

*First Special & Organizational Meeting*  
January 2, 2025

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2025 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:00 a.m.

The following County Legislators were present:

DISTRICT 1  
Ronald C. Ciotoli

DISTRICT 5  
Dennis M. Mullen

DISTRICT 2  
Martha C. Sauerbrey

DISTRICT 6  
Raymond Bunce

DISTRICT 3  
Barbara Roberts

DISTRICT 7  
Keith Flesher  
William H. Standinger III

DISTRICT 4  
W. Jake Brown  
S. Tracy Monell

There were 7 people in attendance.

Legislative Clerk Haskell spoke. "Good morning and Happy New Year. Welcome to the First Special and Organizational Meeting of the Tioga County Legislature for 2025."

The Clerk asked Legislator Flesher to have a moment of Prayer. "Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us here today and giving us the ability to represent the people of Tioga County. Please continue to bless us and give us wisdom in our decisions and guide us to do a good job for the County."

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

The Clerk welcomed and congratulated our newly elected Legislator Ray Bunce and incumbent Legislators Keith Flesher, Barbara Roberts, and William H. Standinger III on their new three-year term of office for 2025. Additionally, Legislative Clerk Haskell welcomed and congratulated Democratic Election Commissioner James Wahls and Republican Election Commissioner Kelly Johnson on their new two-year term of office for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislators Bunce, Flesher, Roberts, and Standinger for their new three-year term of office for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Republican Election Commissioner Johnson for her two-year term of office for 2025. Legislative Clerk Haskell reported Democratic Election Commissioner Wahls is unable to attend today's meeting, however, will make arrangements with County Clerk Klett to be sworn in at a later date.

The Clerk announced the first order of business for the Legislature was the election of Chair of the Legislature for 2025 for a one-year term. Legislator Roberts nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Roberts. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Clerk cast one ballot, and Legislator Sauerbrey was appointed Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Sauerbrey as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2025.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "First of all, I would like to thank all of you. This year, I will have been here for twenty years working for the Legislature and it has been a challenging and rewarding experience. We have had many ups and downs, many almost tragic events with a flood, COVID, but we survived it all and worked together as a team and came through those difficult times. I very much appreciate your support over the years, and I also appreciate the support of the community that believed in me and voted for me so I could stand in this position for this many years. I have met some wonderful and exciting people. We have lost four Legislators while serving and that was a big challenge. I encourage all of you to stay healthy. I am very optimistic that with our County Administrator on board we will be running more efficiently. The responsibilities of the Chair of the Legislature will be reduced, but it will still continue to be a teamwork effort as we move the County forward for 2025. Thank you."

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Legislative Chair announced the next order of business is the nomination for Deputy Chair for a one-year term for 2025. Legislator Ciotoli nominated Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Roberts. With no other nominations, Legislator Ciotoli moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Brown. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Monell was appointed Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Monell as Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2025.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2025. Legislator Roberts nominated County Administrator Bailey, seconded by Legislator Mullen. With no other nominations, Legislator Ciotoli moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Brown. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and County Administrator Bailey was appointed Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2025.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2025. Legislator Mullen nominated Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Monell. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Standinger was appointed Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2025.

Chair Sauerbrey asked if there were any disclosures to be made.

Legislator Flesher stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Monell stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Mullen stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Roberts stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Standinger stated, "I have no disclosures to make."

Legislator Brown stated, "My only disclosure is that I work for Lockheed Martin."

Legislator Bunce stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Ciotoli stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-25 TRIPS AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED: That the Chair and the Clerk of the County Legislature, the County Attorney, County Administrator and County Legislators be, and they hereby are, authorized to make such trips as their duties may require and that their actual and necessary expenses for travel, meals and lodging incurred on such trips be a County charge.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-25 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to the powers vested in this Legislature by Section 212 of the County Law, as amended, the following Banks within New York State be, and they hereby are designated as depositories for the deposit of all monies received by the County Treasurer, to an amount not to exceed the sum set opposite the name of each Bank as follows:

JP Morgan Chase Bank	\$35,000,000
Chemung Canal Trust Company	\$35,000,000
Community Bank, N.A.	\$35,000,000
M&T Bank	\$35,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$35,000,000
National Bank and Trust Company, N.A.	\$35,000,000

M&T Government Securities, Inc. \$35,000,000

NY Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System \$35,000,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-25 DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Courier and the Morning Times are hereby designated official newspapers for the publication of all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Press and Sun Bulletin, a daily newspaper, is hereby designated as the official newspaper for purposes of publishing all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published at such times that there is insufficient time to publish in the above two newspapers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 4-25                      *DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER FOR  
REPUBLICAN PARTY*

RESOLVED: That the Morning Times is hereby designated as the newspaper published in the County of Tioga for the Republican Party to publish the Election notices issued by the Secretary of State, and to publish the official canvass pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25                      *DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER FOR  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY*

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Courier is hereby designated as the newspaper published in the County of Tioga for the Democratic Party to publish the Election notices issued by the Secretary of State, and to publish the official canvass pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-25 SET SALARY OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$56,512 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$13,394 and an additional \$43,118 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-25 FIX DATES AND TIMES OF  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2025 shall meet regularly in the Edward D. Hubbard Auditorium of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York at 12:00 P.M. on the Tuesday following Legislative Standing Committees which are held during the first full work week of the month.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25 ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS: General Municipal Law §104-b requires an annual review of Tioga County's procurement policy and procedures; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature affirms its annual review of its Procurement Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Before I close the meeting, I would like to give Ray Bunce an official welcome and we are glad to have you on the team as we move forward.

Legislator Bunce spoke. "Thank you. I am happy to be here. I would like to say thank you for your kindness in introducing me and taking the time to explain how the Legislature works. I appreciate the work you have done ahead of time."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

*First Regular Meeting*  
January 14, 2025

The First Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on January 14, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Flesher to have a moment of prayer. "Dear God, thank you for bringing us here today and thank you for the responsibility of governing Tioga County and our citizens. Please continue to give us wisdom and strength in the decisions that we have to make in the future."

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

There were 26 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a Moment of Silence for former District #3 Legislator James E. Woodruff, Jr.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Today, we are remembering James Woodruff, Jr. or "Woody" as he was better known. Woody died on Christmas Day 2024 leaving a loving family and a life of service in his wake. Woody was well-liked and respected in the community. He was appointed to the Tioga County Legislature in 1991 following the death of Donald Burns, Sr. and served in the position until December 31, 1995.

"He served on the Board of Directors for the Cornell Cooperative Extension for 11 years and served as Vice-Chairman of the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board and Economic Advisory Committee. Active in the community, he was a member of the Tioga State Bank Board of Advisors and was an active member of the Owego Kiwanis Club. He had a successful career in the Marine Corps starting as a Private and retiring as a Commissioned Officer of Captain. Woody was a man of faith and a member of the First Methodist Church in Clermont, Florida.

"Today, we make note and recognize a well-respected member and leader in our community. James Woodruff, Jr., thank you for your service."

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

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

Legislator Standinger read and presented the following resolution to Albert Knapp, Public Health Sanitarian, Public Health Department.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 9-25 *RECOGNITION OF ALBERT KNAPP'S  
 18 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
 TIOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Albert Knapp began his career with Tioga County on March 20, 2006 as a Public Health Technician for the Septic Program, a newly established program at that time within Tioga County Public Health. In August 2007, Mr. Knapp was promoted to Public Health Sanitarian, the position he still holds; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Knapp has held many roles in Public Health, including being a certified lead risk assessor, inspector of food establishments, summer camps, and public meal sites. He has also been an investigator of animal bites and the related rabies prevention program while also being an inspector for the septic program and designer of septic systems; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Knapp was honored twice as Public Health Team Member of the Quarter by his co-workers, in 2017 and again, just recently, in 2024; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Knapp has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities in Public Health. He has earned the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County and New York State; and

WHEREAS: Albert Knapp will retire on January 3, 2025; 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 Albert Knapp for his 18 plus 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, Albert Knapp.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standinger spoke. “Al, I just want to tell you that I have seen you around quite a bit and I am glad that you were out there taking care of the food establishments so none of us get sick. You are highly respected in your field, and it seems like you are too young to retire, but I wish you luck.”

Albert Knapp spoke. “I just wanted to say that my 18+ years working with Tioga County has been very rich for me in both a personal and professional manner. There are so many things that can be learned in Public Health because it is so multi-dimensional. The programs that Legislator Standinger was speaking of certainly do exist but things that we do not see are the quality improvements, the demand that puts on staff, and the teamwork that is involved with Public Health.

“I do want to say and give a shout out to each one of my co-workers that it has been a pleasure working with you. I really enjoyed the time we had. It’s one team that I could say that, outside of the military, when anything had to be done, no matter what was asked of us, there were no questions. Having that time of comradery and support just made the job a lot easier. I hope I spoke well of my co-workers. I am going to be leaving them but keep in your hearts and minds their efforts as well. It is a lot to endure at times through times such as the COVID pandemic and keeping up with our regular duties but at the same time supporting our community.

“The last thing I want to say about Tioga County is the County itself and the people that make up Tioga County; the Legislators, the community, and the support that Public Health can do and the outreach for our community members is something that I will always hold dear, and I will continue to do it. Running groceries with my father. He is 93 years old and still doing pretty good. Still mows his lawn, so maybe I will have to try and keep up with him. Just continuing to support people in need. I am a grandfather now and I am seeing the other side of that, and I am enjoying that part of my life.

“In closing, I want to say thank you very much to the Legislators for all their support that they have given us, to Legislator Standinger for all your support for Public Health, to Chair Sauerbrey for your direction and your team, and everyone in Public Health, I want to say thank you. I am going to miss everybody, but I will see you around. Thank you.”

Public Health Director Vroman spoke. “I have had the privilege of working with Al for my entire time at Public Health or just over 13 years. From the very first day that I meant Al, he stood out as being kind, compassionate, and dedicated to

his work consistently demonstrating an unwavering commitment to excellence. Also, his integrity and the well-being of Tioga County residents has spoken volumes. As the resolution indicated, Al wore many hats during his years at Public Health, but it is noteworthy to mention that he was initially hired to develop and implement our Septic Program, which he has worked in for many years. Preparing to leave us, he trained our new technician in this very program, who happens to be his son.

“Over the years, Al has held a prominent role in our Childhood Lead Poisoning Program in children’s camps completing thorough and meticulous investigations to ensure the safety of children. Al’s dedication to his work is evident in everything that he does. His willingness to help, his friendly demeanor, and his ability to remain calm and helpful even when he is swamped has earned him the respect and admiration of all who have had the privilege of working with him.

“I would be remiss if I did not mention that Al’s love for Jesus and his dedication to sharing the Gospel with others as well as his devotion to our Country as shown in his service in the Marine Corps and his love for his wife, Lori, are very prominent in his life.

“Al, your contributions to our team and the community have been invaluable. Your retirement will undoubtedly leave a significant void, but we are incredibly fortunate to have your son, Alex, continuing your legacy.

“Thank you, Al for your years of service, your dedication, and your unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of our community. You are already missed, but your impact will continue to be felt for years to come. Thank you.

“Thank you, Legislators, for recognizing Al’s retirement and years of service to our Department.”

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024, seconded by Legislator Roberts and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators and staff to the **Director of Veterans’ Service Agency Search Committee:**

- Chair Sauerbrey
- County Administrator Bailey
- Legislator Brown
- Legislator Standing
- Personnel Officer Parke
- Mental Hygiene Director of Administrative Services Korba

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators and staff to the **Coroner's Search Committee:**

- Chair Sauerbrey
- County Administrator Bailey
- Legislator Standing
- Legislator Flesher
- Personnel Officer Parke

Chair Sauerbrey announced the 2025 Legislative Standing Committees have been established and will take effect in February.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF TIOGA FOR 2025**

	<b>Chairman</b>			
<b>1. Administrative Services (County Clerk, Historian, Real Property, Veterans, Elections)</b>	<b>Brown</b>	Standing	Monell	Ciotoli
<b>2. Economic Development/ Planning/ Tourism/ Agriculture</b>	<b>Ciotoli</b>	Flesher	Mullen	Brown
<b>3. Finance/Legal &amp; Safety</b>	<b>Monell</b>	All Legislators		
<b>4. Information Technology</b>	<b>Bunce</b>	Ciotoli	Monell	Mullen
<b>5. Legislative Worksessions/ Legislative Support</b>	<b>Sauerbrey</b>	All Legislators		
<b>6. Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>Standing</b>	Bunce	Monell	Mullen
<b>7. Public Safety/ Probation &amp; DWI</b>	<b>Flesher</b>	Brown	Roberts	Standing
<b>8. Public Works/ Capital Projects</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	Standing	Bunce	Ciotoli
<b>9. Personnel</b>	<b>Mullen</b>	Flesher	Bunce	Roberts

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

Legislator Ciotoli introduced Local Law Introductory No. A of 2025.

County of Tioga

Local Law No. X of the Year 2025.

A Local Law establishing the salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing on January 1, 2026.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

### SECTION 1: PURPOSE

As set forth in Local Law No. 3 of 2003, the annual salary for the elected public office of County Treasurer shall not be increased during a term of office.

Accordingly, it is the purpose and intent of this Local Law to establish the salary for Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing on January 1, 2026.

### SECTION 2: ANNUAL SALARY

- A) The annual salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing January 1, 2026 is hereby established as follows:

1. County Treasurer	\$82,023
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### SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph, subdivision, section, rule or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court or Agency of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph, subdivision, section, rule or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

### SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local law shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 10-25                      *SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING  
LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. A OF 2025*

RESOLVED: That a Public Hearing shall be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827 on Local Introductory No. A of 2025, a Local Law establishing the salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing January 1, 2026. All persons desiring to present written or oral comments may do so at said time.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-25                      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE  
AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD &  
BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in January & February, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

Onward Ops @ Ft. Drum (ETSSP Grant), 1/12 – 1/16 - \$750.00  
 Spaghetti Dinner (ARPA), 1/24 - \$500  
 Coffee Mess (MHO/DP22 Grant), 1/31 - \$350.00  
 Jewelry Class (MHO/DP22 Grant), 2/1 - \$200.00  
 Valentine Cookie Decorating (ARPA), 2/8 - \$250.00  
 Coffee Mess (ARPA), 2/21 - \$200.00  
 Flannel Fest (ARPA), 2/22 - \$650.00  
 Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allow the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-25                      *AMEND RESO NO. 433-24;  
 AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
 2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (SHSP24)  
 AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
 SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 433-24, and Resolution No. 395-24 appropriated funds from the SHSP24 Homeland Security Grant into an erroneous account number; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 433-24 be amended to appropriate funds to the correct account as listed below:

FROM:	A3361.443050.SHS24 Fed-Aid-Civil Defense-DHSES	\$20,913
TO:	A3110.510030 Sheriff Overtime	\$ 4,000
TO:	A3361.520130-SHS24 Equipment (not Car)	\$16,913

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining balance at year end be carried forward into the next budget year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 13-25	AMEND RESO NO. 437-24; AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with Steuben County for a detention bed due to a shortage of available Non-Secure Detention Services to meet the demand throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services was notified of a rate increase for the contract January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 at an amount not to exceed \$250,025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Steuben County for one detention bed for a period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 14-25                      *RENEW BALLOT PRINTING AGREEMENT WITH  
PHOENIX GRAPHICS FOR FIVE YEARS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections has partnered with Phoenix Graphics, Inc. to print balloting materials for over ten years; and

WHEREAS: The current agreement with Phoenix Graphics expired December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The cost of printing ballots occasionally exceeds \$10,000, thus requiring a resolution to approve a new agreement; and

WHEREAS: There are a limited number of vendors to provide this service in New York State, and quotes received from the vendors for ballot printing were equal in value; and

WHEREAS: Phoenix Graphics has provided exemplary customer service to the Board of Elections, already has the Board's templates, and is well familiar with the needs of the Board, thus the election commissioners wish to continue utilizing this company's services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Board of Elections is authorized to enter into a new ballot printing agreement with Phoenix Graphics from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029, where the per ballot cost to the County for 14" and 17" ballots shall be \$0.48 and the cost per 22" ballot shall be \$0.54.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 15-25 EXECUTE LEASE EXTENSION WITH  
C&M REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC  
FOR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services has a lease with C&M Real Estate for office space at 6 McMaster St. Owego for the Child Center in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: C&M Real Estate has offered a one-year lease term for this space at the current monthly rate of \$1,900; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized and directed to sign said lease with C&M Real Estate for space at 6 McMaster St. Owego Suite #2 for one-year lease term commencing on February 1, 2025 at a monthly rate of \$1,900.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TIOGA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT & THE CHANGE COMPANIES, INC.*

WHEREAS: The Legislature approved a contract between Tioga County Probation Department and The Change Companies, Inc. for the provision of an evidence based interactive journaling curriculum for adults and juveniles called Atlas; and

WHEREAS: The contract with The Change Companies, Inc. and Tioga County Probation will have The Change Companies, Inc. provide 25 interactive journaling seats via the Atlas Digital Platform for a cost of \$4,125.00 annually with the approximate total of the three-year contract being \$12,375.00; and

WHEREAS: The Change Companies, Inc. submitted their yearly subscription Agreement to Tioga County Probation which consists of \$4,125.00 yearly for a three-year subscription for a contract period of 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027 not to exceed \$12,375.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Probation Director is approved to contract with The Change Companies, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$12,375.00 for the period of 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027 upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-25      *APPROVE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AND  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH  
BLACK CREEK INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR THE  
SALLYPORT INMATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved contracts between the Tioga County Sheriff's Office and Black Creek Integrated Systems since 2007; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems is a sole source provider of the software and hardware of the Inmate Management System; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems has submitted their annual maintenance agreement, for the SallyPort Inmate Management System, in the amount of \$28,390 which will be paid from account A3150.540620; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved said contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems, as a sole source provider, for the annual maintenance of the SallyPort Inmate Management System, in the amount of \$28,390.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 18-25      *APPROVE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AND  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH  
BLACK CREEK INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR THE  
LEVEL 1 SERVICE PLAN FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved contracts between the Tioga County Sheriff's Office and Black Creek Integrated Systems since 2007; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems is a sole source provider of the software and hardware of the Jail Security System; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems has submitted their annual maintenance agreement, for the Level 1 Service Plan, for technical support of the Jail Security System, in the amount of \$29,076.94, which will be paid from account A3150.540620; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved said contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems, as a sole source provider, for the annual maintenance of the Jail Security System in the amount of \$29,076.94.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-25 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH  
TRINITY SERVICES GROUP FOR  
JAIL FOOD SUPPLY SERVICES  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislature approval is required for contracts exceeding \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: the Tioga County Sheriff's Office has been utilizing Trinity Services Group since 2018 and is requesting authorization to extend the agreement with Trinity Services Group for jail food supply services at the Tioga County Jail, at an estimated cost of \$208,898.00 annually, for the period December 15, 2024 through December 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Trinity Services Group is a single source provider and said agreement is necessary to provide food supplies to the jail division for the preparation of inmate meals; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office be authorized to enter into agreement with Trinity Services Group at an estimated amount of \$208,898 for the period December 15, 2024 through December 14, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-25 AWARD DESIGN SERVICES TO  
C&S ENGINEERS FOR  
NEW VEHICLE WASH FACILITY - PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for a new vehicle wash facility at 70 Delphine Street; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for concept design services for this project from C&S Engineers, Syracuse, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for this project came in at \$53,704; and

WHEREAS: Pending the County Legislature authorizes and approves the re-establishment of prior year 2024 ARPA capital appropriations in the 2025 capital budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve C&S Engineers proposal for this project not to exceed \$53,704 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520994.M7674 Building Construction - ARPA \$53,704

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25 AWARD DESIGN SERVICES TO  
C&S ENGINEERS FOR NEW VEHICLE  
STORAGE FACILITY – PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for a new vehicle storage building at the Public Works facility; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for concept design services for this project from C&S Engineers, Syracuse, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for this project came in at \$33,107; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve C&S Engineers proposal for this project not to exceed \$33,107 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520994.BG004 Building Construction (New Truck Facility) \$33,107

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25                      *AWARD DESIGN SERVICES TO  
BARTON & LOGUIDICE FOR STRAITS CORNERS RD.  
BRIDGE REHABILITATION BIN 3335070*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding from Bridge NY funds to rehabilitate a bridge, Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek BIN 3335070, in the Town of Candor; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 359-24 appropriated these funds to account H5110.540004.H2403; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 426-24 authorizes the re-establishment of 2024 Capital Projects for completion in 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for design services for this project from Barton & Loguidice, Liverpool, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for this project came in at \$176,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the proposal for Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek from Barton & Loguidice not to exceed \$176,000 to be paid out of the Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek account H5110.540004.H2403.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25      *AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AWARD  
DESIGN SERVICES TO C&S ENGINEERS FOR  
COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS*

WHEREAS: The rubber roof on the Courthouse is failing; and

WHEREAS: Temporary emergency repairs were done by Buildings and Grounds staff, however, a replacement is needed; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for design services for this project from C&S Engineers, Syracuse, NY; and

WHEREAS: The design proposal for this project came in at \$31,675; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be transferred as follows:

From: H 390900	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$31,675.00
To: H1620.521988	Courthouse Renovations	\$31,675.00

And it is further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve C&S Engineers proposal for this project not to exceed \$31,675 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.521988	Courthouse Renovations	\$31,675.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25 AMEND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS;  
 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT  
 PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) received five-year funding through 2027 specifically for strengthening our Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce; and

WHEREAS: The funding is intended to allow for the recruitment and retention of Public Health employees following the challenging impacts on Public Health workers during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The third year of the funding has been approved by the New York State Department of Health, and requires amending of budget and appropriation of funds; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:

A4011 444010-SPHIW	Public Health: Federal Aid-SPHIW	\$118,927
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To:

A4011 510050-SPHIW	Public Health: All Other – SPHIW	\$108,850
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A4011 583088-SPHIW	Public Health: Social Security Fringe	\$ 8,327
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A4011 540487-SPHIW	Public Health: Program Expense-SPHIW	\$ 1,750
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And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$118,927 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 25-25      *DPW EQUIPMENT STORAGE FACILITY  
RESERVE ALLOCATION*

WHEREAS: Tioga County recognizes the importance of maintaining the infrastructure in the County and the importance of the equipment needed to facilitate the maintenance of that infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 24-24 established a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c known as the “DPW Equipment Storage Facility” to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of the acquisition, reconstruction, and/or construction of an Equipment

Maintenance & Storage Facility for the use of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has budgeted \$500,000 in H1620 520994 BG004-Building Construction: New Truck Facility as part of the 2025 Capital Budget to fund a reserve for a DPW Equipment Storage Facility and wishes that any unspent funds in this account at the end 2025 and any further budgeted funds in future years be placed in H 387811-DPW Equipment Storage Facility Reserve; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That annually the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Treasurer to transfer unspent budgeted funds in H1620 520994 BG004-Building Construction: New Truck Facility to H 387811-DPW Equipment Storage Facility Reserve to a maximum of \$2,000,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
IT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-25 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT  
LAPTOPS FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AND  
TRANSFER FUNDS

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections currently utilizes 68 electronic poll books from Robis Elections, Inc; and

WHEREAS: The HP laptops currently in use with the electronic poll book units have reached end of life and should be replaced in order to support future Microsoft updates; and

WHEREAS: The cost to replace all the laptops is quoted by Robis at \$44,132.00, excluding shipping costs, and this shall be considered a sole source purchase due to the required custom software configuration; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 100% of the quoted amount can be reimbursed by the NYS Electronic Poll Book Grant program, previously authorized and appropriated via Tioga County Resolution No. 344-24; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Board of Elections is authorized to purchase replacement laptops for electronic poll books from Robis Elections, Inc. for the amount of \$44,132.00 plus shipping costs following the carryover of FY2024 unspent monies into FY2025 per Reso No. 344-24; and be it further

RESOLVED: That \$44,028.26 of the above amount shall be paid from the Electronic Poll Book Grant fund H1450-520490-E POLL, and funds exceeding this amount, which will be \$103.74 plus any shipping charges, shall be initially and additionally transferred as needed from A1450-520130 to H1450-520490 to cover the balance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize a transfer as follows:

FROM:	A1450 520130 EQUIPMENT (NOT CAR)	\$103.74
TO:	H1450 520490 CAPITAL ELECTION EXPENSE	\$103.74

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the following Interfund transfer be completed and appropriated:

FROM:	A9950 593000 TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUND	\$103.74
TO:	H1340 450310 INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$103.74

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 27-25 TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 306-24 authorized the Chair of the Legislature to purchase workers' compensation specific excess Insurance from Smith Brothers for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The 2025 renewal rate and terms for this policy were not finalized by Smith Brothers until late December 2024; and

WHEREAS: The 2025 amount budgeted for this policy was \$180,000 but the actual cost for the options selected came in at \$208,795; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for budget modifications and transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available in one of the Expense accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following sum be transferred:

From: S1720.540101	Compensation Awards	\$28,795.00
To: S1722.540270	Insurance – Liability	\$28,795.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 28-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024 CAPITAL  
EQUIPMENT FUNDS AND AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene ordered 2 vehicles utilizing 2024 budgeted monies. Due to production delays, the vehicles have not been received prior to the end of calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS: Capital Equipment needs to be applied to the budget year in which the product is received; and

WHEREAS: 2024 Capital Equipment funds and related revenues need to be re-established and the 2025 budget increased accordingly; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Capital Equipment Car/Truck account H4310 520060 MOBIL be re-established with 2024 monies in the amount of \$60,148.20 and the 2025 budget be increased accordingly.

H4310 434900 MOBIL	State Aid–Mental Health	\$ 60,148.20
H4310 520060 MOBIL	Car/Truck	\$ 60,148.20

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 29-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024 ARPA OPERATING & CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS: American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” Funds have been granted to Tioga County by the US Treasury in 2021 in the total amount of \$9,362,868; and

WHEREAS: As of 12/31/2024 there is approximately \$1,729,321 in unspent ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined by the US Treasury that ARPA funds granted are to be considered obligated by calendar yearend 2024, and be expended by the end of calendar year 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The following amounts be re-established and carried forward within the 2025 Budget:

**Operational Appropriations**

A6510 540640 M7674 SUPPLIES (NOT OFFICE) \$2,403.32  
Unspent Prior Year 2024 Veterans ARPA Funds

A6510 540640 M7674 SUPPLIES (NOT OFFICE) \$5,000.00  
2025 Veterans Admin ARPA Funding

CI8042 540140 M7674 CONTRACTING SERVICES \$161,000.00  
2025 Securitas Security Company Contract

**Capital Appropriations**

H1620 521230 M7674 RADIO & EQUIPMENT \$591,236.50  
Radio Tower Communications Upgrades

H1620 520994 M7674 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION \$453,048.16  
Truck Wash Facility

H1680 520620 M7674 SOFTWARE EXPENSE \$40,000.00  
IT – Multi-Factor Authorization Upgrades

H1620 520911 M7674 RENOVATIONS 56 MAIN \$250,033.83  
56 Main Facility Upgrades

H1620 520926 M7674 COURT ANNEX RENOVATIONS  
Court Annex Renovations

\$206,600.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-25 *UNFUND SECRETARY TO COUNTY ATTORNEY AND  
CREATE AND FILL (1) FULL-TIME PARALEGAL  
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to abolish and create any position within a Tioga County department or office; and

WHEREAS: One (1) full-time Secretary to County Attorney position is occupied by Christine Freyvogel; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the County Attorney in conjunction with the Personnel Officer has determined that he can better address the workload by unfunding one (1) full-time Secretary to County Attorney position and creating one (1) full-time Management/Confidential (M/C) Paralegal position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Secretary to County Attorney be unfunded effective January 13, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time M/C position of Paralegal (M/C \$56,487 – \$66,487) be created effective January 13, 2025, in accordance with payroll requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Attorney is authorized to provisionally appoint Christine Freyvogel to the full-time Paralegal position at an annual salary of \$56,487, effective January 13, 2025, pending successful completion of civil service examinations requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 31-25 *AUTHORIZE SALARY REALLOCATION WITHIN CSEA  
SALARY SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title's salary reallocation; and

WHEREAS: On November 4, 2024, the Personnel Department received a position description questionnaire from Public Health in regard to the Public Health Technician (CSEA SGVII, \$40,212-\$41,212); and

WHEREAS: A desk audit occurred and involved the review of work tasks performed by the position as well as the current salary allocation; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has made a determination that due to the specific college degree requirements of the minimum qualifications set by the New York Sanitary Code; the extent of work responsibilities inclusive of intensive case management and ongoing public health education; and the responsibility of enforcing statutes and regulations, there is justification to request a salary reallocation of said title within the CSEA Salary Schedule; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the title of Public Health Technician shall be reallocated from CSEA Salary Grade VII to CSEA Salary Grade IX (\$44,907-\$45,907) retroactive to January 13, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 annual salary of current incumbent in said title shall increase by \$4,695, effective retroactive to January 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 32-25      *AUTHORIZE POSITION RECLASSIFICATION  
TREASURER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: On October 30, 2024, the Personnel Department received a Position Description Questionnaire from Amy Potter, Payroll Supervisor, Tioga County Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS: This resulted in the review of work currently performed by Amy Potter as Payroll Supervisor, CSEA Salary Grade X; and

WHEREAS: Due to the type of sensitive and confidential information related to the payroll process performed by Amy Potter, and since this position does not function as a supervisor, the Personnel Officer has determined that justification exists to retitle and amend the position in the Treasurer's Office of Payroll Supervisor, a CSEA position, to Payroll Coordinator, a Management/Confidential position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the reclassification of the position Payroll Supervisor to Payroll Coordinator; and that Amy Potter be appointed probationally to Payroll Coordinator, as she has successfully completed a comparable civil service examination, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$59,500, effective January 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 33-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
CLINICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Clinical Program Director became vacant as of January 4, 2025 within the Mental Hygiene Department; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified an internal desirable candidate; and

WHEREAS: The salary range for said position has been identified as \$73,748 to \$83,748; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services and the Personnel Officer have determined that the qualified candidate possesses 13+ years' experience, which is sufficient experience and skills to justify an entry salary at the top of the salary range; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Danielle Fabregas is provisionally appointed to the title of Clinical Program Director, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$80,000, an increase of \$7,807.00 from her current position as Supervising Social Worker, effective January 27, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 34-25 APPOINT PARALEGAL  
LAW DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: Due to the announced resignation of the current Paralegal as of December 4, 2024, there is a vacancy in the DSS Law Division; and

WHEREAS: The 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney has recruited for a replacement and after interviewing a satisfactory candidate has been identified; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Attorney is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Alissa Benjamin to the title of Paralegal effective February 10, 2025, pending successful completion of the civil service requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$56,487.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 35-25      *AUTHORIZE ANNUAL STIPEND  
(CORONERS'S OFFICE)*

WHEREAS: The Coroner's office has determined that in 2025, they are no longer in support of having an individual Coroner be appointed as the Administrative Coroner by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: In lieu of not having an Administrative Coroner, the Coroner's office has requested that an individual outside of the (4) four elected Coroner's take on specified administrative duties and tasks on behalf of the Coroner's office and requested that those duties and tasks be administered by a Tioga County employee; and

WHEREAS: The Coroner's office has requested that the Tioga County employee take on the duties and tasks of:

- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Entering Requisitions, Managing Purchase Orders (Maintenance & Liquidation), Invoice Processing, Check Distribution & Management as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – Entering General Bills as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- BUDGET OVERSIGHT – Entering Budget Transfers in the County Financial Management Software, Working with the County Administrator and the (4) Elected Coroners to Prepare the Annual Budget, Preparation of Budget Reports as necessary for Legislative Committee Meetings.
- LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE – Drafting Resolutions on behalf of the Coroner's Office as necessary, including but not limited to Budget Amendments and Contract Agreements.
- PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION – Acting as Timekeeper for the Department, Tracking and Submitting On-Call Sheets, Tracking and Entering Invoices for Mileage in the County Financial Management Software; and

WHEREAS: The designation of administrative tasks does not absolve the Coroner's office from their Elected duties and/or departmental expectations as set by the

County Legislature, including presence at Legislative Committee Meetings, Presentation of Proposed Resolutions, and Presentation of the Proposed Annual Budget for the Department; and

WHEREAS: Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell has had a pivotal role in completing a majority of these tasks on behalf of the Coroner's office since 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Coroner's office has requested that Mrs. Haskell be offered the administrative duties along with an annual stipend amount as agreed to by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature is agreeable with Mrs. Haskell taking on this additional responsibility; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature is agreeable with the arrangement on an annual basis until December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Cathy Haskell will assume the additional administrative duties on through December 31, 2025, to be reviewed annually; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in recognition of the additional responsibility, Mrs. Haskell will be granted an additional \$7,500.00 stipend annually, paid out of account A1185 510050 All Other in the Medical Examiner and Coroner's Budget, and to be prorated for the remainder of 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That should it be determined by the County Legislature, Mrs. Haskell, or the Coroner's office for any reason that the designation is not working as expected, the designation, responsibilities and stipend shall terminate immediately.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 36-25 *AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-TITLE PAY  
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY*

WHEREAS: Article 4 Section E of the current collective bargaining agreement allows for out-of-title pay if an employee performs the duties of a higher pay grade for more than 20 calendar days; and

WHEREAS: Due to the resignation of the Director of Veterans' Service Agency effective close of business on January 15, 2025, there is a need for someone to provide coverage, and fill those responsibilities for our veteran's community; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the payment of out-of-title salary at the acceptable higher pay grade; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Grace Ayala-Middaugh shall assume the duties of the Director of Veterans' Services effective January 16, 2025, and until such time as a new Director of Veterans' Service Agency is appointed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes out-of-title pay for Grace Ayala-Middaugh at an annual increase of \$2,362 retroactive to January 16, 2025, pursuant to the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 37-25                    *RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS  
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, and 465-24 established a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby establishes the following as the standard workday for the title below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

**Five-day work week, seven-hour day:**

Payroll Coordinator

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 38-25                    *AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: SECTION III.  
FINANCIAL RULES; SUBSECTION C. FIXED ASSETS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Employee Handbook Section III. Financial Rules; Subsection c. Fixed Assets needs to be amended in its entirety to reflect the updated policy standards including GASB 96 Uniformity, Departmental Responsibilities, Year End Processes, Non-Capital Asset Thresholds, and Policy Language as recommended by the Treasurer's Office, the County Administrator, the County Clerk, and as set forth by the Tioga County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Fixed Asset Policy be amended in its entirety and replaced as follows:

### **SECTION III. – FINANCIAL RULES**

#### **c. Fixed Assets**

## **FIXED ASSET PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The intent of this document is to state the purpose and policy for the implementation of a Fixed Asset Program, to define the various elements of the policy, to describe the roles of various departments key to the implementation and maintenance of the program, and to define procedures and delegate responsibilities to all County departments necessary to ensure a continuing credible database. This policy was originally in effect September 15, 2020, and will be amended and replaced in its entirety on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

It shall be the policy of the County Legislature that a record of fixed assets owned by the County shall be established and maintained. The valuation of fixed assets shall be based on an historic cost and shall meet generally accepted accounting principles.

Department Directors and Elected Officials shall be responsible to charge the acquisition cost to the proper account, to maintain accurate and current records of existing assets, to record the disposition of assets leaving their area of responsibility, and to cooperate with the annual audit and inventory.

### **II. PURPOSE OF THE FIXED ASSET PROGRAM**

There are four basic premises to the Fixed Asset Policy for Tioga County.

The first premise is an acknowledgment that Tioga County, as a business entity, should manage its financial affairs in a manner consistent with established business

practices whenever practical, including compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Basic to this concept is the duty to publicly recognize and value assets owned by the County. It is the intent of the management of Tioga County to demonstrate accountability and stewardship of tax dollars used to fund capital transactions by maintaining records of Fixed Assets.

The second premise is recognition that governmental accounting (NCGA Statement No. 1) requires fixed assets to be recorded at their historical cost. The additional stipulations of GASB Statement 34 require the county to track and depreciate capital assets.

The third premise is a desire to establish internal controls for the purchase, tracking, and disposition of all owned material and equipment. However, the desire for internal controls must necessarily be tempered in recognition that the cost of implementing controls should not exceed the value of implementation. To that end, Department Directors and Elected Officials are responsible for items of lesser value.

The fourth premise is to account for all fixed assets if there is a disaster that results in the loss or damage of county assets. The fixed asset records have to be maintained for insurance purposes. Tioga County procures and maintains insurance consistent with prudent practices to protect the County's fixed assets.

Pursuant to the adoption of this Policy, in accordance with the statements above, the capitalization threshold for capital assets as defined in Section III of this Policy is hereby established at \$5,000, infrastructure values as defined in Section III will be tracked for projects with a cost of \$25,000 or greater, and a process to depreciate capital items will be established.

### **III. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES**

Tioga County has adopted a Fixed Asset Program in accordance with the principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Nos. 1, 34, 87 and 96.

#### **OFFICE OF RECORD**

The Treasurer's Office shall be the official office of record for all capital asset purchases, improvements, additions, and disposals. The Treasurer's Office will have the sole responsibility of establishing and determining useful life and depreciation.

The County Clerk's Office shall be the official office of record for all non-capital asset purchases, improvements, additions, and disposals.

## **DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES**

This section will establish guidelines to be used by purchasing when classifying and valuing purchased items. Asset acquisition must be classified within one of the following categories:

**CAPITAL ASSET** – A Capital Asset as defined by this Policy is a fully functioning unit, which has an acquisition cost of \$5,000, or greater, and a useful life of at least 2 years. All capital assets shall be recorded in a manner consistent with the provisions of GASB Statement 34, by classification, and further in conformance with requirements set forth in "Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting" (GAAFR) guide issued by the Government Finance Officers Association. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, all costs associated with bringing a capital asset to working condition will be recorded as a cost of the capital asset. This may include any costs related to design including engineering, architecture, and site preparation, freight, and other labor or consulting fees associated with the preparation of a capital asset for public use.

**NON-CAPITAL ASSET** - An asset, which has an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000, and a useful life of at least one year.

- Only items costing one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more will be inventoried with the exception of computer equipment and other miscellaneous items so designated.
- All computer equipment purchased through IT will be inventoried regardless of cost.

**INTANGIBLE ASSET-LEASE** – A lease is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Capital leases with an associated individual asset value of \$25,000 or more shall be recorded in a manner consistent with the provisions of GASB Statement 87. Subscription Based Internet Technology Arrangements with an associated individual asset value of \$500,000 or more shall be recorded in a manner consistent with the provisions of GASB Statement 96.

GASB Statement 87 and 96 state that future lease payments should be discounted using the interest rate the lessor charges the lessee, which may be the interest rate

implicit in the lease. If the interest rate cannot be readily determined by the lessee or lessor, the estimated incremental borrowing rate should be used.

For statewide financial reporting purposes, state entities within the primary government should first use the explicit rate that is stated in their leasing contract. In the absence of a stated interest rate, entities should attempt to calculate the implicit interest rate (an internal rate of return). If an implicit rate cannot be determined, the incremental borrowing rate should be used to discount future lease payments. Borrowing rate can be requested through Tioga County's primary lending authority.

**CONSUMABLES (SUPPLIES OR DISPOSABLES)** - Are items which, regardless of cost, are neither Capital Assets nor inventory items; they have a useful life of less than one year. These items will not be recorded as a Capital Asset, nor will they be inventoried and will not receive a Property Record Tag.

**INFRASTRUCTURE** - Are assets that are defined as Capital Assets that are immovable and of value only to the governmental unit and include such things as sidewalks, roads, and utility lines. Accordingly, and in conformance with GASB Statement 34, Tioga County will include these values for items with an acquisition or appraised value of \$25,000 or greater in the Capital Asset System.

#### **CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES:**

**ORDINARY REPAIRS** - Repairs made to keep an asset in good working condition, regardless of cost, are ordinary repairs and shall not be recorded in the Capital Asset System. Ordinary repairs for a building include such things as repainting and repairing a roof. Ordinary repairs for equipment and vehicles include replacing small parts or other maintenance items.

**EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS** - Major repairs made not just to keep an asset in good working condition, but also to extend its useful life beyond that originally estimated, are extraordinary repairs and shall be recorded in the Capital Asset System. A replaced roof would be an example of an extraordinary repair. Improvements involve modifying an existing asset to make it more efficient or productive, usually by replacing part of the asset with an improved or superior part and shall be recorded in the Capital Asset System.

**ADDITIONS TO EXISTING CAPITAL ASSETS** - Which have an acquisition cost of at least \$5,000, shall be assigned to and increase the value of the Property Record of the existing item and shall be considered a Capital Asset Addition. The Useful Life of

Extraordinary Repairs and Improvements will be determined by the number of years the useful life is extended. Additions to Existing Capital Assets will be capitalized according to the Useful Life guidelines below.

**SOFTWARE** - Will be subject to the threshold above with the exception of software upgrades and maintenance costs. Upgrades, renewals and maintenance will not be recorded in the Capital Asset System. (NOTE: An exception may exist if a significant upgrade is acquired which will be determined at that time.) Software purchases greater than \$5,000 that result in a new license will be recorded in the Capital Asset System and will be assigned a property tag, which must be maintained in a log in the department wherein it resides.

**HARDWARE** - Components that are stand-alone units and will not be installed internally to an existing computer, will be subject to the existing threshold of \$5,000 when determining whether it is a capital asset.

**USEFUL LIFE** – All Capital Assets except land will be assigned a useful life appropriate to that asset. Land has an unlimited useful life and will not be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The cost of an asset will be capitalized using the **straight-line half year** method over the useful life of the asset. Useful life is obtained using the Capital Assets Policy and Procedure Manual provided by the New York State Office of General Services.

#### **IV. FIXED ASSET PROCEDURES**

Attached to this policy is a section entitled Fixed Asset Procedures, which details the procedures that must be followed by departments when purchasing, transferring, or disposing of a Fixed Asset or an asset carrying a Property Record Tag. This section is hereby incorporated into this policy statement but may be amended from time to time as necessary. Amendments shall be incorporated into a new Fixed Asset Procedure Manual and shall occur either at the discretion of the Treasurer's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

#### **V. DEPARTMENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **A. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS**

It shall be the responsibility of every department head and elected office holder to control and record the acquisition and disposition of infrastructure, capital and non-capital assets (as defined in Section III) within their department. These numbers, values, and locations are recorded in the Capital Asset Module of the County

Financial Management Accounting System (**FMAS**) Software and will be updated by the Treasurer's Office and the County Clerk's Office with each new acquisition, disposal or transfer.

## **PROCUREMENT**

1. The responsibility of record keeping begins with the decision to purchase an item. The item must be included in the approved Capital Budget for that year and procurement of the item must comply with the County's Purchasing Policy.
2. The Department must complete the requisition (if appropriate) and purchase order in the County FMAS. The Capital Asset box should read (Y) when entering in the line items for capital assets. Individual lines need to be entered for multiple items if more than one item per line was entered. It is the responsibility of the Department to enter recordable items properly into the Requisition and Purchase Order fields.
  - a. Note- Certain accounts are flagged and reviewed for asset recording purposes.
3. Invoices received for all assets purchased will be processed through Accounts Payable. The Department will attach any necessary information needed for the maintenance of the Capital Asset database to Finance. The Treasurer's Office will be the official "office of record" for capital asset purchases. County Clerk's Office will be the official "office of record" for non-capital asset purchases.

## **PROPERTY TRANSFER AND DISPOSITION**

Each responsible department will record property transfers.

1. The Department Head or designee shall be responsible for the care and safekeeping of all assets recorded in the County FMAS which were purchased by their department. When departments are finished actively utilizing an asset, it will be turned over to the Department of Public Works (DPW) or County Clerk's Office.
2. Items must be tracked as long as the County maintains custody, regardless of whether they are fully depreciated. Departments shall track status, moved or disposed, in the County FMAS.
3. At the time of inventory, all recorded items must be located. Notice of disposition must be provided to the Treasurer's Office and County Clerk's Office if any item recorded is not located. Items located but not valued or recorded must at that time be entered into the system.
4. All assets not in active use will be turned over to either the DPW or County Clerk's Office.

