified, approved destruction process. ITCS shall document and maintain a record of receipt and disposition and will provide copies to the responsible parties.

4. Media Reuse

If media is to be reused or redistributed, the user or ITCS must repartition and format the media. If a department has determined a need for the use of rewritable media and the media is coming from a source outside the County network, the media must be scanned for malware prior to using any information on the media.

5. Data Backup and Storage

Before being edited, or before performing upgrades, or before moving County equipment that holds County data, all data shall be backed up in order to create and preserve a retrievable, exact copy of the data.

O. Printing

When users are printing High, Moderate risk or Confidential data they shall take precautions to ensure that their privacy and security are protected. Examples of this include:

- Stand by the printer while the job is printing.
- Immediately remove the documents from the printer.
- Print to a printer/copier mailbox and release the print job when standing at the printer/copier.
- Print to a printer/copier in a secure area.
- Lock file cabinets and records rooms that contain High Risk and Confidential Data when unattended and/or during non-business hours.
- P. Data Restoration

End users who require restoration of data shall inform their supervisor and the ITCS department immediately. They will provide ITCS with as much information about the data, including the location and the approximate date and time of deletion. Depending on the circumstances, the data may or may not be available for restoration.

# VI. Audience – Department Heads \ Supervisors

## A. Authorization and Supervision

Department Heads are responsible for the authorization and supervision of employees who work with High and Moderate Risk or Confidential information within their departments. Department Heads must ensure that the relevant procedures described in this policy are followed in order to mitigate the risk of unauthorized use or release of High and Moderate Risk or Confidential Data.

## B. Workforce Clearance Procedures

The County shall conduct background checks, of the following current and prospective County employees:

- All full-time and part-time employees, except elected officials and employees of the Tioga County Board of Elections, hired after 1/1/2016.
- All temporary and seasonal employees, except employees of the Tioga County Board of Elections, hired after 1/1/2016 who may have access to High Risk or Confidential Information.
- All current employees of the Personnel and ITCS Departments, except employees hired before 1/1/2016 who are represented by CSEA.

Nothing in subparagraph (1) above shall preclude a Department Head from conducting such other background checks of current and prospective County employees as may be required by law or internal department policy.

### C. Termination \ Separation Procedures

The Department Head shall notify the Personnel Office when an employee is to be terminated or otherwise separated from County employment. Upon receipt of such notification, the Personnel Office shall notify ITCS. ITCS shall secure the employee's data by whatever means necessary and appropriate under the circumstances, including moving the data, locking or deleting the employee's system accounts, redirecting or deleting the employee's phone extension and voice mail, and/or securing or deleting the employee's email box. The Department Head may request specific actions be taken via a service ticket.

## D. Access Authorization, Establishment & Modification

The access authorization process for employees and contractors will be initiated by an employee's department in a service ticket or e-mail describing the level of access, group membership, and other appropriate information needed to grant access. Authorization will be granted by the department head or alternatively by the ITCS Director. The privileges granted remain in effect until the worker's job changes or the worker leaves Tioga County, or until the department otherwise notifies ITCS of a change. If any of these events takes place, the department head must immediately notify the ITCS Department.

## E. Departmental Security Training

Each County Department is required to hold, at a minimum, annual training for their users concerning the management of Information Security. It is the responsibility of the individual Department Head to ensure that this training takes place and records are maintained concerning the scope of the training as well as documentation of those employees that attended the training.

ITCS shall sponsor County-wide annual security training for the County Staff that employees are required to complete once per calendar year. Attendance at this training can be used as proof of compliance with the departmental security training requirements.

#### F. Business Associate Agreement

All Covered Entities and Business Associates (as the terms are defined by HIPAA) within the County are required to have in place a current, HIPAA compliant Business Associates Agreement (BAA) with any and all vendors, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, non-county agencies or other service providers who are their Business Associate. The BAA must address specific compliance issues in keeping with all New York and Federal statutes, rules and regulations. Each BAA must be approved by the County Attorney prior to execution. Department Heads shall consult with the County Attorney to ascertain whether their department is a Covered Entity or Business Associate.

In some instances, County Departments are Business Associates (defined in Definitions above) of Non-County Covered Entities. In the event a County Department is asked to enter into a BAA with a Non-County Covered Entity, the BAA must be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney prior to execution.

Any County Department that is either a Covered Entity or Business Associate, as those terms are defined by HIPAA, shall maintain a current list of all BAAs entered into by their department and shall ensure that said BAAs are kept current.

It is the responsibility of the Department Head of the County Covered Entity or Business Associate to ensure that the requirements of this section are met.