5. At any time when a recorded item is sold or otherwise disposed of, the Treasurer's Office and County Clerk's Office will receive a written notification (Tioga County Equipment Inventory Disposition Document) of property disposition from the department disposing the item. Finance will record the final disposition of the capital asset and remove its value from the system.
6. On or around January 1 of each year, the Clerk's Office will submit a complete list of all **capital and non-capital assets** to all departments. Each department will then be required to review the list and return an updated list to the Clerk's Office with any discrepancies that may exist.

## **B. TREASURER'S OFFICE**

The Treasurer's Office will be the office of record and is responsible to verify that all Capital Asset items are properly classified and are charged to the correct account. In addition, they must conduct overall program reviews from time to time to guarantee consistency and integrity. They will review the following information:

- The classification and useful life of the item(s) is reasonable and proper.
- The object account is proper.

A report will be made available by the Treasurer's Office for the Legislature that details the results of the annual inventory and any pertinent findings. The Treasurer's Office may visit any department and conduct an audit of the inventory.

## **C. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Information Technology Department (IT) will be responsible to approve all requests for data processing related asset purchases including all hardware and software. Annual appropriations for all computer related assets may reside within the IT budget or within respective departments as will be determined annually.

Computer hardware and software that qualify as assets regardless of cost will be recorded in the Capital Asset System in accordance with this policy. The IT Department is primarily responsible to advise departments and to approve requested purchases when purchased through the IT Department. Record of all such items will be maintained by the IT Department after delivery/installation.

The IT Department will work with the Treasurer's Office and County Clerk's Office for acquiring and disposing of fixed assets.

#### **D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be responsible to approve all requests for building and furniture related asset purchases. Annual appropriations for all DPW related fixed assets may reside within the DPW budget or within respective departments as will be determined annually.

Building and furniture items that qualify as fixed assets will be recorded in the Capital Asset System in accordance with this policy. DPW is primarily responsible to advise departments and to approve requested purchases when funded from the DPW budget. Record of all such items will be maintained by the DPW after delivery/installation.

In addition to maintaining the inventory for their items, DPW has responsibility to provide a location to store temporarily items transferred to await sale at public auction or other final disposition. When held, DPW shall be responsible for administering the sale of County's fixed assets. All dispositions of fixed assets shall be reported to the Treasurer's Office and the County Clerk's Office for processing in accordance with Item above.

#### **E. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

The County Clerk's shall be the official office of record for all non-capital asset purchases, improvements, additions, and disposals.

Upon receipt of an asset valued over \$500.00 or computer or computer-related equipment and other miscellaneous items so designated, the County Clerk's Office will issue a numbered inventory tag that will be attached to the new asset.

#### **F. EXCEPTIONS**

On occasion, the County receives gifts of value at no cost. Department Heads are responsible to indicate this to the Clerk's Office who must then contact the appropriate department of custody to create an asset record and tag. At that time, the department of custody must make a value determination using the best available data from vendor or trade publications and enter this information into the County FMAS accordingly.

## **FIXED ASSET PROCEDURES**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this manual is to set forth the regulations and procedures governing the control and reporting of capital and controlled assets. Procedures that must be followed by departments when purchasing, transferring, or disposing of a Capital Asset or an asset carrying a Property Record Tag.

### **II. Definitions**

#### **Capital Assets**

Refers to real or tangible personal property having:

- A value greater than or equal to the capitalization threshold (\$5,000.00) for the particular classification of the capital asset; and
- Having an estimated useful life of greater than two years from the time of acquisition.

#### **Non-Capital Asset**

Equipment or other physical assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more but less than \$5,000 per unit and with a useful life greater than one year.

#### **Controlled Assets**

Refers to those items with a historical cost of less than \$1,000, but which are particularly at risk or vulnerable to loss or theft.

### **III. Tagging and Identifying Inventoriable Assets**

All tags for maintaining the Fixed Asset Inventory shall be supplied by County Clerk's Office. Tags are necessary to provide positive identification of an asset; it also provides a quick and accurate method of identifying assets during the annual physical inventory.

All furniture and equipment must be tagged, including, but not limited to:

- Furniture
- Computers and Laptops
- Audio Visual Equipment

- Other equipment above \$500 such as kitchen, health and fitness, or office machines
- Controlled assets that are sensitive, portable, or prone to theft

All equipment shall be tagged upon receipt. The department must complete and return (via email) a Tioga County Equipment Inventory Document form before receiving an inventory tag. Questionable items can be discussed with IT and the Treasurer's Office.

#### **IV. Acquisition, Transfer and Disposal**

**Acquisition-**All equipment, hardware and software should be purchased under a capital 52XXXX line.

- Purchase Requests- The capital asset drop down should be selected Y (yes) for Capital Assets (\$5,000 or more) and N (no) for non-capital assets.
- Payment- the payment of the invoice. The attachment must include the acquisition form.
- The County Clerk's Office or the Treasurer's Office will create the asset from the information provided on the acquisition form.

**Transfer-** Asset transfers shall be recorded promptly. A permanent transfer is one that has no current plans of return. The department transferring the equipment can request changes to the County FMAS via email to the County Clerk's Office or the Treasurer's Office. The email should include an updated Tioga County Equipment Inventory Document form with the transfer information.

**Disposal-** To maintain accurate asset records, asset disposals shall be recorded promptly. These records shall reflect whether the items have been abandoned, traded in, sold, stolen, or destroyed. When property is beyond repair or is no longer needed, the equipment item must be returned to the Department of Public Works for appropriate disposal. IT equipment will be disposed of by IT.

- Disposals are entered into the County FMAS by the Treasurer's Office (Capital Assets) or County Clerk's Office (Non-Capital Assets).
- Tioga County Equipment Inventory Document form (disposal section) is to be filled out and emailed to the Treasurer's Office, County Clerk's Office and IT (for computer equipment only).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 39-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES;  
SUBSECTION j., MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL  
BENEFITS; PARAGRAPH II. A. LEAVE ACCRUALS,  
VACATION

WHEREAS: County Policy (Employee Handbook Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j. Management /Confidential Benefits; Paragraph II. A. Leave Accruals, Vacation) states the full-time employment requirement for Paid Time Off (PTO) for Management/Confidential staff; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has Non-Union and Non-Management/Confidential part-time Dentist positions that do not accrue any PTO per the full-time requirement; and

WHEREAS: TCPH seeks to provide PTO to their incumbent part-time Dentist that has been with TCPH since the inception of the Dental Van in 2003; and

WHEREAS: TCPH desires this to ensure viability of the continuation of the Dental program for Tioga County residents and school children; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been designated as a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); and

WHEREAS: In addition to the shortage designation, in Tioga County there is currently a shortage of Dentists that will accept or provide services to patients with either Medicaid or no insurance, leaving the TCPH Dental Van as the only option for many in our communities; and

WHEREAS: TCPH's Dental Van is currently backlogged with scheduling Dentist appointments for needed restorative care identified during the Dental Hygienists screenings and imaging; and

WHEREAS: TCPH's Dental Van requires a collaborative agreement with a Dentist to allow services to be provided and billed for under their license; and

WHEREAS: Although not required or mandated, the incumbent part-time Dentist has willingly and graciously signed a collaborative agreement each year since 2003 for the operation of the Dental Van to continue; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has made numerous attempts to find additional part-time Dentists over the years, yet many factors have prevented these being filled, largely limited interest to work on a mobile unit, lack of a "good match" and an unwillingness to sign a collaborative agreement with TCPH; and

WHEREAS: TCPH is in dire need of additional Dentist hours to meet the demand of the mandated Dentist appointments following screenings, cleanings and imaging; and

WHEREAS: The incumbent part-time Dentist has expressed a willingness to commit to working additional hours to meet the needs of the Dental Van and also to commit to the continuation of signing a collaborative agreement with TCPH for the duration of his employment; and

WHEREAS: TCPH requests that a revision to County Policy be made to allow PTO for Non-Union and Non-Management/Confidential part-time Dentists that have provided services on the TCPH Dental Van for over 20 years and commit to signing a collaborative agreement with TCPH; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has directed TCPH, the County Personnel Officer and the County Administrator to work together to develop the proposed resolution and policy changes; and

WHEREAS: The incumbent part-time Dentist, Dr. Eric Sarnicola, would qualify for PTO under the proposed change in County Policy due to his provision of services on the Dental Van for over 20 years, thirteen of which have been as an employee, his commitment to working the additional hours and executing a collaborative agreement with TCPH; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That County Policy, specifically Employee Handbook Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j. Management /Confidential Benefits: Paragraph II. A.

Leave Accruals, Vacation, be amended effective January 13, 2025 with the addition of the following bullet:

- Exception: Part-time Dentists who have provided services for Tioga County for over 20 years that work 35 hours a pay period and commit to signing and continuing a collaborative agreement for billing and other services provided under their license are eligible for pro-rated vacation days of 50 percent of the amount that a full-time eligible employee would receive.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of the Employee Handbook is unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the incumbent part-time Dentist, Dr. Eric Sarnicola, who meets the eligibility requirements of the proposed County Policy change, will have seven and one-half days of vacation (prorated amount from the 15 days for full-time) effective January 13, 2025.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The Dental Program requires certain things in order to operate and this is to retain the dentist who has been with that program for a number of years. It really does not increase the cost, and it is allowing them to function, which is a good thing. There are a lot of dental problems in the County that need to be rectified."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 40-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
ADD NEW POLICY TO NEW SECTION XIV.  
ENTITLED ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

WHEREAS: Tioga County follows New York's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) which is the state version of the federal Freedom of Information Act, commonly referred to as FOIA; and

WHEREAS: New York State has amended FOIL to require that agencies subject to the law must develop a policy regarding providing notification to public employees in the event that the employee's disciplinary records are requested; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County does not have its own Access to Public Records policy; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney's Office and the Tioga County Sheriff's Office have written and proposed a new policy entitled Access to Public Records; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes adoption and implementation of the Access to Public Records Policy for Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Employee Handbook is hereby amended to add a new policy to new Section XIV. entitled Access to Public Records.

#### **XIV. Access to Public Records (NEW)**

### **Access to Public Records**

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- IX. Fees
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#### **I. Introduction**

The Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) provides a right of access to "records" of "Agencies." The law defines "agency" to include all units of state and local government, including state agencies, public corporations and authorities, as well as any other governmental entities performing a governmental function for the state or for one or more units of local government in the state.

**II. Definitions**

**FOIL** - The Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) gives the public the right to access, with certain exceptions, documents and information about the functions, procedures, policies, decisions and operations of government department and agencies.

**Record** - Any information kept, held, filed, produced, or reproduced by, with, or for an official County agency, board, or committee, and/or for the County Legislature, in any physical form whatsoever. Under the law, all records are accessible, except records or portions of records that fall within one of defined categories of deniable records as stated in §87(2) of the Public Officer's Law. Access refers to existing records, and therefore no record need be created in response to a request.

**Records Access Officer** - The County designee to receive FOIL requests, determine how to respond, and ensure timely responses.

**Appeals Officer** - The County designee to receive, determine action, and respond to appeals for denial of access to records.

**Subject Matter List** - A reasonably detailed, current list, organized by subject matter, of all records in County possession, and whether or not records are available to the public.

**III. Designation of Records Access Officer**

Tioga County has two designated Records Access Officers. The County Attorney is responsible for ensuring compliance with the regulations herein and can designate a new Records Access Officer when it is necessary.

**IV. Records Access Officers**

Kevin Humes <i>(All Except Sheriff's Records)</i> FOIL Officer County Office Building 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827 607.687.8253 foil@tiogacountyny.gov	- AND -	Lt. Adam Bessey <i>(Sheriff's Records)</i> FOIL Officer Tioga County Sheriff's Office 103 Corporate Drive, Owego, NY 13827 607.687.1010
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The Records Access Officer is responsible for insuring appropriate agency response to public requests for access to records. The designation of a Records Access Officer shall not be construed to prohibit officials who have in the past been authorized to make records or information available to the public from continuing to do so. The Records Access Officer shall ensure that County Personnel:

- (1) Maintain an up-to-date subject matter list.
- (2) Assist persons seeking records to identify the records sought, if necessary, and when appropriate, indicate the manner in which the records are filed, retrieved or generated to assist persons in reasonably describing records.
- (3) Contact persons seeking records when a request is voluminous or when locating the records involves substantial effort, so that personnel may ascertain the nature of records of primary interest and attempt to reasonably reduce the volume of records requested.
- (4) Upon locating the records, take one of the following actions:
  - (a) Make records available for inspection; or
  - (b) Deny access to the records in whole or in part and explain in writing the reasons therefor.
- (5) Upon request for copies of records:
  - (a) Make a copy available upon payment.
  - (b) Permit the requester to copy those records.
- (6) Upon request, certify that a record is a true copy; and
- (7) Upon failure to locate records, certify that:
  - (a) Tioga County is not the custodian for such records; or
  - (b) The records of which Tioga County is a custodian cannot be found after diligent search.

#### **V. Hours and Locations for Public Access to Records**

Requests for public access to records shall be accepted and records produced during all hours regularly open for business. These hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Sheriff's Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Record Access Officers are located at the County Office Building at 56 Main Street Owego, NY, and at the Tioga County Sheriff's Office at 103 Corporate Drive, Owego, NY 13827.

#### **VI. Requests for Public Access to Records**

1. A written request is required for both offices.
2. If records are maintained on the Internet, the requester shall be informed that the records are accessible via the Internet and in printed form either on paper or other information storage medium.
3. A response shall be given within five business days of receipt of a request by:

- a. Informing a person requesting records that the request or portion of the request does not reasonably describe the records sought, including direction, to the extent possible, that would enable that person to request records reasonably described;
  - b. Granting or denying access to records in whole or in part;
  - c. Acknowledging the receipt of a request in writing, including an approximate date when the request will be granted or denied in whole or in part, which shall be reasonable under the circumstances of the request and shall not be more than 20 business days after the date of the acknowledgment, or if it is known that circumstances prevent disclosure within 20 business days from the date of such acknowledgment, providing a statement in writing indicating the reason for inability to grant the request, when the request will be granted in whole or in part; or
  - d. If the receipt of request was acknowledged in writing and included an approximate date when the request would be granted in whole or in part within 20 business days of such acknowledgment, but circumstances prevent disclosure within that time, providing a statement in writing within 20 business days of such acknowledgment specifying the reason for the inability to do so and a date certain, within a reasonable period under the circumstances of the request, when the request will be granted in whole or in part.
4. In determining a reasonable time for granting or denying a request under the circumstances of a request, personnel shall consider the volume of a request, the ease or difficulty in locating, retrieving or generating records, the complexity of the request, the need to review records to determine the extent to which they must be disclosed, the number of requests received by the agency, and similar factors that bear on the ability to grant access to records promptly and within a reasonable time.

## **VII. Subject Matter List**

1. The Records Access Officer shall maintain a reasonably detailed current list by subject matter of all records in its possession, whether or not records are available pursuant to subdivision two of Section eighty-seven of the Public Officers Law.
2. The subject matter list shall be sufficiently detailed to permit identification of the category of the record sought.

3. The subject matter list shall be updated annually. The most recent update shall appear on the first page of the subject matter list.

### **VIII. Denial of Access to Records**

In the event that your FOIL request is denied, you have the right to appeal. Appeals are handled by the Tioga County Legislature and must be in writing. A review of the denial will be conducted by the Legislature at their next meeting, which is open to the public.

To submit an appeal, write to:  
Tioga County Legislature  
Attn: Legislative Chairperson  
56 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Questions about the appeals process may be directed to the Office of the County Attorney at 607.687.8253.

Any person denied access to records may appeal within thirty days of a denial. The time for deciding an appeal by the individual or body designated to determine appeals shall commence upon receipt of a written appeal identifying:

- the date and location of requests for records;
- a description, to the extent possible, of the records that were denied; and
- the name and return address of the person denied access.

A failure to determine an appeal within ten business days of its receipt by granting access to the records sought or fully explaining the reasons for further denial in writing shall constitute a denial of the appeal.

The person or body designated to determine appeals shall transmit to the Committee on Open Government copies of all appeals upon receipt of appeals. Such copies shall be addressed to:

Committee on Open Government  
Department of State  
One Commerce Plaza  
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 650  
Albany, NY 12231

The person or body designated to determine appeals shall inform the appellant and the Committee on Open Government of its determination in writing within ten business days of receipt of an appeal.

### **IX. Fees**

1. There shall be no fee charged for:

- a. Inspections of records;
  - b. Searches for records; or
  - c. Any certification pursuant to this part.
2. Fees for copies may be charged, provided that:
    - a. The fee for copying records shall not exceed \$0.25 per copy for photocopies not exceeding nine inches by 14 inches and \$5 for a provided CD\DVD.
    - b. For Processing of Body worn camera footage, the Sheriff's Office will charge an hourly rate equal to the lowest rate of an employee qualified to process said footage. Fees will be charged beginning at hour three.

## **X. Public Notice**

A notice containing the title or name and business address of the records access officers and appeals person or body and the location where records can be seen, or copies shall be posted in a conspicuous location wherever records are kept and published on our website.

## **XI. Notice to Employees Regarding Disclosure of Disciplinary Records**

### Purpose

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), Chapter 302 of the Laws of 2024, all government agencies must develop a policy to notify public employees if their disciplinary records are being released in response to a FOIL request. This policy shall ensure the proper notification requirements, contents of the notification, delivery of the notification and define the records to be released.

### Notification Requirement

Tioga County will provide notice to current employees if their employment records are subject to a FOIL request. Notification shall occur when the request for their disciplinary record is received.

### Content of the Notification

The notification will include a statement informing the employee that their employment records have been released. While there is no requirement to provide a copy of the FOIL request or the released records, the County will provide any records released to the employee. As well as a description of the records requested, the identity of the requester if known and the expected date of disclosure, if applicable.

Delivery of Notification

The notice should be delivered in writing, either via regular mail or an employee's County email address or, where there is no active County email address, to the last known contact information on file. Such notification efforts shall be the responsibility of the County Records Access Officers.

Disciplinary Records

Tioga County will use the definition of "disciplinary records" under Public Officers Law (POL) §86(6) for law enforcement, applying it to non-law enforcement employees.

**XII. Severability**

If any provision of these regulations or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the other provisions of these regulations or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standingier, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

*Public Hearing  
Local Law Introductory No. A of 2025  
January 23, 2025*

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. A of 2025, a Local Law of the Tioga County Legislature of the County of Tioga, establishing the salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State Legislation commencing January 1, 2026 was called to order by Chair Sauerbrey at 10:04 A.M. Seven Legislative members were present with Legislators Flesher and Monell being absent.

There were four people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

*Second Regular Meeting*  
February 11, 2025

The Second Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on February 11, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Monell to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, we thank you for this day that we can come together to discuss the things that matter to the County that we live in. We pray that you will just bless each one of us as we partake in the duties at hand. Guide us in all that we do."

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

There were 48 people in attendance.

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

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

Legislator Flesher read and presented the following resolution to Timothy Agan, Corrections Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 41-25                      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
TIMOTHY AGAN'S 25 YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Timothy Agan was appointed as a Corrections Officer on 1/22/00; promoted to Corrections Sergeant on 10/29/05; and promoted to his current position of Corrections Lieutenant on 5/16/20; and

WHEREAS: Timothy Agan has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the 25 years of service to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Timothy Agan will retire from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on February 28, 2025; 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 Timothy Agan for 25 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, Timothy Agan.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Howard spoke. "I told the Lieutenant that I had nothing but good things to say about him, but I have this much. Every day there is a briefing done with all Division Heads reporting to Administration the daily activities coming up or any issues for the day and the Lieutenant would come over and do that. But then I would see him over in Administration in the afternoon, which is not good. So, when I saw him, I would always say 'what's wrong now' and he would say things like the dishwasher broke or we had a major leak in the jail noting that something was always wrong. It was always strategically about 3:00 p.m. when he would come over to tell us and then he would be gone and leave it with us. But that is the only thing I want to bust him about.

"Thank you, Lieutenant for your incredible contributions, your unwavering support, and your 25 years of service. You have been an inspiration to all of us and we are so grateful for everything you have done. You have led by example, offered support, built trust, and earned the respect and admiration of your colleagues. Your dedication and willingness to go above and beyond have set a high standard for all of us. This is the time to relax, pursue your passions, and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Whether it is spending time with your loved ones, traveling, or exploring new interests. You deserve all the happiness and fulfillment that retirement should bring. With that, I want to say thank you from everyone that is here today and congratulations."

Corrections Lieutenant Agan spoke. "Anybody that knows me, knows that I am not a speech guy, but I cannot pass up an opportunity. After 25 years, I

thought I was prepared for anything, but walking up here and standing in front of all of you is basically overwhelming. I want to thank the Sheriff for the opportunities he has presented and the staff I have worked with over the years for their support and always being there for you without question or worry. My own staff is just the utmost loyal staff and I couldn't ask for better people to work with. Every day you have some new hurdle that you have to get over. Again, each day you get through it, you get over it, and then you sit back at the end of the day or end of the year, and you look back and just the level of integrity and professionalism that is shown by everybody within the Department is just commendable. It is family. Thank you, everyone."

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one Proclamation: **Recognizing the 2024 Candor Central High School Volleyball Team** that will be read and presented by Legislator Standinger.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I would like to start by saying that as a 1976 graduate of Candor High School, I am honored, and it is my pleasure to read this proclamation. Unfortunately, I only had one daughter that played volleyball, the other two were soccer girls. But I did go to a lot of volleyball games, and I know the effort these young ladies have put into their sport, and I certainly appreciate that."

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

**~~Recognizing the 2024 Candor Central High School Volleyball Team~~**

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature is extremely proud of all School Districts and appreciates the value that schools bring to our communities; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature is equally proud of our young people and recognize the students that participate in programs that build character through extracurricular activities and specifically sporting events; and

WHEREAS: Student-athletes can establish a strong foundation upon which they can go on to lead extraordinary lives; and

WHEREAS: The Candor Central High School Volleyball Team's hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and overall talent was exhibited during the 2024 regular season with a record of 22 wins and 1 loss and the State Championship game on Saturday, November 23, 2024 in Glen Falls, NY defeating Ellicottville High School 3-2 earning them their fourth New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Class D State

Championship under the leadership of Head Coach Pam Quinlan and Assistant Coaches Michael Swartz and Brittney Noble; and

WHEREAS: Candor Central High School Volleyball Team previously won NYSPHSAA Class D State Championship titles in 2002, 2003, and 2019; and

WHEREAS: The Candor Central High School Volleyball team has brought great honor, not only to themselves, but to their school, their families, and their community; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature proudly congratulates and applauds the coaches and following members of the 2024 Candor Central High School Volleyball team on their accomplishments, successful season, and 2024 State Championship victory and extends our best wishes to the six (6) departing seniors who successfully finished their high school volleyball careers as State Champions:

Kathryn Stouffer	Phoebe Swartz	Malley Heidl
Ava Fernando	Keanna Fay	Ryleigh Bowman
Emmi McCracken	Nicola Soper	Leilani Lane
Hazel Ray	Kiera Austin	Emmi Makie
Tracy Reynolds	Jillian Teribury	

Head Coach: Pam Quinlan  
 Assistant Coach: Michael Swartz  
 Assistant Coach: Brittney Noble

Therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby recognize and commend the Candor Central High School Volleyball Team for their accomplishments in winning their fourth Class D State Championship title. Go Coyotes!

Legislator Standinger spoke. "It is pretty amazing these young ladies have had all this luck in winning State titles over the years and I am honored to be able to recognize all of you."

Coach Pam Quinlan spoke. "Thank you and thank you for this honor. We really appreciate it. I usually cannot talk about them without getting a little emotional, so here I am. I know it's the fourth, but it's the first for these young ladies. We start our season in May, and it is pretty much a year-round commitment for them. The dedication, passion, and the joy that they have when they play is wonderful. They are great young ladies, great ambassadors for our school district,

great representatives of their family, and I always feel blessed every day when myself, Mr. Swartz, and Ms. Noble walk into the gym to work with them, spend time with them, see them use their God-given abilities, and enjoy the company of each other and to be able to culminate that with the State Championship is just some icing on the cake. I think sports are a great segue to life lessons in terms of disappointments, some highs and some lows and we hope that they are able to take away from this the things that they will be able to use outside of the volleyball court at some point in their life. We know that these young ladies who helped to win this State Championship still have a lot of great things to do and we look forward to seeing them do that. We appreciate them being here today and we appreciate the recognition of their hard work and dedication. Thank you."

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 14, and 23, 2025, seconded by Legislator Roberts and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey appointed Legislator Roberts to the ***Director of Veterans' Service Agency Search Committee***.

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

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 42-25 ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on January 23, 2025, following due notice thereof to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. A of 2025; a Local Law establishing the salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing on January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the residents of Tioga County to adopt such Local Law which will be Local Law No. 1 of 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following Local Law be and hereby is adopted:

County of Tioga County

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025.

A Local Law establishing the salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing on January 1, 2026

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

#### SECTION 1: PURPOSE

As set forth in Local Law No. 3 of 2003, the annual salary for the elected public office of County Treasurer shall not be increased during a term of office.

Accordingly, it is the purpose and intent of this Local Law to establish the salary for Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing on January 1, 2026.

#### SECTION 2: ANNUAL SALARY

- A) The annual salary for the Office of County Treasurer for the term of office set forth by New York State legislation commencing January 1, 2026 is hereby established as follows:

1. County Treasurer	\$82,023
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#### SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph, subdivision, section, rule or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court or Agency of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, phrase, paragraph, subdivision, section, rule or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

#### SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local law shall take effect January 1, 2026.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 43-25      *RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE HOME RULE LEGISLATION FOR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL 1% SALES TAX FOR TIOGA COUNTY THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2027*

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga presently has State Legislation authority to collect an additional 1% sales tax, but said authority expires as of November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is requesting State Home Rule Legislation for another two-year extension of the 1% sales tax through November 30, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby requests our State Legislators, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend and Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, to prepare a Home Rule Statute giving the County of Tioga authority to extend the additional 1% sales tax from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2027, or the maximum time permissible.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 44-25      *RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NORTH TIOGA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature is reviewing a proposed plan for modifications to the North Tioga Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS: This review is being conducted pursuant to Article 25-AA, §303a of the New York State Agricultural & Markets Law; and 6NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS: The proposed plan and map, as recommended by the Tioga County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, is available for public inspection at the Clerk of Legislature's Office at 56 Main Street in Owego and the Town Hall of Berkshire at 18 Railroad Avenue in Berkshire; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at the Berkshire Town Hall, 18 Railroad Avenue, Berkshire, NY at 1:00 PM. All interested parties will be heard by the Tioga County Legislature at this hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 45-25      *SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 ANNUAL  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT INCLUSIONS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature, as per Resolution No. 296-03 designated January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> as the official annual enrollment period for inclusion of viable agricultural properties in agricultural districts as required by §303-B of the NYS Agricultural and Markets Law 25-AA; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Planning has received requests for inclusion of land in agricultural districts and said law requires that the Tioga County Legislature hold a public hearing before making a decision on inclusion of lands; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature will hold a public hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2025 on February 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY. All interested parties will be heard by the Tioga County Legislature at this hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 46-25      *ADVOCATING FOR REFORM AND  
INCREASED FUNDING FOR  
NEW YORK STATE'S CODE BLUE PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The New York State Code Blue policy was established as an emergency Executive Order on December 16, 2016, with a commitment of reimbursement for additional costs to counties that are directly related to the requirements of the Code Blue regulation; and

WHEREAS: The current Code Blue policy is no longer adequate or effective given the significant changes in affordable housing availability and evolving human needs since that time; and

WHEREAS: The requirement for Departments of Social Services to simply provide space to keep people warm during extreme weather conditions is no longer sufficient to meet the growing and complex needs of unhoused individuals; and

WHEREAS: New York State leaders must recognize that any policy aimed at providing warm spaces for the most vulnerable individuals in our community must be comprehensive and involve the collaboration of all relevant human services agencies beyond the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA); and

WHEREAS: The expertise and resources of agencies such as the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction and Substance Abuse Services, and the Office for people with Developmental Disabilities are essential to address the multifaceted needs of unhoused individuals; and

WHEREAS: County Departments of Social Services (DSS) are trained and equipped to deliver mandated income-based programs under the oversight of the NYS OTDA, but Code Blue services extend beyond these requirements and necessitate the involvement of additional state agencies and local service providers; and

WHEREAS: The cost of delivering Code Blue services continues to escalate due to increasing numbers of individuals in need, rising behavioral challenges stemming from untreated mental health conditions, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, and the rising costs of staffing, utilities, and essential supplies; and

WHEREAS: New York State has capped the amount of funding allocated to counties for the operation of Code Blue programs, which does not account for the annual increase in operational costs or the growing demand for services; and

WHEREAS: The current level of funding is inadequate to cover the increased staffing and resources necessary to provide services to the homeless population in Tioga County thus the County seeks to avoid planning the burden of these rising costs on local taxpayers; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly urges New York State to increase their funding commitment to adequately support the continued operation of Code Blue programs and ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals during cold weather conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature calls for the establishment of true partnerships between County DSS and other service systems, starting at the State level, that have both the expertise and shared accountability to design the services and space to keep our most vulnerable individuals safe; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblymember Christopher S. Friend, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The State implemented this rule that when the temperature gets below a certain degree that we have to house anybody who is homeless. It is a mandate from the State, and they do not provide adequate funding for that mandate, which is pretty much the case with what comes out of

Albany, NY. So, we are trying to make a point with them that if they are going to mandate, they should provide the funding for it.”

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 47-25 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT  
 TOWN OF OWEGO

WHEREAS: An Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2025 indicates that parcel #143.05-1-15 acct #10408 in the Town of Owego assessed to Joseph & Carolyn Comer on the 2025 tax roll of the Town of Owego is erroneous in the fact the property owner submitted payment for school taxes to the Union Endicott School District. It was confirmed by the Union Endicott School District that the school tax payment was erroneously returned; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Return School amount should be the original \$4,025.15 without the \$367.90 in interest and penalties as follows:

143.02-1-15	Original Bill #2819	Corrected Bill #2819
County	1668.14	1668.14
Townwide	190.94	190.94
Part Town	392.30	392.30
Return School	4393.05	4025.15
Owego Fire	567.48	567.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>7211.91</b>	<b>6844.01</b>

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous School tax \$367.90 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 48-25 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT  
 TOWN OF OWEGO

WHEREAS: An Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2025 indicates that parcel #142.05-1-11 acct #7488 in the Town of Owego assessed to Richard Pulaski on the 2025 tax roll of the Town of Owego is erroneous in the fact the property owner paid school taxes to the Owego Apalachin Central School District; and

WHEREAS: The owner provided proof of payment and school tax was improperly relieved on the Town & County tax bill; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Return School amount of \$2,169.79 should be removed from the 2025 Town & County tax bill and a new bill issued as follows:

142.05-1-11	Original Bill #6748	Corrected Bill #6748
County	1110.79	1110.79
Townwide	127.14	127.14
Part Town	261.23	261.23
Return School	2169.79	0
Apalachin Fire	364.07	364.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>4033.02</b>	<b>1863.23</b>

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous School tax \$21 69.79 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 49-25 RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW MEMBER TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS: Dr. Keith Nichols has agreed to become a new member; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Dr. Keith Nichols' appointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Dr. Keith Nichols be appointed to the Community Services Board for a full term, starting February 1, 2025 and ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 50-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
 TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: One of the two County Alternate positions on the Tioga County Planning Board is vacant due to Chelsea Robertson resigning at the end of her term on 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS: County Planning has found James Tornatore willing and able to serve in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints James Tornatore to the Tioga County Planning Board County Alternate position for a term of 2/12/25 – 12/31/27.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
 AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 51-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
 TIOGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND  
 FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

WHEREAS: The Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board is looking to fill the unexpired term previously held by County Legislator Barb Roberts; and

WHEREAS: The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is desirous of filling the County Legislator position on the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board and has found Legislator Ron Ciotoli willing to serve in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Legislator Ron Ciotoli to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board in the County Legislator position for term of office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 52-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCLDC)

WHEREAS: The term of Tioga County Local Development Corporation member, Marcia Kiechle, will expire as of March 31, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoint Marcia Kiechle for another three-year term of 4/1/25 – 3/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 53-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCLDC)

WHEREAS: The term of Tioga County Local Development Corporation member, Jon Ward, will expire as of March 31, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoint Jon Ward for another three-year term of 4/1/25 – 3/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 54- 25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCLDC)

WHEREAS: The term of Tioga County Local Development Corporation member, Keith Flesher, will expire as of March 31, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoint Keith Flesher for another three-year term of 4/1/25 – 3/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 55-25 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS: Robert Williams' appointment to the Community Services Board will expire on March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Robert Williams' reappointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Robert Williams be reappointed to the Community Services Board, for term starting April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 56-25                      *RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO THE  
SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION*

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 25-16, the Tioga County Legislature resolved that the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend designees for the Municipal Representative and also the Advisory Board Member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said persons; and

WHEREAS: Currently Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, have been serving as the two (2) SHA Commission members; and

WHEREAS: Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, are willing to serve as the two (2) SHA Commission members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend Rebecca Maffei, the Tioga County Tourism Director, continue to serve as the Municipal Representative and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, continue to serve as the Advisory Board Member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said person.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 57-25                      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in February and March, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

Jewelry Class (MHO/DP22 Grant), 2/14 - \$200.00  
Women's Veterans/Caregivers Breakfast (MHO) - \$900.00  
Coffee Mess (ARPA) - \$250.00

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 58-25 AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has identified a grant opportunity to provide funding toward their Traffic Safety Car Seat Program; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval for grant applications; and

WHEREAS: TCPH seeks approval from Tioga County Legislature to apply for the grant offered by Visions Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS: The amount of the grant funding is not yet determined, yet has a maximum award amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: There will be no additional County cost for the grant (i.e. cash match) if awarded; and

WHEREAS: If awarded the grant, TCPH will submit a resolution to amend budget and appropriate the funds at that time; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports TCPH in pursuing funding to provide this program to Tioga County residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Public Health is authorized to submit a grant application to Visions Federal Credit Union for up to \$10,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 59-25      *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CREDIBLEMIND FOR  
SOFTWARE APPLICATION - PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) desires to license a software application developed by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) for local public health departments; and

WHEREAS: NACCHO selected CredibleMind, Inc. to be a partner and the developer of the application, so it is a sole source provider; and

WHEREAS: The software application does not reside on Tioga County networks; and

WHEREAS: Per Tioga County procurement policy, the amount of the sole source application requires an agreement; and

WHEREAS: Funding is available in the TCPH budget in account A4011 540620; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Director is authorized to execute a three (3) year agreement with annual renewals after, between Tioga County Public Health and CredibleMind, Inc., in the amount of \$6,210 annually with a one-time implementation fee of \$1,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 60-25 *AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF LEGISLATURE  
TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is submitting a request for a grant of funds to the NYSDOT, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for a project to provide Mobility Management Services for Tioga, Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties through an agreement with Rural Health Network of South Central New York for the 2024-2025 fiscal years and has committed the local share; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County and the State of New York have entered a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the project(s) and reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State Shares; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is contracting with a third-party subcontractor for the project(s) described above; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign any contracts or agreements between Tioga County and any third-party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation project(s), subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 61-25 *FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The State of New York announced a grant from the DEC Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program to assist counties and local governments with their household hazardous waste program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Through this grant Solid Waste would be partially reimbursed for their eligible costs of their HHW program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Sustainability Manager to apply and administer said grant via NYS SFS Vendor Portal; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair or their designee to sign the application via NYS SSF Vendor Portal for grant upon approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 62-25 *REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL  
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING STATE  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*



WHEREAS: TCEDP has received the CDBG Program Award letter dated November 19, 2024 stating that TCEDP has been selected for a \$243,533.00 award; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County will need to enter into a subrecipient grant agreement with Catholic Charities for the implementation of the mobile food truck project to establish a life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts said CDBG Public Facilities Program award of \$243,533.00 and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork, including the subrecipient grant agreement, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified as follows:

CE8668 449100	CE010 CDBG Public Facilities Program	\$243,533.00
CE8668 540487	CE010 Program Expense-CDBG Public Facilities	\$243,533.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or duly authorized representative (including County Treasurer and/or County Administrator), is hereby authorized to make any transfers of funds required within the Economic Development budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 64-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
THOMA DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS FOR  
ADMINISTRATION OF TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was awarded \$212,500.00 in grant funds through New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a Microenterprise Assistance Program and per Resolution No. 351- 24 the CDBG grant funds were accepted and the TCEDP budget was modified; and

WHEREAS: The TCEDP Department submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for administration of the program; and

WHEREAS: Three firms responded to the RFP with scope of services and associated costs; and

WHEREAS: The TCEDP Department created a scoring rubric to evaluate the three proposals; and

WHEREAS: Thoma Development Consultants proposal ranked the highest out of all proposals received; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorize TCEDP to enter into a contract with Thoma Development Consultants to perform grant administration services for the Microenterprise Assistance Program not to exceed \$43,000 and authorizes the Tioga County Legislative Chair to sign all related contract paperwork, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 65-25      *ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF TIOGA & THE TIOGA COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR  
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025*

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga is entering into an Administrative Services Agreement with the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Said Administrative Services Agreement calls for the County of Tioga to provide the TCIDA with administrative services, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) office; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Services Agreement also calls for the TCIDA to contribute toward the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by TCEDP staff to perform duties on behalf of the TCIDA; and

WHEREAS: The TCIDA will contribute toward the administrative services as stated in the agreement in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid quarterly for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The revenue line A6422 419890 – Contribution to Economic Development has previously been established and \$20,000 in anticipated revenue for this service is appropriated for 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves entering into the Administrative Services Agreement with the TCIDA and to accept the \$20,000.00 annually from the TCIDA for the Administrative Services performed via the TCEDP office for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE /LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 66-25 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
NYS HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services seeks to enhance its flood mitigation efforts through the use of state-provided equipment to help protect vulnerable areas and mitigate disaster impacts in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Office of NYS Homeland Security will provide Tioga County with 2 light towers and one VMS Board for the purpose of flood mitigation; and

WHEREAS: NYS Homeland Security will transfer possession of said equipment, while retaining ownership, upon signing of the MOU; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of NYS Homeland Security to transfer possession of 2 light towers and one VMS Board: and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign said MOU, upon approval by the County Attorney, and said equipment to transfer over upon final signatures of both parties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 67-25      *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH  
SOUTHERN TIER NETWORK FOR  
VILLAGE OF WAVERLY CIRCUITS*

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer has determined an expiring agreement with Southern Tier Network which provides fiber optic connectivity to three Village of Waverly sites at 32 Ithaca Street, 424 Cayuta Avenue, and 81 Spring Street needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer contacted Southern Tier Network to provide a 60-month renewal Scope of Work agreement to retain service to the Village of Waverly locations at an annual cost of \$7,464.00; and

WHEREAS: The renewal Scope of Work agreement annual cost of \$7,464.00 did not increase from the prior agreement; and

WHEREAS: This annual cost shall be initially paid out of the ITCS Operating budget using A1680.540660, then invoiced to the Village of Waverly for the same amount; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the County Legislature is authorized to execute this 60-month agreement between Tioga County and Southern Tier Network to continue to provide service to the three Village of Waverly locations at an annual cost of \$7,464.00, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 68-25      *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH  
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL FOR  
IMAGEMATE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION*

WHEREAS: An application used by the Tioga County Real Property department, ImageMate Online has recently been acquired by a new company, Schneider Geospatial; and

WHEREAS: A proposed software renewal agreement from Schneider Geospatial to Tioga County, New York prorates a period beginning September 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 for an amount of \$2,500; and

WHEREAS: This software renewal agreement also includes an annual amount of \$7,500 covering a period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: This renewal agreement annual cost of \$7,500 did not increase from the prior agreement; and

WHEREAS: This agreement aligns the renewal period with the County's fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: This annual cost shall be initially paid out of the ITCS Operating budget using A1680.540620; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the County Legislature is authorized to execute this software renewal agreement between Tioga County and Schneider Geospatial to continue an ImageMate Online subscription at a total cost of \$10,000, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 69-25      *AWARD CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AND  
INSPECTION SERVICES TO MCFARLAND JOHNSON  
FOR BIN 3335020 - PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding from NYSDOT to rehabilitate a bridge, East Spencer Road over South Branch Catatunk Creek BIN 3335020, in the Town of Spencer; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for construction support and inspection services for this project from McFarland Johnson, Binghamton, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for this project came in at \$146,173; and

WHEREAS: Pending the County Legislature authorizes and approves the re-establishment of prior year accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the proposal for construction support and inspection for East Spencer Road over South Branch Catatunk Creek to McFarland Johnson not to exceed \$146,173 to be paid out of the East Spencer over South Branch Catatunk Creek account H5110.540004.H2303.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 70-25      *AWARD DESIGN SERVICES TO  
DELTA ENGINEERS FOR HVAC  
SYSTEM AT 56 MAIN STREET NORTH WING*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the replacement of a portion of the HVAC system at the North Wing of the County Office Building at 56 Main Street; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for design services for this project from Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for the design phase of the project is \$77,055; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the proposal for design services of the partial HVAC System Replacement at the County Office Building for Delta Engineers not to exceed \$77,055 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911      Renovations 56 Main Street

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 71-25 *APPROVE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF BOILERS AT  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Two boilers at the Public Safety Building are obsolete and failing; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the replacement of these boilers in the 2025 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a quote for the replacement of the two boilers for the amount of \$37,961.91 from Adirondack Combustion Technologies; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all sole source purchases; and

WHEREAS: Adirondack Combustion Technologies is the sole source for replacement Patterson Kelly Boiler units which will only work with the current HVAC system installed at the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS: This purchase will be in Tioga County's best financial interest as it is less expensive for the County to purchase the boiler units directly from the vendor than to purchase it through a mechanical services contractor who will still need to purchase the item from Adirondack Combustion Technologies, further, this will allow Tioga County DPW personnel to install said boilers at an additional cost savings; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available for the purchase of the two boilers from Account H1620.520913; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the purchase of the two boilers from Adirondack Combustion Technologies, Latham, NY in the amount of \$37,961.91 to be paid for out of H1620.520913.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 72-25 RENEW SOFTWARE LICENSE AND ANNUAL  
SUPPORT WITH CLEAR BALLOT FOR FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections utilizes the ClearCount system by Clear Ballot to conduct election audits and count mail ballots; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections will continue to use this system for the foreseeable future, which is a sole source, approved by NYS-OGS, and the only independent automated audit tool for voting systems authorized for use in NYS; and

WHEREAS: The current five-year software license and support agreement expires on June 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The up-front cost to renew the five-year software license and annual support, plus hardware support is \$42,839.00; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections operating budget can accommodate annual installments to cover this expense; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Elections is authorized to prepay the Five-Year License & Annual Support for ClearCount including hardware support, for the term 6/16/2025 to 6/15/2030, for \$42,839.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That to cover this expense, \$8,567.80 shall be paid from the budget line A1450 540620 yearly for five years.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 73-25      *APPORTIONING FORFEITURE OF CRIME PROCEEDS  
FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 239-20 established a system for the disposal of property, the order of priority of disbursements and the restrictions on the use of both pre-conviction and post-conviction forfeitures of crime proceeds; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has received \$1586.00 from a drug forfeiture case; and

WHEREAS: It is agreed the funds shall be divided between the agencies involved in the investigation in accordance with Section 1349 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules; and

WHEREAS: Distribution details are as follows:

Tioga County District Attorney's Office (15%)	\$ 237.90
Owego Police Department (5%)	\$ 79.30
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)	\$ 507.52
Owego Police Department (75%)	\$ 570.96
Tioga County District Attorney's Office (25%)	<u>\$ 190.32</u>
	\$1586.00

And

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

FROM:	A1165-426250 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$1268.80
	A1165-426260 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 317.20
TO:	A1165-540335 Asset Forfeiture Expense	\$1268.80
	A1165-540336 Asset Forfeiture Expense-Restricted	\$ 317.20

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 74-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET - PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) ordered a vehicle in 2024 as part of the Public Works Five Year Capital Plan; and

WHEREAS: Due to a still unresolved safety recall the vehicle could not be delivered in 2024; and

WHEREAS: Capital Equipment needs to be applied to the budget year in which the product is received; and

WHEREAS: 2024 Capital Equipment funds and related revenues need to be re-established and the 2025 budget increased accordingly; and

WHEREAS: Re-establishment of prior year Capital funds and Amending of Budget requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Capital Equipment Car/Truck account H4011 520060 be re-established with 2024 funds in the amount of \$32,143.16 and the 2025 budget be increased accordingly:

H4011 434010 State Aid-Public Health \$ 11,571.54

H4011 520060 Public Health Capital: Car/Truck \$ 32,143.16

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 75-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) appropriated funding awards via Resolution Nos. 238-22 and 465-23 for the purpose of the "Pilot Program for Protecting Vulnerable Private Wells and Smaller Water Systems"; and

WHEREAS: The funding originated from the Centers for Disease Control and is being distributed through Health Research Inc.; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has received official notice of the extension of the period to expend the funds and continue the pilot program; and

WHEREAS: The new funding period is through August 31, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:	A4090 434500-WELL State Aid-Public Health-Well	\$ 13,850
To:	A4090 540595-WELL Services Rendered-Well	\$ 13,850

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 76-25 AMEND 2025 BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health has been awarded additional funding from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH); and

WHEREAS: The award is for successful participation in the NYSDOH Local Health Department Year 12 Performance Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for Public Health program related expenses; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:	A4011 434010 Public Health: State Aid	\$20,286
To:	A4011 540487 Public Health: Program Expense	\$20,286

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 77-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024  
PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS

WHEREAS: Prior Year Public Works Funds need to be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end 2024 for purchase or completion in 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following accounts and amounts be re-established and the 2025 budget is amended:

<b>Capital Construction</b>		<b>Amount to Re-Establish</b>
H1620.520911	56 Main Street HVAC	\$795,392.35
H1620.520926	PSB Chiller	\$143,011.54
H1620.520927	Court Annex Cupola/HVAC	\$532,605.72
H1620.520994.BG001	Truck Wash Building	\$320,407.08
H1620.521913	PSB Piping	\$200,000.00
<b>Capital Equipment</b>		<b>Amount to Re-Establish</b>
H5130.521908	Tandem Trucks	\$660,000.00
<b>Bridge Projects</b>		<b>Amount to Re-Establish</b>
D5110.435020	State Aid Bridge Prev Maint	\$ 36,548.73
D5110.445020	Federal Aid Bridge Prev Maint	\$194,926.55

D5110.540050            Bridge Preventive Maint            \$192,657.87

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:                            PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
   FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 78-25                *RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024 CAPITAL  
   FOR 2025 BUDGET FOR FIRE/EMO*

WHEREAS: Personal Protective Equipment order was placed in 2024 for the Fire/EMO department but will not be received prior to the closing of 2025; and

WHEREAS: Prior year Capital Equipment requests need to be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end 2024 for purchase or completion in 2025; therefore it be

RESOLVED: That the following accounts and amounts be re-established:

Capital Equipment

A3410 520215            Personal Protective Equipment            \$6,875.19

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 79-25 AMEND 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR  
TIOGA COUNTY CULVERT PROGRAM PHASE 1  
(FFY22) - PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation consisting of Federal and non-Federal funds for a project, Tioga County Culvert Program Phase 1 (FFY22), PIN 9754.94; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 217-21 established an expense account of \$45,000; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 222-21 established federal funding of \$300,000.00, state funding of \$56,250.00 and an unfunded portion of \$18,750.00 was to be taken from H 390900 Unrestricted Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 129-24 established that an additional expense account of \$66,643.00 was to be taken from H 390900 Unrestricted Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS: NYSDOT Supplemental Agreement #3 for PIN 9754.94 was executed on June 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the revenue and fund balance lines for this project be revised as follows:

H5110.435020.H1008	State Revenue for PIN 9754.94	\$ 72,481.00
H5110.445020.H1008	Federal Revenue for PIN 9754.94	\$ 386,563.00
H 390900	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 24,099.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 80-25 *AMEND 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR DAY HOLLOW RD., TAYLOR RD., AND BODLE HILL RD. PAVING REHAB - PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation consisting of Federal and non-Federal funds for a project, Day Hollow Rd., Taylor Rd., and Bodle Hill Rd. Pavement Rehabilitation PIN 9755.30; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 268-24 established that the unfunded portion of \$223,340.00 was to be taken from H 390900 Unrestricted Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS: The non-Federal portion of Marchiselli funding has now been approved; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That fund balance and revenue accounts be revised as follows:

H5110.435020.H2402	State Revenue for PIN 9755.30	\$ 167,505.00
H 390900	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 55,835.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 81-25      *AMEND 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR  
HARNICK ROAD OVER APALACHIN CREEK  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation consisting of Federal and non-Federal funds for a project, Harnick Road over Apalachin Creek PIN 9754.90; and

WHEREAS: Supplemental Agreement #2 with NYSDOT was executed on July 25, 2024 which added some additional funding; and

WHEREAS: The non-Federal portion of Marchiselli funding has now been approved; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the state revenue account be revised as follows:

H5110.435020.H2102	SA – Harnick Road Bridge	\$ 46,560.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 82-25 AMEND 2025 BUDGET AND  
TRANSFER FUNDS CLEANING EQUIPMENT  
PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has identified a need for a few pieces of cleaning equipment; and

WHEREAS: These pieces of equipment were not budgeted for in 2025; and

WHEREAS: Public Works is willing to utilize the available funds in their 2025 Operating Budget for these pieces of equipment; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to amend the 2025 Budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the following transfer of funds and amend the 2025 Budget:

From: A1620.540072	Cleaning Supplies	\$5,775.00
To: A1620.520130	Equipment (not car)	\$5,775.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 83-25 *AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND  
TRANSFER FUNDS FOR LOADER – PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the purchase of a Compact Track Loader within the 2025 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: On December 19, 2024 the Commissioner of Public Works received a quote for the purchase of a Compact Track Loader; and

WHEREAS: The quote came in higher than the budgeted amount; and

WHEREAS: Budget amendments require Legislative approval; and

WHEREAS: Pending the County Legislature authorizes and approves the re-establishment of prior year accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the following transfer of funds and amend the Capital Budget:

From: H1620.520994.BG001	Truck Wash Building	\$20,000.00
To: H5130.520920	Loader	\$20,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 84-25 TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS: The District Attorney's Office has a need for 4 ProBook 450 G10 Business Laptops, portable computers, for two Assistant District Attorneys and two District Attorney Investigators to work offsite; and

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

RESOLVED: That the District Attorney's 2025 budget be modified and the following sums be transferred from within the District Attorney's budget to cover the costs of said computer equipment.

From: A1165.540700 Transcripts \$2,978.72

To: A1165.520090 Computer \$2,978.72

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 85-25 TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION  
CORONER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Coroner's Office has a need to re-install a radio in a different vehicle for Coroner Ryan Kline; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Transfer of Funds requires Legislative approval; and

WHEREAS: The original 2025 budget did not include the A1185.540140 Contracting Services line; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Coroner's budget be modified and the following sums be transferred from within the Coroner's budget to cover the costs of said radio installation.

From: A1185.540590	Services Rendered	\$688.81
To: A1185.540140	Contracting Services	\$688.81

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 86-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*  
*2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION*  
*MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES and Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuses of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity to provide these services to Tioga County residents and Tioga County Jail inmates; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: The appropriation of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and 2025 budget modified as follows:

From: A4211.434861	State Aid Council on Alcoholism	\$ 2,013.00
To: A4211.540590	Services Rendered	\$ 76.00
To: A4211.540595	Services Rendered Other	\$ 1,937.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 87-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Additional funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services; and

WHEREAS: A New Hope Center is the approved Non-Residential Domestic Violence Program in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration	\$ 43,276
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To: A6010.540140 Contracting Services	\$ 43,276
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 88-25	<i>APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND AMEND 2025 BUDGET SOCIAL SERVICES</i>
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WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAFE) Program allocation to provide services and expenses related to the payment of shelter arrears necessary to retain housing for certain households that are in receipt of or eligible for ongoing emergency Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 16,784

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 16,784

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$16,784 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 89-25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Code Blue allocation to implement emergency measures for the homeless during inclement winter weather; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 5,000

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 5,000

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 90-25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Grants To Enhance Adult Protective Services administered by the Administration of Community Living (ACL); and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration \$ 5,979

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 5,979

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$5,979 will be carried forward into the New Year.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 91-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
 AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
 SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Additional funds have been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: The plan submitted for expenditures of these funds for 1/1/2025-8/31/2025 has been approved; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of these funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.436100 State-Child Advocacy Center	\$ 66,666.00
To: A6050.520090 Computers	\$ 15,786.00
To: A6050.520210 Other Furniture	\$ 14,800.00
To: A6050.540140 Contracting Services	\$ 10,316.00
To: A6050.540191 Electric Utility	\$ 100.00
To: A6050.540640 Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 1,107.00
To: A6050.540487 Program Expense	\$ 12,357.00

To: A6050.540550 Rent/Lease \$ 8,000.00

To: A6050.540733 Training/All Other \$ 4,200.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 92-25 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 31-25;  
AUTHORIZE SALARY REALLOCATION WITHIN  
CSEA SALARY SCHEDULE FOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 31-25 authorized the salary reallocation within CSEA salary schedule for Public Health Technician; and

WHEREAS: The CSEA salary schedule was just revised as part of the new collective bargaining agreement requiring the updating of the salary amount identified in the RESOLVED statement of Resolution No. 31-25; and

WHEREAS: The CSEA salary grade was VII (\$42,448-\$43,448) with the reallocation of the Public Health Technician to CSEA salary grade IX (\$47,284 -\$48,284); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 annual salary of current incumbent in said title that was listed in Resolution No. 31-25 shall be increased by \$4,836 effective retroactive to January 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 93-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: A new 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney position was created as part of the 2025 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: The 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney duties are remote and include appeals and administrative filings, including but not limited to discovery compliance and responses; and

WHEREAS: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant District Attorney, Torrance Schmitz, wishes to transition to the 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney position; and

WHEREAS: The District Attorney seeks to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney position with Torrance Schmitz; and

WHEREAS: The District Attorney seeks to immediately fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant District Attorney vacancy by promoting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant District Attorney, Lillian Reardon, to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant District Attorney; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County District Attorney is hereby authorized to appoint Torrance Schmitz to the position of 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney at an annual salary of \$88,825 retroactive to February 10, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County District Attorney is hereby authorized to appoint Lillian Reardon to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant District Attorney at an annual salary of \$107,750 retroactive to February 10, 2025.



No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 95-25 RE-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

WHEREAS: Emma Sedore was first appointed Tioga County Historian on November 13, 2001; and

WHEREAS: She is a dedicated Historian; and

WHEREAS: Her term is set to expire March 31, 2025 and Ms. Sedore is willing and able to serve another two-year term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Emma Sedore is hereby re-appointed County Historian for a two-year term from April 1, 2025 until March 31, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 96-25 CREATE AND FILL PERMANENT, FULL-TIME  
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified a need for the additional position due to level of service demand; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create one (1) permanent, full-time position of Clinical Social Worker at an annual rate of \$66,917 (CSEA SG XVI) effective March 10, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mental Hygiene Department's 2025 authorized full-time headcount shall increase from 44 to 45; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310 416200	Mental Health Fees	\$79,903.36
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,266.94
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 5,526.80
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 3,929.81
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 969.06
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 55.03
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$15,142.86
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 12.86

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 97-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES;  
SUBSECTION j., MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL  
BENEFITS; PARAGRAPH II. B. LEAVE ACCRUALS  
VACATION SELLBACK & PARAGRAPH IV. A  
BEREAVEMENT

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer and the Payroll Coordinator have identified a need to update the Management/Confidential policy sections entitled Bereavement and Vacation Sellback; and

WHEREAS: There is an issue with employees whose anniversary date falls within the 2<sup>nd</sup> payroll in January, and selling back vacation; and

WHEREAS: The bereavement policy needs to be updated to identify "stepparent" as an eligible bereavement leave; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Management/Confidential Benefits Policy Subsection j., Paragraph II. B. Leave Accruals - Vacation Sell Back be amended as follows:

B. VACATION SELLBACK

Full-time employees who have been employed full-time by Tioga County for at least 10 consecutive years may sell back Vacation days in accordance with the following parameters:

- A maximum of 5 days of Vacation may be sold back per budget year.
- A balance of at least 10 days of Vacation must exist after the sell-back occurs; if a Vacation balance of at least 10 days does not exist at the time the pay-out occurs, the sellback is nullified, and the pay-out will not occur.
- An employee must notify their Department Head (in the case of a Department Head selling back time, they notify the Chair of the Legislature) of their intent to sell-back Vacation days and how many by August 1 using the prescribed form; pay-out for the time will occur the following January in the second paycheck issued.

- An employee whose anniversary date falls between August 1 and January 1 may submit a notice in anticipation of Vacation time being received prior to the January pay-out.
- In the event an employee anniversary date falls within the 2<sup>nd</sup> payroll of January, the Treasurer's Office may adjust the vacation days accordingly.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Management/Confidential Benefits Policy Subsection j., Paragraph; IV. A. Bereavement be amended as follows:

#### **IV. BEREAVEMENT**

- A. Upon the death of a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, stepparent or sibling, the County employee involved shall be entitled to five (5) working days with pay. When working four (4) ten-hour days, Public Works employees shall be granted forty hours of bereavement leave.

For this clause, the term "child" includes the employee's natural child, stepchild or any other child who has resided with the employee and for whom the employee has been the primary care provider, both financially and emotionally for such child.

For this clause, the term "domestic partner" includes a person:

- in a committed relationship with the employee;
- over 18 years of age;
- not married to the employee or another person;
- has shared a combined residence for at least one year with the employee;
- who is financially interdependent with the employee.

The employee must be able to provide documentation of their financial interdependence which is acceptable to the Personnel Officer.

Upon the death of a father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or step-relations, any County employee shall be entitled to three (3) working days with pay. When working four (4) ten-hour days, Public Works employees shall be granted thirty hours of bereavement leave.



## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

*Public Hearing*  
*North Tioga Agricultural District #3 Eight-Year Review*  
*(Towns of Richford, Berkshire, Newark Valley, and Village of Newark Valley)*  
*Berkshire Town Hall, 18 Railroad Ave., Berkshire, NY*  
*February 18, 2025*

The Public Hearing on the North Tioga Agricultural District #3 Eight-Year Review was called to order by Deputy Chair Monell at 1:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Flesher, Monell, and Standinger were present with Legislators Ciotoli, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey being absent.

There were 36 people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

County Planning Director Elaine Jardine spoke. "I am the County Planning Director. The Agricultural Districts Program is a New York State program that is administered through County Planning Departments. This program is simply a land preservation program, and it has nothing to do with agricultural assessments or real property taxes. It is a handshake with New York State Agriculture and Markets that you will retain your land in agriculture for the next eight years. The agricultural districts are reviewed every eight years.

"I have a preliminary map here today with green colored parcels with the darker green representing existing properties and the lighter green representing properties that were added to be enrolled during the survey process for this district, which encompasses the Towns of Richford, Berkshire, Newark Valley and the Village of Newark Valley. Additionally, I have a property listing by existing, new, and deleted parcels.

"Today, we are conducting a public hearing at the end of this 300-day process prescribed by the Agricultural Districts law, and the Tioga County Legislature is here today to hear comments. If your property is not enrolled, we can take your information today. Thank you."

Deputy Chair Monell opened the floor for public comment.

Roberta Holcomb spoke. "I called Ms. Jardine and spoke to her about this because I was concerned that people who have agricultural land that were never in the district before were not receiving letters. We have several pieces of agricultural land that we work in conjunction with our farm that are all neighbors, and I did not know if they received letters. I was trying to review the map online,

but it still appears to me that a lot of people are not on this map, and I was wondering if they can receive letters.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “We can enroll them if they contact me. This is a voluntary program, so back in October 2024 we sent out a notification letter that this process was starting. We used GIS to look at the current enrolled land, current agricultural assessment land that was not enrolled in the agricultural districts, and crop land. We sent out approximately 560 letters at that time. If you look at this map and see that they are not enrolled, they can be enrolled, but again this is a voluntary program.”

Roberta Holcomb spoke. “Is there a minimum number of acres to enroll in the program.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “No, there is not a minimum.”

Deputy Chair Monell spoke. “What is the cutoff date for anyone who still wants to enroll their agricultural land?”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “The Legislature has to vote on this at their March 11, 2025 Legislature meeting, so I would say Friday, February 28, 2025.”

GIS Manager Bryan Goodrich spoke. “There is a lot of information that goes into preparing this and this is not a one and done deal, as they are accepted on an annual basis. It is just once every eight years where the landowners have the ability to get out of the district, so if you do not get included in this period, it is on a rolling basis every year.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “The County Legislature designated January 2 -31, 2025 as the enrollment period for new parcels to be added into the agricultural district. The enrollment period has ended this year, and we only received one request, but the eight-year reviews you can add or remove your land. This is a legacy program so if you just bought property a few years ago a lot of times the new owners learn their property is already enrolled in the agricultural district from a previous owner request.”

Town of Berkshire Supervisor Gehm-Jordan spoke. “So, why might someone want to be in the agricultural district and have their name included on the map?”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “Land preservation in agricultural for the next eight years is the main purpose. It affords a couple of protections. For instance, if your municipality is proposing a law that you think may impact your farming operation or land or if you get a complaint from a neighbor who does not particularly like the noise or smells that are coming from your farming operation, New York State

Agriculture and Markets will provide you legal assistance to fight those issues that might impact your land. If your land is enrolled in agricultural assessment and you renew it every year, if for some reason you convert some of your agricultural land to a non-agricultural use such as residential, solar farm, etc., you would only owe back five years in that differential of taxes from agricultural land to the improved land whereas if you are not enrolled in the agricultural district and your land receives agricultural assessment, you would owe eight years of back taxes. These are the main purposes of the program."

Phillip Quick spoke. "Unless you are already paying regular taxes and not receiving agricultural assessment, right?"

Elaine Jardine spoke. Yes, in that case you would not owe any back taxes."

Phillip Quick spoke. "Even if I was in this agricultural district program and I am paying regular taxes with no farming exemptions, I can do whatever solar, windmill, etc. use and there is not penalty at all, right?"

Elaine Jardine spoke. "The Agricultural Districts program does not preclude you from converting your agricultural land. This would just be recorded during the next eight-year review."

Village of Newark Valley Mayor Tornatore spoke. "There is a number of 501c3's around the county and I have looked at the maps previously, but it just came to me that maybe farmers are haying off some of the land that is not used. I know of two distinctly, so is there an advantage to putting in an application into the Agricultural Market situation?"

Elaine Jardine spoke. "If the non-profit wants to enroll in the Agricultural District program they can and state they are a non-farmer renting land to a farmer. Regarding rent, there does not need to be any written agreement."

Fran Miller spoke. "Is there any place we can see a listing of all the advantages and disadvantages that are available to the public?"

Elaine Jardine spoke. "Yes, you can Google NYS Agriculture & Markets Agricultural Districts program and they have a whole page. I do not have a handout that I can distribute."

Phillip Quick spoke. "I did Google this and it basically says what you told me over the phone. It protects me from my neighbor, and it gives me the ability to have the farm exemption on my taxes."

Elaine Jardine spoke. "There are two separate programs; Agricultural District, which has nothing to do with your taxes and Agricultural Assessment which is an annual renewal program where you would apply for a reduction in your property taxes based on the agricultural value. You do not need to be in one program to be in the other, as they are uncoupled. They really do not have anything to do with each other except for the difference in the back taxes owed if you convert your land to a non-agricultural use."

Phillip Quick spoke. "So, the answer to the question is this program does three things for you; protects you from your neighbors, helps you receive back taxes if you do something non-agricultural, and provides assistance if your municipality is looking to pass a law that you think may impact your farming operation or land."

Scott Gleason spoke. "What disadvantage is there to be included in an agricultural district? It is surprising that this process has to take place especially in a rural area like ours and I wonder if the public is just misinformed that there really is no disadvantage to this program. It is also surprising to me that local boards would have the opportunity to really vote against something like this. It seems like agriculture is a separate entity of its own in a sense and it seems like we should preserve and protect that as well as we can. Local boards are subject to change, so that is what worries us the most. I feel really protected in our own town, as well as the towns we farm in, but who knows how things will evolve. It would be nice if something could be put in a firmer position on these particular grounds being protected from outside influence. More and more we are getting people moving from city areas or confined areas and they put that mindset on to local boards or community members."

Ms. Jardine spoke. "It is in the eye of the beholder. Every individual has a different opinion. Some landowners or farmers do not want anything to do with the agricultural district program, so I just put the information out there factually and neutrally."

Phillip Quick spoke. "I would not have attended this meeting had you told me what he just said that there are no bad effects. When I called you, all you could tell me was that it protects me from my neighbors and helps me get tax money back and I told you I already pay all the taxes on that property. There are no farm exemptions or anything. To me, what does it benefit? Nothing. Other than New York State checking on what you are doing, when you are doing it, and how can we get another nickel from you. That's what I am thinking. You could have diffused that by saying there is no harm to this program."

Scott Gleason spoke. "For me, it is to preserve our communities and our agricultural districts. I think that it is really important for all of us to have the

information. A lot of times, even the Town Board that I am on, there are just not a lot of people who show up and we really only get to communicate with the people that are already aware of how good of a benefit it is to us as farmers and community members. It is a little bit tough, but we need to have some outreach too. It is interesting that some of the people that even own the land do not understand the value of or even how it works in the community. Even the fact that in certain circumstances there are exemptions of people not having to pay back those five years too. I hear people say they are older and not sure how to commit to another five years and what if my family members have to pay back taxes or something like that. I do not think that is as huge of a concern as people think that it is. Being involved in some of that myself, I think there are some exceptions to that rule. I think rules have to be in place but there is some gray area. Personally, I have never heard anyone say they wish they had not enrolled in the program because now I have to pay all those back taxes.”

Robert Holcomb spoke. “That is not this program. That is the agricultural assessment program. What I can see as the benefit of this program is your property is listed on a map as agriculture. That’s a benefit because the more land they show in our county or town, it benefits all farmers by just people moving into the area and stating they did not know. It is on a map, and you can look it up. That’s a benefit.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “District disclosure laws state that when a real estate transaction happens, they are supposed to disclose flood zone and agricultural districts.”

Phillip Quick spoke. “A perfect example is that I bought the property I grew up on. It sat dormant for nine years. When I bought it, I paid for a title search twelve years ago, I just received a letter from you this time. Where was this letter in the last eight years? Why didn’t it show up on the title search? My parents signed up the property, I did not. Why didn’t it drop off? Why am I automatically enrolled? No one asked me anything.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “It is a legacy program. It is in the Real Property database.”

Village of Newark Valley Mayor Tornatore spoke. “Some people like the activity of the Agri-farm on Route 38B and others not so much, but that is one example of where agricultural district became an advantage to them.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “Right, because Agriculture and Markets settled a neighbor complaint. I have been doing this for approximately 30 years, and I get in trouble sometimes when I say it is a benefit, but there are press releases and everything else that goes out, so I have learned to be a little more neutral. It’s a

voluntary program and explains what the program does for you. I make it very clear in the beginning that there is really nothing much about taxes and there are no financial incentives.”

Town of Richford Supervisor Davis spoke. “Richford has a very comprehensive Right to Farm Law that we passed recently. Does that protect beyond what this program does?”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “Yes, that affords every agricultural operation even the ones that are not enrolled in the Agricultural District to get free legal assistance for conflict resolution.”

Abraham David spoke. “It sounds like something related to what was going on in West Slaterville. I guess a year ago or so, all these no zoning signs popped up and I heard it was all about a neighbor complaining about another neighbor's rooster.”

Legislator Monell spoke. “I think that goes back to what was previously said about people moving into the area and they are not from that area and now suddenly they want to change the way things are done.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “I want to clarify that the local town board does not pass anything. It is a State policy program, which the County Legislature will adopt. It is both County policy and State policy. There are no local town board approvals.”

Town of Berkshire Supervisor Gehm-Jordan spoke. “That is why Berkshire also passed the Right to Farm Law to protect our people in Berkshire.”

Phillip Quick spoke. “If I lease my farmland to a farmer does this protect the farmer from my neighbor or me as the owner, or both of us?”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “It could be both. We have had a couple of cases that have gone to Agriculture and Markets over the years. One was in favor of the farmer and that it was a sound agricultural practice, and the other was in favor of the neighbors where it was not a sound agricultural practice. The process does work. If you want more information, you can Google Agriculture and Markets Agricultural Districts Law, but there is nothing more on there than what I have told you today. It is a pretty simple program. I think people read a lot into what is not there. It is simply an agricultural land preservation program since 1971.”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “We did send out letters to both agricultural and nonagricultural landowners and one of the questions asks if you rent your land to farmer. We will post this to our ag development part of the County website –

[www.tiogacountyny.gov](http://www.tiogacountyny.gov) once it is finalized. I believe it is on there as preliminary now. My contact information is also listed on this website.”

Phillip Quick spoke. “One of my parcels is all on this map and the other one is only partially on the map, so how do I enroll the entire parcel?”

Elaine Jardine spoke. “The enrollment is by whole parcel only.”

Legislator Monell spoke. “We are here to help anyway we can.”

There being no further public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

*Public Hearing*  
*Annual Agricultural District Inclusion*  
*February 20, 2025*

The Public Hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2025 was called to order by the Chair at 10:02 A.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Mullen, and Sauerbrey were present with Legislators Flesher, Roberts, and Standingr being absent.

There were six people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Elaine Jardine, County Planning Director, of the Economic Development & Planning Department spoke. "Good morning, everyone. First, I would like to thank the Legislators who were in attendance on Tuesday at the North Tioga Agricultural District Eight-Year Review public hearing. There was a good turnout, and we received a lot of good input.

"Running concurrently this year is the Annual Agricultural District Inclusions for the time period of January 2-31, 2025 as designated by the Tioga County Legislature. We received one request for inclusion this year from Theresa Rathke who lives in the Town of Tioga in Tioga Center, NY and she has chickens, pigs, and plans to put a few heifers on her land in May, so that does pass the viable agricultural test. She has 10.9 acres for inclusion in the Spencer Agricultural District #1.

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

*Third Regular Meeting*  
March 11, 2025

The Third Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on March 11, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Mullen to have a moment of prayer. "Dear Lord, we ask you to guide us in our decision-making today for the care of the people of Tioga County. I ask you to watch over this great Nation. Keep us safe and the members of our Armed Forces in your loving care."

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

There were 13 people in attendance.

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

Chair Sauerbrey reported the following recognition resolution will be noted for the minutes and Mr. Brink will be provided with a certified copy following today's meeting.

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 99-25	<i>RECOGNIZING LARRY BRINK'S 24 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY</i>

WHEREAS: Larry Brink started his employment with Tioga County as Laborer of Public Works on March 16, 2001; and was promoted to Motor Equipment Operator II on December 9, 2002; and was promoted to Motor Equipment Operator III on March 3, 2004; and was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator I on July 7, 2008; and was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator II on January 9, 2012; and was promoted to HEO Site Leader on April 25, 2013; and was promoted to Highway Working Supervisor on June 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Larry Brink has been a dedicated and loyal employee in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the past 24 years to the Public Works Department. He has earned the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Brink is retiring on March 28, 2025; 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 Larry Brink for his 24 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 dedicated and outstanding employee, Larry Brink.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "The Legislature is expressing our support and recognition for Mr. Brink."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one Proclamation: **Public Health Week (April 7-13, 2025)** that will be noted in the minutes.

### COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The residents of Tioga County benefit every day from the efforts of the public health workforce when eating at restaurants, drinking tap water, and learning about prevention of diseases; and

WHEREAS: Public Health starts with each of us making a difference in our homes and communities. Everyone has an important role to play in our efforts to achieve a healthier, safer, and stronger Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: We can all support public health initiatives by building strong connections within local communities, preparing for extreme weather conditions, providing fair and just opportunities for all individuals and populations, and advocating for public health topics we feel strongly about; and

WHEREAS: We can make Tioga County a healthier community by taking personal responsibility to improve health behaviors, such as: abstaining from tobacco use; staying up to date on vaccinations; making time for regular, safe physical activity; and eating a balanced diet in order to prevent disease; and

WHEREAS: National Public Health Week provides an opportunity for Tioga County to learn about public health concerns and success stories that are vital to healthy communities, such as immunizing against infectious diseases, providing services for children with developmental delays, ensuring safe living conditions, enforcing environmental health regulations, and providing dental services to underserved families; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of April 7 – 13, 2025 as:

### **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

And urges all residents to take an active role in Public Health efforts within their community through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one person for privilege of the floor.

Marita Florini, Town of Newark Valley resident spoke. "Hello, I am Marita Florini and it is nice to be here. Thank you for all you do. I am here today on behalf of the Tioga County Democratic Committee and also for myself. I am a retired nurse practitioner and worked for 38 years in internal medicine and primary care.

"My concern here today has to do with funding cuts from our Federal government and I am concerned in particular with the resolution that suggests we need to be cutting at least \$880 billion dollars from the budget. Most of what I am reading is suggesting these cuts would probably decimate Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP benefits, and Child Health Plus programs. I have called our Congressman, Nick Langworthy, to ask him what he thinks of these proposals or possibilities. Also, with the funding cuts, I have been concerned about what will be happening to our communities as different funding cuts go through. I am aware that in Owego there is some concern with the flood mitigation analysis that was to happen, as well as the COPS grant that was another potential grant that could be a problem. So, I have asked the Congressman about these things, and I have yet to hear any kind of response back.

"I am here today to ask your opinions as to what is happening in our towns and villages in terms of cuts and what your thoughts would be on Medicaid going forward in particular, as you know the Safety Net is necessary and cuts would definitely harm our Safety Nets, our seniors, children, and our disabled. Do you have any questions? I appreciate the time. Thank you."

Legislator Mullen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 18, and 20, 2025, seconded by Legislator Monell and carried.

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

Chair Sauerbrey delivered the following State of the County Address:

“The mission of Tioga County is to serve its residents with transparent and reliable services that uphold rights, promote safety and health, for a high quality of life for all. 2024 was an exemplary year for Tioga County in meeting this mission. While there were challenges, the County moved forward successfully and on a consistent basis, always working to make County government more effective and efficient.

“I’d like to thank the efforts of the Tioga County Legislators, whose representation and leadership have made 2024 a continued success. I’d like to further thank our Department Heads, who continue to lead the County forward and I’d of course like to say “Thank You” to all of our wonderful employees of Tioga County, without whom the services and programs the County provides, would not be possible.

“Every Legislative year brings challenges, struggles and often sadness. Last year we lost three former Legislators. Legislator Dale N. Weston passed away while in office on April 2, 2024. Legislator Weston was elected to the position of Tioga County District #6 Legislator on January 1, 2005, and represented the Spencer - Barton area. He served until the time of his passing.

“Former Legislator Todd E. Smith passed away on April 8, of 2024. Former Legislator Smith was elected to the position of Tioga County District #7 Legislator on January 1, 1999. He successfully was re-elected until his resignation on September 30, 2003.

“Legislator Peter L. Ward passed away on May 8, 2024. Former Legislator Ward was elected to the position of Tioga County District #7 Legislator on January 1, 1996 and was successfully re-elected until he left office on December 31, 2004.

“Sometimes, things happening in the State or the Nation affect the way we do business. Elected leaders make decisions based on what is best for them perhaps but not necessarily for us. This is the case of relocating busloads of immigrants upstate to relieve the burden of New York City. In 2023, the Chair of the Legislature declared a State of Emergency preventing immigrants from being bussed, dropped off and then housed in Tioga County at hotels, motels, etc. We kept the State of Emergency effective for over a year and a half until the winds of change arrived, and we felt confident we would not fall victim to another government’s problem.

“Celebrating her 30<sup>th</sup> year of Tioga County employment, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell continues to set the standard as a steward of professionalism. Our Legislative Clerk was instrumental in 2024 helping to guide Tioga County through numerous departmental changes, policy updating and helping to bring our new County Administrator on board.

“In July of 2024, the Legislature successfully appointed Jackson D. Bailey II as the first County Administrator. Under the directives of the Tioga County Legislature and Local Law #4 of 2023, the County Administrator will act as the day-to-day primary Operations Director, Budget Officer, and Public Information Officer for the County. The County contracted with Dr. Ian Coyle of Pracademic Partners to offer Training and Executive Coaching services to help ensure the continued success and implementation of the County Administrator position.

“The Law Department plays a vital role in every County Department from evaluating contracts, providing professional legal counsel, child protective services, providing state-mandated counsel and prosecution of crimes.

“2024 saw the continuation of the tragic criminal investigation regarding the murder of Thomas Rath. This investigation has greatly impacted several Tioga County Departments including Probation, County Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, County Court, and the County Attorney. The Department’s cohesion and continued support from the Legislature has helped to carry out the swift, fair, and effective justice that is expected in Tioga County.

“As the steward of taxpayers’ dollars, the Tioga County Treasurer’s Office continues to provide Tax Enforcement, Residency Certificates, and oversight of all fiscal matters for the County. Elected Treasurer James McFadden celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> year of County service in 2024 and looks forward to retirement in 2025.

“The financial and staff highlights from the Treasurer’s Office are as follows:

- Sales tax collections were down 4.49% to \$31,793,185, or off 1.5 million dollars over 2023. The County shares 25% of these collections with towns and villages.
- The Treasurer auctioned off 27 tax foreclosed properties at an October public auction. Despite writing off three years of uncollected property taxes, the sales produced a surplus of \$384,334 at closings. A new State Law no longer allows counties to retain surplus funds and shall address a priority distribution of such funds by court order.
- The annual independent audit of all the County’s 2023 financial transactions, fund balances, and investments reported a clean opinion with no adverse findings and

verifications of all account balances. And once again found the County within compliance of all state and federal reporting requirements.

- In 2024, the County paid 3.2 million dollars in Community College tuition bills. This state-mandated education service represented 12% of our County's tax levy last year. One thousand four hundred and seventy residents benefited from this program.
- The Treasurer paid off a lease with the Motorola Corporation, saving \$200,000 in scheduled interest payments for the Radio Communications Tower Upgrade Project.
- The Treasurer produced an investment income of 2.3 million in 2024, an all-time high.
- The Treasurer's Office promoted Laura Schurter to the position of Chief Accountant and welcomed David Collison to the position of Accountant in 2024.

"The Mental Hygiene Department offers Tioga County residents person-centered counseling services and support for individuals and families of all ages who are coping with emotional problems, mental illness, depression, anxiety, substance use and much more. In 2024. A satellite Mental Health Clinic was opened in Waverly, NY, and will greatly expand services and outreach for Tioga County residents.

"Accounting Associate III, Linda Beers, celebrated her 30 years with the County.

"Social Services works to support children and families, provide foster care homes for children in our community, provide SNAP benefits for healthy food for the needy, Heat and Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes to name a few services available to help people in need.

"Resource Assistant, Beth Ayers, celebrated 30 years of service with the County.

"Tioga County Public Health's mission is to protect and promote the health and well-being of our community through advocacy, education, enforcement, prevention and partnerships.

"Public Health Sanitarian, Todd Kopalek, celebrated 30 years of service with the County.

"2024 saw the appointment of Corinne Cornelius as the Director of Emergency Services, previously serving as a Deputy Director, and as a Deputy

Sheriff prior to that. Corinne is a dynamic leader and has been and continues to be an essential part in the management of the Radio Communications Tower Upgrade Project throughout the County.

"In 2024, Coroner Warren S. "Stew" Bennett resigned as an Elected and Administrative Coroner. Mr. Bennett served as Coroner for 15 years since 2009 and brought an extensive amount of forensic knowledge to the County. We very much appreciate his service to the County.

"In 2024, Sheriff Gary Howard was awarded the prestigious "*Sheriff Grover Cleveland Award*" by the New York State Sheriff's Institute. The Sheriff Grover Cleveland Award is named for the only sheriff to go on to serve as President of the United States. To date, only 7 sheriffs have received this honor.

"In the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Alan Bobier celebrated 30 years of service, Deputy Sheriff Shawn Kemmerly and Civil Manager Kim Lombardoni celebrated their 25 years of County service.

"The Tioga County Probation Department works with Tioga County Court, Drug Treatment Court, Family Court, Surrogates Court and 13 separate Town or Village Justice Courts in the County. The Department prepares sensitive documents to assist those courts in making sentencing decisions for the citizens before them.

"Probation Director, Brian Cain, celebrated his 25 years with the County. Secretary to the Director of Probation, Kristen Kallin, celebrated 35 years of County service.

"The Information Technology and Communications Services (ITCS) Department was heavily involved in the upgrade of the County's 911 dispatch center. The County's 911 phone system was changed to Motorola VESTA and existing security cameras and displays were moved and upgraded. Also, a major upgrade was made to the County's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. All this activity had to be coordinated with Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Public Works, and ITCS.

"To say that the Department of Public Works is on everyone's speed dial, would not be an understatement. Public Works maintains County roadways & bridges, municipal buildings, and other infrastructure throughout Tioga County. Heating, cooling and carpet installation took up much time this year along with construction of a garage at the Public Safety facility, preparing for the installation of a truck wash, and remodeling of offices to accommodate updated equipment and security.

“Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Michael Bidwell celebrated his 25 years with the County.

“Economic Development and Planning works constantly on projects to improve the economy of the County and assist communities with development projects. This year ED&P assisted the Village of Waverly with public and private projects for the \$4.5 million New York Forward Program that was recently awarded. Other projects included applying for and receiving Restore NY Round 8 grant funding for property in the Village of Newark Valley, rehabilitation funding for the Village of Owego and they secured a CDBG Microenterprise grant to establish a countywide Microenterprises Assistance program for existing small businesses with 5 or fewer employees.

“The Tioga County Property Development Corporation or better known as the “Land Bank”, has been busy this year busy stabilizing and rehabilitating properties in Waverly, Owego and Newark Valley area to improve housing in Tioga County. The Land Bank continues to partner with the Owego-Apalachin Central School District to rehabilitate a single-family home in the Village of Owego with the work being accomplished by the Owego-Apalachin Central School District Building Trades Program.

“The Veterans' Service Agency had a busy year working on outreach for our veterans and military, supporting them with help in assistance for benefits and services. Following a successful career in Tioga County, the former Veterans' Service Agency Director, Michael Middaugh has moved on to another position serving the needs of Veterans at the State level. In January 2025, a selection committee was appointed to aid in the successful search for another qualified Director.

“After many years of searching, County Historian Emma Sedore found the missing Bell of Sessions. The Bell of Sessions was the official bell that was purchased in 1855 and was hung in the cupola of the Tioga County Courthouse that stood at the corner of Court Street and Main Street in Owego, NY. Over the years the bell was removed, loaned out and was lost. However, our Historian is not a person to give up and the bell was discovered in 2024 and placed at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building at 56 Main Street. We appreciate Emma's value to the community and her many years of service.

“The Board of Elections experienced the cooperation of the Sheriff, ITCS and Emergency Services to ensure that the Presidential Election would be secure and prepared for any potential incidents. A Risk Assessment required by NYS was completed by ITCS staff prior to the 2024 Presidential Election. Any major issues were

addressed and remediated. A successful General Election was held with a voter turnout of 70%.

“Keeping accurate and updated records is critical to a well-functioning government and last year the three-year inventory of records was completed along with the re-organization of all records in the storage area at the HHS building. The County Clerk’s Office will be transitioning into a new records management system that will provide a more secure environment of the County’s land and court records. Our DMV office continues to be a popular place serving people from all over the Southern Tier. They are well known for their good service and helpful attitudes.

“In 2024, the Real Property Office proposed and drafted a Local Law that the County Legislature passed granting the new Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker property tax exemption. They also conducted an extensive review and update of Agricultural District information in the County Real Property database and initiated an outreach effort to Town and School Boards to increase awareness of new and updated property tax exemptions.

“In 2024, Personnel participated in the Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Program (HELP). The HELP Program has helped remove the barriers that come with having to take a Civil Service exam to get a permanent position. This program helps address the statewide workforce shortage, and our hopes are that NYS will open it up to all titles. All these activities help to improve the hiring process for Tioga County.

“At its core, the function of the County Government is to provide services that individuals or stand-alone agencies cannot provide alone. I’d like to share some of the notable 2024 accomplishments that required multiple departments and agencies to work together to carry out.

“Early last year it was discovered that a group of homeless individuals were living on the former foundry site in Owego. Previously the Tioga Castings Foundry site had been declared a brownfield by the DEC, which was eventually remediated for industrial use. The short story is after connecting with the DEC, and much investigation the Board of Health (Public Health) deemed the Tioga Casting Facility a threat to public health. According to the Health Department, the Foundry Street property contained garbage, raw sewage, human waste, toxic materials and soil containing cancerous cadmium. Due to the contamination of the soil at the property, the Board of Health deemed the location unfit for human habitation.

“Through this process the County worked with various groups within the community, including the Department of Social Services and were able to

peacefully remove people from the site. Volunteers and service providers offered help and support to the homeless, which included rehab, housing, and other services. We appreciate the support of the Public Health Department for taking the lead on this project and for the Board of Health identifying the concern for safety and the Department of Social Services for their help and guidance. We also thank community members and organizations that helped with this effort.

“It is important to note that the Interoperative Radio Communications Upgrade project continues to be of the highest priority for the County. Many departments are working together to accomplish this project. Under the supervision of Emergency Management, we expect to see communications towers being constructed and/or refurbished this spring, which will connect the County and Public Safety Services (Sheriff, Fire, etc.) with a much-improved communications system that will provide radio communications across the County. Full completion of this project is anticipated for the spring of next year.

“As the need for accessible mental health services grows, a new facility in Waverly opened in December to offer vital support to those in the community that have struggled with limited access to care. The Mental Health Clinic was a multiyear project that came together with the cooperation of the Department of Mental Hygiene, Village of Waverly and the coordination of many county departments working to accomplish this project. We appreciate the Mental Hygiene Department for their patience and their determination to bring this project forward.

“In closing, the mission of the County is clear in how it will and continue to provide services to its residents. The value of the County will always be the citizens that we serve. Whether it's the Veterans' Service Agency taking time to visit a client at their home to ensure they have food for the week, or a Sheriff's Deputy responding to a call at 2:30 in the morning, or a Public Works employee plowing the roads during a dangerous snowstorm to ensure safe travel. The well-being of Tioga County is at the heart of all we do. Thank you!”

“Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “County Administrator Bailey was a partner in this report, and I want to give him credit.”