- G. Application Level Authentication, Logging and Integrity Controls on High Risk Data Individual department heads with applications that contain or store High Risk data are responsible for monitoring the security and logs of their applications and must record and document these activities. All department level applications must be password protected at the user interface and must have password protection at the database and file level. Departments with such application must have a written policy on log monitoring and management and must monitor the logs on a regular basis. This responsibility may be assigned to a staff member(s) who will take responsibility for the task. Department Heads must ensure that the data has not been altered by unauthorized personnel. All the policies that apply to the County network apply to individual applications.
- H. Keys and Swipe Cards

Each Department Head shall determine the level of access, via key or swipe card, that each employee within his/her department may have to County facilities within the Department Head's authority and control. NOTE: Certain County employees/contractors, such as IT, Buildings and Grounds and cleaning Staff and the Tioga County Safety Officer, are entitled to such access to County facilities as is required to perform their job functions.

Upon an employee's separation from County employment, the Department Head shall:

- collect all swipe cards and keys issued to the employee; and
- return all keys to the Buildings and Grounds Department; and
- terminate swipe card system access.

Each department shall maintain a written record of the names, dates and times of all swipe card assignments and changes in access permissions.

The Buildings and Grounds Department shall maintain a written record of the names, dates, and times of all key assignments, the changes to all locks and the repairs to all doors.

I. Solicitation

Solicitation is any form of requesting money, support or participation for products, groups, organizations or causes. Tioga County employees, contractors and volunteers are not allowed to use any electronic device, network or social media owned by Tioga County. The exception is any pre-approved solicitation such as United Way.

## VII. Audience – ITCS Department

#### A. Data Network Configuration

1. Firewalls

All county-owned computers and networks shall be protected by a physical or virtual network firewall to prevent intrusion, theft, or breach.

2. Time Synchronization

All network devices and phones attached to the Tioga County network shall have their internal clocks synchronized with a single time source, maintained by ITCS.

3. Passwords

Passwords shall be at least 8 12 characters in length consisting of upper and lower case alphabetic characters, numbers, and punctuation characters. Where systems support it, this minimum length shall be enforced automatically. Passwords shall be changed at a minimum of every 365 days and the password history shall be maintained for the last 8 passwords.

4. Automatic Logoff & Screensavers

Screen Savers shall be configured to activate after 10 minutes of inactivity so that High Risk and Confidential information is not visible during periods of user inactivity. System policy shall be configured to automatically log-off users after 8 hours of inactivity, when possible.

5. Login Banners

When logging in to a workstation or any other Information Systems device in Tioga County, the device will display a login banner reminding users of their responsibilities to be familiar with County Information Security Policies and of their responsibility to help maintain the security of Tioga County's information assets, if supported by the device. The banner states: *Computer Systems Access This device is a part of the Tioga County, New York computer network. Usage of this device is governed by the Comprehensive Information Security Policy, found in Section VIII of the County Employee Handbook. Unauthorized use prohibited.* 

6. Protection from Malicious Software

All Tioga County devices are required to have appropriate protection from Malware installed and configured for centralized management and reporting. Tioga County ITCS shall provide and configure network-level software and policies that monitor malware.

7. Login Monitoring

Login banners shall display Last Login information whenever a user logs into a County device when possible.

8. Server and Network Infrastructure Device Security

Servers shall be placed in locked rooms that have access limited to authorized personnel only. Administrative access to servers will be strictly limited to members of the ITCS department, approved contractors, software vendors, and in rare cases, super users in individual departments. When possible, servers will be placed so that only ITCS members and IT contractors have access to them. Because of privacy and security requirements, users who are neither ITCS members nor approved contractors will not receive administrative-level permissions.

Server desktops shall remain logged out at all times unless a member of the ITCS staff or a contractor is working on the server. When administrative tasks are complete, the operator will log out immediately.

When remote access to servers is required, members of the ITCS Department will use only approved, encrypted communications for these sessions. Approved, encryption methods include the use of the Cisco Any Connect Client and RDP access to County facilities from remote sites.

#### 9. Server File System Security

With the exception of HOME folders, only Active Directory Domain Global Groups shall be used to apply security to server resources on Tioga County servers. Individual user objects shall never be assigned access to any folders or other shared server resources.

10. Workstation System Security

User privileges on a workstation shall be assigned at the lowest level possible. Initially, the user's workgroup shall be assigned *Domain User* access. However, some applications will not work properly unless the user has a higher level of privileges. If this has been demonstrated to be the case, the user shall be granted the lowest level required for applications to work properly. At the discretion of the Department Head and with authorization from the Director of ITCS, users may be assigned administrative privileges to their workstations.