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 100-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE BROOME-TIOGA  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS: Maureen Abbott, representing the Public Sector, has resigned from the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board effective 12/31/24; and

WHEREAS: Amy Foster has expressed her desire to serve on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board and fill the remainder of the vacant three-year term; and

WHEREAS: The Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board has found Amy Foster willing and able to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Amy Foster to fill the remainder of the vacant three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board March 11, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 101-25 APPOINT MEMBERS ALTERNATIVES TO  
INCARCERATION ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED: That the following members be appointed to the Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board for the following terms:

	TERM
Ex-Offender	4/1/25-3/31/26
Crime Victim	4/1/25-3/31/26
State Certified Provider of Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Treatment	4/1/25-3/31/26

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 102-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO BOARD OF ETHICS

WHEREAS: Jenny Ceccherelli's first term on the Ethics Board expires as of March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Jenny Ceccherelli, a resident of Tioga County, has expressed an interest and willingness to serve another term on the Board of Ethics; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Jenny Ceccherelli is hereby re-appointed to the Board of Ethics for a second term beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 103-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO BOARD OF ETHICS

WHEREAS: Thomas Mullen’s first term on the Ethics Board expires as of March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Thomas Mullen, a resident of Tioga County, has expressed an interest and willingness to serve another term on the Board of Ethics; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Thomas Mullen is hereby re-appointed to the Board of Ethics for a second term beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 104-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD  
SHERIFF’S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The terms of the Traffic Safety Board members will expire on or before March 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following members be re-appointed to the Traffic Safety Board for a term as follows:

TITLE	TERM
Tioga County Public Works Commissioner or Designee	4/1/25-3/31/27
Tioga County Emergency Services Director	4/1/25-3/31/27

Tioga County Sheriff or Designee	4/1/25-3/31/28
Tioga County Economic Development or Designee	4/1/25-3/31/28
Tioga County Public Health Director or Designee	4/1/25-3/31/27
Art Cacciola - Candor	4/1/25-3/31/28

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 105-25 *HOME RULE REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF S03498/A06483: EXTENDING THE CURRENT AND IMPOSING ADDITIONAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES BY THE COUNTY OF TIOGA*

WHEREAS: The continuation of previously authorized additional sources of revenue is required to enable counties, such as Tioga County to meet the ever-increasing costs of delivering essential governmental services to their citizens without undue reliance on local property taxes; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Senate and Assembly are in agreement that individual counties should request their State delegation to introduce two-year home rule sales tax extenders expiring as of November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS: State Legislative authority is needed to extend the current sales and compensating use taxes for the County of Tioga at the same level and upon the same terms and conditions as now currently exist; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby requests enactment of Senate Bill No. S03498 and Assembly Bill No. A06483 entitled “An Act to Amend the Tax Law in relation to extending the authorization of the County of Tioga to impose an

additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes through November 30, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 106-25      *AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN ADMINISTERING  
MORTGAGE TAX BY THE TIOGA COUNTY CLERK  
AS APPROVED BY NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE*

WHEREAS: Section 262 (Article 11) of the New York State tax law mandates that recording officers are entitled to receive for the county all necessary expenses for the purpose of administration of the mortgage tax in their office and approved allowance by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Clerk has requested proper compensation that are reasonable and necessary allowances to cover county expenditures for collection, disbursements of the mortgage tax; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Clerk's office has submitted to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance a mortgage expense request of \$152,865.60 per year; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Clerk has been authorized by New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to increase the mortgage expense to be \$152,865.60 for the period of April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Clerk be authorized to collect or withhold from its disbursements in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of \$12,738.80 at a total annum amount of \$152,865.60.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO:	ED&P / AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 107-25	<i>URGE NYS TO FUND STATE-MANDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 8-YEAR REVIEWS UNDER AGM LAW ARTICLE 25-AA</i>

WHEREAS: The 2022 Census of Agriculture outlined a concerning trend in U.S. agriculture, fewer farms, reduced farmland, and larger average farm sizes; and

WHEREAS: New York is experiencing these challenges at an accelerated rate, with a 14 percent loss in farms and a 9 percent loss in farmland between 2012 and 2022; and

WHEREAS: According to the USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture, since 2017, New York State has seen a decline of 2,788 farms, including 1,865 dairy farms and 363,885 acres of farmland; and

WHEREAS: While the state achieved a significant milestone of over 100,000 acres of protected farmland in 2023, more than 98 percent of New York's farmland remains unprotected; and

WHEREAS: Governor Hochul has proposed making investments to improve "tracking of lost farmland, and capacity building within New York's network of community led land trusts to efficiently execute Environmental Bond Act dollars allocated for farmland protection;" and

WHEREAS: Article 25-AA of the Agriculture & Markets (AGM) Law, enacted in 1971, empowered counties to create and maintain county agricultural districts to protect and promote the availability of land for farming purposes through county agricultural and farmland protection boards; and

WHEREAS: Agricultural districts are a critical tool for farmland preservation and conservation, providing benefits and protections that only apply to farming operations and land used in agricultural production; and

WHEREAS: Under Section 303-a of Article 25-AA, counties are required to conduct comprehensive reviews of agricultural districts every eight years, producing the state's most detailed and accurate data about farmland conversion and agricultural viability; and

WHEREAS: The requirement constitutes a vital but unfunded mandate on counties, requiring significant staff time and resources to complete detailed parcel-level analyses, conduct public hearings, provide statutorily required notifications, and prepare comprehensive reports; and

WHEREAS: Accurate tracking of farmland changes through agricultural district reviews is essential for developing effective farmland protection strategies and targeting preservation efforts where they are most needed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature commends Governor Hochul for enhancing state funding for the creation and implementation of county and municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans through Part OO of the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) Article VII legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tioga County urges the Governor and Legislature to amend TED Part OO to include funding for the state-mandated eight-year agricultural district reviews; and be it further

RESOLVED: That since these eight-year agricultural district reviews are the primary mechanism by which New York State tracks farmland changes at the parcel level and evaluates the effectiveness of agricultural districts in protecting viable farmland, NYSAC believes state funding support for these reviews is critical to achieving the Governor's goal of improved farmland tracking; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tioga County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE / AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 108-25 *AUTHORIZE 2025 REQUEST FOR INCLUSION  
OF LANDS IN THE SPENCER AGRICULTURAL  
DISTRICT #1*

WHEREAS: In accordance with §303-B of the NYS Agricultural and Markets Law 25-AA, the Tioga County Planning Department has solicited agricultural landowners to request inclusion of lands in agricultural districts during the designated annual period of January 2 – January 31; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Planning has received one request for inclusion of land consisting of 10.9 acres in the Town of Tioga and, therefore, within the Spencer Agricultural District #1 and prepared the required report for this request; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature declares itself to be Lead Agency for SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) requirements for this purpose; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Planning has found this modification plan will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts via completion of the New York State Agriculture & Markets SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts Modifications, which is consistent with the programmatic review of environmental effects of agricultural districting by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed said report and determined that the land to be included consists of viable agricultural land and its inclusion will serve the public interest by helping to maintain a viable agricultural industry within the District and therefore recommends the Tioga County Legislature to approve this inclusion of land; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has held the required public hearing and no opposition was heard; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature makes a SEQR Negative Declaration and authorizes the 2025 request for inclusion of land listed in said report into the Spencer Agricultural District #1; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature directs the Tioga County Planning Department to submit said report to the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for final certification; and be it further

RESOLVED: That it is the intent of this county legislative body, upon approval by the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, to make this inclusion to the Spencer Agricultural District #1 effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	ED&P / AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 109-25	<i>RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE 2025 NORTH TIOGA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #3 8-YEAR REVIEW MODIFICATIONS AND SUBMIT SAME TO THE NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FOR CERTIFICATION</i>

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA and upon 300-day notice by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Tioga County Legislature has initiated a review of the existing North Tioga Agricultural District #3 to determine if it should be modified or terminated; and

WHEREAS: The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has been requested by the Legislature to review the District and make a recommendation for revision or termination; and

WHEREAS: By unanimous resolution the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board did approve a proposed plan for modification of the North Tioga Agricultural District and made said recommendation to the Tioga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Planning Department has conducted this review and has created a corresponding plan based on public comments, surveys and extensive consultation with area farmers; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and the District map and findings along with the proposed revisions were presented to the public; and

WHEREAS: The proposed district review report is comprised of the map and findings filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature for the public comment period plus new requests recorded during the solicitation period and of revisions heard at said public hearing; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature has indicated its desire to be designated lead agency for SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) requirements; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Planning has found this modifications plan to have “ little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact...” consistent with the programmatic review of environmental effects of agricultural districting by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That based upon review of the above as outlined on the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets “Environmental Assessment Form” provided by them for this purpose, the County of Tioga has determined that the proposed modifications of the North Tioga Agricultural District would not have a significant impact on the environment and therefore make a Negative Declaration for SEQR purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Planning Department shall submit to the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets along with the proposed plan for District modification the “State Environmental Quality Review, Negative Declaration Notice of Non-Significance” appropriately completed to reflect this determination; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorize the proposed plan as revised to date, and directs the Planning Department to prepare a submission package as required by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets describing this proposal, and to submit same on behalf of the Legislature to that agency for review as described in Article 25AA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That it is intent of this county legislative body, upon approval by the Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, to make this revised North Tioga District effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 110-25      *NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
AWARD – SEQR EXEMPTION/TYPE II ACTION*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution No. 235-24 authorizing the submission of a grant application to New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 and authorizing Legislative Chair signature on grant related documents; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP was approved by Resolution No. 191-24 to schedule a public hearing for the NYS CDBG Public Facilities Program; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP has received the CDBG Program Award letter dated November 19, 2024, stating that TCEDP has been selected for a \$243,533.00 award; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature accepted said CDBG Public Facilities Program award of \$243,533.00 and authorized the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney by Resolution No. 63-25; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP is required to submit an Environmental Review Record which includes Form 2-5A: Statutory Checklist Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5 pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.34(a) and 58.35(b); therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Tioga County Legislature determine that the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Truck project is a Type II Action and is exempt under NYS SEQRA, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 SEQR §617.5 (c) (21) minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment, therefore further SEQR review is not required; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or duly authorized representative (including County Treasurer and/or County Administrator), is hereby authorized to sign the Form 2-3A Certification of SEQRA Classification as the Certifying Officer.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 111-25      *AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE FOR CO-DEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT FOR NYS ESD RESTORE NY ROUND 8  
GRANT FOR 81 NORTH AVE. REHABILITATION  
PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution No. 162-24 authorizing the submission of a grant application to Restore New York Communities Initiative Round 8 (Restore NY) on behalf of the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) to rehabilitate a blighted, vacant mixed-use building at 81 North Ave. and authorizing Legislative Chair signature on grant related documents; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP was approved by Resolution No. 116-24 to schedule a public hearing for the Restore NY reconstruction and rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP received the Restore NY Round 8 Award letter dated August 13, 2024 stating that TCEDP had been awarded \$165,000.00 for the rehabilitation project on 81 North Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature accepted said Restore NY \$165,000.00 award and authorized the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney by Resolution No. 352-24; and

WHEREAS: A co-development agreement is necessary outlining the County responsibilities and Tioga County Property Development Corporation responsibilities regarding the development of 81 North Avenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or duly authorized representative (including County Treasurer and/or County Administrator), is hereby authorized to sign the co-development agreement between Tioga County and the Tioga County Property Development Corporation upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 112-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
2024 SICG FORMULA GRANT  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS &  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: The Office of Emergency Services applied for and was awarded a Homeland Security Statewide Interoperable Communications "Formula" Grant 2024 in the amount of \$410,016. The grant will be used for upgrading the radio communications in the county with no local share associated with said grant; and

WHEREAS: This funding must be accepted and appropriated; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM: A3415.433063.IO24F State Aid Interop Comm Grant	\$410,016
TO: A3415.520130.IO24F Equipment (Not Car)	\$200,000
TO: A3415.540140.IO24F Contracting Services	\$210,016

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 113-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A  
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AND  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND  
CATALIS COURTS & LAND RECORDS, LLC  
f/k/a AUTOMON, LLC TO PROVIDE  
SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
CASELOAD EXPLORER PRODUCT*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved contracts between Tioga County Probation Department and Catalis Court & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AutoMon, LLC since 2008; and

WHEREAS: Catalis Court & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AutoMon, LLC has changed their contract status with New York State, therefore the Tioga County Legislature is approving that the Probation Department can contract with Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AutoMon, LLC as a sole source provider of Caseload Explorer, a software program that meets the qualifications of 9 NYCRR 345, which mandates Probation Departments to use a software program that automatically sends

Presentence Investigation completed in the software program to the DCJS PSI Repository in Albany, NY. Caseload Explorer software is the only software in New York State that meets this criteria; and

WHEREAS: Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AutoMon, LLC has submitted their yearly Maintenance Agreement to Tioga County Probation which consists of the base charge of \$5,298.29, plus a fee of \$288.03 per user. Probation has 17 registered users of the software, so the total cost for basic software maintenance for contract period of 3/25/2025 to 3/24/2026 is \$10,194.80; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Probation Director is approved to contract with Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a AutoMon, LLC as a sole source provider for software and maintenance costs in 2025 and 2026 and anticipated 5% increase for 2026 for Caseload Explorer and Ce Assessments in the amount of \$10,194.80; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the contract shall remain in force for a term of 12 consecutive months (year 2025) with one annual extension. This will increase the cost by 5% as per the contract stated 4. Payment 4.1.2. and schedule A: Statement of Work 1. Term of Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 114-25

*AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE  
LAW DEPARTMENT, ITCS, SHERIFF, DSS,  
PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has implemented a Direct Charge Pilot Program that will maximize State reimbursement for legal and IT expenses while eliminating the administrative burden of charging all departments for those expenses; and

WHEREAS: The Law Department and ITCS will directly charge the Department of Social Services, Public Health and Mental Hygiene for its services and support pursuant to Cooperative Agreements; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Department will directly charge the Department of Social Services for security services, escort, protection and transport services; and

WHEREAS: It may be necessary for the County Administrator to make budget adjustments to reflect the budgeted amounts and year end actuals in the cooperative agreements between ITCS and DSS, Public Health and Mental Hygiene and to reflect the budgeted amount in the cooperative agreement between the Sheriff and DSS; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair to execute Cooperative Agreements between the Law Department and DSS, Public Health and Mental Hygiene; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair to execute Cooperative Agreements between the ITCS Department and DSS, Public Health and Mental Hygiene; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the Sheriff's Department and DSS; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cooperative Agreements between DSS and the Law Department, ITCS and Sheriff shall be submitted to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the Office of Children and Family Services for approval; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Administrator is authorized to make budget adjustments to reflect the budgeted amounts and year end actuals in the cooperative agreements between ITCS and DSS, Public Health and Mental Hygiene and to reflect the budgeted amount in the cooperative agreement between the Sheriff and DSS.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO

HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 115-25

*AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY RESOURCES  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Liberty Resources for Multi-systemic Therapy Services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$315,481; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Liberty Resources for Multi-systemic Therapy Services for the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$315,481 be carried forward into the New Year.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 116-25      *AWARD DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND  
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES TO  
DELTA ENGINEERS FOR BROWN ROAD OVER  
EAST BRANCH OWEGO CREEK BIN 3335290  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation (BRIDGE NY) consisting of Federal Aid Program funds for a project, Brown Road over East Branch Owego Creek (BIN 3335290) Bridge Replacement (BNY23) PIN 9755.98; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for design, right-of-way and right-of-way acquisition services for this project from Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for these services is \$343,430; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the proposal for design, right-of-way and right-of-way acquisition services for Brown Road over East Branch Owego Creek (BIN 3335290) to Delta Engineers not to exceed \$343,430 to be paid out of the following account:

H5110.540004.H2405      Brown Road over East Branch Owego Creek

Legislator Flesher spoke. "I just want to go on the record to thank Commissioner of Public Works Hammond for his efforts in getting this funding. This bridge has been out for quite a few years, and it has been a problem for the residents that live on that road, so shout out to Gary for getting this done."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.



WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in March, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

March Jewelry Making Class (MHO) - \$200.00  
 April Military Child Month Event 1 (ARPA) - \$1,000.00  
 April Military Child Month Event 2 (ARPA) - \$1,000.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
 LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 119-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF YEAR EIGHT  
 FUNDING FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT  
 LEGAL SERVICES AND ACCEPT YEAR EIGHT  
 FUNDING FOR HURRELL-HARRING GRANT AND  
 AMEND 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 432-23 adopted on November 14, 2023, Tioga County entered into a three-year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution of funds to provide representation to persons legally entitled to counsel but unable to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: The allocated amount to Tioga County from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for the fiscal year April 2025 – March 2026 is \$781,014.42; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to adopt the eighth-year funding budget for said distribution in said amount of \$781,014.42; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$781,014.42 needs to be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the eighth-year budget of said distribution in the amount of \$781,014.42; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon execution of the eighth-year contract amendment, the ILS HH Grant of \$781,014.42 subtracting out the \$383,128.84 of Salary and Fringe expenses that Tioga County has already appropriated to the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Account: A 1174 430260 AC State Aid Indigent	\$ 232,238.57
A 1174 430260 PD State Aid Indigent	\$ 548,775.85

Expense Account: A 1174 510010 Full Time Salary	\$ 1,719.06
A 1174 510020 Part Time Salary	\$ 115,255.34

A 1174 520090 AC Computers	\$ 900.00
A 1174 520200 AC Office Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
A 1174 520210 AC Furniture	\$ 1,000.00
A 1174 540030 AC Assigned Counsel	\$ 10,000.00
A 1174 540040 PD Books	\$ 2,600.00
A 1174 540040 AC Books	\$ 1,900.00
A 1174 540140 PD Contracted Services	\$ 21,000.00
A 1174 540140 AC Contracted Services	\$ 35,000.00
A 1174 540180 PD Dues	\$ 1,500.00
A 1174 540280 AC Investigations	\$ 32,064.72
A 1174 540280 PD Investigations	\$ 30,000.00
A 1174 540390 PD Mileage	\$ 5,000.00
A 1174 540420 AC Supplies	\$ 1,770.85
A 1174 540550 AC Rent	\$ 26,100.00
A 1174 540550 PD Rent	\$ 18,000.00
A 1174 540620 AC Software Expenses	\$ 19,000.00
A 1174 540620 PD Software Expenses	\$ 9,500.00
A 1174 540640 AC Other Supplies/not office	\$ 250.00
A 1174 540733 AC Training/CLE	\$ 2,500.00
A 1174 540733 PD Training/CLE	\$ 2,000.00

A 1174 581088 Retirement	\$	-4770.00
A 1174 583088 Social Security	\$	21,520.23
A 1174 583088 Medicare	\$	11,940.00
A 1174 585588 Disability	\$	32.88
A 1174 584088 Workers Comp	\$	5,612.24
A 1174 586088 Health Ins/HRA	\$	23,403.18
A 1174 588988 EAP	\$	87.08

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 120-25      *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Funds need to be transferred to pay for the purchase of an ID printer for the Records Division; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM:

A3020.520130      Equipment (not car)      \$ 5,350

TO:

A3110.520130      Equipment (not car)      \$ 5,350

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.





ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 123-25 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received an Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Payments Program (AIPP) allocation for foster/adoptive parent and legal guardianship recruitment activities to increase permanency outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100	Federal Aid: Social Services Admin	\$ 25,000
To: A6010.540487	Program Expense	\$ 25,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 124-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*  
*PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has identified a need for improved safety on their Mobile Dental Van; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has funds held in deferred revenue from grants that can be used toward this project; and

WHEREAS: A4064 422800 will be funded from deferred revenue A269100 DR004; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:		
	A4064 422800 Dental Grants	\$ 25,000
To:		
	A4064 520130 Public Health Equip (not car)	\$ 25,000

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Regarding the dental van, this is a service that is welcomed in various areas of the County, and I am glad that we have it. Thankfully, Public Health has done a good job and serviced a lot of people that needed dental work done."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 125-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024  
PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS

WHEREAS: Culvert pipe was encumbered and ordered in 2024 but was not received until 2025; and

WHEREAS: Prior Year Public Works Funds need to be re-established for the amount encumbered as of year-end 2024 for purchase or completion in 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following account and amounts be re-established and the 2025 budget is amended:

D5110.540262	Metal Pipes/Culverts	\$61,233.95
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 126-25 TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE RESERVE FOR E911

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 64-21 established and funded the Reserve for E911 to be used for the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System Project; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office identified unused A3021 funds from 2021 to 2024 intended to be used for the Project; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office would like to restrict the use of the available A3021 funds for the Project; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That as part of the 2024 year end process, \$1,550,417.06 be transferred from unrestricted General Fund Balance to the Reserve for E911 as follows:

FROM:	A 390900 Fund Balance Unrestricted	\$1,550,417.06
TO:	A 388903 Reserve for E911	\$1,550,417.06

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in future years during the year end process, unused A3021 funds may be transferred to the Reserve for E911 at the discretion of the Treasurer's Office until no longer needed for the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 127-25 APPOINTMENT OF REPUBLICAN ELECTION CLERK PT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to any position not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or part of the Management/Confidential listing; and

WHEREAS: The position of Republican Election Clerk PT has been vacant since January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A request to backfill the vacancy was approved on January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Republican Election Commissioner has selected a candidate to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Pamela Wylubski shall be appointed as the Republican Election Clerk PT, effective March 12, 2025 at the rate of \$19.22/hr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 128-25 *AUTHORIZE TWO (2) POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for position reclassification; and

WHEREAS: On January 2, 2025, the Personnel Department received position description questionnaires for two Office Specialist I (CSEA SG III, \$31,315) positions in the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS: This resulted in the review of work tasks performed by Denise Haskins, and Elaine Ellers in comparison to the Office Specialist classification levels; and

WHEREAS: Due to the type of work assigned to and performed by Ms. Haskins, and Ms. Ellers, the Personnel Officer has determined justification exists to reclassify them to Office Specialist II (CSEA SG IV, \$33,095); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the reclassification of two Office Specialist I positions currently filled by Denise Haskins and Elaine Ellers to Office Specialist II, and they each shall receive an increase of \$1,780 to their current annual salary; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Denise Haskins new rate will be \$40,212 retroactive to January 2, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Elaine Ellers new rate will be \$33,095 retroactive to January 2, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 129-25 *CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY, FULL-TIME  
PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR (SEASONAL) POSITION  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health desires to hire a temporary, full-time Public Health Educator to work during the summer season to assist with the preparation and compilation of reports of several Public Health initiatives; and

WHEREAS: Public Health has funds available in the 2025 budget due to position vacancies to cover the expenditures of such employment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Director is hereby authorized to create and fill one (1) temporary full-time Public Health Educator (Seasonal) position effective May 5, 2025 through August 29, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$28.26.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 130-25      *CREATE AND FILL ONE (1) FULL-TIME  
PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT COORDINATOR AND  
ABOLISH ONE (1) LOCAL COORDINATOR AND  
AUTHORIZE SALARY ABOVE CSEA BASE  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create and fill a new position and to abolish a position; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has determined there is a need to create a position of Public Health Project Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has worked in conjunction with the Personnel Office in creating the position description and to determine the appropriate classification for said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time position of Public Health Project Coordinator (CSEA Salary Grade XIII: \$56,136 - \$ 57,136) be created effective March 24, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the vacant Management/Confidential position of Local Coordinator be abolished effective March 24, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in the event a current Tioga County Public Health employee is promoted into this role, the maximum salary for CSEA Salary Grade XIII will be used in calculating their annual salary.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 131-25 CREATE AND FILL FULL-TIME  
SENIOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for creation of new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services and the Commissioner of Social Services has identified a need for an additional position to serve clients at the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: By the partnering of the Department of Social Services and Tioga County Mental Hygiene to offer mental health/therapeutic support and substance abuse services at the neutral location of the Child Advocacy Center we will be able to enhance services to our most vulnerable youth and families; and

WHEREAS: This position would be funded for the first two years through Opioid Settlement Funds and the following years would be funded through the Department of Social Services grant opportunities, preventive services funding and Medicaid billing; and

WHEREAS: A4210 416300 ABATE will be funded from deferred revenue A269100 DR104: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create one (1) permanent, full-time position of a Senior Clinical Social Worker at a rate of \$69,915 (CSEA SG XVII) effective March 24, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mental Hygiene Department's 2025 authorized full-time headcount shall remain at 45; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding would be appropriated from the Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

From: A4210 416300 ABATE	Narcotic Program Charges	\$78,440.41
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,016.52
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 5,265.40
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 3,743.94
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 923.23
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 52.43
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$14,426.64
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 12.25

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I actually visited the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), and I think it is a worthy pursuit to have staff there to address some of the issues that the children and families are experiencing. It is a positive development, in my opinion, having worked in that world for a little bit."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
 FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 132-25 ABOLISH MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
 TRANSFER FUNDS AND MODIFY BUDGET  
 MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for abolishment of positions and for the transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified the need to modify Mental Hygiene's 2025 budget to meet the state requirements of medical staffing; and

WHEREAS: It is the requirement of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to have licensed medical staff oversee certain job functions for Mental Hygiene's Clinic; and

WHEREAS: With the retirement of Mental Hygiene's Medical Director, the Director of Community Services has identified the best solution as the abolishment of the Medical Director position and the transfer of funds to contracted services to meet state mandated medical staff requirements; and

WHEREAS: That the existing 2025 contract with Fairview Recovery Services, Inc. will be modified to add the additional transferred funding and add additional medical staffing titles and positions to the contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is requesting the abolishment of the Medical Director position as of 3/11/2025 and transfer of funds to contracted services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Mental Hygiene's 2025 budget be modified and funding be transferred as follows:

From: A4210 510010	Full Time Salary	\$ 54,702.40
A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$101,590.09
A4210 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 1,981.67
A4210 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 2,617.44
A4210 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 355.56
A4210 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 20.64
A4210 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 3,490.69
A4210 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 4.92
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 3,680.25
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 4,860.97
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 660.32
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 38.34
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 6,482.71
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 9.14
To: A4310 540130	Contracts	\$126,346.60
A4310 540140	Contracting Services	\$ 54,148.54

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth four (4) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL/SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 133-25      *AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A  
STATE GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: New York State has released a grant opportunity titled “FY2022 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program Request for Applications (RFA)”; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Safety Office desires to pursue this grant opportunity to assist in the implementation of security measures for 56 Main Street; and

WHEREAS: Although the amount of the grant funding is not yet determined, as it will be based upon the competitive award process, the Safety Office will be requesting \$11,000; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Safety Office has partnered with Emergency Services, Information Technology, and the Department of Public Works on this potential grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS: Section 9, former County Policy 47, requires Legislative approval for grant applications that will require the signature of the Chief Elected Official; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Safety Office is authorized to submit an application for the "FY2022 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program Request for Applications (RFA)" grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 134-25      *AUTHORIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
PLANNING TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR ESD  
COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND  
AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON  
GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS*

WHEREAS: The FY2025 New York State Budget includes \$50 million for a new County Infrastructure Grant Program that supports county-led infrastructure projects that contribute to placemaking, support the creation of housing, and encourage visitation and tourism; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is eligible to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds through the County Infrastructure Grant Program and must also provide a fifty percent match in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is interested in applying to said grant program for a county infrastructure project; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes submission and administration of said grant to New York State Empire State Development in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby agrees to provide the required fifty percent program match in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon award authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contracts and other paperwork, contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 135-25 AWARD CONTRACT  
RADIO CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services has a need to continue the upgrade and replacement process of its current radio communications system due to poor performance issues; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services and the Radio Project Committee desires to contract with Yoder Communications, LLC at a cost of \$30,560 for Phase I with an as needed monthly retainer of \$2,480 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS: Professional Services under General Municipal Law 104-b is exempt from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS: There are sufficient funds in the State Interoperable 20 Grant account A3415.540140.IO20F; therefore be it



RESOLVED: That the position of Paralegal in the Treasurer's Office be filled by Kevin Humes at a new annual rate of pay of \$59,000.00 per the Tioga County Legislature effective March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the following budget modification and transfer of funds be made:

FROM:

A1420 510010 – Full Time	\$46,489.45
A1420 581088 – State Retirement Fringe	\$5,996.75
A1420 583088 – Social Security Fringe	\$3,588.90
A1420 584088 – Workers Compensation Fringe	\$971.15
A1420 585588 – Disability Insurance Fringe	\$56.90
A1420 586088 – Health Insurance Fringe	\$9,493.00
A1420 588988 – EAP Fringe	\$13.05

TO:

A1325 510010 – Full Time	\$46,489.45
A1325 581088 – State Retirement Fringe	\$5,996.75
A1325 583088 – Social Security Fringe	\$3,588.90
A1325 584088 – Workers Compensation Fringe	\$971.15
A1325 585588 – Disability Insurance Fringe	\$56.90
A1325 586088 – Health Insurance Fringe	\$9,493.00
A1325 588988 – EAP Fringe	\$13.05

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

*Fourth Regular Meeting*  
April 15, 2025

The Fourth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on April 15, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Roberts to have a moment of prayer. "Dear Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today and pray for peace around the world and unity for the citizens. We also thank you so much for the blessings that you give us each and every day. We pray for wisdom and guidance in the decisions we make."

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

There were 29 people in attendance.

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

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

Legislator Flesher read and presented the following resolution to Brian Henry, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Office.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 137-25      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
BRIAN HENRY'S 28 YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Brian Henry was appointed as a Corrections Officer on 12/5/96; then promoted to his current position of Deputy Sheriff on 2/16/08; and

WHEREAS: Brian Henry has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the 28 years of service to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Brian Henry will retire from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on March 28, 2025; 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 Brian Henry for 28 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, Brian Henry.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Howard spoke. “The tenacity that Brian has when we are looking for somebody, especially in the Candor and Spencer area, we always go to Brian to find the person because if he doesn’t know where that person is, he knows somebody who knows where that person is, or he knows somebody who knows somebody that knows where that person is. So, we are going to miss Brian in that respect, but he is not going away. He is still going to be working part-time in Candor, so be careful if you have to travel through that area. Some of the things that I am going to miss about Brian are especially in the fall when the hunting season comes around because we always make time to sit down and make a plan for the hunting season. We look at the solar calendar to see if we believe in it or not.

“Brian is a retired Master Sergeant for the United States Air Force. One year I got a package in the mail with a flag in it that was flown on a mission in a drone while he was over there and just recently, he was in Jordan loading planes with bombs and I got another flag that flew on a mission along with a patch and certificate from the pilot stating that it flew on an important mission over there. Those things are on display; one is in the administrative hallway and the other is in my office. These items are very special to us in the Sheriff’s Office. Congratulations, Brian. You are going to be missed for sure. Thank you.”

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have three Proclamations: ***In Memory of Kenneth Franklin Easton*** that will be read by Legislator Flesher and presented to the family of Mr. Easton, and ***Fair Housing Month*** and ***Child Abuse Prevention Month*** that will be noted in the minutes.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

***In Memory of Kenneth Franklin Easton***

WHEREAS: Kenneth Easton passed away on February 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature would like to posthumously recognize Ken Easton for his long-standing commitment to the Owego community; and

WHEREAS: Ken began his life of service in the U.S. Army serving as a medic in Vietnam, then returning home to continue his service to the people of the Village of Owego. He served as fire chief for the Owego Fire Department and retired from Lockheed Martin – Owego; and

WHEREAS: Ken was a Vietnam Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He was also awarded National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, one O/S Bar, the Combat Medical Badge, and the Air Medal; and

WHEREAS: Ken and Donna had two children who both chose to serve our country by joining the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy. Ken is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Michael Roden; son, Greg Easton; grandchildren, Emma and Tyler Moore, Michael "Mikey" Roden and his fiancée, Holly Kersten; numerous adopted kids and grandkids; several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends; and

WHEREAS: He fiercely loved all his family and friends. He was driven by duty, always acted honorably and continually was a good friend; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE wishes to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth Easton and acknowledge his steadfast service and generosity to his community.

Legislator Flesher asked everyone to join in a Moment of Silence to remember Ken Easton.

Rebecca Roden spoke. "My sneaky husband decided to tell me that I had to be here today, but did not tell me why I had to be here. So, this kind of knocked me off my feet. I think the most important thing I want everyone to know is that even though Dad and Mom moved away for a long period of time, Owego was his home. You were all his family. It did not matter if you were related or not, he loved everyone evenly and he will be greatly missed. Thank you so much for this honor."

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: Our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS: More than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS: Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga does hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Tioga County as an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Tioga County.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

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WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services received 1072 reports of alleged abuse/neglect involving 2378 children in 2024; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: The effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: Programs like Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lourdes PACT, Catholic Charities, Hillside's Regional Permanency Center, CASA-Trinity, and Liberty Resources offer support and educational services to families so families can help their child achieve his/her full potential within the community; and

WHEREAS: All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and prevention activities within the community, and become involved in supporting parents and families so that children can live in safe, nurturing homes; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, does hereby proclaim April 2025 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to ensure that all children are raised in safe, nurturing families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025 seconded by Legislator Mullen and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators and staff to the ***Tioga County Law Enforcement Association (TCLEA) and Tioga County Corrections Association (TCCA) Negotiations Teams:***

- Legislator Flesher
- Legislator Monell
- Sheriff Howard
- County Administrator Bailey
- Personnel Officer Parke

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

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 138-25 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION*

WHEREAS: Dave Astorina resigned from the Local Development Corporation Board at the end of his term effective 3/31/24; and

WHEREAS: Brielle Woods has expressed her desire to serve on the Local Development Corporation Board to fill Dave Astorina's term that expired 3/31/24; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation Board of Directors has found Brielle Woods willing and able to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Brielle Woods to fill Dave Astorina's expired term 4/15/25 – 3/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 139-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*TOWN OF CANDOR*

WHEREAS: An application for Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2025 indicates that parcel #38.00-1-41 in the Town of Candor assessed to Anthony Huizinga, currently under land contract with buyer Nicholas Luu, on the 2024 assessment roll of the Town of Candor is erroneous in the fact that Basic Star was erroneously removed from this property record; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a new 2025 tax bill be issued by the Town of Candor to Anthony Huizinga/Nicholas Luu for parcel #38.00-1-41 as follows:

38.00-1-41	Original Bill #1456	Corrected Bill #1456
County	416.11	416.11
Townwide	276.81	276.81
Part Town	30.77	30.77
Return School	1072.92	457.92
Candor Fire	68.45	68.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>1865.06</b>	<b>1250.06</b>

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous County tax \$615.00 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 140-25 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT  
TOWN OF OWEGO

WHEREAS: Applications for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes for the year 2025 were submitted by owner Nancy Brailsford for parcels 117.19-2-87.3 and 117.19-2-87.4 in the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Brailsford properly paid the 2024-2025 School tax on these two parcels to the School tax collector. However, the payments were not processed correctly due to a computer malfunction at the School District, resulting in School taxes being returned to the County Treasurer and subsequently relieved on the 2025 Town & County tax bill; and

WHEREAS: The School District tax collector has determined that the School tax payment ultimately processed correctly; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (h); and

WHEREAS: This owner paid her Town & County tax bills in full on 1/29/2025, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a refund check for the School relevy for these two parcels in the amount of \$2,033.52 be issued to Nancy Brailsford by the Tioga County Treasurer's Office as determined below:

Parcel	School Relevy Amount
117.19-2-87.3	\$1,791.50
117.19-2-87.4	\$242.02

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous School relevy of \$2,033.52 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 141-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*TOWN OF OWEGO*

WHEREAS: Application for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes for the year 2025 was submitted by owner Elizabeth Ann McMahon for parcel 152.00-1-44 in the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS: Ms. McMahon properly paid the 2024-2025 School tax on this parcel to the School tax collector. However, the payment was not processed correctly, due to a computer malfunction at the School District, resulting in School taxes being returned to the County Treasurer and subsequently relieved on the 2025 Town & County tax bill; and

WHEREAS: The School District tax collector has determined that the School tax payment ultimately processed correctly; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (h); and

WHEREAS: This owner paid her Town & County tax bill in full on 2/7/2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a refund check for the School relevy for this parcel in the amount of \$1,037.24 be issued to Elizabeth Ann McMahon by the Tioga County Treasurer's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous School relevy of \$1,037.24 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 142-25 SUPREME COURT ORDER  
TOWN OF BARTON

WHEREAS: The Supreme Court of the State of New York has rendered an Order in the matter of 37 North Chemung Street, LLC and 44 Ball Street, LLC v. Town of Barton, New York, its Assessor, and Board of Assessment Review, and has issued Stipulation of Settlement and Order, indicating a reduction of assessment as decided by the parties involved, and the Order was filed on February 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Court Stipulation of Settlement and Order reduces the assessment of 37 North Chemung Street's parcel 166.12-2-1 and of 44 Ball Street's parcel 166.12-2-2 for the tax years of 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28; and

WHEREAS: The 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Town & County taxes have been paid at the Town of Barton, and the Order stipulates a refund be determined based on the reduced assessment; and

WHEREAS: The following County tax refunds are calculated using the stipulated assessments,

37 North Chemung Street Parcel 166.12-2-1						
Year	Tax Rate	Original Assessment	Original County Tax	Stipulated Assessment	Corrected County Tax	Refund
2021	11.243855	\$4,908,400	\$55,189.34	\$3,120,000	\$35,080.83	\$20,108.51
2022	11.130402	\$4,908,400	\$54,632.47	\$3,200,000	\$35,617.29	\$19,015.18
2023	11.405082	\$4,908,400	\$55,980.70	\$2,936,000	\$33,485.32	\$22,495.38
2024	11.823282	\$4,908,400	\$58,033.40	\$2,400,000	\$28,375.88	\$29,657.52
2025	11.575705	\$4,908,400	\$56,818.19	\$2,420,000	\$28,013.21	\$28,804.98
					Total:	\$120,081.57

44 Ball Street Parcel 166.12-2-2						
Year	Tax Rate	Original Assessment	Original County Tax	Stipulated Assessment	Corrected County Tax	Refund
2021	11.243855	\$1,650,000	\$18,552.36	\$1,248,000	\$14,032.33	\$4,520.03
2022	11.130402	\$1,650,000	\$18,365.16	\$1,280,000	\$14,246.91	\$4,118.25
2023	11.405082	\$1,650,000	\$18,818.39	\$1,174,400	\$13,394.13	\$5,424.26
2024	11.823282	\$1,650,000	\$19,508.42	\$960,000	\$11,350.35	\$8,158.07
2025	11.575705	\$1,650,000	\$19,099.91	\$968,000	\$11,205.28	\$7,894.63
					Total:	\$30,115.24

County Total:	\$150,196.81
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And

WHEREAS: The following fire tax refunds are calculated using the stipulated assessments,

37 North Chemung Street Parcel 166.12-2-1						
Year	Tax Rate	Original Assessment	Original Fire Tax	Stipulated Assessment	Corrected Fire Tax	Refund
2021	1.027253	\$ 4,908,400.00	\$5,042.17	\$3,120,000.00	\$3,205.03	\$1,837.14
2022	1.043953	\$4,908,400.00	\$5,124.14	\$3,200,000.00	\$3,340.65	\$1,783.49
2023	1.066960	\$4,908,400.00	\$5,237.07	\$2,936,000.00	\$3,132.59	\$2,104.48
2024	1.055411	\$4,908,400.00	\$5,180.38	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,532.99	\$2,647.39
2025	1.245678	\$4,908,400.00	\$6,114.29	\$2,420,000.00	\$3,014.54	\$3,099.75
					Total:	\$11,472.25

44 Ball Street Parcel 166.12-2-2						
Year	Tax Rate	Original Assessment	Original Fire Tax	Stipulated Assessment	Corrected Fire Tax	Refund
2021	1.027253	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,694.97	\$1,248,000.00	\$1,282.01	\$412.96
2022	1.043953	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,722.52	\$1,280,000.00	\$1,336.26	\$386.26
2023	1.066960	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,760.48	\$1,174,400.00	\$1,253.04	\$507.44
2024	1.055411	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,741.43	\$960,000.00	\$1,013.19	\$728.24
2025	1.245678	\$1,650,000.00	\$2,055.37	\$968,000.00	\$1,205.82	\$849.55
					Total:	\$2,884.45

Fire Total:	\$14,356.70
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And

WHEREAS: The Court order waived the refund owed by the Town of Barton based on the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 Settlement Assessments; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the Judge's final signature of the Order, a refund of \$164,553.51 be issued to the appropriate party, per the Order, by the Tioga County Treasurer's Office, and the erroneous amounts be charged back to the proper accounts in the records of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the assessed value of parcel 166.12-2-1 be calculated for the 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28 tax years so that the full market value of the subject property shall equal \$2,000,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the assessed value of parcel 166.12-2-2 be calculated for the 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28 tax years so that the full market value of the subject property shall equal \$1,600,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 143-25

*ADOPTING THE 2025 – 2034*

*TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Solid Waste has developed a new local solid waste management plan in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 366; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has provided an “approvable” letter to the Tioga County Department of Solid Waste indicating that the plan meets the requirements; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Solid Waste solicited public input on the plan during a public comment period and public information session; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports the adoption of the 2025-2034 Tioga County Solid Waste Management Plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby formally adopts the 2025-2034 Tioga County Local Solid Waste Management Plan. Tioga County will implement and maintain the solid waste management system as described in the Plan and will submit biennial updates to NYSDEC as required by 6 NYCRR Part 366. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 144-25 *MERGING COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County owns parcels 128.08-6-3.2, 128.08-6-4.2, 128.08-6-81, 128.08-6-87.2, and 128.08-6-88.2 in the Village of Owego; and

WHEREAS: These five parcels are all parking lots, are all contiguous and are all titled the same; and

WHEREAS: Combining these five parcels into one parcel would facilitate property administration; and

WHEREAS: Parcel 128.08-6-81 has road frontage on Park Street, making it the appropriate parcel number to retain; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Real Property Tax Services has recommended that the parcels be merged; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That parcels 128.08-6-3.2, 128.08-6-4.2, 128.08-6-81, 128.08-6-87.2, and 128.08-6-88.2 in the Village of Owego be merged into one parcel, retaining parcel ID 128.08-6-81.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 145-25      *EXECUTE LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT TINKHAM ROAD, WAVERLY, NEW YORK TO MAINTAIN AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT*

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to lease a portion of property, in connection with an existing easement, to construct, use, expand and maintain an access road for the Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: Motorola Solutions, as part of the installation and upgrade of the Emergency Services Communication Network, has approved the use of Prospect Tower located at 494 Prospect Hill Road, Waverly, New York for the installation of upgrades to this communication tower; and

WHEREAS: The owners of the property, Edward and Charlotte Williams, agreed to lease a portion of the property to Tioga County for an access road; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a lease with Edward and Charlotte Williams for the lease and easement of property located at 161 Tinkham Road, Waverly, New York which lease shall commence based on the date of the fully executed Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 146-25      *EXECUTE LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT PROSPECT HILL ROAD, WAVERLY, NEW YORK TO MAINTAIN AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT*

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to lease a portion of property, in connection with an existing easement, to construct, use, expand and maintain an access road for the Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: Motorola Solutions, as part of the installation and upgrade of the Emergency Services Communication Network, has approved the use of Prospect Tower located at 494 Prospect Hill Road, Waverly, New York for the installation of upgrades to this communication tower; and

WHEREAS: The owner of the property, Darlene VanHousen, agreed to lease a portion of the property to Tioga County for an access road; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a lease with Darlene VanHousen for the lease and easement of property located at 490 Prospect Hill Road, Waverly, New York which lease shall commence based on the date of the fully executed Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 147-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
NYS 2024 PSAP OPERATIONS GRANT  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded a NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services PSAP Operations grant in the amount of \$109,805; and

WHEREAS: This funding will reimburse the E911 budget for Dispatcher personnel service costs incurred in 2024; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this funding be receipted to the following 2024 revenue account:

Revenue Account:    A3020 433310      \$109,805



RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM:       A8020 439890   State Aid-Community Service       \$17,725

TO:           A8020 540140   Contracting Services                 \$17,725

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:                       FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 149-25           ACCEPT INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES AWARD AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Administrator's Office has been awarded an Indigent Legal Services Grant (C140049) Amendment in the amount of \$61,902; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County ILS was awarded \$61,902.00 from 01/01/24 through 12/31/26; and this funding now needs to be appropriated and the 2025 Budget needs to be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the ILS Grant #14 Amendment of \$61,902.00 be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Account: A1173 430260 State Aid- Indigent Grant   \$ 61,902.00

Expense Account: A 1173 510010 Full Time Salary             \$ 17,169.93  
                          A 1173 510020 Part Time Salary                     \$ 30,000.00  
                          A 1173 540140 Contracted Services                     \$ -2,432.00  
                          A 1173 540280 Investigations                             \$ -6,336.00  
                          A 1173 540420 Office Supplies                             \$ -1,500.00

A 1173 540620 Software Expense	\$ 12,500.00
A 1173 540733 Training/All Other	\$ -850.00
A 1173 583088 Social Security Fringe	\$ 9,300.00
A 1173 584088 Workers Comp. Fringe	\$ 4,000.07
A 1173 588988 EAP Fringe	\$ 50.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds at year-end of the original \$61,902.00 be carried forward into future years until used.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 150-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES AND  
TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: The New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services has approved the distribution of funds to counties in New York for the purpose of improving the quality of representation for persons who are legally entitled to counsel but cannot afford to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: Said funds are available through a three-year agreement with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Fourth Family Defense Grant; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services intends to add an additional \$256,840.00 in 2025, \$246,580.00 in 2026, and \$246,580.00 to the Tioga County budget to reach a projected total budget of \$750,000.00; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to approve entering into a three-year agreement with NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services and adopt the total budget of \$750,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves entering into a three-year contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, subject to review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 151-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
TRIAD GROUP, LLC FOR  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan has been using the services of Triad Group, LLC (Triad) as the workers' compensation third-party administrator (TPA), professional services since June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS: The contract is for a three-year period with the option for a one-year renewal up to two years; and

WHEREAS: The three-year contract is for June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2027, at an annual cost of \$32,000, for the first, and second year. The third year's cost is \$32,500, with optional extensions for years four and five at an annual cost of

\$33,000. This is an increase of \$1,000 for the first and second year from the prior contract, and an increase of \$500 for the third year; and

WHEREAS: Triad has a dedicated in-house team of claims adjusters, nurse case managers, legal representatives, and medical bill auditors that work together to provide effective proactive management on all workers' compensation claims; and

WHEREAS: Triad communicates with all representatives of the Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan to ensure that cases are handled appropriately; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan has approximately one hundred open or reopened claims and continuing with Triad will ensure continuity of claims handling; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to contract with Triad, subject to review by the County Attorney, to continue as the third-party administrator for the Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the cost of this contract will be paid out of the Tioga County Self-Insurance Fund Account S 1710 (540140).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 152-25      *AUTHORIZE WARRANTY EXTENSION WITH  
LYNX TECHNOLOGIES FOR TWO STORAGE AREA  
NETWORK APPLIANCES*

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer has identified a need and made a recommendation to the Tioga County Legislature to extend the warranty on existing Storage Area Network hardware; and

WHEREAS: \$40,000 of American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds have been appropriated in the Tioga County 2025 Capital Budget in account H1680 520620 M7674 for use specifically as designated by the Tioga County Legislature for Access Control; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer would like to designate \$24,344.00 of those American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds for use in the purchase of a two-year extended warranty for existing NetApp Storage Area Network appliances; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature shall oversee and authorize all ARPA expenditures whether budgeted or not; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to amend the ITCS 2025 Capital Budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the following transfer of funds and amend the ITCS 2025 Capital Budget:

From: H1680 520620 M7674	Software Expense – ARPA	\$24,344.00
To: H1680 521090 M7674	Computer – ARPA	\$24,344.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: The Chief Information Officer is authorized to purchase two warranty extensions from Lynx Technologies from the following account for no more than the amount requested:

From: H1680 521090 M7674	Computer – ARPA	\$24,344.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 153-25      *AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS*

WHEREAS: A project for the East Spencer Road over South Branch Catatonk Creek (BIN 3335020) Bridge Rehabilitation (BNY22) in the Town of Spencer, County of Tioga, PIN 9755.59 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB.L.117-58 also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL); and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga will design, let, and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering/Design and Construction/Construction Support/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Tioga to pay 100% of the cost of the Construction/Construction Support/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$1,131,199 is hereby appropriated from account H5110.540004.H2303 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Tioga shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of

federal-aid, state-aid, or Bridge NY Funding awarded to the County of Tioga; and it is further

RESOLVED: That in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid, or Bridge NY funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Tioga County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the Responsible Local Official of the County of Tioga; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Tioga all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for federal-aid and/or state-aid with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's funding of the Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 154-25      *AWARD CONSTRUCTION TO  
R. DEVINCENTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR  
EAST SPENCER ROAD BRIDGE BIN 3335020*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding from NYSDOT to rehabilitate a bridge, East Spencer Road over South Branch Catatunk Creek BIN 3335020, in the Town of Spencer; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received sealed bids on March 24, 2025 and the bid results were as follows:

<b>R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>\$815,100.00</b>
Vector Construction Corporation	\$818,868.26

And

WHEREAS: McFarland Johnson Engineers have completed the review of the bids and finds the low bidder R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc. meets all the qualifications of the bid specifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes awarding the bid to R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc. for East Spencer Road Bridge BIN 3335020 not to exceed \$815,100.00 to be paid out of H5110.540004.H2303 Bridge – E Spencer Rd.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 155-25 AWARD CONSTRUCTION TO  
 R. DEVINCENTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR  
 HARNICK ROAD BRIDGE BIN 2218720

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding from NYSDOT for a bridge replacement, Harnick Road over Apalachin Creek BIN 2218720, in the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received sealed bids on March 27, 2025 and the bid results were as follows:

<b>R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,508,000.00</b>
Vector Construction Corporation	\$1,588,065.25
Economy Paving	\$1,818,818.18

And

WHEREAS: Delta Engineers have completed the review of the bids and finds the low bidder R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc. meets all the qualifications of the bid specifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes awarding the bid to R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc. for Harnick Road Bridge BIN 2218720 not to exceed \$1,508,000.00 to be paid out of H5110.540004.H2102 Non Bond Road and Bridge Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standing, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 156-25 STATE AID CASINO REVENUE  
RESERVE ALLOCATION

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 234-22 authorized the Tioga County Legislature to annually determine the designated reserve fund or funds to allocate the funds received from State Aid Casino Revenue; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County received \$1,844,425.34 in State Aid Casino Revenue in 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has agreed to fund the Capital Building Reserve-SAC with the total 2024 amount received in State Aid-Casino Revenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes an Interfund Transfer, Modification of the 2025 Budget, and the appropriation from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Operating Fund as follows:

FROM:	A9950 593715	TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUND	\$1,844,425.34
TO:	H1340 450310	INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$1,844,425.34

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the SAC Building reserve be funded with Unrestricted Capital Fund Balance as follows:

FROM:	H 390900	FB UNRESTRICTED	\$1,844,425.34
TO:	H 387810	BUILDING RESERVE-SAC	\$1,844,425.34

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 157-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: The Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has awarded the Local Government Unit (LGU) for Tioga County with dollars for the LGU to procure at its discretion based on the allowable use of funds per Settlement and Statute, funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: The funding is specifically designated for the purpose of Opioid Abatement; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County LGU has identified appropriate use of funds, the recruitment for vacant positions within Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be modified as follow as follows:

From: A269100 DR104 Deferred Revenue - Opiate	\$40,000
To: A4210 416300 ABATE Narcotic Program Charges	\$40,000
From: A4210 416300 ABATE Narcotic Program Charges	\$40,000
To: A4210 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$13,500
To: A4309 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$ 1,000
To: A4310 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$25,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Opioid Settlement Funding Statute, any unused portion of this funding be returned to the LGU to be used for other approved Opioid Abatement deliverables within Tioga County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 158-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for Mental Health Mobile Crisis specific and approved uses only; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be modified as follows:

From: A269100 DR001	Deferred Revenue	\$10,000
To: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$10,000
From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$10,000

To: A4310 540010 MOBIL Advertising \$10,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with OMH State Aid guidelines, any unused portion of this funding be returned to the deferred revenue account to be reclaimed by OMH.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 159-25 *TRANSFER RESERVE FUNDS TO PURCHASE  
UPGRADED COMPUTER HARDWARE COMPATIBLE  
WITH MICROSOFT WINDOWS 11*

WHEREAS: The County Information Technology and Communication Services Department has determined due to a recent change in supported computer processors for the current release of Microsoft Windows 11, there is a need to purchase additional computer desktop hardware to upgrade existing and unsupported hardware; and

WHEREAS: The County Information Technology and Communication Services Department has funds available in their current Capital budget to upgrade 83% of the unsupported computer desktop hardware; and

WHEREAS: An additional \$21,000 is needed to purchase 60 computer desktops at \$350 each; and

WHEREAS: The purchase will be funded utilizing Capital Hardware Reserve funds which will be allocated into account H1680 521090; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to amend or modify budget and appropriate funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following funds be transferred and the 2025 budget be modified as follows:

FROM:	H 387805	Capital Hardware Reserve	\$21,000.00
TO:	H1680 521090	Computers	\$21,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 160-25      *TRANSFER OF RESERVE FUNDS  
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY*

WHEREAS: The District Attorney's Office has a need to fund a one-year subscription for the Tioga County Sheriff's Office, Owego Police Department and Waverly Police Department for Callyo services which provide the service of undercover voice, text and multimedia communications and real-time location tracking for undercover Narcotic operations; and

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

RESOLVED: That the District Attorney's budget be modified and the following sums be transferred from within the District Attorney's budget to cover the costs of said subscription.

From: A 388901	Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$4,920.00
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To: A1165 540336 Asset Forfeiture Exp-Restricted \$4,920.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 161-25 *APPROVE PURCHASE OF RADAR EQUIPMENT AND  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff's Office has a need to replace eight Dual – 2 Antenna Radar Systems; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all purchases over \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: Stalker Radar is able to provide said radar equipment at a cost not to exceed \$19,360, which is on NY State Contract # PC70500; and

WHEREAS: There are available funds in account H31 10.521060 to cover said purchase; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM: H31 10 521060 Car/Truck \$19,360

TO: H3110520230 Radio & Equipment \$19,360

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to purchase eight Dual – 2 Antenna Radar Systems from Stalker Radar at a cost not to exceed \$19,360.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 162-25 *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150.00 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in April and May, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jewelry Classes (Dwyer)-\$250.00 for each class

May 10<sup>th</sup> Craft Making Class (Dwyer)- \$250.00 for each class

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Candy for Owego's Memorial Day Parade (ARPA)- \$300.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allow the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 163-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 277-06;  
AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 38-23;  
APPOINT ADA COORDINATOR*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 277-06 was adopted on December 12, 2006, naming the Safety Officer and the Personnel Officer to serve as the County's ADA Coordinators; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 38-23 was adopted on January 10, 2023 and amended Resolution No. 277-06 appointing Kevin Humes as the new ADA Coordinator due to the retirement of the Personnel Officer and resignation of the Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS: Doreen Holbrook was hired as the Safety Officer, per Resolution No. 98-23, effective February 27, 2023; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall amend Resolution No. 277-06, as amended by Resolution No. 38-23 and that Doreen Holbrook, Safety Officer, be and hereby is appointed as the second ADA Coordinator for Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in the event they are unable to act for any reason, the County Attorney is hereby designated to act in their stead.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 164-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS  
GARY HAMMOND*

WHEREAS: Gary Hammond served for one year as interim Commissioner of Public Works; and

WHEREAS: Resolution 106-16 appointed Gary Hammond Commissioner of Public Works for a four-year term; and

WHEREAS: Resolution 99-20 appointed Gary Hammond Commissioner of Public Works for a five-year term; and

WHEREAS: That term will expire on May 13, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the appointment of Gary Hammond, Commissioner of Public Works for a five-year term effective May 13, 2025 through May 12, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Mr. Hammond's salary for 2025 shall remain at his current annual rate.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I want to commend Mr. Hammond for the work that he does. He is very creative in how he distributes the funds he is in



WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has identified a candidate who is qualified and willing to accept the appointment for said title; and

WHEREAS: Based on Mackenzie Squair's experience and advanced degree, the Public Health Director, in coordination with the Personnel Officer, has determined that Mackenzie Squair's salary shall start above the minimum base amount; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Ms. Squair be provisionally appointed to the title of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$55,741, effective June 2, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 166-25      *AUTHORIZE SALARY ABOVE CSEA BASE FOR  
PROBATION OFFICERS*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to hire above the established CSEA salary base; and

WHEREAS: The Probation Director has identified that at the time of hire for Probation Officers Sydney Blinn and Joseph Lanzillotto both had over four years of prior relevant work experience and should have been hired at the maximum as Probation Officer 1 at that time; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Sydney Blinn and Joseph Lanzillotto are hereby granted an increase of \$1,000 each to their current salary effective April 19, 2025, the beginning of the pay period; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Sydney Blinn and Joseph Lanzillo will be eligible for an increment upon completion of their tenth year of service.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 167-25      *AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION AND  
ESTABLISH SALARY FOR PART-TIME GRANTS AND  
PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
(TREASURER'S OFFICE)*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any Management/Confidential reclassification of titles and establishment of salaries; and

WHEREAS: The County has secured a three-year Hurrell-Harring grant intended to increase legal services provided to indigent persons and to fund positions in the Assigned Counsel Office to carry out this mission; and

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Administrator has identified that the modification of position titles and establishment of salaried wages for the part-time staff in the Assigned Counsel Office is necessary; and

WHEREAS: On March 20, 2025, the Personnel Department received a New Position Duties Statement from Irene Graven, Assigned Counsel Administrator; and

WHEREAS: This resulted in the review of work currently performed by Janice Yuricek, Accounting Associate III (PT); and

WHEREAS: Due to the type of work currently assigned and the new duties identified by the New Position Duties Statement, the Personnel Officer has determined that justification exists to reclassify the position of Accounting



WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Administrator has identified that the modification of position titles and establishment of salaried wages for the part-time staff in the Assigned Counsel Office is necessary; therefore be it

WHEREAS: On March 20, 2025, the Personnel Department received a New Position Duties Statement from Irene Graven, Assigned Counsel Administrator; and

WHEREAS: This resulted in the review of work currently performed by Stephanie Carrigg, Paralegal (PT); and

WHEREAS: Due to the type of work currently assigned and the new duties identified by the New Position Duties Statement, the Personnel Officer has determined that justification exists to reclassify the position of Paralegal (PT) filled by Ms. Carrigg to Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) (PT); and

WHEREAS: The position of Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) (PT) is pending jurisdictional classification, therefore the position is competitive until approved in another jurisdictional classification; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the reclassification of the Paralegal (PT) position to Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) (PT); and that Stephanie Carrigg be appointed provisionally to Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) (PT) pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$35,000, effective April 19, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the title of Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) (PT) shall not exceed 17.5 hours per week.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 169-25      *CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY,  
FULL-TIME CLERK (SEASONAL) POSITION  
TREASURER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has a need to hire a temporary, full-time Clerk to work during the summer season to provide clerical support within the office; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer appropriately budgeted for said position in the approved 2025 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) temporary, full-time Clerk (Seasonal) position is created at the hourly rate of \$15.50 in accordance with Resolution No. 196-09, effective April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer shall be allowed to fill said position for a duration not to exceed beyond October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 170-25      *CREATE AND FILL THREE (3)  
HIGHWAY WORKER (SEASONAL) POSITIONS  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: There will be a need for the Highway Department to employ three (3) Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions for 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted money to cover expenditures of such employment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to create and fill three (3) temporary full-time Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions effective April 15, 2025 through December 1, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.77 (equivalent to CSEA Grade 7), not to exceed \$30,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 171-25      *APPOINTMENT OF REPUBLICAN ELECTION CLERK PT*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to any position not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or part of the Management/Confidential listing; and

WHEREAS: The position of Republican Election Clerk PT has been vacant since March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A request to backfill the vacancy was approved on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Republican Election Commissioner has selected a candidate to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Kristy Whatley shall be appointed as the Republican Election Clerk PT, effective April 21, 2025 at the rate of \$19.22/hr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 172-25 ABOLISH POSITIONS OF DRIVER PT  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any abolishment of any position not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or part of the Management/Confidential listing; and

WHEREAS: Two positions for Driver PT were approved by the County Legislature to be added to the Board of Elections authorized part-time headcount and were filled on May 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS: One Driver PT position has been vacant since December 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Driver PT positions are challenging to fill due to the very limited number of days per year; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has agreed to provide staff for voting machine transportation in exchange for reimbursement based on the average Buildings & Grounds salary plus fringe; and

WHEREAS: The Election Commissioners have decided to abolish both Driver PT positions; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the two positions for Driver PT be abolished and the Board of Elections authorized part-time headcount be decreased from 240 to 238, effective April 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth four (4) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Bunce. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 173-25      *EXECUTE DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110 C BABCOCK ROAD, NICHOLS, NEW YORK FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County intends to build a telecommunications tower at 110 C Babcock Road, in the Town of Nichols; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County intends to permit, construct, operate and maintain telecommunication facilities on a portion of property leased by Tioga County, more particularly identified hereto, and commonly known as 110 C Babcock Road, Town of Nichols, NY 13812 (Tax Parcel ID Number 16.00-1-31.12), the parcel being located within the Town of Nichols, New York; and

WHEREAS: In order to receive the building permit from the Town of Nichols, Tioga County must enter into a decommissioning agreement with the Town of Nichols to ensure that upon decommissioning the tower the land upon which it is built is returned to a state similar to its pre-construction condition; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a decommissioning agreement with the Town of Nichols for the property located at 110 C Babcock Road, Nichols, New York, which agreement shall commence based on the date of the fully executed Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 174-25      *APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH  
TRUE VIEW SECURITY SOLUTIONS  
FOR MOBILE DENTAL - PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislature approval is required for contracts exceeding \$10,000;  
and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 124-25 appropriated funds for improved safety on the Mobile Dental Van, which Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been working on an upgraded safety plan for over the last 10 months; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has worked with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office and ITCS department in reviewing needs and vendor quotes to meet the safety needs of the Mobile Dental unit to protect staff, clients and the physical unit itself; and

WHEREAS: True View Security Solutions has been selected from the vendors for pricing, warranty and ability to complete the project within availability of time constraints; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be authorized to sign the agreement with True View Security Solutions to provide the security equipment and installation at an amount of \$19,520.20.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I just want to make one comment about the dental van. This is a program that is very useful especially in some of the rural portions of the County. I think that Public Health handles it very well, so I am grateful for that."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 175-25 APPOINT ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: Due to the announced resignation of Assistant Public Defender James A. Davis effective April 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has recruited and identified a satisfactory candidate to fill the position; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Michael L. Arcesi has approximately 25 years of extensive relevant legal experience in every stage of representation of indigent criminal defendants and is well qualified; and

WHEREAS: Extraordinary circumstances exist which justify the authorization of a salary increase of \$6,000 above that presently paid to the resigning employee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to appoint Michael L. Arcesi to the title of Assistant Public Defender, effective May 19, 2025, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$95,677.00; and it is further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Mr. Arcesi shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if Mr. Arcesi fails to pass the County mandated criminal background check.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 176-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The position of Director of Veterans' Service Agency was vacated on January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and after interviewing a number of candidates, the committee has identified a qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature appoints Dennis Mullen to the position of Director of Veterans' Service Agency at an annual salary of \$56,740 effective May 3, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Mr. Mullen shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if Dennis Mullen fails to pass the County mandated background check.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

*Second Special Meeting*  
*April 24, 2025*

The Second Special Meeting of 2025 was held on April 24, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 a.m. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Flesher being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Roberts to have a moment of prayer. "Dear Lord, we thank you for this day. We ask that you give us wisdom as we make decisions today that affect all our residents."

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

There were 10 people in attendance.

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

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 177-25	<i>FILL AND FUND VACANT PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION SHERIFF'S OFFICE</i>

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for funding of all positions; and

WHEREAS: One part-time Deputy Sheriff position has been listed as unfunded since August 2012; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff has reviewed staffing needs and has determined that this unfunded Deputy Sheriff position is needed to meet the demands of the Civil Division; and

WHEREAS: There are funds available to fund said position in account A3110.510020 Part Time Salaries; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes filling and funding the vacant part-time Deputy Sheriff position effective April 28, 2025.

Undersheriff Hallett spoke. "The short version of this resolution is that we have a position that ended up as an unfunded position. It is a part-time position in the Civil Division serving civil papers, collections, and working the window at times. We have one part-time position currently and we have the second position we would like to fill. Right now, when the part-time employee runs out of hours, we

end up using overtime with fringe for approximately \$75.00/hr. and a part-time position is \$20.00/hr. with no benefits. It is a huge savings to the County. Brian Henry recently retired and he indicated he would like to be hired in this civil position, as a part-time employee. The reason it came up as a special meeting today instead of waiting until next month's regular meeting is that he needs to attend the civil school that starts on Monday, April 28, 2025. As part of accreditation, within his first six to twelve months he would need civil certification."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Mullen.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

*Fifth Regular Meeting*  
May 13, 2025

The Fifth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on May 13, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked to have a moment of prayer.  
“Lord, God, we thank you for the blessing that we live in a free country and that we live in Tioga County. We thank you for this group of Legislators that are here leading our County, making decisions on behalf of the constituents. We just pray for your grace, wisdom, guidance, and knowledge to fill us so we will know how to make good decisions for all the different situations that cross our path.”

Chair Sauerbrey led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 10 people in attendance.

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

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

Legislator Standingger read and presented the following resolution to Dennis M. Mullen, former District #5 Legislator.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 178-25      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
DENNIS M. MULLEN'S 9 YEARS OF  
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE*

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen was appointed to the position of Tioga County District #5 Legislator on February 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen was elected on November 8, 2016 to serve the unexpired term of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen was re-elected to serve a new term effective January 1, 2019 and was successfully re-elected every term thereafter, including his current term expiring December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of his Legislative career, Dennis M. Mullen has served as Chairman of several Legislative Standing Committees overseeing numerous departments with his longest running term as Chair of Public Safety for seven years from 2016-2022. Dennis served as the Chair of Administrative Services from 2023-2024 and in January 2025 was appointed to serve as Chair of Personnel. Additionally, Dennis has served on the following Legislative Standing Committees: Health and Human Services, Economic Development & Planning, Finance, Legal & Safety, and Information Technology & Communication Services; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his tenure as a Tioga County Legislator, Dennis M. Mullen has honorably served the people of Tioga County representing District #5 through good governance, leadership, and fiduciary responsibility; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen has served with a total of 15 Legislators with whom they shared a mutual professional respect; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen has contributed to numerous Legislative efforts over the past nine years and was a strong advocate for several County projects; most notably the Waverly Glen Park, new Waverly Mental Hygiene Clinic, and the Radio Tower Communications project that is currently underway; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen has been extremely dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities over the past nine years to the Tioga County Legislature. He has earned the respect of his fellow Legislators, Tioga County officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS: Dennis M. Mullen resigned from his position as Tioga County District #5 Legislator on May 2, 2025 to accept his new role as the Tioga County Director of Veterans' Service Agency effective May 3, 2025 where he will continue his public service to Tioga County; 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 Dennis M. Mullen for his nine years of public service, leadership, and commitment 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 Legislator, Dennis M. Mullen.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I think I was the only Veteran on the Legislature and then you came along and there were two of us. Now, you are gone, and I think I am the only Veteran now. Dennis, I just want to say I enjoyed our time together. It was much better than the State Police where we had to butt heads on occasion."

Dennis Mullen spoke. "First off, thank you very much for this opportunity. I hope I meet the expectations. I want to thank Grace and Sue for putting up with my lack of knowledge for the job and being patient with me on some things. I do appreciate that. I do want to express my thanks to Mike Middaugh for the job that he did as Director of Veterans' Service Agency. We have a Veterans' Service Agency that this County can be proud of. I do not think that was the case in 2016, but it certainly is now and that goes to the people that work here, Mike's leadership, and Grace and Sue for the effort they put in for the Veterans.

"My time as a Legislator, it was hard to say good-bye. It is hard to say good-bye to people you have been with for nine years and some that have passed away. Our good friend, Dale Weston, was a wonderful human being. I think about Dale every day and I miss him. Eddie Hollenbeck, I mean there was nobody that represented and loved Newark Valley like Eddie Hollenbeck and he is dearly missed. But mostly, I want to say thank you for this opportunity. I will not let you down. I know you are going to get a very qualified individual to replace me on the Legislature and that is a good thing. I will tell you that it was not always easy, but I know that you always respected my opinions about things, and I appreciate that from the bottom of my heart.

"I want to say publicly in a public meeting how much I appreciate what Cathy Haskell has done over my last nine years. You are a blessing not only to this Legislature, but to this County. You have done a fantastic job for us and kept us out of trouble, and I really appreciate your patience, kindness, and dedication to your job. It is uncommon in this world, so thank you.

"I want to say thank you especially to Marte Sauerbrey. You have been the Chair of the Legislature since I became a Legislator, and I do remember some tough times during Covid and some hard decisions that had to be made. Nobody asked me to do it, and I did not talk to anybody else, but I know Marte was putting in 50-60 hours a week or more during that timeframe and we were not compensating her properly. On my own, I asked the Legislature to consider that, and they did. I appreciate all those Legislators present that knew how hard Marte has worked for this County. She will be getting her resolution and plaque probably in January or February of 2026 and whoever dares to take on her role will have huge shoes to fill. I know you love this county, and I know I haven't always made you happy, but I know you always cared about what we were doing and the people here and that is all that really matters.

"I want to thank Bill Standinger for being my teacher, my guide in these processes and keeping my Irish under control sometimes. I can get my Irish up.

"I want to thank Tracy Monell for letting me talk this long without telling me to shut up because I know that he wants me to.

"I want to thank my family. I want to thank my wife, Kathy. She is an amazing human being, and she puts up with a lot. She cares for our special needs son who is a challenge, and she does it with grace and dignity every day, allowing me to do these types of things. She cannot be here today because we have some issues with our son, but I want her to know that she is always in my heart.

"I want to thank God Almighty that I live in this country and this beautiful area we live in.

"I want to thank all the Legislators for the time and effort that goes into doing this job. People think that it is a part-time job. It is not. You can make it as much as you want out of it. The people sitting around this table, I have seen their dedication, I have seen their struggle to do the right thing, and I can tell you the eight people that I have had the pleasure of working with have always put the people of Tioga County first. It's been what is best for the people in Tioga County and that is fantastic governance that you all should be proud of, and I would hope that you would continue in that vein. Thank you very much."

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have three Proclamations: **American Stroke Month in Tioga County** that will be read by Legislator Standing and presented to Public Health Educator Kristin Russell, and **Foster Care Awareness Month** and **Mental Health Awareness Month & Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** that will be noted in the minutes.

Legislator Standing spoke. "Before I read this proclamation, I just want to make the statement that thankfully someone I know knew what to do when I was having a stroke sixteen years ago. Sixteen years ago, to this date and time, I was sitting in ICU at Albany Medical and I was wondering what had happened to me. I am glad to be here and be able to read this proclamation again. That was a mission when I first became a Legislator to make sure that we recognize Stroke Month to prevent anybody from going through what I did."

#### **COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In Tioga County stroke has a mortality rate of 31.6 per 100,000 population according to data from 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes are leading causes of stroke and one in three Americans has at least one of these conditions or habits; and

WHEREAS: Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS: Ninety-three percent of Americans recognized that sudden numbness on one side is a symptom of stroke, but only 38% were aware of all major symptoms and knew to call 9-1-1 when someone was having a stroke; and

WHEREAS: Patients who arrive at the emergency room within 3 hours of their first symptoms often have less disability 3 months after a stroke than those who received delayed care; and

WHEREAS: New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as:

**AMERICAN STROKE MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

and urges all the citizens of our County to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on the first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Since I have read this, I will say that when I had mine, I had no idea what was happening. I had no idea that I was having a stroke and fortunately I was able to call someone who came and recognized it. The fact that I am here today is due to the grace of God and the medical attention I received quickly. Although I am 67 years old now and I have a lot of health issues that are unrelated to that, I am just glad that I am here and that someone recognized I was having a problem."

Public Health Educator, Kristin Russell spoke. "Thank you, Legislator Standinger. I am sure we are all grateful that you are here today because someone recognized the symptoms of stroke. Just a quick thank you to the rest of the Legislature on acknowledging this very important month."

**FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION**

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WHEREAS: The Tioga County foster family serves as a source of safety, love, self-esteem, and support for children in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: There are 56 children in foster care in Tioga County, 45 of these children are in foster homes, with 14 being in relative foster home placements; and

WHEREAS: We have 18 certified foster homes in Tioga County with 6 of them being approved relative homes; and

WHEREAS: Numerous public and private agencies work to increase the public's awareness of the needs of children in foster care, and the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize all those who volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, the foster parents who serve these children and the professional staff dedicated to ensuring these children have a stable and safe foster family environment; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE hereby proclaims May 2025, as

**FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to recognize foster parents in Tioga County.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

***Mental Health Awareness Month & Children's Mental Health Awareness Week***

WHEREAS: The citizens of Tioga County value the overall health and well-being of all the residents of Tioga County they are proud to support the observance of Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Week; and

WHEREAS: Mental Health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Mental illness is the leading illness-related cause of disability, a major cause of death through suicide, a factor in school failure, a contributor of poor overall health, incarceration, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Mental illness in adults and serious emotional and mental health disorders in children and youth are real and treatable; and

WHEREAS: There is evidence that early intervention, family-centered care for children, and person-centered treatment for adults can result in reduction and management of symptoms such that individuals with mental illness can live full, productive, and meaningful lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Children and youth with mental health challenges, along with their families, deserve access to services and supports that are family driven, youth guided and culturally appropriate; and

WHEREAS: There is an expectation of hope, healing, and recovery for the citizens of Tioga County who experience symptoms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has made a commitment to a community-based system of care that promotes values of acceptance, dignity, and social inclusion for individuals of all ages; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby ask all residents of our county to join in declaring May 2025 as *Mental Health Awareness Month* and May 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as *Children's Mental Health Awareness Week* in Tioga County.

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15 and 24, 2025 seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.

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

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 179-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
 TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: The Village of Waverly position on the Tioga County Planning Board has been vacant for almost two and a half years; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Waverly Board of Trustees has found Kasey Traub willing and able to serve in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Kasey Traub to the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Village of Waverly for a term of 5/13/25 – 12/31/27.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO: 180-25 MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

RESOLVED: That the mortgage tax report for the period October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 be and it hereby is accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the Supervisors of the several Towns and the Treasurers of the several Villages the amounts apportioned to them as follows:

Barton (Town)	\$ 27,989.39
Berkshire (Town)	4120.74
Candor (Town)	19,837.92
Candor (Village)	1,578.54
Newark Valley (Town)	10,732.37
Newark Valley (Village)	1,820.33
Nichols (Town)	7,033.87
Owego (Town)	213,114.44
Owego (Village)	17,644.05
Richford (Town)	3,396.70
Spencer (Town)	8,383.25
Spencer (Village)	2,876.60
Tioga (Town)	10,229.23
Waverly (Village)	<u>14,246.48</u>
	\$343,003.91

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 181-25 *AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF OWEGO TO DONALD LYNCH AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH CAFFERTY*

WHEREAS: Property located in the Town of Owego transferred to Tioga County, identified as Tax Map number 175.00-1-50, parcel number 4909, which has been acquired for the 2022 delinquent taxes and is past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: Kenneth Cafferty, owner of 88 Hall Road, Owego, NY 13827, passed away on January 18, 2024, intestate, leaving his nephews and nieces as heirs. Mr. Cafferty's nephew, Donald Lynch, has been appointed administrator of his estate; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by the heirs of the Estate of Kenneth Cafferty, who has made an offer to purchase the property for the delinquent taxes "as is", thereby keeping the property in the family; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$7,128.37 and recording costs of \$195.00, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property transferred to Tioga County, located in the, Town of Owego, identified on the Town of Owego Tax Map as number 175.00-1-50 parcel number 4909 to Donald Lynch as administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Cafferty or assigns.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 182-25

*AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services posted a Request for Proposals for an In-Home Parent Education Program; and

WHEREAS: The Department received two bids from the following Agencies, Children's Home of Wyoming Conference and Together for Youth; and

WHEREAS: The lowest responsible bidder was Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, at \$55,000; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to contract for June 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$55,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, for In-Home Parent Education Services for the period June 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 183-25      *AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislature approval is required for contracts exceeding \$10,000 and requiring signature of the Chair of the Legislature or County Administrator; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 175-22 authorized the Transportation Services contract with Serafini Transportation Corp. and Tioga County Public Health (TCPH); and

WHEREAS: TCPH and Serafini Transportation Corp. have agreed to extend the contract for an additional three years as Serafini Transportation Corp. has been the sole bidder for years and has successfully managed this challenging to coordinate program; and

WHEREAS: TCPH and Serafini Transportation Corp. have agreed to continue the cost-basis amounts of the current contract with an annual adjustment at the rate of the Consumer Price Index as established by the Federal government each March; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature recognizes Serafini Transportation Corp. as the sole source of Transportation Services to the Preschool Handicapped Children's Program available to Tioga County and authorizes the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature or the County Administrator to sign the three-year extension agreement with Serafini Transportation Corp. for the provision of Transportation Services to Preschool Special Education Children at current contract rate plus an adjustment reflecting the twelve month change in the

Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) Transportation Services as reported for of March of that year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 184-25 AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has identified a grant opportunity to provide funding toward their Traffic Safety Car Seat Program; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval for grant applications; and

WHEREAS: TCPH seeks approval from Tioga County Legislature to apply for the grant offered by Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation; and

WHEREAS: The amount of the grant funding is not yet determined, yet has a maximum award amount of \$2,500; and

WHEREAS: There will be no additional County cost for the grant (i.e. cash match) if awarded; and

WHEREAS: If awarded the grant, TCPH will submit a resolution to amend budget and appropriate the funds at that time; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports TCPH in pursuing funding to provide this program to Tioga County residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Public Health is authorized to submit a grant application to Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation for up to \$2,500.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 185-25

*AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF  
2026 PTS (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES)  
GRANT APPLICATION*

WHEREAS: The NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Council has announced a 2026 PTS (Police Traffic Services) grant; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval before any such grant applications are submitted; and

WHEREAS: The application deadline for this grant was May 1, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office be given permission, after the fact, to submit the appropriate grant application for the purpose of securing this funding and authorize the Chair of the Legislature to sign such application.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 186-25 *AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF STATEWIDE  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMBINED  
2024-2025 TARGETED GRANT APPLICATION  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has issued a Statewide Interoperable Communications Combined 2024-2025 Targeted Grant. The grant will be used for the maintenance and upgrading of the radio communications in the county and no local share is associated with said grant; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires that permission be obtained prior to submitting said application; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Office of Emergency Services be authorized to submit the Statewide Interoperable Communications Combined 2024-2025 Targeted Grant application and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 187-25 *APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED BY ED&P STAFF*

WHEREAS: A resolution is required by County policy to disclose matching cash and or in-kind contributions from the County for grant applications written for the County and/or by the County on behalf of a municipality or entity; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning staff provided technical assistance for the following:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Village of Owego	OPRHP Municipal Parks & Recreation (MPR) Grant Program	\$777,330.00	Improvements to Marvin Park, Hyde Park, Woodlawn Park & Courthouse Square Park

And

WHEREAS: There is no further obligation by the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the technical assistance provided as noted above.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 188-25 *AUTHORIZE TANDEM TRUCK DOWN PAYMENT*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works budgeted for 4 Tandem Trucks; and

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 272-24 and 117-25 awarded the bid to Burr Truck and Trailer Sales, Inc. for the 4 Tandem Trucks; and

WHEREAS: Burr Truck and Trailer Sales, Inc. has 1 Tandem Truck in stock that is pending installation of additional items; and

WHEREAS: Burr Truck and Trailer Sales, Inc. has requested a down payment for the 1 Tandem Truck in the amount of \$165,560.20; and

WHEREAS: Burr Truck and Trailer Sales, Inc. will be requesting a down payment for the remaining 3 Tandem Trucks in the amount of \$165,560.20 each when each one is done pending installation of additional items; and

WHEREAS: A down payment requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes a down payment in the amount of \$165,560.20 to be paid out of Account H5130.521908; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the down payments for the remaining 3 Tandem Trucks in the amount of \$165,560.20 each as they become available to be paid out of Account H5130.521908.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 189-25      *APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR  
56 MAIN STREET SOUTH WING HVAC  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: The award for 56 Main Street South Wing HVAC was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 206-24; and

WHEREAS: A change order was submitted due to additional work that was unforeseen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for this change order not to exceed \$5,978.25 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 – Renovations 56 Main St





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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 192-25 *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds between object of expenses; and

WHEREAS: Monies need to be transferred to cover the cost of accessories for the Prime Mover; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM:

A3360.540140.SHS23	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$12,000
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TO:

A3360.520130.SHS23	EQUIPMENT (NOT CAR)	\$12,000
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 193-25 *TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY*

WHEREAS: The District Attorney's Office has a need to fund Tioga County Probation for electronic monitoring devices and services for defendants using the Discovery Grant; and

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

RESOLVED: That the District Attorney's budget be modified and the following sums be transferred from within the District Attorney's budget to Probation's budget to cover the costs of said subscription.

From: A1165 430891 State Aid Grant-Discovery Reform	\$8,000.00
To: A3142 540140 Contracting Services	\$8,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 194-25	<i>AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS HARNICK ROAD BRIDGE PUBLIC WORKS</i>
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WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation consisting of Federal and non-Federal funds for a project, Harnick Road over Apalachin Creek PIN 9754.90; and

WHEREAS: Bids were received for the subject bridge replacement construction and the budgeted amount is insufficient; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments and Transfers require Legislative approval; therefore be it



No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 196-25      *RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS FOR  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, 465-24, and 37-25 established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby establishes the following as the standard workday for the titles below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

**Five-day work week, seven-hour day:**

Grants and Projects Administrative Assistant PT

Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) PT

Public Health Project Coordinator

Public Health Educator (Seasonal)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

*Third Special Meeting  
May 22, 2025*

The Third Special Meeting of 2025 was held on May 22, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 10:14 a.m. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Roberts being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked to have a moment of prayer.  
“Lord, thank you for the blessings we have for the freedom of free speech and being able to vote for those people that we care about and believe in. I ask for the Lord’s guidance as we make decisions on behalf of all the people in Tioga County. Thank you for hanging with us all these years.”

Chair Sauerbrey led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 7 people in attendance.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 197-25      *PREORDER HVAC EQUIPMENT FROM  
SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER OF LG EQUIPMENT IN  
SUPPORT OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT THE  
RONALD E. DOUGHERTY COUNTY OFFICE  
BUILDING*

WHEREAS: The Public Works Committee budgeted for this project; and

WHEREAS: On January 1, 2025, HVAC equipment using R410A refrigerant was no longer allowed to be imported into the country; and

WHEREAS: All the existing newly installed equipment in the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building operates using R410A refrigerant; and

WHEREAS: There is a high likelihood that the remaining supply of R410A equipment will not be available after the cooling season of 2025; and

WHEREAS: On May 15, 2025, the Department of Public Works received a quote to order HVAC equipment scheduled to be phased out of production from Meier Supply, Inc., who is a sole source supplier for Central NY of LG HVAC equipment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the equipment for the quoted price of \$241,541.00 from Meier Supply, Inc. to be paid out of the Renovations 56 Main St. account H1620.520911.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

*Sixth Regular Meeting*  
June 10, 2025

The Sixth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on June 10, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Patricia Zorn who passed away on May 10, 2025. Mrs. Zorn retired as a Motor Vehicle Examiner in the Department of Motor of Vehicles in 2016 with 36 years of service to Tioga County.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Standinger to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, we thank you that we are blessed to live in a free republic and we pray for unity amongst the citizens of this country. We also pray for guidance as we conduct the business of the county."

Chair Sauerbrey led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 53 people in attendance.

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

Chair Sauerbrey reported the following recognition resolution will be noted in the minutes and Mrs. Cushman will be provided with a certified copy following today's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-25

*RECOGNITION OF BARBARA CUSHMAN'S  
23 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Barbara Cushman began her career with Tioga County on February 4, 2002 as an Account Clerk Typist for the Department of Public Works. In June 2016, Mrs. Cushman was promoted to Secretary to the Commissioner of Public Works, the position she still holds; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Cushman has held many roles in Public Works, including contract administration, financial data analysis, and supervision over the agency's supplies and equipment. She was also elected Secretary-Treasurer for the Tioga County Highway

Superintendent Association which oversees and coordinates the programs and events for all the Highway Superintendents in the County; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Cushman has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities in Public Works. She has earned the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County and New York State; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Cushman will retire on June 17, 2025; 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 Barbara Cushman for her 23 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, Barbara Cushman.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "We will miss her. She was a great employee, and we appreciate her and wish her the very best in her retirement."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Flesher read and presented the following resolution to John Cornwell, Investigator, Sheriff's Office.

Legislator Flesher spoke. "We all know law enforcement is one of the most important jobs that our community has and one of the most strenuous. So, when you put your years in, you deserve to have a good retirement."

RESOLUTION NO. 199-25

*RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
JOHN CORNWELL'S NEARLY 11 YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: John Cornwell was appointed as a Deputy Sheriff on July 1, 2014; then promoted to his current position of Investigator on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS: John Cornwell has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of his duties and responsibilities during the nearly 11 years of service to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of his colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: John Cornwell retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on May 30, 2025; 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 John Cornwell for nearly 11 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, John Cornwell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Howard spoke. "I just want to highlight something that John did that really struck home for me as I had a similar case some years ago. We had a man who was reported missing from Apalachin, NY back in January 2004. After some interviews, it was found that he may have gone to New York City. After a while, the case went cold, and it became one of our cold cases. One day, John said he was going to look through some of the cold cases and he pulled out this case and started to work on it even though it is quite old. Through John's diligence, he called down to the New York City Police Department and ended up talking with the New York City Medical Examiner's office and they had an unidentified body. He did a bunch of subpoenas to get records, including banks, to try and track this missing person. He did a lot of work on this case and after a month or so he made some good contacts and found that there was an unidentified body being held. Come to find out, the body was found in May 2004, just four months after he was reported missing, but it took 17 years to put everything together. He got dental records, and they matched, and they identified the missing person. It closed our case, closed a bunch of New York City Police Department cases, but mostly what it did was it gave the family closure, and they were very appreciative of all the work he did. I just want to highlight that one case that John did in the years that he was with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). He will be

missed. He was a good part of the team, and it is going to be hard to find a replacement of his caliber. Thank you.”

John Cornwell spoke. “I want to say thank you to everybody here in Tioga County. From the get-go, I was always 100% in and I would probably still be working if it weren't for health reasons. Thank you.”

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have two Proclamations: **Safe Graduation Celebration Month** that will be read by Legislator Standinger and presented to Public Health Project Coordinator, Kylie Holoachak, and **Elder Abuse Awareness Month** that will be noted in the minutes.

Legislator Standinger spoke. “I want to say that graduation time is a time of joy but unfortunately sometimes people get out of character and do crazy things and that results in bad things.”

#### **COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Graduation is a significant milestone in the lives of high school seniors, marking years of academic effort, personal growth, and achievement; and

WHEREAS: This season of celebration brings together students, families, educators, and communities to honor the accomplishments of our youth; and

WHEREAS: Celebrations that include alcohol or other substances can lead to dangerous and sometimes tragic outcomes, particularly for underage individuals; and

WHEREAS: Underage drinking and cannabis use is illegal and poses serious risks to the health, safety, and well-being of our youth, including impaired judgement, accidents, and potentially legal consequences; and

WHEREAS: Parents, caregivers, community organizations, and law enforcement play vital roles in encouraging safe and healthy choices among youth; and

WHEREAS: By working together to promote substance-free celebrations, we can help ensure graduation season is remembered with joy, pride, and safety; and

WHEREAS: We recognize and commend the efforts of students who choose to celebrate responsibly and of families and communities that support their success through positive guidance and supervision; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as:

### **Safe Graduation Celebration Month**

and urges all the citizens of our County to support and promote healthy, alcohol and substance free graduation celebrations, and to join together in preventing underage drinking and to ensure the safety of our youth during this special time.

Kylie Holochak, Public Health Project Coordinator and Project Director for the Tioga County Advocacy Support and Prevention Coalition spoke. "First, thank you for your support and proclaiming this month as Safe Graduation Celebration Month. In a 2023 survey to Tioga County youth, 32% of students surveyed reported lifetime alcohol use. In the same survey, 1 in 4 high school seniors reported using alcohol in the last 30 days and almost 10% reported binge drinking in the last two weeks. Of the students that reported alcohol use, almost 50% of those students reported that they got alcohol at home with their parent's permission, which is very alarming. This month is not just geared toward our youth. We want to remind parents, caregivers, family members, and those over the age of twenty-one that they should not be supplying alcohol to minors. It is illegal, unsafe, and irresponsible. Through our recent campaign, 'Be a Parent, not a Bartender', and by proclaiming June as Safe Graduation Celebration Month, we hope to raise awareness around preventing underage drinking and decreasing youth alcohol use. Thank you again for your support."

### **COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Tioga County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: These residents are vital and integral members of our society, and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS: The health and well-being of disabled and elderly people in our county should be one of our highest priorities and of concern to all Americans; and

WHEREAS: People who are elderly or have disabilities are among the most important resources of our county, and it is fitting that we recognize the need to protect their health, safety, and rights; and

WHEREAS: Abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a widespread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS: Elder abuse is underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS: Elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS: Many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in New York involve self-neglect or financial exploitation and it is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 to be

### **Elder Abuse Awareness Month**

in Tioga County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have two people for privilege of the floor.

Marita Florini, Dr. of Nursing Practice, Town of Newark Valley resident spoke. "I thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am here today as a concerned resident of Tioga County. I am a retired Nurse Practitioner, and I have to tell you one of the most difficult conversations I remember having in my internal medicine practice was with patients who did not have health insurance. Patients who clearly told me that they had to pick and choose what they could afford regarding medications, tests, etc. and often went without care because of the lack of insurance.

"Ladies and gentlemen, what you have before you is a draft resolution that highlights the concerns, we in Tioga County have with the Budget Reconciliation Bill as it is now in the Legislature. If adopted as written, it will create an extremely difficult situation for our communities. Not only will property taxes likely have to increase to support Medicaid and similar programs, but working families will have greater costs related to their own health care and food requirements. This Bill severely impacts middle America and those Americans with limited incomes. Our communities have an opportunity to speak as one no matter what circumstances in life. Those of us here today ask that you review, adopt, and present this resolution that firmly and clearly states the hardships this Budget Reconciliation Bill will cause the Southern Tier. Our specific request is that you review this draft resolution at the appropriate workgroups

and that we all come back together in July with a decision that will forward this resolution to our Senators, Congressmen, the community, and the media. Thank you for your time. Thank you for the opportunity to work together on this endeavor.”