Workstations shall be configured to allow Remote Desktop and Virtual Network Computing (VNC) access to the workstation and shall be configured so that authorized support personnel can login in order to provide technical support.

#### B. Network Folder Configuration

1. Home Folders

Users who are assigned network accounts will receive a HOME directory (folder) for storage of their daily work. Only the individual user and the ITCS department will have access to HOME folders.

2. Shared Folders

Users shall be assigned access to shared folders in accordance with departmental or workgroup requirements as directed by the user's supervisor. Shared folders are for the purpose of allowing entire workgroups or departments to share data. Requests for special workgroups or cross-departmental workgroups should be referred to the ITCS department.

3. Application Folders

Users shall be assigned access to shared folders in accordance with departmental or workgroup requirements as directed by the user's supervisor.

### C. Network Intrusion, Virus or Malicious Software Outbreak

Should a network intrusion, virus or malicious software outbreak be suspected, ITCS will take the following steps:+

- Record and Capture any necessary system information
- Backup, isolate, and shut down (if necessary) the compromised system
- Search other systems for signs of intrusion or infection
- Secure and examine logs
- Identify how the intruder gained access, if applicable
- Identify what the intruder did, if applicable
- Collect and preserve evidence
- Contact Law Enforcement (if necessary)
- Identify and implement new security features or procedures to protect from a recurrence of a similar intrusion
- Provide a postmortem report to the Information Security Officer that details the identified issue, what steps were taken to address it, and progress on eliminating the threat from the network until completion

#### D. Data Backup Plan

End users are responsible for ensuring that all County data is stored on county file servers. The ITCS Department is responsible for backing up and restoring data on servers and is responsible for ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the County data that is stored on servers. To that end:

- All servers shall be fully backed up at least once a week and backup images will be maintained for at least 30 days.
- All servers shall be incrementally backed up every business day. However, daily full backups are preferred, when possible.
- At least two sets of full backups shall be maintained off-site and rotated weekly.
- An ITCS staff member shall review all server backup logs daily and will record the status of backups on a daily checklist/report.
- At least once a quarter, a member of the ITCS staff will perform a random test restoration of data from backup media in order to ensure the integrity of the backups.
- For automated backups, a backup user will be created. Backups will not be performed under the Administrator account.
- A record of backups will be kept by ITCS for review.

Backups of data must be handled with the same security precautions as the data itself. When systems are disposed of, or repurposed, data must be certified deleted or disks destroyed consistent with industry best practices for the security level of the data.

## E. Disaster Recovery and Emergency Mode Operation Plans

The Tioga County Emergency Management Office maintains a County-wide disaster recovery document, known as a Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP.) The COOP plan covers key elements of physical disaster recovery operations for County departments including:

- How the department will conduct business during an emergency.
- The key resources that are required for emergency operations and enumerate how those resources will be provided.
- The backup location(s) where the department will conduct operations.
- How the department will contact key personnel in an emergency.
- How the department will disseminate information during an emergency.
- Enumerating a timeline for the reconstruction of normal operations

The ITCS Department maintains a Data Disaster Recovery Plan that addresses the following IT and data-specific disaster needs:

- Identifying the configurations of key County IT infrastructure.
- Enumerating and ranking the most likely failures or disasters that can occur.
- Documenting action plans for mitigating the identified potential disasters.

The Director of ITCS will be provided with a County-wide master key that allows access to all facilities with IT assets that may require physical access or intervention by an IT staff member.

#### F. Disaster Testing and Revision Procedure

Tioga County shall establish a Data Disaster Recovery Workgroup consisting of, at minimum, representative(s) from ITCS, the Information Security Officer, and representative(s) from the Emergency Management Office. This group shall annually conduct a review, with key departments, of the processes the County intends to follow in a disaster. This group is responsible for annual testing and review of the Data Disaster Recovery Plan no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. A report of the testing and review, along with recommended remediation shall be presented to the County Legislature no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. The group is responsible for ensuring that all remediation is performed no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> annually.

During testing of the Data Disaster Recovery Plan, the Data Disaster Recovery Workgroup will annually review processes and procedures taking into consideration the relative importance of critical systems and data.