Sister Mary O'Brien, Village of Owego resident spoke. “Thank you for your time today. I appreciate it very much. I would like to speak about the Bill that is before the Senate that has been passed by the House 215-214 and my deep concern about it.

“Roughly 80% of the residents whom we serve here at Tioga County Rural Ministry have Medicaid and without it they would have no health insurance, no transportation to medical appointments for themselves and their children. I have been serving on the Commissioner’s Advisory Committee now for thirteen years. During that time, Commissioner Shawn Yetter, has told us year after year that there is next to no fraud or abuse in our county.

“Post-Covid, as food and fuel prices rose, we at Tioga County Rural Ministry decided to welcome anyone in the county to our food pantry and encouraged them to come as often as they needed. They do not abuse this privilege. As many of you know, our two signature programs are the food pantry and financial assistance. Last year, the number of people visiting our pantry increased by 38%. In the first five months of this year, we are seeing an average of 60 more visits each month. Feeding America tells us that for every meal that a food bank can provide, SNAP (the most successful anti-hunger program) provides nine meals. Think about the potential cuts to SNAP and what that will mean for our families.

“Since 2024, we have been witnessing an anomaly at Tioga County Rural Ministry. In my history, the highest number of full-time employed financial aid requestors that we have ever seen in a given year was 76. We always lauded ourselves that we could say people were working part-time, some full-time. We were very proud of the number 76. In 2024, that number jumped to 195 full-time employed people seeking financial aid.

“Our financial assistance requests have skyrocketed. In the past, a typical heavy month would be 28 requests for financial aid. Last month, there were 49 requests and 28 of these 49 requests were new families who have never been to us before and 30 of the 49 requests were full-time employed. The previous month was 48 financial aid requestors, of which 22 were new to us and 24 were full-time employed. I think these statistics are jaw-dropping. This was all before May 1, 2025 when NYSEG had a 40% rate increase. We haven't seen this impact yet.

“The Bill currently before the Senate, if passed “as is”, will devastate the most vulnerable members among us. These are our friends and neighbors. FDR in his wisdom back in 1937 proclaimed ‘the test of our progress is not whether we add more to the



WHEREAS: The Legislature has found and determined that a qualified resident-electror residing in the Village of Waverly shall be appointed to discharge the duties of District 5 Legislator until December 31, 2025 with the understanding that continued service is contingent upon the results of the November 4, 2025 general election; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Andrew F. Aronstam is hereby appointed District 5 Legislator effective June 10, 2025 to discharge the duties of District 5 Legislator until December 31, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “We will swear Mr. Aronstam in at the end of this meeting. Congratulations.”

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 201-25      *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
BROOME-TIOGA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD*

WHEREAS: Robert Messler, representing the Private Sector, has resigned from the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board effective 12/31/24; and

WHEREAS: Carol Beckwith Strong has expressed her desire to serve on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board and fill the remainder of the vacant three-year term; and

WHEREAS: The Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board has found Carol Beckwith Strong willing and able to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Carol Beckwith Strong to fill the remainder of the vacant three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board June 10, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 202-25 OMITTED TAX  
TIOGA COUNTY  
TOWN OF BARTON  
BARTON FIRE DISTRICT  
VILLAGE OF WAVERLY

WHEREAS: Parcel 166.11-1-55 located at 32 Lyman Avenue in the Village of Waverly was acquired by the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) in July of 2023 and was moved to the wholly exempt section of the assessment roll at that time; and

WHEREAS: This parcel was acquired from the Land Bank by Southern Tier Enterprise Group, Inc in October of 2024 and should have been moved back to the taxable section of the assessment roll at that time but was not; and

WHEREAS: Due to this error a 2025 Town & County tax bill should have been generated for the parcel but was not; and

WHEREAS: Due to this error a 2025 Village tax bill was issued but with only a water relevy and without a Village tax line; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of an error in essential fact per RPTL 550 paragraph 3 (e); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That an omitted tax be levied on this parcel on the 2026 Town & County tax bill as follows:

County tax:	\$926.06
Town tax:	\$225.27
Fire tax:	\$99.65
 Total tax:	 \$1,250.98

And be it further

RESOLVED: That an omitted tax be levied on this parcel on the 2026 Village tax bill for the amount of \$1,372.70.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 203-25	<i>EXECUTE LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT PROSPECT ROAD, WAVERLY, NEW YORK TO MAINTAIN AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT</i>
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WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to lease a portion of property, in connection with an existing easement, to construct, use, expand and maintain an access road for the Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: Motorola Solutions, as part of the installation and upgrade of the Emergency Services Communication Network, has approved the use of Prospect Tower located at 494 Prospect Hill Road, Waverly, New York for the installation of upgrades to this communication tower; and

WHEREAS: The owners of the property, Leon and Cynthia Stevens, agreed to lease a portion of the property to Tioga County for an access road; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a lease with Leon and Cynthia Stevens for the lease and easement of property located at Prospect Road, Waverly, New York which lease shall commence based on the date of the fully executed Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 204-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF TOMPKINS/TIOGA COUNTIES  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties to coordinate a project within the Spencer and Newark Valley school districts that addresses specific cultural and behavioral issues among middle and high school aged children, particularly those who are considered to be “at risk”; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$126,440; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$126,440 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 205-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF TOMPKINS/TIOGA COUNTIES  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties to provide emergency and diversion services to needy families of Tioga County at its Tioga Outreach Center; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$92,469; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$92,469 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 206-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
TIOGA OPPORTUNITIES, INC  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Tioga Opportunities, Inc. for the provision of Intensive Case Management Services for the Disabled Population on Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$40,522; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Tioga Opportunities, Inc. for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$40,522 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 207-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
TOGETHER FOR YOUTH  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Together for Youth to provide alternatives to foster care and early intervention to serve parents and children of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$134,600; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Together for Youth for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$134,600 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 208-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH BROOME COUNTY  
TIOGA CAREER CENTER*

WHEREAS: The Tioga Career Center receives its annual funding from Broome County as a subgrantee of federal funds; and

WHEREAS: An annual agreement between Broome County and Tioga County must be in place for Tioga County to receive this funding; and

WHEREAS: Broome County has approved Tioga County's submitted budget for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 209-25      *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH  
PYRAMID BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR  
CYBER SECURITY AS A SERVICE (CSaaS)*

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer and the Deputy Director of ITCS have completed a search for qualified organizations to provide cyber security services; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer and the Deputy Director of ITCS are recommending an agreement with Pyramid Business Systems to provide the following cyber security services to the County (24x365 Firewall maintenance and monitoring with Next Business Day Response, up to four hours per month); and

WHEREAS: These cyber security services will be billed at a monthly rate of \$1,295.00, totaling \$7,770 for 2025; and

WHEREAS: Additional cyber security support services outside of this scope will be billed at a rate of \$125.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS: The period of this agreement will be from July 1, 2025, ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Funding will be provided for using Information Technology and Communication Services funds A1680 540140 Contracting Services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the County Legislature is authorized to execute an agreement between Tioga County and Pyramid Business Systems in the amount of \$7,770 to provide cyber security services, upon review by the County Attorney.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 210-25      *AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE CONTRACT WITH  
THOMSON REUTERS (WESTLAW) FOR A  
TWO YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO WEST PROFLEX*

WHEREAS: The County is desirous to continue a contract with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for a subscription to their legal research service starting July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$26,527.68; and

WHEREAS: The services provided through this subscription will be utilized by personnel in the County Attorney's office, Public Defender's office, District Attorney's office, and Department of Social Services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Attorney is authorized to continue a contract with Thomson Reuters for a two-year subscription to WEST PROFLEX legal research services for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$26,527.68.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 211-25 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
IMPLEMENTATION OF eCORNELL ON-DEMAND  
CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Institute for Advancement Committee (I4A) has secured the ability to register Tioga County local government employees for eCornell On-Demand online coursework offered by Cornell University free of charge; and

WHEREAS: This initiative aims to provide professional development and career growth opportunities for county employees, aligning with the leadership's commitment to workforce enhancement; and

WHEREAS: Phase 1 of the initial rollout to eCornell access on-demand services will be initially restricted to graduates of the I4A program. This phase will serve as a pilot program to assess the effectiveness and user experience of the eCornell platform; and

WHEREAS: Phase 2 will expand access following a positive assessment of the initial rollout, the program will be expanded to include all Tioga County personnel, and will be integrated as a personnel benefit, accessible upon hire; and

WHEREAS: Cornell University will administer the online accounts for registered Tioga County employees, and will provide access to the on-demand online coursework content upon signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Institute for Advancement (I4A) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cornell University (eCornell); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign said MOU, upon approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 212-25      *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN TIOGA COUNTY AND  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE FOR THE  
RADIO TOWER PROJECT*

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services requests authorization for a Memorandum of Understanding between Tioga County and Pennsylvania State Police to co-locate, install antennas and a new shelter, and expand the compound at a communications tower currently owned by Pennsylvania State Police; and

WHEREAS: The Pennsylvania State Police agrees to allow Tioga County to install and operate a UHF trunked radio site for the purpose of public safety voice communications at the Round Top Tower site located at 2384 Round Top Road, Athens, Pennsylvania in Bradford County; and

WHEREAS: The Pennsylvania State Police will provide access for Tioga County personnel and vendors to said facility on an as needed basis for equipment installation, maintenance and repair; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County agrees to adhere to all standards and protocols set forth by the Pennsylvania State Police communications officer in charge of said facility; and

WHEREAS: The Memorandum of Understanding of said property is for a period of five (5) years with two (2) additional five-year (5) renewals; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding between Tioga County and the Pennsylvania State Police to co-locate, install antennas and a new shelter, and expand the compound at a communications tower currently owned by Pennsylvania State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or her duly authorized representative is hereby empowered to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers

approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 213-25      *AWARD BID FOR SOUTHERN PORTION OF WEST CREEK ROAD PAVEMENT OVERLAY*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works budgeted for this project; and

WHEREAS: On May 21, 2025, the Department of Public Works received sealed bids from the following contractors:

<b>Suit-Kote Corporation – Cortland, NY</b>	<b>\$1,415,180.00</b>
Broome Tioga Bituminous Products – Vestal, NY	\$1,667,480.00
Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting – Pine City, NY	\$1,684,680.00
L&T Construction, Richmondville – NY	\$2,051,177.80

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the low bidder, Suit-Kote Corporation – Cortland, NY not to exceed \$1,415,180.00 to be paid out of the Paving Projects 2025 account H51 10.540001.H2501.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 214-25      *APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED BY ED&P STAFF*

WHEREAS: A resolution is required by County policy to disclose matching cash and or in-kind contributions from the County for grant applications written for the County and/or by the County on behalf of a municipality or entity; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning staff provided technical assistance for the following:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Town of Nichols	NYS Dept of State Community Smart Growth Planning & Zoning Grant Program	\$111,000.00	Develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Nichols

And

WHEREAS: There is no further obligation by the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the technical assistance provided as noted above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 215-25      *AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF  
SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911)  
GRANT PROGRAM  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has issued the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) grant in the amount of \$1,266,796; and

WHEREAS: This grant is to be used towards the interfaces, equipment and software applications necessary to support the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and backup center to ready it to accept NG911 calls; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires that a resolution be approved before any such grant application is submitted; and

WHEREAS: The grant application deadline was June 4, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office be given authorization to apply for the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) grant, after the fact, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign such application.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 216-25 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 301-24;  
APPROVE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE  
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS LICENSE PLATE  
RECOGNITION SYSTEM  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 301-24 adopted on September 12, 2024 authorized the sole source purchase of a License Plate Recognition System with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$17,425; and

WHEREAS: The total purchase amount should have been \$17,925; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 301-24 be amended to reflect the sole source purchase amount of \$17,925, which will be paid from Account A3361.520130.SHS22.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 217-25 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED FUNDING  
FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES  
AND ACCEPT THE AMENDED FUNDING FOR HURRELL-  
HARRING GRANT AND AMEND 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 432-23 adopted on November 14, 2023, Tioga County entered into a three-year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution of Hurrell-Harring funds to provide representation to persons legally entitled to counsel but unable to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Indigent Legal Services has amended the Hurrell-Harring Grant Contract adding an additional \$438,971.81; and

WHEREAS: The amended amount to Tioga County from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for the fiscal year April 2025 – March 2026 is \$438,971.81; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to adopt the amended funding to the budget in said amount of \$438,971.81; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$438,971.81 needs to be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the Amendment to the Budget in the amount of \$438,971.81; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon execution of the contract amendment, the ILS HH Grant of \$438,971.81 be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Account: A1174 430260 AC State Aid Indigent Grant \$ 165,971.81  
 A1174 430260 PD State Aid Indigent Grant \$ 273,000.00

Expense Account:

A 1174 510010 Full Time Salary	\$	99,000.00
A 1174 510020 Part Time Salary	\$	20,000.00
A 1174 520200 PD Office Equipment	\$	2,000.00
A 1174 520210 PD Other Furniture	\$	2,000.00
A 1174 540040 PD Books/Online Research	\$	1,000.00
A 1174 540140 PD Contracting Services	\$	60,000.00
A 1174 540180 PD Dues	\$	1,000.00
A 1174 540280 PD Investigations	\$	25,000.00
A 1174 540420 PD Office Supplies	\$	3,000.00
A 1174 540733 PD Training/CLE	\$	5,000.00
A 1174 540030 AC Assigned Counsel	\$	50,000.00
A 1174 540040 AC Books/Online Research	\$	10,000.00
A 1174 540140 AC Contracting Services	\$	26,985.90
A 1174 540280 AC Investigations	\$	36,985.91
A 1174 540420 AC Office Supplies	\$	5,000.00
A 1174 540620 AC Software Expense	\$	2,000.00
A 1174 540640 AC Other Supplies(Not Office)	\$	5,000.00
A 1174 540733 AC Training/CLE	\$	10,000.00

A 1174 581088 State Retirement Fringe	\$	5,000.00
A 1174 583088 Social Security Fringe	\$	25,000.00
A 1174 583088 Medicare	\$	6,750.00
A 1174 585588 Disability Insurance Fringe	\$	200.00
A 1174 584088 Workers Comp Fringe	\$	3,000.00
A 1174 586088 Health Insurance Fringe	\$	30,000.00
A 1174 586088 HRA	\$	5,000.00
A 1174 588988 EAP Fringe	\$	50.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds at year-end of the original \$438,971.81 be carried forward into future years until used.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 218-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FIRST YEAR  
FOURTH FAMILY DEFENSE GRANT FROM THE  
NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 150-25 adopted on April 15, 2025, Tioga County entered into a three-year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution of Fourth Family Defense Grant funds to provide representation and case manager services to persons legally entitled to counsel but unable to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Indigent Legal Services has approved a total three-year amount of \$750,000.00 beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to adopt the first year of this three-year grant for said distribution amount of \$256,840.00; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$256,840.00 needs to be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the first year of the Fourth Family Defense Grant budget amendment of said distribution in the amount of \$256,840.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon execution of the first year of the three-year contract, the Fourth Family Defense Grant of \$256,840.00 be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Account:	A 1171 430260 AC State Aid Indigent	\$	164,170.00
	A 1171 430260 PD State Aid Indigent	\$	92,670.00
Expense Account:	A 1171 510010 Full Time Salary	\$	20,000.00
	A 1171 510020 Part Time Salary	\$	120,000.00
	A 1171 520200 PD Office Equipment	\$	4,000.00
	A 1171 520210 PD Furniture	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 540420 PD Office Supplies	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 540390 PD Mileage	\$	3,630.00
	A 1171 540620 PD Software/Shared Services	\$	1,500.00
	A 1171 540030 AC Assigned Counsel	\$	67,000.00
	A 1171 540140 AC Contracted Serv/Printing	\$	4,000.00
	A 1171 540485 AC Printing/Paper	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 520200 AC Equipment	\$	5,000.00
	A 1171 520210 AC Furniture	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 540420 AC Office Supplies	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 540390 AC Mileage	\$	3,630.00
	A 1171 540620 AC Software/Shared Services	\$	1,000.00
	A 1171 581088 Retirement	\$	7,440.00
	A 1171 583088 Social Security	\$	9,700.00
	A 1171 583088 Medicare	\$	2,200.00
	A 1171 584088 Workers Comp	\$	2,700.00
	A 1171 588988 EAP	\$	40.00

And be it further







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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
FINANCE, LEGAL, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 222-25 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024 ARPA OPERATING & CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS: American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” Funds have been granted to Tioga County by the US Treasury in 2021 in the total amount of \$9,362,868; and

WHEREAS: As of 12/31/2024 there is approximately \$1,729,321 in unspent ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined by the US Treasury that ARPA funds granted are to be considered obligated by calendar year end 2024, and be expended by the end of calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS: On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 29-25 which only appropriated \$5,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 allotted to the Veterans’ Service Agency by the Legislature in the absence of a Director of Veterans’ Service Agency; and

WHEREAS: On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 176-25 appointing a full-time Director of Veterans’ Service Agency; and

WHEREAS: Amending of the current year budget and appropriation of ARPA funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be amended and re-appropriate the following amounts:

**Operational Appropriations**

A6510 540640 M7674 SUPPLIES (NOT OFFICE)	\$20,000.00
Remaining 2024 Appropriations	

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 223-25      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150.00 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in July, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Candy for the Parade (ARPA)- \$600.00

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allow the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 224-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 49-24;  
AUTHORIZE PURCHASES OUTSIDE COUNTY POLICIES  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Legislative Resolution No. 49-24 authorized Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) to make purchases outside of County Policies for approved events; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has need to amend Resolution No. 49-24, specifically the list of approved events; and

WHEREAS: There are two types of lists in Resolution No. 49-24, one being the programs/events and the other for those that may go over the \$150 County Policy threshold due to the number of people involved in the programs/events; and

WHEREAS: The additional programs TCPH is seeking to be added to both authorized lists in Resolution No. 49-24 are:

- Early Intervention
- Preschool School Supportive Health Services
- Community Health Assessment
- Advocacy, Support & Prevention Coalition (ASAP)

And

WHEREAS: Authorization outside of County Policies requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the amendment of Resolution No. 49-24 in regard to the addition of the above-mentioned program's events to allow TCPH to purchase food/beverages and potentially facility fees and exceed \$150 per event.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 225-25 *AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH ONE VACANT  
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN POSITION, CREATE ONE  
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT TECHNICIAN - PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to abolish and create positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: One (1) full-time Engineering Technician (\$42,448 – 43,448 2025 CSEA SG VII) will become vacant effective close of business June 13, 2025, upon the resignation of incumbent, Danielle Gregrow; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the staffing structures, work assignments, and department needs, the Commissioner of Public Works submitted a New Position Duties Statement to the Personnel Department on May 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the New Position Duties Statement, the Personnel Officer has determined the appropriate classification for said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Management/Confidential title of Public Works Project Technician (\$44,600 – \$54,600) be created effective June 16, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Engineering Technician (\$42,448 – 43,448 2025 CSEA SG VII) be abolished effective June 16, 2025.



Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 227-25      *AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT COUNTY PLANNING  
DIRECTOR TRAINEE AND ABOLISH ONE FULL-TIME  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST POSITION  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 461-24 authorized the creation of a full-time County Planning Director Trainee position and the Director of Economic Development and Planning received authorization to fill said position; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning identified current Economic Development Specialist, Sara Zubalsky-Peer as a qualified candidate that has over 10 years of planning and community development experience; and

WHEREAS: Sara Zubalsky-Peer will be vacating the Economic Development Specialist position and will be appointed to the County Planning Director Trainee position effective August 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development and Planning Department has two full-time Economic Development Specialist positions; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning would like to abolish one of the full-time Economic Development Specialist positions; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the abolishment of and appointment to any position within a Tioga County department; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Economic Development and Planning is hereby authorized to appoint Sara Zubalsky-Peer provisionally to the position of full-time County Planning Director Trainee pending successful completion of civil service requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$65,000 effective August 9, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the full-time Economic Development Specialist position currently filled by Ms. Zubalsky Peer will be abolished effective August 9, 2025.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 228-25      *AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE FOR  
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR FAMILY COURT  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any salary increases for a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The County has been awarded a Grant from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for assistance with Family Court Article 10 cases; and

WHEREAS: The Grant as budgeted by the State specifically appropriates funding in the amount of \$20,000 to raise the salary of the Family Court Assistant Public Defender to compensate for the increase in supervisory and case responsibility for the position; and

WHEREAS: The Grant has fully funded the increase over the course of three years for the position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to increase the salary of Sarah Schrader, Family Court Assistant Public Defender an additional \$20,000 to be offset by the Fourth Family Defense Grant for the three-year contract period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Sarah Schrader's annual salary will be increased to \$95,879 effective June 14, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period.



ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 230-25 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	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Pay Frequency	Not Submitted
<b>Appointed Officials</b>						
Assistant Public Defender	Thomas Saitta	7	1/13/2025 – 12/31/2025	11.04	Biweekly	

I, Cathy 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.



WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 47-23 on January 10, 2023, revising the Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program in its entirety to include eligible CSEA staff as deemed appropriate by their Department Head; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 94-23 on February 14, 2023, revising the Employee Handbook: Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection T. entitled Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program, Subsection IV. Policy C. Hardware, Software, and Supplies; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 534-23 on December 12, 2023, authorizing a (1) one-year extension of the Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program, making the policy effective January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 467-24 on December 10, 2024, authorizing a (6) six-month extension of the Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program, making the current policy effective January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department Heads have expressed an interest in the Legislature considering continuation of this program based on successful results and aiding in recruitment and retention efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature is authorizing a (6) six-month extension of the Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program with a new expiration date of December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 232-25      *AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
ADD NEW POLICY TO SECTION III.  
FINANCIAL RULES; SUBSECTION N.  
ENTITLED GIFTS AND DONATIONS POLICY*

WHEREAS: The acceptance of gifts and donations by Tioga County departments, officials, or employees may raise ethical, legal, and transparency concerns if not properly governed; and

WHEREAS: A clearly defined Gifts and Donations Policy ensures that all contributions – whether monetary, in-kind, or services – are received, documented, and utilized in a manner that upholds public trust and aligns with the County's mission and statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS: Such a policy promotes accountability, prevents conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety, and provides consistent procedures for the solicitation, acceptance, acknowledgement, and reporting of gifts and donations; and

WHEREAS: Establishing this policy protects both the County and its officials from potential misuse or misinterpretation of charitable support, and ensures compliance with applicable state and local laws, including procurement and ethics regulations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the adoption of the Gifts and Donations Policy as brought forth by the County Policy Review Committee and reviewed by the Legislative Chair, County Administrator, Legislative Clerk, County Attorney, and Personnel Officer to guide the responsible management of all contributions received by County entities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Employee Handbook is hereby amended to add a new policy to Section III Financial Rules, Subsection n. entitled Gifts and Donations Policy.

## n. GIFTS AND DONATIONS

### GIFTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

#### I. PURPOSE

Establish clear guidelines for the overall management of gifts and donations to the Tioga County government by ensuring that all donations align with Tioga County's mission and services while maintaining transparency, ethical standards, and legal compliance.

#### II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Tioga County departments, employees, volunteers, and appointed or elected officials of Tioga County regarding the acceptance of gifts, donations, or in-kind contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, or other entities.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

"County" refers to any department, employee, volunteer, and/or appointed or elected official of Tioga County.

"Charitable Gift" is any item of value, including but not limited to money, bonds, assets, services, equipment, real estate, or personal property, voluntarily transferred to a cause without compensation.

"Donation" is a voluntary transfer of a charitable gift made by a donor to the County for a specific or general purpose. This term may be used interchangeably with "gift" (see: "Gift").

"Donor" is any person, estate, business, or legal entity that executes, attempts to execute, or reveals the intention to transfer the value of a gift to the County.

"Gift" is the value of any item, including but not limited to money, bonds, assets, services, equipment, real estate, or personal property, voluntarily transferred to an individual without compensation.

"In-Kind Donations" refer to non-monetary gifts, such as goods, services, or expertise, given in lieu of cash.

"Restricted Donations" refer to monies or any other financial instruments donated that are permanently regulated for specific allocation.

"Solicited Donations" are gifts received in response to active fundraising (internet, fliers, letters, radio, etc.).

"Unrestricted Donations" refer to monies or any other financial instruments donated that the County may use for any purpose and often go toward operating expenses.

“*Unsolicited Donations*” are gifts received freely by an individual or group wishing to donate, not in response to active fundraising.

#### IV. GENERAL POLICY

##### a. Types of Gifts and Donations

###### **i. Solicited Donations**

1. Tioga County does not permit the acceptance of solicited donations and prohibits the active solicitation of donations except for the following:
  - a. Rabies Clinic(s) donations.
  - b. Grant related in-kind contributions.
  - c. Pass-through in-kind social welfare efforts (coat drives, toys, backpacks, holiday gifts for foster children, etc.)
  - d. Any donation provided that does not directly benefit County operations but is provided directly to a member of the community in need.

###### **ii. Unsolicited Donations**

1. The County may accept unsolicited donations if there is no conflict of interest or risk of undue influence.
2. Such donations must be reviewed by the Department Head
3. Donors must provide their name, address, and phone number on the donation receipt for internal compliance and must select “This is an anonymous donation” to have their donation kept anonymous.

###### **iii. Gifts**

1. Gifts of nominal value directed to individuals, less than or equal to \$75 as per the County Ethics Policy, may be accepted if they do not create a conflict of interest.

###### **iv. In-Kind Donations**

1. The County may accept in-kind donations such as equipment, supplies, or services if they meet the same criteria as monetary gifts.
2. Such donations must also be evaluated by the Department Head responsible prior to acceptance.

###### **v. Real Estate Donations**

1. As a best practice, any offer of real property should undergo legal and environmental review before acceptance to ensure the property is free of legal encumbrance, environmental hazards, and any other liabilities.
2. All property acquisition communications shall be conducted via executive session.

**vi. Restricted Donations**

1. Department Heads may choose to accept a donation that is restricted to a defined purpose or timeframe with consideration of the County's ability to appropriately use the funds for the intended purpose and the amount of administration that would be required.
2. Restrictions must be specified on the **Tioga County Receipt for Donation** form and communicated to the Treasurer's Office to ensure proper accounting processes are followed.
3. "Tail End" gifts (i.e. an individual gifts the County a historical flag with the intention that the County will not discard or destroy the flag) may be considered and are to be documented on the Tioga County Receipt for Donation form.

**V. EXECUTION****a. Acceptance**

- i. All charitable gifts and donations are to be submitted for review by the Department Head with all documentation as required by the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.
- ii. Gifts and donations of less than \$1,000 in value are to be approved by the County Treasurer or County Administrator.
  1. The County Legislative Chair may approve donations in the absence of either official.
- iii. Gifts and donations equal to or greater than \$1,000 in value shall be approved by the County Legislature via Resolution.
- iv. Either the Treasurer, County Administrator, Legislative Chair or the Department Head responsible may defer the consideration of any donation to the County Attorney for further review with the County Board of Ethics.

**b. Rejection**

- i. Any gift received by the County cannot create a liability greater than the value of the gift.
- ii. Any gift received by the County must not require burdensome maintenance.
- iii. The County reserves the absolute right to refuse and return any donation.

## VI. MAINTENANCE

### a. Accounting Records

- i. Receipts and the allocation of the donations shall be accomplished through Tioga County's Financial Management System (FMAS).
- ii. All donation revenue shall be documented in the proper accounts according to the Treasurer's Office.

### b. Records

- i. All donations regardless of value must be properly documented, including the name of the donor, the nature and value of the gifts, and any conditions or restrictions placed on their use.
- ii. The Treasurer's Office shall be the office of record for all donation related documents.
- iii. All gifts and donations are subject to be reviewed and audited by the County Treasurer's Office to ensure proper use and compliance with this policy.

### c. Transparency

- i. The County shall publicly disclose all donations valued at \$1,000 or more on the County website or by other means unless otherwise stipulated by the terms and conditions of the donor in concurrence with the Department Head responsible.
- ii. Reports on all donations are to be provided to the County Legislature upon request.
- iii. The identity of anonymous donors is considered to be "need to know" information and cannot be revealed by the County to the public or any individual employed by the County without written consent by the donor.

## VII. PROHIBITED DONATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Any gifts from individuals or organizations where such gifts could reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence the County's operations, decisions, or policies.
- b. Donations that damage the public reputation of the County or create a perceived conflict of interest.
- c. Restricted donations that are too limiting or too difficult to administer.
- d. Gifts to individuals over \$75 per the **Tioga County Ethics Policy and Public Officers Law 73(5)**.

## VIII. CONSIDERATIONS

- a. Before accepting any gift or donations, the County shall evaluate:
  - i. Whether the donation **supports the County's mission** and aligns with its policies and objectives.
  - ii. If the donation **upholds the County's core values**.
  - iii. Whether the donor's intent **matches the County's intended use** of the gifts.
  - iv. Whether acceptance of the donations **avoids conflict of interest and the appearance of impropriety**.
  - v. If the donation **complies with federal, state, and local laws**.

## IX. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed and updated every two years, or as necessary, to ensure compliance with evolving laws, regulations, and best practices.

## X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective immediately upon approval by the County Legislature and will remain in effect until amended or repealed.

## XI. PROCEDURE

- a. A department must receive a cash donation before a purchase or program expenditure is made using the cash donation.
  - i. Should a Department Head want to spend the proceeds of an unsolicited donation in addition to their existing budget, a resolution is required to amend and modify the budget.
- b. All donors shall be issued a receipt incorporating specific information which must include:
  - i. Verification that no goods or services were provided in exchange, in whole or in part, for the donation.
  - ii. The cash receipt should reflect the amount of the cash donation.
  - iii. The receipt shall include a clear description of the land, goods, materials, or services donated. Do NOT affix a cash value to the land, goods, materials, or services donated.
- c. After any donation is received, the County department who secured the donation must complete the **Tioga County Receipt for Donation** form. The completed receipt should follow the appropriate workflow.
- d. The donor, responsible Department, and Treasurer's Office shall retain a copy of the receipt.
- e. Cash donations shall be deposited by the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

**XII. FORMS****a. Tioga County Receipt for Donation**

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown made a motion to bring forth one (1) late-file resolution for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Monell. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE, LEGAL &amp; SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 233-25

*CONTRACT FOR IT CONSULTANT SERVICES  
FROM FORMER EMPLOYEE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to contract for professional services from former employees within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Information Technology and Communication Services Department has a need to utilize the expertise of the former Chief Information Officer for training and consultation; and

WHEREAS: The Information Technology and Communication Services Department has budgeted funds available for contracted services in the A1680 540140 account line in the 2025 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the contractual hire of Jeremy Loveland as an IT Consultant at an established rate not to exceed \$5,000 starting June 16, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator or their designee to sign said contract, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth one (1) late-file resolution for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Brown, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Bunce and Ciotoli.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “County Clerk Klett will swear in newly appointed District #5 Legislator, Andrew F. Aronstam.”

Legislator Aronstam spoke. “Thank you, this is a great honor for me and my family. I have always said that any success I have had is due to two things; the first thing was picking the right parents, and the second one was being brought up in Waverly, NY. I look forward to being a part of Team Tioga. Over the past few months, I have had the pleasure of sitting in on committee meetings and it is clear how seriously the Legislators take their responsibility. I am currently working hard on my campaign to ensure that I can keep serving the citizens of District #5 for as long as they will have me. Finally, I know that my mother is looking down this afternoon and shaking her head and saying ‘Lord, I never saw this one coming’. So, again thank you and I look forward to working with all of you. My deepest appreciation.”

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



RESOLVED: That the authorized full-time headcount for the Tioga County Department of Public Works shall increase from 48 to 49 through July 25, 2025 and shall revert back to 48 as of July 26, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 235-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to contract for professional services; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary to Commissioner of Public Works position became vacant on June 17, 2025 due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to contract with the recently retired Secretary to Commissioner of Public Works for continuity of operations and training of the successor; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with Barbara Cushman for consulting services at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000, effective July 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$6000.00 shall be transferred from Public Works Administration Account A1490.510010 to Public Works Administration Part-Time Temporary A1490.510020; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Ms. Cushman will submit invoices for payment on a monthly basis.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

*Seventh Regular Meeting*  
July 15, 2025

The Seventh Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on July 15, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislators Flesher and Monell being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Aronstam to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, please bestow on this body the energy, strength, and wisdom to fulfill our obligations to the electorate that have put their faith in us. Guide us to ensure our decisions and actions are in keeping with your teachings. Thank you for allowing us to be a small part of the greatest Country this world has ever produced."

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

There were 31 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Today we welcome special guests who will be recognized and presented awards for their winning entries in the "I Voted" Sticker Contest launched by the Tioga County Board of Elections. The winning designs will become this year's "I Voted" stickers that will be given out during the November general election. Two of the three winners are with us today."

Board of Elections Republican Commissioner Johnson spoke. "Thank you very much for participating and we are hoping to continue this contest on an annual or bi-annual basis."

Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner Wahls spoke. "We were very pleased to start what we hope will become a long-term tradition. We think this is a great way to get our young folks involved in civic engagement and be involved in the voting process for our County."

Winners were chosen from three age group categories: 5-9 years old, 10-13 years old, and 14-18 years old.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "The first award is presented to Ivy Garris. Ivy designed an eagle sticker with the words 'I Voted'. Ivy is 13 years old and is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Waverly Central School District.

“The next award is presented to Lea Cole. Lea designed a sticker in the shape of Tioga County with the river, trees, and mountains with the words ‘I Voted’. Lea is 17 years old and is a student at Waverly Central School District.

“The third award goes to Hannah Whetsell representing the 5–9-year-old age group category. Hannah was unable to join us today, but we will be presenting her award at a later time.

“I just want to share that we have an amazing Board of Elections team. They work hard and get along great, and we know there are certain times of the year when they are just buried in work, and we appreciate you very much.”

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

Chair Sauerbrey reported the following recognition resolution will be noted in the minutes and Mrs. Ayers will be provided with a certified copy following today's meeting.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 236-25      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
MARIETTA AYERS' 20 YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Marietta Ayers was appointed as a Public Safety Dispatcher on 4/1/98 through 9/7/01; reinstated to Public Safety Dispatcher on 10/18/08 until present; and

WHEREAS: Marietta Ayers has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities during her 20 years of service to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Marietta Ayers retired from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on June 20, 2025; 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 Marietta Ayers for 20 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, Marietta Ayers.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have three people for privilege of the floor.

Jocelyn Bostwick, Waverly resident spoke. “My name is Jocelyn Bostwick and this is my son, Bellamy. He is 11 months old and was born with Cystic Fibrosis. He takes prescription vitamins and medications throughout the day to help him absorb nutrients. I had to leave my job to become Bellamy’s full-time caregiver. His care is too complex for daycare and managing his medications and treatments is a full-time job in itself. My husband works hard, but his income barely covers our basic bills. We rely on services like Medicaid and food pantries just to care for our children and meet their most essential needs.

“Without Medicaid, we would not be able to afford Bellamy’s medications, equipment, or the specialists who monitor and treat his condition. With a disease like Cystic Fibrosis, there is no margin for error. A lapse in care can quickly become life threatening. It is not dramatic to say that without Medicaid, Bellamy could die. I know you guys face hard decisions, but I am asking you to remember that the choices you make here at the County level shape access to care for families like mine right here in your community. This is not just about numbers, it is about children, and it is about survival. Because of programs like Medicaid, children with Cystic Fibrosis are living longer than ever before but only if they have consistent access to care and the support systems that make that care possible. My greatest hope is that Bellamy will grow up healthy enough to run around with his big brother and that he will go to school, play outside, and live a full joyful life. Thank you for listening and thank you for seeing the real faces behind the policies especially this one right here in my arms.”

Scott Hiley, Waverly resident spoke. “Good afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Scott Hiley and I am a resident of the Village of Waverly. Let me begin by expressing my solidarity with the people of Newark Valley and everyone impacted by the flooding. I hope and I know this body will do everything in its power to help with the recovery.

“But I am here today to talk about another man-made disaster and your response to it. I was one of the people who came before you last month with a

draft resolution about protecting Medicaid and SNAP programs. Our request I felt was a pretty reasonable one. We weren't asking you to appropriate funds, levy a tax, or pass any new legislation and we weren't asking you to sign on to some kind of partisan proclamation against the Trump administration and its priorities. The draft resolution we prepared focused on an immediate threat to health, jobs, and medical services in our communities. It was backed by non-partisan research and the people who came before you to speak for it did so on the basis of decades of experience in local government, health care, and social services.

"At a moment when Congress is enacting unprecedented cuts to programs that thousands of your constituents depend on, signing on to a resolution signaling your concern about those cuts seemed like the least you could do and yet you found a way to do so much less.

"I do not know if the Morning Times is here today. If they are, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them because if it weren't for their reporting we would not know what happened to our resolution. When the Chair asked at your Worksession if anyone wanted to bring the resolution to the floor for a vote, no hands went up. One Legislator, Mr. Standinger, delivered what I take to be the opinion of the body since he is the only one who spoke, and no one took issue with his remarks. Mr. Standinger's position was that everything will be okay. That the budget cuts target fraud, waste, and abuse and there is no fraud, waste, and abuse in Tioga County, so nobody has anything to worry about, and anyone who suggests otherwise must be part of some big city conspiracy. That position along with your dismissive handling of the resolution more broadly reflects a failure to understand the situation facing your constituents.

"Medicaid and the ACA are part of the infrastructure of our healthcare system, which makes up one-sixth of our entire national economy. Cutting over a trillion dollars from those programs to address fraud, waste, and abuse is like using a sledgehammer to drive in a finish nail. It is going to have an impact well beyond what is intended. Especially here in rural areas, we all depend on Medicaid regardless of how much money we make or where we get our insurance. Deep cuts, eligibility changes, and new work and enrollment requirements designed to disrupt access to these programs will affect our jobs, taxes, cost, and availability of healthcare for all of us.

"Moreover, as the Executive Director of Tioga County Rural Ministry made clear to you when we were last here, Tioga County is already facing a deepening crisis of poverty and food insecurity or more accurately a crisis of affordability where more and more people are priced out of the basic necessities of life. Deep cuts to SNAP, Medicaid, and the ACA in this budget that was recently passed will exacerbate that crisis. Poverty, hunger, and lack of

access to healthcare might be easier to ignore than flash floods, but they are no less destructive to our communities.

"I know this body's scope of action is limited. No one expects you to fix the shortcomings of Federal or State law or to have all the answers for the interlocking crisis facing our nation. What we do expect as residents of this County is that you demonstrate an awareness of the conditions in our communities along with some willingness to fight for the interests of your constituents, including the marginalized and vulnerable.

"Mr. Standinger accused us of being outside agitators, but based on your dismissive approach, it seems that you are the ones who are disconnected from the people of this County. You are the ones who seem to be out of touch pushing an outside agenda that has no relation to the needs of our communities.

"Respectfully, if this resolution was a test it seems to me that you failed and that the people of Tioga County deserve better. Thank you."

Joan Davis, Owego resident spoke. "Good afternoon. I am Joan Davis, and I am a resident of Owego, NY. I wear many hats in this community, so I want to be clear that I am representing and speaking for myself, as a 55-year resident of this community.

"I was disappointed, offended, and angry when I read Matt Freeze's article in the Morning Times on the Legislature's response to the resolution that several of us presented to you at the June Legislature meeting. We were labeled as a small group of residents. Is it a small group when 10 residents come before you with a resolution signed by four of them? How many people come to these meetings unless there is a ceremony like the Detective's retirement? Next, it is disappointing that there was no discussion about the resolution. Items such as this resolution should be discussed. The resolution was given to you labeled as a draft so that you could discuss the intent and substance of the resolution. Clearly, the intent of the resolution was ignored. The Morning Times article mentioned nothing about Sister Mary O'Brien's impassioned plea or the data she presented about how much more need the Tioga County Rural Ministry has been seeing recently. Some in the audience were actually in tears as they listened to her.

"My anger comes from being treated as if I, the others that helped draft the resolution, and those who attended to support us, were invisible and even worse by labeling our resolution as part of a plan by outside interests. How many years does it take to not be an outsider? Two of you know me from your attendance at Owego Free Academy and I taught the wife of another one of you. I have

never stopped volunteering. I filled sandbags trying to keep the creek from flooding the village in 1972. I housed flood victims in my home in 2011. Are 55 years of public service and as a resident not enough to be considered part of this community? This claim of outsiders needs to stop. We came to you to discuss a community problem because we were concerned about the community. Our request was ignored.

"In addition, the suggestion that I or anyone who supported the draft resolution is trying to ensure that fraud continues is not only infuriating, it's slanderous. Mr. Yetter's analysis that there is little fraud in Tioga County is consistent with the data put forth in the New York State Comptroller's February 2025 audit of the period from October 2023 – March 2024. The audit showed that improper payments made up only .03 percent of the payments in New York State in that period. The State Comptroller's Office stated that it was facilitating reclamation of those improper payments and prosecuting the perpetrators when it wasn't simply a billing mistake. However, the discussion of where fraud is occurring, locally versus metropolitan areas, is not relevant to the resolution that was brought before you. The point was that there is not enough fraud in the entire system to balance out the cuts that have now been made and, therefore, people who legitimately need assistance won't be getting it. Some people will be thrown off these programs due simply to the additional paperwork requirement. Considering other cuts, staff will not be available to quickly process the paperwork that is submitted. This is occurring at the same time that increasing numbers of working families in this community are seeking additional help, as Sister Mary clearly stated.

"We asked you to come together with us as a community to help. I do not know what you can do now for the poor, elderly, and children of Tioga County, however, please stop referring to your constituents as outsiders and especially as outsiders who want to benefit from fraud. The accusations without proof are both reckless and despicable. Your lack of interest in this issue and your blatant disrespect for your constituents are both troubling and sad.

"In closing, however, I respectfully request that you cease the baseless accusations and instead act together in good faith to seek solutions to the issues facing our community. Thank you."

Legislator Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10 and 19, 2025, seconded by Legislator Roberts and carried.

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

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators and staff to the **Management/Confidential Salary Committee:**

- Personnel Officer
- County Administrator
- Commissioner of Public Works
- Public Health Director of Administrative Services
- Chair of Personnel Committee
- Legislative Representative\*
- Secretary to the Sheriff

\*The Legislative Representative will be appointed annually, and Legislator Ciotoli will be appointed for 2025.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 237-25 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
NYS CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning intends to submit an application or applications under the NYS Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the 2025 fiscal year, which requires a public hearing be held prior to submission of any application(s) to provide information to the public about the CDBG Program and an opportunity to participate in the grant process; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature will hold a public hearing at 10:00 AM on July 24th, 2025 in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827, to discuss the proposed 2025 CDBG Program and upcoming funding round, to provide information to the public about the CDBG Program and to allow the public to provide input into the grant process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That public notice of such public hearing shall be published in the official newspaper of Tioga County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 238-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*VILLAGE OF WAVERLY*

WHEREAS: Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2025 Village taxes was submitted by owners Richard and Donna Casterline for parcel 166.11-3-64 in the Village of Waverly; and

WHEREAS: The owners qualify for a Veteran's tax exemption, and the Veteran's tax exemption was appropriately applied to the Town & County tax, but erroneously was not selected to apply to the Village tax; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (c); and

WHEREAS: The Village tax bill was generated based on the assessment of \$82,000 without the exemption applied, and should have been generated with an assessment of \$25,181 after applying the exemption; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a new 2025 tax bill be issued by the Village of Waverly to Richard and Donna Casterline for parcel #166.11-3-64 for \$432.07.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 239-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*VILLAGE OF WAVERLY*

WHEREAS: Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 2025 Village taxes was submitted by Town of Barton Assessor on behalf of Waverly Central School District for parcel 166.18-1-3 in the Village of Waverly; and

WHEREAS: The parcel should have been wholly exempt; and an exemption was appropriately applied to the Town & County and School taxes, but was erroneously not selected to apply to the Village tax; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (c); and

WHEREAS: A Village tax bill for \$34.32 was generated for this parcel that should not have been; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Village tax bill issued for parcel 166.18-1-3 be rendered null and void.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 240-25 *CREATE ALLOWANCE FOR POSTLER & JAECKLE CORPORATION TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF THE CONTROL WORK FOR THE RONALD E. DOUGHERTY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING NORTH WING HVAC UPGRADE PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Construction services will be performed in the remaining portion of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building which will include instrumentation and control work for the heating, cooling, and ventilation systems (HVAC); and

WHEREAS: Postler & Jaeckle Corporation (P&J) has established their own operational protocol within the control system of every building in the County that has remote HVAC access capabilities; and

WHEREAS: Both the uniformity and secure access of the HVAC controls throughout the County have been identified as an essential component within Public Works; and

WHEREAS: The contract for construction services of the building will be awarded to the contractor with the most competitive bid; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature create an allowance for P&J to become the sole source provider of the control work as defined in the project scope; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this allowance be distributed to all the plan holders prior to letting in the amount of \$63,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 241-25      *AWARD DESIGN SERVICES TO  
MCFARLAND JOHNSON FOR  
HALSEY VALLEY ROAD CULVERT PIN 9755.99*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding from NYSDOT to replace a culvert, Halsey Valley Road over Unnamed Creek PIN 9755.99, in the Town of Tioga; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for preliminary and final design services for this project from McFarland Johnson, Binghamton, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for this project came in at \$248,086; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approve the proposal for preliminary and final design services for Halsey Valley Road over Unnamed Creek PIN 9755.99 to McFarland Johnson not to exceed \$248,086 to be paid out of the account H5110.540004.H2404 Non Bond Road and Bridge Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 242-25      *AWARD CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND  
CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES  
TO DELTA ENGINEERS FOR  
HARNICK ROAD BRIDGE BIN 2218720*



WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning department created a scoring rubric to evaluate the microenterprises' grant applications; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning department contracted with Thoma Development Consultants per Resolution No. 64-25 to receive the applications from the microenterprises and provide an initial review of the applications; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning Department designated the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Loan Committee as the evaluating body for the Microenterprise Assistance Program applications in the NYS CDBG grant application; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County IDA Loan Committee and Economic Development and Planning Department reviewed applications for the NYS CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program and selected to award the following microenterprises:

- The Five, LLC \$22,000.00
- Light Years Fermentation \$31,000.00
- Two Sparrows Farm \$32,000.00
- The Owego Brewing Company \$14,000.00
- Ocular Prosthetics \$7,500.00
- Newark Valley Creamery \$20,400.00
- Labrador Lumber \$28,100.00
- Country Fit \$15,000.00

And

WHEREAS: All the awardees meet the criteria of the Microenterprise Assistance Program based on the scoring rubric; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorize Economic Development & Planning to award NYS CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program grant funds to the above selected microenterprises.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 244-25      *APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED BY ED&P STAFF*

WHEREAS: A resolution is required by County policy to disclose matching cash and/or in-kind contributions from the County for grant applications written for the County and/or by the County on behalf of a municipality or entity; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning staff provided technical assistance for the following:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Village of Owego	OPRHP Environmental Protection Fund	\$468,416.00	Exterior Façade Renovations to the Historic Owego Police Station, 90 Temple St.

And

WHEREAS: There is no further obligation by the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the technical assistance provided as noted above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 245-25 *AUTHORIZE GRANT RENEWAL  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered in an effort to reduce substance abuse among youth; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene needs authorization to receive Federal funding for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Grant in partnership with Tioga County Public Health, Tioga County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (TC ASAP) Community Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene was awarded said grant in 2021 and are awarded annually from 07/01/2021 through 06/30/2026; and

WHEREAS: This grant year is 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026 and the said funds need to be appropriated annually; and

WHEREAS: The Department deems it to be in the best interest of the community and youth of Tioga County to renew this grant funding; and

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

RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

From: A4213.444863 CARA	Federal Aid CARA Grant	\$ 50,000
To: A4213.540590 CARA	Services Rendered CARA Grant	\$ 50,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 will be carried forward into the New Year 2026.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 246-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 135-25;  
AWARD CONTRACT  
RADIO CONSULTING SERVICES  
AND MODIFY 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 135-25 authorized a contract with Yoder Communications, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$30,560 for Phase 1 and \$2,480 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS: Phase 1 of the contract is underway and is more involved than originally anticipated and will need additional funding of \$46,500, for a total of \$77,060 for Phase 1; and

WHEREAS: Professional Services under General Municipal Law 104-b is exempt from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM: A3415.520130.IO20F (Equip not Car) \$46,500

TO: A3415.540140.IO20F (Contracting Services) \$46,500

And be it further



RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be modified and funds be appropriated to reflect the updated grant award amount to the following accounts:

FROM:       A8020 439890   State Aid-Community Service       \$21,270

TO:           A8020 540140   Contracting Services                 \$21,270

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:                       PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 248-25            *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 291-19;  
AUTHORIZE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH  
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CHANGE ORDER #7  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 291-19 authorized the Director of Emergency Services to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for a P25 Phase 1 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System at an amount not to exceed \$9,620,000; and

WHEREAS: Change Order #1 separated the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) from the Radio Tower Project at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 23-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order #2 for additional tower sites, equipment and conversion to a P25 Phase 2 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System for a cost not to exceed \$3,100,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 152-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order #3 to include adding Owego Police to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD); adding Digital Evidence Module for Owego; adding Pictometry for Mapping; adding Rapid Notification Module; and Data Transfer Costs for a cost not to exceed \$133,020.84; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 20-23 and Resolution No. 123-24, the Legislature authorized the County to enter into a lease with Motorola Solutions at an amount not to exceed \$4,044,973.15; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 444-23, the Legislature authorized Change Order #4 to include the additional cost of building 4 new tower sites, refurbishing one county owned site, adding our equipment to PA State Police site and additional enhancements to radio and telephone equipment that has changed since the original contract of 2019 for an additional cost not to exceed \$5,650,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 199-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #5 to include a shelter and generator for the Ballou Road tower site at a cost not to exceed \$619,642.08 with Motorola Solutions; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 294-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #6 to add the Aware for 911 product line at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: With the progression of the radio project, it is necessary to make adjustments to the project via Change Order #7 as follows; Add tower lighting to the Babcock Farms tower site in Nichols, at an additional cost of \$60,827 to the County (which will be deducted from the (\$316,716) Motorola credit); Remove the cost of a shelter for the Round Top site for a credit to the project of (\$290,391); Correct Change Order #4 to correct the size of the shelters; Change the size of the propane tank at Hanson, Babcock, Spencer, Prospect, and Ballou Road towers; Prospect Tower – The County, not Motorola, will replace damaged fence rail pipe and will be responsible for deforestation within the compound and 10' outside the compound for a credit of (\$26,325); and Adjust the project completion date from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby authorizes an amended agreement, by way of Change Order #7 with Motorola Solutions, 500 West Monroe Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60661, to add tower lighting to the Babcock Farms tower site in Nichols, at an additional cost of \$60,827 to the County, (which will be deducted from the (\$316,716) Motorola credit); and accept the other changes as noted in Change Order #7; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to execute Motorola's Change Order #7, after review and approval by the County Attorney.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "As a reminder, this is all part of the Interoperable Radio Communications Project that we have been working on since 2019."

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 249-25      *APPROPRIATION OF STATE AID – CASINO REVENUE  
TO A CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR BUILDING  
RELATED EXPENSES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has received State Aid – Casino Revenue from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 in account A1340 430160; and

WHEREAS: The County Administrator has requested that funds from said revenue be appropriated for building-related capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS: The appropriation of funds that amends the current year 2025 budget and the interfund transfer of funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this revenue be interfund transferred and appropriated as follows in the 2025 Operating & Capital budget:

TO:	H1620 520994 BG005 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$100,000.00
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And be it further

RESOLVED: That the following Interfund transfer be completed and appropriated:

FROM:	A9950 593715 TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUND	\$100,000.00
TO:	H1340 450310 INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$100,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds unspent on 12/31/25 in the H1620 520994 BG005 Building Construction account, will be moved into the Capital Reserve H 387810 Building Reserve-SAC.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 250-25 APPROVE PURCHASE OF LED LIGHTBARS AND  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff's Office has a need to replace eight LED Lightbars; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all purchases over \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: Strobes N'More is able to provide said LED Lightbars at a cost not to exceed \$12,708.50; and

WHEREAS: There are available funds in account H3110.521060 to cover said purchase; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM:	H3110 521060	Car/Truck	\$12,708.50
TO:	H3110 520130	Equipment (Not Car)	\$12,708.50

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to purchase eight LED Lightbars from Strobes N'More at a cost not to exceed \$12,708.50.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standingier moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 251-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the fifth year of the Comprehensive Addictions and Recovery Act (CARA) portion of the County Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition via pass-through from Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:

A4053.422800 ASAP Public Health: Local Grants \$ 50,000

To:

A4053.540487 ASAP Public Health: Program Expense \$ 50,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 252-25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2025  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES and Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuses of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity to provide these services to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: The appropriation of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and 2025 budget modified as follows:

From: A4211 434861	State Aid Council on Alcoholism	\$ 5,685.00
To: A4211 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 5,685.00

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standing moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 253-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*  
*BUDGET MODIFICATION 2025*  
*MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional state aid funding from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and 2025 budget modified as follows:

From: A4210 434860	State Aid: OASAS	\$3,387
To: A4210 540640	Supplies (Not Office)	\$3,387

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.





From: A3150 422800 MATO      Health Services-Other Gov      \$ 4,031  
To:    A3150 540370 MATO      Medical Expense                      \$ 4,031

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:                      HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
   FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 256-25              *RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
   AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
   CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services was authorized by way of Resolution No. 91-25 to appropriate additional funds awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: The Child Advocacy Center previously appropriated funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures related to Contracting Services and Training; and

WHEREAS: After a reassessment of operational priorities and needs, it has been determined that there is a more immediate and critical requirement to upgrade and replace the existing recording system; and

WHEREAS: The new recording system is essential to ensure accurate, reliable, and secure documentation of proceedings, and to enhance overall operational efficiency and compliance with applicable recordkeeping standards; and

WHEREAS: Re-appropriation of these funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.540140 Contracting Services	\$ 8,316.00
From: A6050.540733 Training/All Other	\$ 100.62
To: A6050.520090 Computers	\$ 8,416.62

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL, & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 257-25 APPROVE CONTRACT,  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Funding for Summer Youth Employment Programs was awarded (25-LCM-05) to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA); and

WHEREAS: The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has approved a plan for Broome Tioga BOCES to administer the Summer Youth Employment Program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services be authorized to contract with Broome Tioga BOCES in an amount not to exceed \$130,953 for the period of July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon approval of said contract funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration	\$ 140,953
To: A6010.540140 Contracting Expenses	\$ 130,953
 To: A6010.540487 Program Expense	 \$ 10,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 258-25 APPROVE SALARY ABOVE HIRING BASE  
DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 211-99 requires Legislative approval for any appointments made above an established base salary amount; and

WHEREAS: There is one full-time Deputy Sheriff position vacant; and

WHEREAS: In order to maintain adequate staffing levels for the Road Patrol Division, the Sheriff has an immediate need to backfill said position; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff has received approval from the Tioga County Law Enforcement Association to hire a new Deputy Sheriff, who has two years of police experience, at an annual salary rate reflecting two years of experience per the current union contract, or \$67,543; and

WHEREAS: Caleb Marshall, a potential transfer candidate with 2 years of Police Officer experience, has applied and will potentially be eligible, and is willing to accept a transfer from the Cortland County Sheriff's Office to a Deputy Sheriff vacancy in Tioga County, after July 17, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Sheriff is hereby authorized to backfill the vacant, full-time Deputy Sheriff position with Caleb Marshall at an annual salary of \$67,543 effective August 9, 2025; and it is further

RESOLVED: That should Caleb Marshall not pass his probationary period at the Cortland County Sheriff's Office or any other requirements for a transfer are not met pursuant to Tioga County Civil Service Rule XVII Transfers, this resolution shall be null and void.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standingger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 259-25 RECLASSIFY VACANT  
SENIOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all position reclassifications; and

WHEREAS: One Senior Clinical Social Work position (CSEA Salary Grade XVII) has been vacant since March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has reviewed the staffing needs within the Mental Hygiene Department and has determined that said vacancy for Senior Clinical Social Worker (Mobile Crisis) would be better utilized in the service of clients if the position was classified as a Clinical Social Worker (CSEA Salary Grade XVI); and

WHEREAS: Due to program needs, there is need to fill the vacancy as a Clinical Social Worker; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the reclassification of one vacant, full-time Senior Clinical Social Worker (CSEA Salary Grade XVII) to a full-time Clinical Social Worker (CSEA Salary Grade XVI) effective July 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standing moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 260-25      *CREATE AND FILL PERMANENT, FULL-TIME  
SENIOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER  
(SCHOOL/COMMUNITY BASED) POSITION  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Mental Hygiene Department has received a request to provide additional services from the Newark Valley School District starting with the 2025/2026 school year; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services is able to provide the level of services requested by retaining an additional Senior Clinical Social Worker (School/Community Based); and

WHEREAS: Funding for the position includes \$25,000 annually from a contract with Newark Valley School District and the balance from increased fee-for-service revenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create one (1) permanent, full-time position of Senior Clinical Social Worker at an annual rate of \$69,915 (CSEA SG XVII) effective July 17, 2025 and be allowed to fill said position prior to the start of the 2025/2026 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That if an appropriate eligible list is not available, a provisional appointment may be made; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mental Hygiene Department's 2025 authorized full-time headcount shall increase from 45 to 46; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310 416200	Mental Health Fees	\$51,600.84
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$32,465.50
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 3,069.52
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 2,568.44
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 636.61
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 33.93
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$12,819.56
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 7.28

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Tioga County has a lot of Mental Hygiene staff that are assigned to the schools, and I think that is a very good use of the money to provide that service to school kids that are having problems."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 261-25      *AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION OF  
DATA OFFICER TO PARALEGAL  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the reclassification of any Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the Public Defender in conjunction with the Personnel Officer have determined that he can better address the workload by reclassifying the position of Data Officer to Paralegal; and

WHEREAS: The position would be fully funded by New York State grants under the Hurrell-Harring settlement on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS: Stacy Reynolds, presently employed as Data Officer, was formerly employed as a Paralegal in the County and has the requisite skills and experience, is already performing some of the needed functions and is well qualified to fill the position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Personnel Department is hereby authorized to reclassify the position of Data Officer to Paralegal; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Stacy Reynolds to the position of Paralegal, with a start date of July 26, 2025, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$56,487, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements; and it is further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the grants are withdrawn or not renewed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 262-25 *CREATE (1) FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender, in consultation with NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services and the Personnel Officer, have identified a need for an additional full-time Assistant Public Defender; and

WHEREAS: The County has been awarded a Grant from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to fund the position; and

WHEREAS: The Grant provides funding for the position over the course of three years; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to create one (1) full-time position of Assistant Public Defender within the existing salary and benefits range for the position; and be it further

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Management/Confidential position of Assistant Public Defender (\$75,465 - \$85,465) be created; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender will be required to obtain Legislative approval to fill the position if and when a suitable candidate is identified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender's Office authorized full-time headcount for 2025 is increased from six (6) to seven (7).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 263-25 APPROVAL OF CASE MANAGER POSITION  
(PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE)

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create any position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 150-25 adopted on April 15, 2025, Tioga County entered into a three-year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution of Fourth Family Defense Grant funds to provide representation and case manager services to persons legally entitled to counsel but unable to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: The continued expansion of the Indigent Legal Services Program to include the Fourth Family Defense Grant provides for a three-year contract totaling \$750,000.00; and

WHEREAS: The Fourth Family Defense Grant provides for a case manager position with an annual part-time Management/Confidential salary of \$25,500 to \$29,500 per year through December 31, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is authorized to hire a part-time Management/Confidential Case Manager with an annual salary of \$25,500 to \$29,500 per year of the three-year Fourth Family Defense Grant contract for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 264-25 APPROVAL OF CASE MANAGER POSITION  
(ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE)  
(TREASURER'S OFFICE)

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create any position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 150-25 adopted on April 15, 2025, Tioga County entered into a three-year agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution of Fourth Family Defense Grant funds to provide representation and case manager services to persons legally entitled to counsel but unable to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS: The continued expansion of the Indigent Legal Services Program to include the Fourth Family Defense Grant provides for a three-year contract totaling \$750,000.00; and

WHEREAS: The Fourth Family Defense Grant provides for a case manager position with an annual part-time Management/Confidential salary of \$25,500 to \$29,500 per year through December 31, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Assigned Counsel Office is authorized to hire a part-time Management/Confidential Case Manager with an annual salary of \$25,500 to \$29,500 per year of the three-year Fourth Family Defense Grant contract for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 265-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT TECHNICIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 225-25 authorized the creation of the Public Works Project Technician; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has identified a candidate who is qualified and willing to accept the appointment for said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Jason Anderson to the title of Public Works Project Technician, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential Salary of \$44,600, effective July 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 266-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
SECRETARY TO COMMISSIONER OF  
PUBLIC WORKS*



Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Pay Frequency	Not Submitted
<b>Appointed Officials</b>						
County Coroner	Ryan Kline	6	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2027	3.03	Biweekly	

I, Cathy 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tioga County Legislative Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: I, Cathy Haskell, being duly sworn, depose and say that the posting of the resolution began on July 15, 2025 and continued for at least 30 days. That the resolution was available to the public on the

- Employer's website at [www.tiogacountyny.gov](http://www.tiogacountyny.gov)
- Official sign board at Tioga County Legislative Office.
- Main Entrance Clerk's Office at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 268-25 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	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Pay Frequency	Not Submitted
<b>Appointed Officials</b>						
County Coroner	John Olsen	6	2/12/2025 – 12/31/2025		Biweekly	<b>X</b>

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 269-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES;  
SUBSECTION c. ORIENTATION/  
EXIT INTERVIEWS/ RECRUITMENT/RETIREMENT

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Employee Handbook Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection c. Orientation/Exit Interviews/Recruitment/Retirement Section **I. Orientation** needs to be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Handbook, Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection c. **I. Orientation** be amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

**I. Orientation**

A. Hiring of New Employees

1. With the exception of Elected Officials, Board of Elections employees and temporary employees, all new hires as of January 1, 2016, shall be subject to a pre-employment background check to determine suitability for employment.

2. The employing department shall file with the Personnel Office the required Report of Personnel Changes (RPC/Pink Sheet) prior to date of employment. All information contained on a Pink Sheet regarding new employees or changes must be approved by the Personnel Officer with his/her signature before such information can be accepted for payroll.
- B. Orientation For All New Employees, Department Heads, Appointed and Elected Officials
1. All new Employees, Department Heads, Appointed and Elected Officials shall report to the Personnel Office and complete, review and/or receive the following:
    - Government 101 Video Training
    - Tioga County Employee Handbook Table of Contents
    - Ethics Policy
    - Sexual Harassment Policy
    - Rights of Nursing Mothers Policy
    - Information Security Policy
    - Workplace Violence Policy
    - Orientation/Exit Interview/Recruitment/Retirement Policy
    - Appropriate Union Contract
    - Health/Dental/Vision information and enrollment if applicable
    - Life Insurance (Sheriff's Office only)
    - Deferred Compensation Flyer
    - Annual Policy Review Attestation\*
    - Information Technology Computer Policy Form
    - Notice of Janus Rights
    - Basic Fire Drill Procedures
    - Tioga County Departments/Locations/Contact Information
    - Direct Deposit Form\*
    - W-4 Employee's Withholding Certificate\*
    - IT-204 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate\*
    - I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification\*
    - Veterans/Exempt Volunteer Firefighters Status Form
    - Constitutional Oath of Office
    - Employee Self Service Informational Booklet and Mobile App Instructions– ESS
    - Payroll/Holiday Calendar
    - Safety Training, Acknowledgement and Quiz
    - Title VI Training and Quiz
    - Workplace Violence Prevention Program Training and Acknowledgement Form(s) 2 & 3
    - Active Shooter Training and Flyer

Workplace Violence Training and Quiz  
 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training and Assessment Quiz  
 NYSLRS Section 45 Form\*  
 New York Employee's Retirement System Election Form\*  
 NYSLRS Membership Registration Form RS 5420\*

\*The Annual Policy Review Attestation shall be filed in the Law Department. The I-9 form shall be filed in the Personnel Office. Original payroll and NYSLRS forms shall be filed in the Treasurer's Office. All New Hires, Department Heads Appointed and Elected Officials, shall review the Employee Handbook, a hard copy of which shall be maintained in each Department.

2. After six (6) months, a performance evaluation shall be conducted, and a minimum of once a year thereafter. The performance evaluation shall be filed in the employee's personnel file.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of this policy remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts made a motion to bring forth one (1) late-file resolution for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
 LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 270-25      *AUTHORIZE DONATION OF TIME  
 TREASURER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Tina Driesbaugh, Accounting Associate III in the Treasurer's Office, has been hospitalized with a sudden illness and will be unable to return to work for an undetermined amount of time; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer is in support of this employee being approved to receive donated time while out on medical leave; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County employees are willing to submit a request in writing to the Payroll Coordinator requesting to donate vacation time and compensatory time to this employee for her use; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tina Driesbaugh has exhausted all her accrual time and shall have access to the time made available to her through employee donations to be paid through payroll following prior practices.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

*Public Hearing  
NYS CDBG Application – 2025 Program Year  
July 24, 2025*

The Public Hearing on public comments on Tioga County's community development needs, and discussion on the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2025 program year was called to order by the Chair at 10:02 A.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Flesher being absent.

There were five people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Economic Development Specialist spoke. "The New York State Homes and Community Renewal allows funds from the government for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It can assist us in projects ranging from infrastructure like water and sanitary upgrades, home repair grants, public facilities improvements for senior centers and community centers, and demolition of blighted structures under their Administration Program. It can also help with small business loans.

"We are holding this public hearing to allow us to receive input to apply for these funds for potentially multiple projects. It is only available to municipalities, so cities, towns, villages, and counties are the applicants, but we have the ability to sub-grant the funds. So, in this case, one of the projects is the demolition of blighted projects for the Land Bank and as part of the process we solicit public input if anyone has any suggestions for projects that might fall under the eligibility criteria."

Legislator Monell spoke. "How much is the grant for? What is the dollar amount?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "We do not have a set dollar amount at this point. We have to go through this process first to see what potential projects come in and then a dollar amount will be established for the application."

Legislator Aronstam spoke. "Is this the program where different municipalities seek a certain amount of dollars where you grant the funds and they administer it or is it for a specific project?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "We have to apply for specific projects under those different categories. The funds would come to the County and then the County would sub-grant to the municipalities."

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Sara, have you received any input regarding the pull back or slowing down of funds because I was reading there is a potential cut back in CDBG funds and delay in funding?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "We reached out to Homes and Community Renewal and their consultant and at this time the funds are currently still there, so they are accepting these applications under this round of funding. They are not sure about future funding availability."

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "I am thinking that you have specific plans in mind for the Land Bank. All the money seems to have shifted to housing apart from manufacturing. The Land Bank is the one that can apply for funding to get projects done. Over all the years I have been here, I have watched this economic development process. For years, it was manufacturing where we did the Best Buy, Fed Ex, Crown Cork & Seal projects. Now, it has changed to housing, and this is where the funding is directed so the Land Bank now is very active and has a great opportunity to make headway in the community by cleaning up housing, rehabilitation of housing, etc."

Legislator Roberts spoke. "Do they have plans for standing infrastructure like sewer and water for these sights or funding to upgrade?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "Right now, all the sights we have in our inventory already have access to all utilities. Under this, we are specifically looking to subsidize the demolition costs of some of the properties we are acquiring because it would free up our Land Bank Initiative funding, which is much more flexible, so we can apply this funding and put it to other project costs. At this time, we do not have any plans to do infrastructure under our current grant funds."

Legislator Brown spoke. "How many properties are you looking to demolish?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "Right now, we have two properties, but we might have additional ones."

Legislator Aronstam spoke. "Do you put requests out to the municipalities to determine what blighted properties they have?"

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. "I believe ED&P Director Woodburn has done some outreach. Right now, we are basically dealing with properties within our

current inventory because of the recent Supreme Court case. There have been complications on how they can receive properties from local municipalities, so we have not pursued that avenue at this point. This specifically is for properties currently in our portfolio.”

Legislator Bunce spoke. “You mentioned the Supreme Court decision that changed the way you receive properties. Can you explain this?”

Sara Zubalsky-Peer spoke. “There was a Supreme Court case that occurred where someone came in after the fact when a County did a foreclosure process and gave properties to their Land Bank. Someone came in and stated they actually had a right to that property after the fact saying the County made a profit of the property, so now it changed the rules that generally the property has to go through two public auctions and not sell at the auction before the County can give the property to the Land Bank.”

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

*Eighth Regular Meeting*  
August 12, 2025

The Eighth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on August 12, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Flesher being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Brown to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, thank you for letting us gather today to continue conducting the business of Tioga County and give us the power to be able to lead the County in the right direction."

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

There were 8 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Dr. John B. Bezirganian who passed away on July 18, 2025. Dr. Bezirganian worked as the Medical Director for Tioga County Mental Hygiene for nearly seven years and prior to this provided contracted services for the clinic. He was dedicated to helping the most vulnerable populations. He meant so much to all of us and the thousands of people he has helped. The Director of Community Services, Lori Morgan, remembers the day he agreed to come to Tioga County full-time and she was honored. He loved working here and formed many friendships along the way. He certainly will be missed but never forgotten.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one Proclamation; ***Immunization Awareness Month*** that will be noted in the minutes.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA**  
**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunizations are deemed one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

WHEREAS: Immunizations are a safe, proven way to protect everyone, especially children, from serious communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS: Childcare facilities, preschool programs, schools, and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS: Immunizations are an important part of a healthy pregnancy and allow the mother to pass protection to her baby. Women should be up to date on their immunizations before becoming pregnant and should be immunized against RSV, flu, and whooping cough during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: Coverage rates for children aged 24 months that received their recommended vaccination series increased from 42% to 59% over the past year; however, there is still much improvement to be made, therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of August 2025 as:

### **IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges the citizens of our County to receive all recommended immunizations for themselves and their children to prevent the spread of preventable diseases.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have two people for privilege of the floor.

Kermit Bossard, Town of Spencer resident spoke. "Good afternoon. My name is Kermit Bossard, and I am the past Chairman of the Spencer Food Cupboard for quite a few years and now Treasurer and grant writer. You all know Spencer; small rural, not very rich; poverty in fact. What we do in the Spencer Food Cupboard is distribute food twice a month in the morning and twice a month in the afternoon and lots of times in between. We also deliver food to those in need.

"I would like to give you numbers for just Spencer, not the rest of the County. In Spencer, pre-Covid, we were serving 931 families: approximately 2400 individuals. Right now, we are serving 2500 families pushing 7,000 individuals. That is about a 250% increase; that's a lot of families and there is a lot of need out there. Our food costs, pre-Covid, were approximately \$18,000. Our food costs now are about \$90,000. The Food Bank of the Southern Tier kicks in a little bit because they get grants from Federal and State, and they are able to pass them on to us. Our food costs, pre-Covid, after the grants from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier was about \$13,000. Now, we are looking at about \$52,000. That is about a 400% increase. The value of that is about \$250,000 for the 80,000 meals that we provide. Back in June 2025, Sister Mary O'Brien came to you, as I was reading in the paper, and talked about families in need, use of SNAP, and the changes that are happening and what that means for families. I believe your response was 'Federal program cuts are not a problem or concern for us'. They are a concern. Our numbers are going up this year again. The cost and the numbers of families have not been fully realized even. We work closely with

the school. They talk about kids coming to school hungry all the time. Teachers, nurses, and so forth. Not like the extreme hunger we see in war zones, but hungry, nevertheless. Food insecurity. I see it as I greet families that come to us. I work parking cars as they wait in line to go into the food pantry. What they talk about is that the rent is going up, the utilities are going up, the pharmaceutical costs are going up, the cost of food is going up and there is much more demand coming to the Spencer Food Cupboard. For us, that means raising more dollars to pay for that food. It's tough in a small rural community with not a lot of industry. The need is not political. Here in Tioga County, we have a Health Department that is tasked with providing health for families all over the County. I am sure that they have reported on food insecurity around here. What we have in our pantry and in every food pantry in the County are health workers that are providing food for families in Tioga County. We have about 75 volunteers out there helping us do the job that we do. These volunteers are part of the health system, if you will, in Tioga County. We operate just as an arm to help keep residents healthy.

“So, the question is why the County isn't helping those pantries out there that are now struggling because they do not have the money to provide the food for the increased need. That's the question. Already USDA is cutting some of the things that we rely on. Local farm programs have been cut. The SNAP benefits are being cut. The free food has been cut. We see that already; it's not down the line; we are seeing it now. If we continue, we are going to have to really look at how we feed the hungry. After all, it's a moral issue; not a political issue. The Bible tells us that our job is to feed the hungry and that is what we are trying to do out there in the County. We have about 50 families that we deliver food to every month. The only thing keeping our food cupboard together is grants from foundations and I do not know how long we can keep that up. We go to the grant foundations year after year and how long are they going to keep doing that. I do not know, but Tioga County used to give money to the pantries out there through Tioga Opportunities who would then give us the dollars in a grant that provided a little bit of help to us and that is what we are asking now. Just a little bit of help. We are not asking for the County to provide the whole \$50,000. Last year, we had 125 different donors (residents) of Spencer and Van Etten give to our food pantry, so we are not asking for all of it, we are asking for a slice and something we can depend on and go back to you year after year that would help us. Also, helping us to write grants because that provides the foundation for those grants that we ask for. Thank you and I would entertain any questions you may have.”

Sarah DeFrank, Food Bank of the Southern Tier spoke. “Thank you so much for this generous time. I do want to say that I have a more comprehensive presentation that I would love to give at some point to any interested body in

the Legislature. Let me know if you are interested and I can come do a presentation for you.

“Good afternoon. My name is Sarah DeFrank, I am the Director of Policy, Program, and Partnerships of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. As some of you are aware, the recent instability caused by policy changes at the Federal level have caused some concern amongst our pantry partners, amongst the larger network across the nation.

“From a food bank perspective here locally in the Southern Tier, we have lost fifteen trailer truckloads of USDA food that was prime perishable nutrient dense type foods and due to those cancellations of the Commodity Credit Corporation that represented an equivalent of 215,408 meals valued at over \$434,000. So, since that loss, the loads were replaced with food that has similar poundage, but not necessarily in product type. So, what we were getting before or what we were scheduled to receive were perishables like meat, dairy, eggs and what we received was dried fruit and nuts. We were going to get the meal and then we got snacks or trail mix. Pantry partners are stressed as they are not getting the right products to make a full meal. I just want to point out that we are working very hard to advocate at the Federal and State level to ensure we are still getting funding and that pantry partners are getting what they need. But we are not going to be able to shoulder the upcoming cuts to SNAP and Medicaid. Specifically, the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cuts as they would be devastating to the program and the progress we have been able to make here in Tioga County and the other five counties we service. Nationally, 9.5 billion meals per year from SNAP were or will be removed; that is 1.5 times the amount of the National Feeding America Networks ability to provide food. So, that is just saying that SNAP does the work much better and efficiently. We will not be able to meet that need. What we like to say is that charity is not going to fix that. SNAP in Tioga County monthly brings 855,000 based on the May 2025 OTDA (Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) caseload. So, what we say is that there is an economic benefit or generator for every SNAP dollar (\$1.50 - \$1.80) and what we are assuming is that most recipients of SNAP in Tioga County also spend that money in Tioga County for an economic impact of \$1.2 – \$1.5 million dollars in Tioga County.

“I also want to address the proposed cuts to Medicaid and what that might look like for folks in Tioga County. Those cuts are almost three times as much as the proposed SNAP cuts are and what we are worried about and I know what Kermit Bossard just spoke to is that people are making really hard decisions right now; are they paying a bill, are they going to the doctor, are they filling their prescriptions, and when we put these medical needs off we have higher costs at emergency rooms and I think everyone here understands that.

“One of the other things that I want to point out, but I feel like I am preaching to the choir here is the municipal consequences of SNAP cuts. A lot of other municipalities are stating there is going to be an increased demand for city and county services. Obviously, with lost revenues and a reduced service capacity I am very concerned about the administrative changes that are coming down from the State to the local County Department of Social Services. What is that going to look like? Will people be able to get those benefits?”

“My ask is that we work together in learning and understanding what the actual impact to each county in the Southern Tier, of course, Tioga County. I would also love again to do the presentation I spoke about earlier. It is much more comprehensive and includes some statistics that are in the folders I handed out.

“I think some of you know there has been work to start establishing a food council here in Tioga County. Theresa Crouse is leading that effort and holding a lot of community meetings. I know Kermit has attended one, but I would just ask and invite all of you to attend those meetings out of interest and understanding where you could participate perhaps.

“That is all I have today. Thanks so much. I appreciate your time.”

Legislator Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15 and 24, 2025, seconded by Legislator Monell and carried.

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

Legislator Standinger introduced Local Law Introductory No. B of 2025.

County of Tioga

Local Law No. XX of the Year 2025.

A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program (Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935) has been

extended from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Tioga County participated in this pilot program by way of Local Law No. 3 of 2021 with a sunset date of December 31, 2023 and Local Law No. 1 of 2024 with a sunset date of December 31, 2025. It is the intent of this Local Law to authorize Tioga County to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old individuals to participate in the extension of the NYSDEC Youth Deer Hunting pilot program in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935 for the fall 2026 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

The enacted 2025-2026 New York State Budget extended the pilot program allowing counties to opt-in by way of Local Law to provide an opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to continue to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2028 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Tioga County is passing this Local Law, as hunting is a valued tradition for many families and this continued opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

#### SECTION 2: PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL §11-0935, Tioga County elects to participate in the extended pilot program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2028 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

#### SECTION 3: STATE REQUIREMENTS TO ADHERE ONCE AUTHORIZED

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- A. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- B. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and

- C. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- D. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters, as well as their adult supervisors, shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- E. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- F. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.

#### SECTION 4: LOCAL LAW FILING REQUIREMENTS

A copy of this Local Law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the New York State Department of State.

#### SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, effect, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

#### SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect January 1, 2026 in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule and will remain in effect pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §11-0935.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 271-25      *SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING*  
*LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. B OF 2025*

RESOLVED: That a Public Hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827 on Local Law Introductory No. B of 2025; A Local Law Authorizing Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter. All persons desiring to present written or oral comments may do so at said time.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standingr moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 272-25      *APPOINT NEW YOUTH BOARD MEMBER TERM*  
*YOUTH BUREAU*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board is organized as an advisory body to the Tioga County Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Youth Board is to carry out the provision of Section 95 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Resolution No. 140-81 of the Tioga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board Bylaws provides for representatives to the Youth Board be appointed by the County Legislature; and



Shipment that will need to be paid as part of the Ortho and Oblique Imagery Flight service, identified as 2024 Flight Year 2, that was originally obligated as part of the initial Pictometry International Corp contract; and

WHEREAS: Correcting the obligated amount back to the original contract amount from 2021 of \$192,368, the County will remain in full compliance of Treasury use guidelines to have all ARPA funds obligated by 12/31/2024, and spent by 12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed for the modification of the budget, and for the use of any and all "ARPA" American Rescue Plan Act funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That those funds be transferred to the following

account(s):

FROM: H1620 520911 M7674 Renovations 56 Main St-ARPA \$53,856

TO: A1680 540140 M7674 Contracting Services-ARPA \$53,856

And be it further

RESOLVED: That this transfer does not require an interfund transfer as ARPA funds remain designed in A 268800 Other Liabilities-ARPA in the General Fund and remain so until expended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 274-25 *AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIL SYSTEM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)*

WHEREAS: The Social Services Director of Administrative Services and the Deputy Director of Information Technology and Communication Services (ITCS) have reviewed the current electronic mail postage system in use at the Department of Social Services (DSS); and

WHEREAS: The current system's hardware and software are nearing obsolescence, and will no longer be able to communicate to update postage rates and software, or meet cyber security compliance requirements, and will require immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS: Pitney Bowes, Inc. has provided a quote for a suitable option, offering the NYS Contract Purchase Price of \$20,463.10 to purchase outright via the cooperative purchasing organization Sourcewell; and

WHEREAS: Through a valid New York State contract, the purchase is therefore exempt from the requirement to obtain three competitive quotes in accordance with applicable procurement regulations; and

WHEREAS: The Social Services Director of Administrative Services has indicated that there are funds available in the H6010 551060 Car/Truck account and wishes to also use available funds in the Capital Hardware Reserve; and

WHEREAS: Amending of the budget, the appropriation of Capital funds, the utilization of a Capital Reserve, and the transfer of Capital funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Department of Social Services to proceed with direct procurement and implementation of a new mail system and that the following funds be transferred and the 2025 budget be modified as follows:

FROM:	H 387805	Capital Hardware Reserve	\$5,239.10
FROM:	H6010 521060	Car/Truck	\$15,224.00
TO:	H6010 521130	Equipment (Not Car)	\$20,463.10

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 275-25      *AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF  
NEW FORENSIC RECORDING SYSTEM FOR  
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Social Services Deputy Commissioner and Director of the Child Advocacy Center have determined the need for additional recording equipment for the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and at the satellite location in Waverly; and

WHEREAS: The satellite location currently has no dedicated recording equipment, and it has also been determined that a second interview room at the Child Advocacy Center needs to be added; and

WHEREAS: The recording system is essential to ensure accurate, reliable, and secure documentation of proceedings, and to enhance overall operational efficiency and compliance with applicable recordkeeping standards; and

WHEREAS: StarWitness has provided a quote for a suitable option, offering the NYS Contract Purchase Price of \$27,185; and

WHEREAS: Through a valid New York State contract, the purchase is therefore exempt from the requirement to obtain bids in accordance with applicable procurement regulations; and

WHEREAS: The Social Services Director of Administrative Services has indicated that there are funds available in the A6050 520090 Computer account; and

WHEREAS: Services contracts over \$10,000 require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Department of Social Services to proceed with direct procurement and implementation of the new forensic recording system.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Having worked in that world of interviewing children, it is critical to have the proper equipment to record and provide that information to the attorneys that are dealing with the case. So, it is certainly worthwhile to get the equipment that is necessary."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 276-25 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FUNERAL HOME  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Per New York State Social Services Law, Tioga County is responsible for burial payments for those financially eligible; and

WHEREAS: The Funeral Directors of Tioga County have requested a rate increase; and

WHEREAS: Reimbursement rates to Funeral Directors have not been increased since December 15, 2015; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the allowance for burial of stillborn Social Services recipients shall be \$800.00 and allowance for casket not to exceed \$700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the allowance for a burial of an infant up to four years shall be \$1,295.00 and allowance for casket not to exceed \$700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the allowance for burial of other Social Services recipients shall be \$2,400.00 and allowance for casket not to exceed \$700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in addition to the above allowances, there shall be an allowance for the actual cost of all cemetery costs and equipment, including but not limited to, a grave liner, grave opening and closing, casket lowering device and tent, an allowance for minimum cost grave available at the cemetery at which burial takes place, plus winter storage if needed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in addition to the above allowances, there shall be an allowance for the actual cost of any oversized casket or Ziegler case that may be necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED: That transportation costs shall be \$3.00 per loaded mile with the maximum number of reimbursable miles being 100 unless the Department of Social Services determines that it would be more economical to reimburse for a greater distance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That for full-service cremations, the fee shall be as follows:

- a. For stillborn and children up to four years, \$800.00.
- b. For all others, \$2,400.00 and allowance for urn not to exceed \$300.00.
- c. In addition to the above allowances, there shall be an allowance for the cost of cremation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in regard to immediate disposition cremations or anatomical donations, the fees shall be as follows:

- a. Stillborn and children up to four years, the fee shall be \$800.00.
- b. For all other immediate disposition cremations, \$1,200.00.
- c. In addition to the above allowances, there shall be an allowance for the cost of cremation, and minimum urn or outer burial receptacle (when mandated by cemetery); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the family may supplement cash advanced items such as, but not limited to, a gift for the clergy, certified copies of the death certificate, newspaper notices, hair dressing and clothing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the funeral home who is making claims for such funds shall submit an itemized invoice for the grave liner if required, and all actual cemetery and crematory cost and equipment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these rates shall apply for services effective September 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these rates will be increased on January 1 of calendar years 2027, 2028 and 2029 based on the US Department of Labor Consumer Price Index.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 277-25 *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150.00 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in September, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lunch for the field of the forgotten (ARPA) - \$800.00

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Ruck March Event (ARPA) - \$9,000.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 278-25      *AWARD BID FOR TREE AND VEGETATION  
REMOVAL PROSPECT HILL ROAD, BARTON NY,  
COMMUNICATIONS TOWER*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services sought bids for Tree and Vegetation Removal at the Prospect Hill Road Communications Tower in Barton, NY; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services received one sealed bid on July 17, 2025 and the bid result was as follows:

Anthony Barnhart d/b/a Tri County Tree Service  
\$250.00 per hour, not to exceed eight (8) 8-hour days or a cost of \$16,000

And

WHEREAS: Tioga County Office of Emergency Services has determined that Anthony Barnhart d/b/a Tri County Tree Service, is the only bidder in substantial and material compliance with the bid specifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby award the bid to Anthony Barnhart d/b/a Tri County Tree Service not to exceed \$16,000.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 279-25      *AWARD BID FOR SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD  
PAVEMENT OVERLAY*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works budgeted for this project; and

WHEREAS: On July 31, 2025 the Department of Public Works received sealed bids from the following contractors:

<b>Broome Bituminous Products, Vestal NY</b>	<b>\$618,420.00</b>
Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting, Pine City, NY	\$666,525.00
Lancaster Development, Richmondville NY	\$776,498.63
Suit-Kote Corporation, Cortland NY	\$850,005.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the low bidder, Broome Bituminous Products, Vestal NY not to exceed \$618,420.00 to be paid out of the Paving Projects 2025 Account H5110.540001.H2501.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 280-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR  
BROOME BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS TO  
PERFORM PAVING AND MILLING SERVICES  
ON GOODRICH ROAD*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works is authorized to procure services based on New York State (NYS) Office of General Services bids and from other bids in the neighboring counties where applicable; and

WHEREAS: The NYS DOT has allotted financial resources specifically to perform road services to County roads; and

WHEREAS: Broome Bituminous Products has offered the Department of Public Works to mill and pave Goodrich Road at a cost significantly lower than the Assistant Engineer's estimate based on previous competitive paving projects; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into contract with Broome Bituminous Products not to exceed \$76,707 to be paid out of Paving Projects 2025 Account H5110.540001.H2501.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 281-25 *AUTHORIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR NYS CDBG IMMINENT THREAT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Property Development Corporation intends to demolish two structures that pose an imminent threat to health and welfare of the community located on Railroad Avenue, Berkshire and Hickory Park Road, Owego; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$40,000,000 in the CDBG Public Infrastructure, Public Facility, Community Planning, Economic Development, and Imminent Threat programs; and

WHEREAS: The Imminent Threat program is designed to address urgent and unforeseen threats to public health and safety that require immediate action, including environmental remediation and demolition/property clearance; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is proposing the submittal of an application under the CDBG Imminent Threat program in the amount of \$200,000 to assist the Tioga County Property Development Corporation with the aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS: The proposed project is an eligible activity under the CDBG Imminent Threat program and Tioga County, NY, as a non-entitlement unit of local government, is an eligible entity to apply for and receive CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS: This grant source, administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal requires no local match; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 237-25, a Public Hearing was held July 24, 2025, and no comments were received; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes said grant application in the amount of \$200,000 and upon award authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contract and other paperwork, contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 282-25      *AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET, TRANSFER FUNDS  
56 MAIN STREET RENOVATIONS, AND AWARD 56  
MAIN STREET NORTH WING HVAC UPGRADE  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC upgrade construction project; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received one sealed bid on July 23, 2025 and the bid result was as follows:

Postler & Jaeckle Corporation, Endicott, NY	\$674,700.00
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And

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Public Works has completed the review of the bid and finds that the bidder Postler & Jaeckle Corporation, Endicott, NY meets all of the qualifications of the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved the purchase of the HVAC equipment for the project by way of Resolution No. 197-25 in the amount of \$241,541; and

WHEREAS: The current HVAC upgrade project at 56 Main St. has outstanding construction costs in the amount of \$77,929; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments and Transfers require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize awarding the construction contract to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation, Endicott, NY not to exceed \$674,700.00 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 Renovations 56 Main St

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Capital Budget be modified and funds appropriated to the following accounts:

TO:	H1620.520911	Renovations 56 Main St	\$450,000
FROM:	H 390900	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$450,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That an amount no greater than \$450,000 be interfund transferred as needed by the General Fund to fund the appropriation out of Unrestricted Capital Fund Balance from the following accounts:

TO:	H1340 450310 Interfund Transfers	\$450,000
TO:	A9950 593715 Transfers to Capital Fund	\$450,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 283-25      *RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE TIOGA COUNTY PROBATION DEPT.  
AND BUDDI US, LLC*

WHEREAS: The Probation Department is in need of Electronic and Alcohol Monitoring Services to provide alternative to incarceration and alternative to detention services via Court order for Tioga County adults and juveniles; and

WHEREAS: Probation has been contracting with a company, Buddi, US, LLC that is willing to provide Electronic Monitoring Services to Tioga County Probation at the cost of \$3.80 per day per unit; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Attorney has previously approved a contract with Buddi US, LLC that will charge the County \$3.80 per day per unit, with no fee for units on the shelf. Said contract includes a rollover clause that allows the contract to roll over year to year unless terminated by one of the parties; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Probation renegotiated the pricing of said contract. The new contract having been approved by the Tioga County Attorney will have Tioga County Probation charged for electronic monitoring, alcohol monitoring, and cell phone monitoring as follows:

Electronic Monitoring: \$3.80 per day + \$0.65 per day insurance – total \$4.45/day

Alco Tag + GPS: \$6.75 per day + \$0.65 per day insurance – total \$7.40/day

Alco Tag only: \$6.75 per day + \$0.65 per day insurance - total \$7.40/day

Cell Phone check in app: \$1.00 per day

And

WHEREAS: Tioga County Probation has budgeted funds for Electronic Monitoring services for 2025 in the amount of \$3,500 in account number A3142.540140 – Contracting Services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Probation Director is approved to enter into the amended contract with Buddi US, LLC to provide Electronic Monitoring hardware and alcohol monitoring hardware, and internet accessible software for adults and juveniles to the Probation Department as part of the County's Alternative to Incarceration and Alternative to Detention programming.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 284-25 *REVISE AND MODIFY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TIOGA & THE TIOGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026*

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga approved by Resolution No. 65-25 entering into an Administrative Services Agreement with the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Said Administrative Services Agreement calls for the County of Tioga to provide the TCIDA with administrative services, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) office; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Services Agreement also calls for the TCIDA to contribute toward the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by TCEDP staff to perform duties on behalf of the TCIDA; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga and TCIDA are desirous of revising and modifying the existing Administrative Services Agreement to increase the TCIDA annual contribution from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for administrative staff, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment necessary to support the operations of the TCIDA through the TCEDP; and

WHEREAS: The TCIDA and TCEDP are also desirous of modifying and extending the term of the existing Administrative Services Agreement for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the acceptance of \$50,000.00 annually from the TCIDA and revises and modifies the Administrative Services Agreement to provide funding towards the cost of administration, for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, and Aronstam.