#### G. Determining Data Criticality

Tioga County shall have a formal process for defining and identifying the criticality of its computing systems and the data contained within them. The responsibility for this process lies with the Disaster Recovery Workgroup. The prioritization of Tioga County information systems must be based on an analysis of the impact to Tioga County services, processes, and business objectives if disasters or emergencies cause specific information systems to be unavailable for particular periods of time. The criticality analysis must be conducted with the cooperation of the Legislature, department heads, and owners of Tioga County information systems and business

processes. The criticality analysis must be conducted as part of the annual disaster testing and revision procedures

At a minimum, this process will include:

- Creating an inventory of interdependent systems and their dependencies.
- Documenting the criticality of Tioga County's information systems (e.g. impact on users of Tioga County services).
- Identifying and documenting the impact to Tioga County services, if specific Tioga County information systems are unavailable for different periods of time (e.g. 1 hour, 1 day).
- Identifying the maximum time periods that County computing systems can be unavailable.
- Prioritizing County computing system components according to their criticality to the County's ability to function at normal levels.

#### H. Critical Systems, Applications and Data

1. General

During an emergency, operations and data should be restored within 72 hours.

ITCS will utilize the following classifications and definitions to identify other critical systems, application and data:

a) Safety Critical Systems & Applications (SCS)

A Safety Critical System or application is a computer, electronic or electromechanical system whose failure may cause injury or death to human beings. Downtime is unacceptable and appropriate measures, such as redundant systems are required.

During an emergency, these systems will receive the highest priority and will be restored as quickly as possible.

These systems shall maintain uptime of 99.7% or better.

b) Mission Critical Systems & Applications (MCS)

A computer, electronic, or electromechanical system whose failure would cause grave financial consequences is considered to be a *Mission Critical System or Application*. Downtime during general business operations is unacceptable. However, downtime during an emergency or disaster is acceptable if the system resumes operations within a period of 48 hours after the emergency is over.

These systems shall maintain uptime of 99% or better.

c) Core Systems & Applications (CS)

A computer, electronic, or electromechanical system whose failure would cause operational difficulties, increased workload, and inconvenience to staff and clients.

These systems shall maintain uptime of 98% or better.

- d) Standard Systems and Applications (SS)
   During an emergency, standard systems and applications should be restored within 96 hours.
- 2. Emergency Access Procedures for Critical Systems and Data

ITCS shall maintain a database of all applications in use by Tioga County employees and rate the applications according the priority of restoration that will be required in the case of a disaster or interruption of operations.

Type of System	System or Application
Safety Critical Systems (SCS)	911 Center Telephone Systems and Radio System
Mission Critical Systems (MCS)	I5 Series, Accounting and Financial Systems, Core Network Equipment
Core Systems (CS)	Infrastructure devices and systems
Standard Systems	County File Servers

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#### I. Maintenance Windows

ITCS requires a maintenance window on all equipment that it maintains. The maintenance window will be in keeping with the system uptime standards. Routine maintenance will be announced and coordinated with the affected department.

#### J. Access Control

1. User Identification (User IDs)

Each User shall be assigned their own unique userid id. This userid follows an individual as they move through the County. It shall be permanently decommissioned when a user leaves Tioga County; re-use of userids is not permitted. Userids and related passwords must not be shared with any other individual (Users should instead utilize other mechanisms for sharing information such as electronic mail, shared folders, etc.). Userids are linked to specific people, and are not associated with computer terminals, departments, or job titles. Anonymous userids (such as *guest*) are not permitted unless mitigative controls are in place.

2. Encryption

Electronic High Risk data must be encrypted whenever being transported outside of County facilities on removable media.

K. Audit Controls

All County file servers and core network devices such as firewalls and routers shall have logging enabled and the logs shall be sent to a central log server maintained by ITCS. At a minimum, the following types of events shall be logged:

- Logon/Logoff Events
- Account Lockouts
- Logon/Logoff Exceptions
- Authority and Permission Changes
- Privilege use and elevation.

ITCS shall monitor the logs daily and will immediately report anomalous behavior to the Information Security Officer.

## L. Data Transmission & Encryption Policy

High Risk and Confidential data must be encrypted during transmission over non-secure channels, abiding by the following definitions and conditions:

- A non-secure channel is defined as any public network, including but not limited to the Internet.
- The Public Switched Telephone Network is considered to be a secure medium (i.e. faxing and telephone calls on a landline).
- Tioga County Employees are not permitted to encrypt or apply passwords to data unless it is for the purpose of transmission over a non-secured channel.

Tioga County ITCS will provide services and training to end users for the secure, encrypted transmission of data and will provide detailed documentation for these services to County employees.

#### M. Information Retention

County Information Assets, including archival backups, must be retained in accordance with applicable federal and state statute, including the *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule CO-2, Section 185.13, 8NYCRR (Appendix J)*. Where permitted by statute, documents will be scanned, indexed, and retained in electronic format as a substitute for original documents. Document imaging will be performed in accordance with the *New York State Archives Imaging Production Guidelines (2014)*.

#### N. Security Training

Annual Security Training (as referenced in section VI (E)) shall be performed by members or designees of the ITCS department. ITCS shall maintain responsibility for the content and coordination of these training sessions each year.

#### O. Policy Changes

ITCS department will notify all users, including employees and shared services, of any policy and training changes or notifications.

# VIII. Audience – Information Security Officer

A. Duties and description of an Information Security Officer

The County shall appoint an Information Security Officer (not a member of ITCS) who is responsible for implementing and monitoring a consistent data security program. The Information Security officer shall:

- Review the Information Security Policy on an annual basis for both accuracy and to ensure continued HIPAA compliance. If changes in policy are necessary, those changes shall be submitted for review and approval by the Legislature with the report.
- Coordinate every two years a Risk Assessment that may be conducted by an external consultant. The Risk Assessment will review current security policies, the County's compliance therewith and identify any deficiencies. The results of the Risk Assessment will be used to create a Risk Assessment Report that shall be submitted to the Legislature for review and approval. The assessment will be conducted every two years and results will be presented to the Tioga County Legislature about twelve weeks after.
- Create a *Risk Mitigation and Management Plan* from the results of the Risk Assessment and present to the Legislature for review on or about 16 weeks from the date of the Risk Assessment. This plan will suggest remedies and solutions for deficiencies identified in the Risk Assessment. These deficiencies will be remedied or a Legislature-approved plan prepared to address the deficiency by, on or about 24 weeks from the date of the Risk Assessment. The Information Security Officer is responsible for ensuring that risk mitigation is assigned to appropriate parties and completed within a reasonable amount of time.
- Take responsibility for the prevention, detection, containment, correction and any and all reporting protocols, including any applicable statutes.
- Participate in tabletop Emergency Response exercises as outlined in this policy.
- Work with the County Attorney to investigate information security breaches; ensure compliance with any and all reporting protocols required by the applicable statutes, rules and regulations and County policies; ensure that corrective measures and procedures to prevent, detect and contain future information security breaches are implemented. Monitor information security activities and oversee the application of specified security procedures.
- Assist personnel in assessing data to determine classification level.
- Ensure the County conducts annual information security training for all departments.

Legislator Sullivan spoke. "I just want to say this is a fairly new policy. The Information Security Officer was put in place to manage this activity. We went through our first audit two years ago and we expected this policy would continue to change. This is the first big reiteration of the policy since that audit and the other things we put in place as a result of the audit findings." ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Hollenbeck moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO:	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 152-20	RATIFY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (TCCA/NCEU)

WHEREAS: Tioga County and the Tioga County Corrections Association/National Corrections Employees Union have been negotiating a successor agreement to the 2017-2019 collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS: The parties reached agreement on a contract for the period June 24, 2020 - December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The TCCA/NCEU members ratified the agreement at a vote on July 7, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby ratifies the 2020-2022 collective bargaining agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature, along with the Sheriff, is authorized to sign the Agreement as a joint employer; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature does hereby agree to implement the funds necessary to carry out the terms and provisions of said contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Mullen moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 153-20	CREATE AND FILL POSITION PART-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of new positions and position reclassifications; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff has identified a need to create and fill a part-time Public Safety Dispatcher to help curtail overtime costs incurred due to staff turnover; and

WHEREAS: There is sufficient funds in account A3110.510020 to fund this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Sheriff be authorized to create and fill one part-time Public Safety Dispatcher position at a rate of \$17.40/hour effective July 15, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED: Said position will increase the part-time headcount from 7 to 8.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Hollenbeck moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Balliet.

REFERRED TO:	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 154-20	STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The New York State Retirement System created new reporting regulations in 2009 that require establishment of terms and work hours for elected and appointed officials and a resolution stating such at the onset of each term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials, and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the following officials to the Clerk of this body;

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Not Submitted
Appointed Officials						
Assistant Public	Brad		01/13/20 -			
Defender	Helmetsie	7	12/31/21	Ν	6.88	

I, Cathy A. Haskell, Secretary/Clerk of the governing board of the County of Tioga, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the fourteenth day of July, 2020 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Tioga County Legislature on this fourteenth day of July, 2020. <u>Affidavit of Posting</u>: I, Cathy A. Haskell, being duly sworn, depose and say that the posting of the resolution began on July 14, 2020 and continued for at least 30 days. That the resolution was available to the public on the

Employer's website at <u>www.tiogacountyny.com</u>

□ Official sign board at Tioga County Legislative Office.

Main Entrance Clerk's Office at \_\_\_\_\_\_

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 P.M.