WHEREAS: The TCPDC and TCEDP are also desirous of modifying and extending the term of the existing Administrative Services Agreement for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the acceptance of \$50,000.00 annually from the TCPDC and revises and modifies the Administrative Services Agreement to provide funding towards the cost of administration, for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 286-25      *EXECUTE ADDENDUM TO LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT PROSPECT HILL ROAD, WAVERLY, NEW YORK TO MAINTAIN AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County executed a lease and existing easement agreement for a portion of property located at 490 Prospect Hill Road, to construct, use, expand and maintain an access road for the Radio Tower Project per Resolution No. 146-25 effective April 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Due to the inconvenience and loss of tree and vegetation removal on parts of the property owned by Darlene VanHousen, Tioga County deems it appropriate to make a one-time payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000 USD) to Ms. VanHousen as compensation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a lease

addendum with Darleen VanHousen for the property located at Prospect Hill Road, Waverly, New York.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "We are going to see a lot of these little resolutions come through as we finish up this project. The project is well underway and these are the details that have to be moved on."

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 287-25 APPOINT SECRETARY TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: Due to the announced retirement of Secretary to the Public Defender Kathy A. Coyne as of August 8, 2025, a vacancy has been created; and

WHEREAS: The position is fully funded by the State's Hurrell/Harring Grant; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has recruited and identified a satisfactory candidate to fill the position; and

WHEREAS: Amanda J. Pullano has been employed as part-time paralegal and then full-time Office Specialist III at the Family Court Public Defender since 2019, has extensive experience in office management including case management and financial system entry and is well qualified by reason of substantial experience and judgment to fill the position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to appoint Amanda J. Pullano to the title of Secretary to the Public Defender, with a start date of August 23, 2025, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$47,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Ms. Pullano shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Pullano shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective February 23, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 288-25

*AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning received authorization to fill said vacancy per Resolution No. 226-25; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning reviewed applications, conducted interviews and identified a qualified candidate with prior relevant work experience; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Economic Development and Planning is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Tara Patton to the title of Housing Development Specialist, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$56,640.00 effective September 8, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Patton shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective March 8, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 289-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT  
TREASURER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Accountant became vacant as of May 31, 2025, within the Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer has conducted a recruitment search and has identified a desirable candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Natalie Kouterick is appointed to the title of Accountant, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$60,000, effective August 25, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Mrs. Kouterick shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Mrs. Kouterick shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective February 25, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 290-25 *AUTHORIZE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
REAL PROPERTY DIRECTOR  
(REAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT)*

WHEREAS: The current 6-year term for Real Property Director Steven B. Palinosky will expire on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature would like to reappoint Mr. Palinosky for another 6-year term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Steven B. Palinosky is hereby reappointed as Real Property Director for another 6-year term, which shall be effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2031.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 291-25      *AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE FULL-TIME  
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR FOR  
TIOGA COUNTY IDA AND  
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING*

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning would like to create a full-time Administrative Coordinator for Tioga County IDA and Property Development Corporation position; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any position within a Tioga County department; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has met with the Director of Economic Development and Planning and has reviewed the description of work duties for the proposed full-time Administrative Coordinator for Tioga County IDA and Property Development Corporation position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a full-time position titled Administrative Coordinator for Tioga County IDA and Property Development Corporation be created at an annual Management/Confidential salary (\$42,981 - \$52,981) effective August 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 292-25 CREATE AND FILL SEASONAL  
SOCIAL WELFARE EXAMINER POSITIONS AND  
SEASONAL OFFICE SPECIALIST I POSITIONS  
FOR THE HEAP PROGRAM  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will tentatively begin outreach in mid-August and be in full season on November 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Social Services budget allows for the hiring of the following staff for the HEAP Program:

Two, full-time, seasonal Social Welfare Examiners for a combined total of 202 seven-hour days, at the starting salary of \$17.75 per hour; and

Three, full-time seasonal Office Specialist I positions for a combined total of 274 seven-hour days, at the starting salary of \$15.50 per hour; and

WHEREAS: Seasonal HEAP staff will start working no sooner than September 22, 2025 and stop working no later than April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS: No individual Seasonal staff member will work more than 129 seven-hour days; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Minimum Wage is scheduled to increase on December 31, 2025, to a rate to be published by the Commissioner of Labor on or before October 1, 2025, and Tioga County intends to pay at least minimum

wage so the hourly rates for Office Specialist I positions will be adjusted accordingly as of December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services be authorized to create and fill the seasonal HEAP positions listed above.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "This is a yearly program that distributes funds for heating for people based on their financial difficulties. Based on what we heard earlier from the privilege of the floor folks everybody is having difficulty so that is an example of how we assist in that endeavor to get people warm in the winter."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 293-25 RECLASSIFY VACANT PART-TIME  
ASSISTANT FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the reclassification of any Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: One Part-Time Assistant Fire Coordinator position has been vacant since April 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the Director of Emergency Services submitted a New Position Duties Statement to the Personnel Department on July 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has determined the appropriate classification for said title be Assistant EMS Coordinator PT; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the reclassification of one vacant, part-time Assistant Fire Coordinator (M/C \$11,813) to a part-time Assistant EMS Coordinator position at a Management/Confidential salary of \$11,813, not to exceed 10 hours per week effective August 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 294-25 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS FOR  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, 465-24, 37-25 and 196-25 established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby establishes the following as the standard workday for the title below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

**Five-day work week, seven-hour day:**

Case Manager (Public Defender)  
Case Manager (Assigned Counsel)  
Public Works Project Technician  
Housing Development Specialist  
County Planning Director Trainee

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 295-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION III. FINANCIAL RULES;  
SUBSECTION h. PURCHASE OF FOOD, BEVERAGE,  
SUPPLIES, SMALL ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES,  
GAS CARDS AND GIFT CARDS

WHEREAS: Section III. Financial Rules; Subsection h. entitled Purchase of Food, Beverage, Supplies, Small Electronics/Appliances, Gas Cards, and Gift Cards was last revised on July 11, 2023 by way of Resolution No. 297-23; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes the need for clear and consistent uniform guidelines regarding the purchase of food, beverage, supplies, small electronics/appliances, gas cards, and gift cards; and

WHEREAS: This policy promotes accountability and fiscal responsibility for the use of public taxpayer funds within the County's purchasing policies; and

WHEREAS: The policy was revised by the Policy Review Committee and reviewed by the Legislative Chair, County Administrator, Legislative Clerk, County Attorney, and Personnel Officer; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby amends and replaces the Employee Handbook, Section III. Financial Rules, Subsection h. entitled Purchase of Food, Beverage, Supplies, Small Electronics/Appliances, Gas Cards, and Gift Cards in its entirety.

**h. PURCHASE OF FOOD, BEVERAGE, SUPPLIES, SMALL ELECTRONICS/ APPLIANCES,  
GAS CARDS, AND GIFT CARDS  
(FORMERLY POLICY #54)**

**SECTIONS:**

- I. Purpose
- II. General Policy
  - a. Purchase of Food and Beverage
    - i. Permissible Meetings/Trainings/Special Events
    - ii. Prohibited Expenses
  - b. Purchase of Supplies and Small Electronics/Appliances
  - c. Purchase of Gas Cards and Gift Cards
- III. Considerations
- IV. Compliance
- V. Effective Date

**I. PURPOSE**

Establish a standard purchasing and procurement procedure regarding food, beverage, supplies, small electronics/appliances, gas cards, and gift cards for all County departments to ensure and enforce the policies established by the Tioga County Legislature in regard to the expenditure of public taxpayer funds.

**II. GENERAL POLICY**

Funds used for the purchase of food, beverage, supplies, small electronics/appliances, gas cards, and gift cards must be allocated in the department's annual budget and purchases should be kept to a reasonable amount to avoid overstocking items and also running over budget.

This policy must be followed regardless of the source of funds and whether that source allows for funds to be used for a particular purpose. Purchases must be allowed within the purchasing policies of Tioga County and in accordance with all Federal, State, or Local Grant requirements. The County's Purchasing and Procurement Policies are often more restrictive than what is required under Federal, State, and Local Grant fund sources.

Any employee who violates the terms of the County's purchasing policies shall be personally responsible for reimbursing the County if return of purchase to the vendor is not possible.

Any purchase supported by this policy is strongly encouraged to be procured within Tioga County.

**a. Purchase of Food and Beverage**

In recognition of the time and effort devoted by volunteers serving on Legislatively appointed Boards, County funds (Local, State, & Federal) may be used to purchase light refreshments in an amount not to exceed \$150.00. Employees present at such meetings are also welcome to consume refreshments, but staff meetings and Legislative meetings are excluded from the food and beverage purchases.

In addition to our volunteer Boards, the Legislature also recognizes specific meetings, trainings, or special events where the purchase of food and beverage is permissible.

**i. PERMISSIBLE MEETINGS/TRAININGS/SPECIAL EVENTS (NOT TO EXCEED \$150.00):**

- a. Boards whose members are appointed by the Tioga County Legislature
- b. Recognition ceremonies organized by the County's Employee Recognition Program (exempt from threshold limit)
- c. Institute for Advancement (I4A) (exempt from threshold limit)
- d. Meetings with State and Federal Elected Officials
- e. Business meetings with non-county business associates (Employees only will be held at the per-diem rate established for the specific meal.)
- f. Health and Human Services and Veterans' clientele light refreshments
- g. Foster parent training classes and outreach events
- h. Tioga County sponsored trainings
- i. Lunch during required all-day staff meetings and required trainings
- j. Business shows/job fairs/open houses
- k. Veterans' community outreach events
- l. Other special events, meetings, and trainings as pre-authorized by resolution of the Tioga County Legislature, including any expenditures in excess of the \$150.00 threshold limit not listed above.

As a resolution is required for upcoming events that will exceed the established threshold, departments are to plan accordingly to submit one resolution for all events in a given month versus individual resolutions for each event. If grant funding is to be utilized, the official award notification must be received prior to the resolution.

**ii. PROHIBITED EXPENSES:**

- a. Office luncheons
- b. Staff and/or team meetings
- c. Legislative meetings
- d. Staff birthdays and/or retirement celebrations
- e. "Working luncheons" comprised of County staff
- f. Half-Day trainings
- g. Employee picnics
- h. Employee recognition ceremonies that are not part of the Tioga County Employee Recognition Program
- i. Food and beverage for extended work hours
- j. Water coolers & bottled water for employee consumption (Exceptions: see Section III. Financial Rules, Subsection g. Water Coolers).
- k. Office coffee & supplies (Exception: allowable only when purchased as part of the permissible meetings, trainings, and special events listed above).

Food and beverage listed under Prohibited Expenses shall not be provided using County funds.

**b. Purchase of Supplies and Small Electronics/Appliances**

County funds shall not be used to purchase appliances or any other food preparation devices (e.g. coffee makers, microwaves, toasters and refrigerators) with the intention of personal employee food preparation and use.

Note: Common breakrooms are exempt from these purchases.

Departments shall not purchase disposable supplies (e.g. napkins, paper plates, plastic utensils, disposable cups) for typical daily employee use. These purchases are allowable when associated with permissible meetings, trainings, or special events with the understanding that purchases are to be kept to a reasonable amount to avoid over-purchasing.

**c. Purchase of Gas Cards and Gift Cards**

Departments are allowed to purchase gas cards and gift cards as part of their programmatic needs for clientele use only. Tioga County employees

are not eligible to receive a County paid/issued gas card or gift card, with the exception of the Wellness Trust Account funds managed by the County Treasurer through the Public Health Department for their monthly Wellness promotions.

Departments are allowed to purchase gift cards as part of a County Department promotional giveaway for public use only. Tioga County employees are prohibited from entering promotional contests.

Departments shall maintain a record of the number of gas and gift cards purchased, to whom they have been issued, and for said purpose. These records are to be made available to the County Legislature immediately upon request.

Departments have to keep the physical gas cards and gift cards in a secure location until the time of issuance.

### III. **CONSIDERATIONS**

- a. Before purchasing a gas card or a gift card, the County shall evaluate:
  - i. Whether the purchase **supports the County's mission** and aligns with its policies and objectives.
  - ii. If the purchase **upholds the County's core values**.
  - iii. If the purchase **avoids conflict of interest and any apparent reputational risk**.
  - iv. If the purchase **complies with Federal, State, and Local Laws**.

### IV. **COMPLIANCE**

Departments are required to adhere to and comply with the County's Purchasing and Procurement Policy including gratuity, sales tax, and Purchase Card requirements. All reimbursements shall require an itemized receipt. Failure to obtain an itemized receipt will result in the cardholder reimbursing the Tioga County Treasurer for the purchase directly.

### V. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The original effective date of this policy is July 11, 2023.

This policy shall be effective immediately upon approval by the County Legislature and will remain in effect until amended or repealed.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 296-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES;  
SUBSECTION d. PERSONNEL POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEES OF TIOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Employee Handbook Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection d. Personnel Policies and Procedures for Employees of Tioga County; **II. Salary Rules/Evaluations**; Department Head Evaluations needs to be amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Handbook, Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection d. **II. Salary Rules/Evaluations: Department Head Evaluations** be amended as follows:

Department Head Evaluations:

All Department Heads, prior to the adoption of the next year County budget and before the start of the new fiscal year, will be evaluated by the County Administrator in conjunction with input from the respective Legislative Committee Chair and Legislative Chair, and shall receive the formal evaluation in-person from the County Administrator and/or the Committees' designee. New Department Heads shall be evaluated after (6) months from their date of appointment following the same process. Compliance with the evaluation system within the department shall be taken into consideration on the Department Head's evaluation.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of this policy remains unchanged.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 297-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES; SUBSECTION j.  
MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL BENEFITS

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Employee Handbook Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j. Management/Confidential Benefits Section **II. Leave Accruals A. Vacation** needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS: This amendment pertains specifically to the sixth bulleted paragraph on additional vacation days granted for years of relevant prior experience at time of employment and the condition set forth for payout at time of employment separation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Handbook, Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j. **II. Leave Accruals A. Vacation, sixth bulleted paragraph** regarding years of relevant experience be amended as follows:

## **II. Leave Accruals**

### A. VACATION

- Years of relevant prior experience shall be determined at the time of employment with Tioga County (within the Management/Confidential plan) by the Personnel Department and shall take into account all of an employee's relevant prior work experience. When an employee leaves the County, any additional vacation days granted for prior work experience will only be paid out if the employee has completed at least one year of service. The judgment of the County in this matter shall be at its sole discretion and shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of this policy remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 298-25      *AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES; SUBSECTION q.  
TIOGA COUNTY SEXUAL HARASSMENT  
PREVENTION POLICY*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 210-23 adopted on May 9, 2023, revised Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection q. entitled Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy in its entirety; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy needs to be amended due to updates and changes; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed the Employee Handbook for compliance with State and Federal Law and has identified the need to amend the policy to include a discriminatory harassment policy; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has revised the Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy to now include a discriminatory harassment policy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy be amended to now include “II. Discriminatory Harassment Policy”.; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of the Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy remains unchanged.

**q. SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY****II. Discriminatory Harassment Policy:****Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of the County of Tioga to provide and maintain a work environment which is free from unlawful discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, age, marital status, domestic violence victim status, disability, pregnancy-related condition, predisposing genetic characteristics, prior arrest or conviction record, familial status, gender identity, and any other class protected by law (collectively referred to as "discriminatory harassment" or "harassment"). Harassment based on these characteristics is a form of unlawful discrimination and is prohibited in each and every work environment and each and every situation which directly impacts the work environment.

The County of Tioga will take appropriate steps to prevent and correct unlawful harassment and discrimination as defined by both federal and state law. The federal laws include Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The state law is the New York State Human Rights Law.

The County of Tioga considers discriminatory harassment to be a form of employee misconduct and considers this type of misconduct to be a serious offense which will not be tolerated. Allegations of harassment will be investigated thoroughly and if substantiated, will be met with appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action commensurate with the seriousness of the offense(s), and in accordance with the parameters of applicable collective bargaining agreements and/or state law.

This policy applies to all applicants and employees of the County of Tioga and prohibits harassment, discrimination and retaliation whether engaged in by fellow employees, by a supervisor or manager or by someone not directly connected to the County (e.g., an outside vendor, consultant or citizen).

Conduct prohibited by this Policy is unacceptable in the workplace and in any work-related setting outside the workplace, such as during business trips, business meetings, and business-related social events.

All information gathered during an investigation of a harassment complaint will be handled in a confidential manner, to the extent possible.

Retaliation against any individual making a harassment complaint or assisting in the investigation of such a complaint is forbidden. Retaliation is a serious violation of this policy which may result in disciplinary action.

This Policy does not preclude the filing of discriminatory harassment complaints with either the New York State Division of Human Rights or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the pursuing of any other remedies as permitted by law.

## **DEFINITIONS**

1. "Sexual Harassment" is defined as:

A form of gender-based discrimination. Unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- A. Submission to such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment (e.g., promotion, training, assignments, etc.);
- B. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decisions (e.g., hiring, evaluation, promotion) affecting such individual; or
- C. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

Examples of specific behaviors that may be considered sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Spoken or written words related to an employee's sex
- Any sexual advance that is unwelcome
- Sexually oriented comments
- Showing or displaying pornographic or sexually explicit objects or pictures in the workplace
- Offensive touching, patting or pinching
- Requests for sexual acts or favors
- Abusing the dignity of an employee through insulting or degrading sexual remarks or conduct
- Threats, demands or suggestions that an employee's work status is contingent upon her/his toleration of or acquiescence to sexual advances
- Subtle pressure for sexual activities
- Leering at a person

Sexual harassment is gender neutral and may involve members of the same or different gender.

2. Other unlawful harassment:

Harassment on the basis of any other protected characteristic is also prohibited. Under this policy, prohibited harassment is verbal or physical conduct that is offensive to or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of a protected characteristic which includes race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, age, marital status, domestic violence victim status, disability, pregnancy-related condition, predisposing genetic characteristics, prior arrest or conviction record, familial status, and gender identity (and any other class protected by law) , and that: (i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment; (ii) has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance; or (iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities.

Employees and applicants for employment are also protected against

Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the workplace (including through e-mail) of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group, based on an individual's protected class.

3. Other Unacceptable Conduct:

This policy also prohibits conduct of one employee toward another that may not rise to the level of discrimination or harassment in violation of the law but nonetheless creates a degree of hostility or intimidation that adversely affects the work environment. Teasing, ridicule, and other conduct intended to annoy, personally attack, belittle or embarrass another individual is inappropriate and also unacceptable in the workplace. Therefore, the County encourages the use of its complaint procedure by employees who believe they have been subject to inappropriate conduct by another employee, even if such conduct may not be harassment or discrimination per se. The County endeavors to create an environment in which employees may feel free to raise concerns and are confident that those concerns will be addressed.

### III. Responsibilities

#### 1. Managerial and Supervisory Personnel

All managerial and supervisory personnel of the County of Tioga shall be responsible for enforcing this Policy and shall have particular responsibility for ensuring that the work environment under their supervision is free from discriminatory harassment and its effects. Failure of a manager or supervisor to comply with this responsibility may result in disciplinary action.

All managerial and supervisory personnel who receive discriminatory harassment complaints will be responsible for reporting such in accordance with Section IV.2 below.

#### 2. The County

The County of Tioga will conduct periodic training for managerial and supervisory personnel in each Department of the County on the issues surrounding discriminatory harassment, its effects and its appearances, and the role and responsibility of managerial/supervisory personnel in preventing incidents of harassment complaints.

The County of Tioga shall distribute this Policy to all County employees and all others covered by its parameters. Copies of this Policy will be distributed to new employees as they are hired.

Copies of this Policy will be conspicuously posted.

### IV. Reporting and Resolution Procedures

1. If an individual is subjected to a situation which they believe constitutes discriminatory harassment in violation of this Policy, the County recommends that the employee confront the harasser directly and advise the harasser that their behavior is not welcomed and will not be tolerated. Note that neither this policy nor state/federal law requires that an individual tell an alleged harasser to stop their actions. Employees should feel free to keep written records of any alleged sexual harassment incidents, including the date, time, location, names of people involved, witnesses (if any), and who said or did what to whom.
2. A written or verbal complaint should be filed by the affected employee with the employee's immediate supervisor. The supervisor will immediately forward the complaint to the Department Head. In the event the employee does not believe it would be appropriate to file the complaint

with the immediate supervisor, it may be filed directly to the appropriate Department Head or to the County's Personnel Officer. If the Department Head is unavailable or a party to the violation, the supervisor shall forward the complaint to the Personnel Officer or County Attorney.

## **V. Complaint Investigation**

1. Harassment complaints should be investigated as promptly as possible and resolved within a reasonable time after the receipt of the complaint. **The Office of the County Attorney** and with the oversight of the Personnel Officer and/or their designee(s) will coordinate an investigation of the complaint. Following the investigation, **the County Attorney and/or their designee(s)** may issue a written report of findings and conclusions.
2. Thereafter, any conclusions may be issued from the County Attorney and/or their designee(s), in writing, back to the complainant.
3. Retaliation against any individual making a harassment complaint or assisting in the investigation of such a complaint is strictly forbidden. Retaliation, like discrimination and harassment, is against the law and is a serious violation of this Policy. Employees who retaliate against other employees who complain about harassment and/or participate in investigation of harassment may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **VI. Response Procedures**

1. In the event a complaint of discriminatory harassment is determined to be founded, the County may take disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of applicable collective bargaining agreements and/or state law, if applicable.
2. If disciplinary charges are filed against an employee on the grounds that the County has determined the employee is guilty of unlawful harassment, the accused employee may exercise their rights through the disciplinary procedure provided for in their labor contract and/or state law, if applicable.
3. Reporting a false complaint is a serious act. In the event it is found that the individual bringing the complaint has knowingly made false accusations, the County will take action in accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or state law, if applicable.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 299- 25	<i>AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; SECTION IX. SAFETY RULES, SUBSECTION j. WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM POLICY AND DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT POLICY</i>
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WHEREAS: Tioga County's Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy and Discriminatory Harassment Policy was reviewed by Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP at the request of the Tioga County Attorney for necessary updates; and

WHEREAS: The Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy and Discriminatory Harassment Policy upon review warrants revisions in several sections and the need for forms to be removed in their entirety and the policy to be renamed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That **Section 2. Discriminatory Harassment Policy, Subsections I-VI.** are hereby removed in their entirety from this policy and relocated to the Sexual Harassment policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That **Section I. Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy, Subsection III. Definitions** regarding sexual harassment is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **III. Definitions**

While sexual harassment (as defined herein and New York State Human Rights Law) is prohibited by Tioga County. It is specifically excluded from the definition of a workplace violence incident. An employee should refer to the Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy for more information about this topic.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That **Section 3. Forms** is amended to delete Forms 4 and 5 as they pertain to Discriminatory Harassment and are no longer covered by this policy and is renamed as Section 2. Forms; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy and Discriminatory Harassment Policy is hereby updated and renamed the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth two (2) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Roberts. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 300-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
3<sup>RD</sup> ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: As of February 10, 2025, the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant District Attorney has been vacant due to promotion; and

WHEREAS: The District Attorney has identified a satisfactory candidate; therefore be it



RESOLVED: That the District Attorney's 2025 budget be modified and the following sums be transferred from within the District Attorney's budget to cover the costs of said remodel.

FROM: A 388901	Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$5,354.38
TO: A1165 520020	Audio Visual Equipment	\$2,074.38
TO: A1165 520250	Renovations	\$3,280.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingr. and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Flesher.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

*Public Hearing  
Local Law Introductory No. B of 2025  
August 21, 2025*

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. B of 2025, a Local Law of the Tioga County Legislature of the County of Tioga, authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult hunter was called to order by Deputy Chair Monell at 10:00 A.M. Seven Legislative members were present with Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Standinger being absent.

There were six people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

*Fifth Special Meeting*  
August 21, 2025

The Fifth Special Meeting of 2025 was held on August 21, 2025 and was called to order by the Deputy Chair at 10:05 a.m. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, and Roberts were present with Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Standinger being absent.

Deputy Chair Monell asked Legislator Brown to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, thank you for letting us gather today to continue doing, to the best of our abilities, the leading of Tioga County."

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

There were six people in attendance.

Legislator Brown made a motion to bring forth three (3) resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Roberts. Motion carried.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 302-25      *RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF TIOGA COUNTY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 231-15 TO EXTEND IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2027*

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 231-15, the Tioga County Legislature imposed in this county and decreed there shall be paid all of the sales and compensating use taxes described in Article Twenty-nine of the New York State Law as authorized by subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of the Tax Law, at the rate of three percent. In addition to those taxes imposed at the rate of three percent, Resolution No. 231-15 imposed in this county and decreed there shall be paid such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent through November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 184-17, the Tioga County Legislature amended Resolution No. 231-15 imposed in this county and decreed there shall be paid such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent through November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 118-20, the Tioga County Legislature amended portions of Resolution No. 184-17 that amended Resolution No. 231-15 imposed in this county and decreed there shall be paid such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent through November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 306-23, the Tioga County Legislature amended Section One of Resolution No. 231-15, as amended by Resolution No. 184-17, as amended by Resolution No. 118-20; and

WHEREAS: Section 1. Clause 17 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of Section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by Chapter 243 of the Laws of 2023 is amended to read as follows:

(17) the County of Tioga is hereby further authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes at a rate which is: (i) one-half of one percent additional to the three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph for such county for the period beginning September first, nineteen hundred ninety-three, and ending November thirtieth, two thousand three; and (ii) one percent additional to the three percent rate authorized in this paragraph for such county for the period beginning December first, two thousand five, and ending November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-seven; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature wishes to amend Resolution No. 231-15, as amended by Resolution No. 184-17, as amended by Resolution No. 118-20, as amended by Resolution No. 306-23 to impose the additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes for a period of two additional years through November 30, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: By the Legislature of Tioga County, that Section One of Resolution No. 231-15, as amended by Resolution No. 184-17, as amended by Resolution No. 118-20, as amended by Resolution No. 306-23 shall be amended to read as follows:

**“SECTION I:** Imposition of general sales and compensating use taxes. There are hereby imposed in this county and there shall be paid all of the sales and compensating use taxes described in Article Twenty-nine of the New York Tax Law as authorized by subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of the Tax Law, at the rate of three percent. In addition to those taxes imposed at the rate of three percent, there are hereby imposed in this county and there shall be paid such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent for the period commencing December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2027”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this enactment shall take effect December 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Standing.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 303 -25      *AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH SANDOZ CONCERNING CLAIMS  
RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies for their role in contributing to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Sandoz has offered to settle the claims against it by entering into a national settlement and paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of Plaintiff's ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve this matter with respect to Sandoz without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against Sandoz and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Sandoz and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claim the Defendants Sandoz and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Standinger.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 304-25	<i>AWARD BID FOR CANDOR TOWER ELECTRICAL UPGRADE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES</i>

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services sought bids for the Candor Tower Electrical Upgrade, which is associated with the ongoing Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: On August 8, 2025, the Tioga County Office of Emergency Services received sealed bids from the following:

Diekow Electric, Inc.	\$392,000
Highland Valley Electric	\$163,800
Triple E Power & Light LLC	\$ 73,150

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the lowest bidder, Triple E. Power & Light LLC, Vestal, NY, not to exceed \$73,150 to be paid from Account H3021.540140.ST22.

County Administrator Bailey spoke. "Consultant, Frank Yoder, is bringing this forward to get the electrical remediated for the Canor Tower site. There is a time factor involved, so they did not want to wait until the next meeting because they need to contract with the next person to begin the site remediation.

Legislator Ciotoli spoke. "So, this is all part of the process."

County Administrator Bailey spoke. "Yes, if we do not do it now, it will delay to the next meeting and that will delay that part of the construction."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Standing.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

*Ninth Regular Meeting*  
September 16, 2025

The Ninth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on September 16, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Bunce to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, we ask you for your wisdom to make the decisions that are necessary; not only at this level of government but in all levels of government."

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

There were 31 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Stuart L. Yetter, Jr., Town of Newark Valley Supervisor, who passed away on September 5, 2025. Mr. Yetter served as the Town of Newark Valley Supervisor since 1999. As Town Supervisor, Mr. Yetter served as a member of the Countywide Shared Services Panel and a board member of the Tioga County Property Development Corporation. He will be greatly missed.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have three Proclamations: **Employee Recognition & Appreciation Week (September 15-19, 2025)** that will be read and presented by Steven Palinosky, Employee Recognition Committee member; **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Tioga County** and **National Recovery Month in Tioga County** that will be noted in the minutes.

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Steve Palinosky, and I will be reading today's Employee Recognition proclamation. First, on behalf of the Employee Recognition Committee, I would like to thank the Legislature for their continued support of this program. I would also like to thank Department Heads, supervisors, coworkers, and friends of our honorees who have joined us today.

"I would like to remind everyone of our Employee Recognition events over this week and next week. This week we will be giving out pins and attachments for 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service. Yesterday, we had the ceremony here at 56 Main Street and then in the afternoon at Public Works. Today, we will be at the Sheriff's Office at 2:30 p.m. and on Thursday at Health & Human Services Building at 11:30 a.m. Concurrently with these ceremonies, Country Boys Kitchen will be onsite to provide lunch for all employees. Finally, we will honor those whose names we read today at

our Employee Recognition luncheon at Waterman’s Café and Tasting Barn on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

“Before we get to the proclamation, I would like to invite our Legislative Chair, Martha Sauerbrey, to offer some remarks.”

Martha Sauerbrey spoke. “Good afternoon. Our Employee Recognition Committee has done an amazing job in the last twenty years I have been here. It gives us an opportunity to honor our employees, thank them for the job they do, and appreciate the work they do for the community and to make our County a better place. All of you are a part of that. This is the time that we have an opportunity to say a big thank you. So, thank you for your service and thank you to all the employees in the County because you are a great group of people.”

Steve Palinosky spoke. “Thank you, Chair Sauerbrey. Now, on to the proclamation. When I read your name, I would like to invite those who are in attendance to come forward for your official copy of the proclamation.”

**County of Tioga  
EXECUTIVE 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 25-35 years since last year’s ceremonies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>
Julie Whipple	Department of Social Services	35
Elaine Jardine	Economic Development & Planning	30
Lisa Schumacher	Public Health	25
Judy Dunbar	Department of Social Services	25
Bryon Bennett	Public Works	25
David Ayers	Information Technology	25

NOW THEREFORE, THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim and designate the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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.

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Again, I would like to thank the Legislature and everyone who came to support our honorees. Thank you."

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The citizens of Tioga County value the overall health and well-being of all the residents of Tioga County and are proud to support the observance of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: Suicide is the fourteenth leading cause of death in New York State; and

WHEREAS: Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15-24, second leading cause of death for ages 25-34, fourth leading cause of death for ages 35-44, fifth leading cause of death for ages 44-54, ninth leading cause of death for ages 55-64, and nineteenth leading cause of death for ages 65+; and

WHEREAS: Suicide claimed the lives of over 1,717 New Yorkers in 2023; and

WHEREAS: The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 31,352 years of potential life lost before the age of 65; and

WHEREAS: More than four times as many people died by suicide in 2021 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS: Stigma works against Suicide Prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help; and

WHEREAS: Most suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene and Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition's mission is to increase awareness, provide education, training, resources and coordinate community services to the public; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as:

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Prevention, treatment and recovery efforts improve the community's welfare and provide renewed outlook on life for those who, along with their family and friends, struggle with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS: 21.2 million adults have a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS: 48.4 million people aged 12 and older, or 16.8% of the population in the United States, have a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS; 13.5% of young adults aged 18-25 had both substance use and mental health disorder in the past year; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 1 in 3 adults had either a substance use disorder or mental illness in the past year and 45.8% of young adults 18-25 had either a substance use disorder or mental illness.

WHEREAS: Substance use negatively affects children, families and loved ones and takes a great toll on our society economically and in terms of safety; and

WHEREAS: Studies have indicated that people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors and community members to have negative opinions of them; and

WHEREAS: Fear and stigma continue to be barriers to seeking help for an addiction; and

WHEREAS: CASA - Trinity provides prevention, education, advocacy, early intervention and referral services for individuals, friends or family members who are living with an addiction; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene remains eager and prepared to provide treatment for Tioga County citizens who choose to work toward recovery for a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS: Such education and raising awareness is essential in overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS: To help achieve this goal, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene invite all Tioga County residents to participate in the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month now known as National Recovery Month; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as:

### **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one person for privilege of the floor.

Kermit Bossard, Town of Spencer resident spoke. "My name is Kermit Bossard and I am representing the Spencer Food Cupboard, Spencer, NY. I was here last month and I kind of apologize for coming back again, but I need to add a couple of things and maybe correct a couple of things.

"There is a fact and there is no changing or denying that hunger is real right here in Tioga County. It's not like Gaza or South Sudan, that's starvation. What I am saying is hunger. I think you can ask a lot of people here in Tioga County, ask the Health Department, they recognize that people are hungry and that is why we have 10-12 food pantries in the county and distribute all that food. It is also a fact and there is no getting around it, that the current federal administration's decisions are making matters worse. Benefits are being cut, and people are feeling it. The federal government is passing some of those responsibilities down to the States who also have their own budget problems in New York State. This all makes it harder on families who are trying to balance their budget and have to decide whether to pay for prescriptions, electricity, food, or rent and then what is getting cut each month. Food is sometimes the one that is getting cut, which is why we have the food pantries out there to help people. It is harder to see because we do not see it every day on the street, but it's there. The federal decisions are also making it harder for food pantries

to operate because they have cut some of the programs out of USDA, so we are getting less food and less money to operate the pantries. This is not my opinion; it is just fact and that is the way it works.

“Now, about budgets. I heard last month that we came in late in the budget process. Maybe yes, but budgets are made to be modified all year long. I have worked with budgets for a long time. I had four fiscal years that I was working with plus the grants that come in and the grants that go out. It is a mess. I recognize that, but that is an excuse. I dealt with that all year long and you modify, change, add, subtract, and you deal with it all year long. Coming to you in August is kind of a budgetary hiccup, as I call it; it is not something that cannot be changed. And I did come last year, so you had a year to work on this. You had a year to modify things and work food pantries into the budget. It should not take that long to figure out how to do this. I cannot speak for the other pantries in Tioga County, but I was asked how much budget you need. Well, I would ask for \$5,000 just for the Spencer Food Cupboard. Now, if you add the rest of the pantries in Tioga County it gets up a little bit more. But my ask is for one line budget for the Spencer Food Cupboard and that is for food. It is not for utilities, personnel, or anything else. It is for food. If you want a receipt to show that, I would be glad to provide it. By the way, our neighboring counties are doing what I am asking. Chemung County is providing \$30,000 for food for their food pantries. Steuben County is providing \$75,000. Tompkins County is providing \$175,000 and I will say some of this allocation is going to pay local farmers for produce, which is what the federal government cut out of the budget by the way, so it is not all going to pantries, but it is going for produce that goes to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier who sends it out to the pantries. So, it is coming back to us one way or another. Broome County provides \$60,000. It is all around us. We are not doing anything, and we should.

“So, I am probably not going to keep coming back again to ask. In a couple of months, I am going to be 84 years old, and I think it’s time I quit. I think I represented the need fairly well. I think it is up to you to make that decision to help pantries out where you can. If you need some guidance on how to do it, people over at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier can assist, as this is where I would funnel the money in through, so they can distribute it back out to all the pantries in Tioga County. If you have any questions about the need, the number of people being assisted, etc., you should ask. That’s all you have to do; just ask. Thank you very much.”

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12 and 21, 2025, seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.



A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

#### SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program (Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935) has been extended from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Tioga County participated in this pilot program by way of Local Law No. 3 of 2021 with a sunset date of December 31, 2023 and Local Law No. 1 of 2024 with a sunset date of December 31, 2025. It is the intent of this Local Law to authorize Tioga County to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old individuals to participate in the extension of the NYSDEC Youth Deer Hunting pilot program in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935 for the fall 2026 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

The enacted 2025-2026 New York State Budget extended the pilot program allowing counties to opt-in by way of Local Law to provide an opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to continue to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2028 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Tioga County is passing this Local Law, as hunting is a valued tradition for many families and this continued opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

#### SECTION 2: PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL §11-0935, Tioga County elects to participate in the extended pilot program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2028 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

#### SECTION 3: STATE REQUIREMENTS TO ADHERE ONCE AUTHORIZED

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- A. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older,

- with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- B. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
  - C. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
  - D. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters, as well as their adult supervisors, shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
  - E. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
  - F. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.

#### SECTION 4: LOCAL LAW FILING REQUIREMENTS

A copy of this Local Law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the New York State Department of State.

#### SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, effect, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect January 1, 2026 in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule and will remain in effect pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §11-0935.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I just want to say that as a hunter safety instructor the youth are very safety conscious, more so than the older hunters. I think this is a good thing because getting them out in the woods and learning how to hunt with a mentor is a good thing. Safety is always a good thing when it comes to hunting."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 306-25 ESTABLISH EQUALIZATION RATES

RESOLVED: That under the provisions of Section 804 of the Real Property Tax Law, equalization rates for the purpose of apportioning 2025 County taxes among the several Towns are hereby established as follows:

Town of Barton	56.20
Town of Berkshire	65.00
Town of Candor	61.50
Town of Newark Valley	42.50
Town of Nichols	17.38
Town of Owego	52.25
Town of Richford	70.00
Town of Spencer	70.00
Town of Tioga	4.30

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 307-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*VILLAGE OF OWEGO*

WHEREAS: Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2025 Village taxes, submitted by Town of Owego Assessor on behalf of the Village of Owego, indicates that parcel # 128.16-1-8.1 in the Village of Owego assessed to Village of Owego is erroneous in that the parcel should have been coded with an exemption code; and

WHEREAS: The parcel was correctly coded in Roll Section 8 Wholly Exempt, an exemption code was erroneously not applied to the parcel; and

WHEREAS: As a result, a Village tax bill was generated in the amount of \$20.69 that should not have been generated; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (c); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Village of Owego should be informed that the tax bill be considered null and void; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous tax be charged back to the Village of Owego.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 308-25                      *DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A.  
TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED  
TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2026*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation, d.b.a. the Tioga County Tourism Office, is the not-for-profit corporation that develops and implements a tourism promotion and marketing program for the county; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Tourism Office coordinates with the state in its tourism grants program; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Tourism Grants Program is designed to encourage tourism promotion throughout the regions of New York State; and

WHEREAS: The guidelines for this local assistance program require counties to appoint an official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Tourism Office be and hereby is designated by the Tioga County Legislature as their Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2026 budget year and authorized to make application for and receive grants on behalf of the county pursuant to the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 309-25 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TCIDA)*

WHEREAS: Pursuant to §856(2) of the General Municipal Law the members of the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) serve at the pleasure of the Legislature without a term until they either resign or are replaced by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Mari Townsend has resigned from the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors effective February 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) Board of Directors desires to fill this vacant position; and

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Case has expressed a desire to serve on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA); 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 Mari Townsend for her loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Barbara J. Case to replace Mari Townsend's position on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors effective September 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 310-25 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD*

WHEREAS: David Astorina resigned from the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) Board as of March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC Board is looking to fill this vacant position that expired December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Ray Bunce is willing and able to serve in this position on the TCPDC Board; and

WHEREAS: Ray Bunce's appointment as a TCPDC Board Member is conditioned by his holding office as a Tioga County Legislator for which his term expires on 12/31/2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Ray Bunce to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board to fill the vacant position for the term of 9/16/25 – 12/31/26.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – None.

Abstention – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 311-25      *RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING  
MEMBER TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD*

WHEREAS: Tina Lounsbury's appointment to the Community Services Board will expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Tina Lounsbury's reappointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tina Lounsbury be reappointed to the Community Services Board for term starting December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 312-25      *FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR NYSDEC MUNICIPAL  
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING (MWRR)  
PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The State of New York announced a grant from the NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program to support counties and local governments with their recycling and waste reduction program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Through this grant Solid Waste would be partially reimbursed for their eligible costs of the Sustainability Manager position and recycling and waste reduction educational and outreach program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Sustainability Manager to apply and administer said grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair or their designee to sign the application for said grant upon approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 313-25      *AWARD RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES AND  
NEGOTIATIONS TO DELTA ENGINEERS FOR  
DAY HOLLOW ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding through NYSDOT to replace a large culvert on Day Hollow Road in the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for right-of-way services and negotiations for this project from Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for these services is \$27,920; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the proposal for right-of-way services and negotiations for the Day Hollow Road Culvert Replacement to Delta Engineers not to exceed \$27,920 to be paid out of the following account: Culverts - H5110 520003 H2302.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 314-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR SUIT-KOTE CORPORATION TO PERFORM PAVING SERVICES ON THE EAST PORTION OF EAST RIVER DRIVE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works is authorized to procure services based on New York State (NYS) Office of General Services (OGS) bids and from other bids in the neighboring counties where applicable; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Department of Transportation has allotted financial resources specifically to perform road services to County roads; and

WHEREAS: Suit-Kote Corporation has offered the Department of Public Works to pave a portion of East River Drive at a cost lower than the Deputy Commissioner's estimate based on the active OGS bids (Award #23334) as well as the current County commodity bids; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into contract with Suit-Kote Corporation not to exceed \$34,277.32 to be paid out of Paving Projects 2025 Account H51 10.540001.H2501.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 315-25 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR PROBATION HVAC

WHEREAS: The award for Probation Wing Court Annex was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 207-24; and

WHEREAS: A change order was submitted due to additional work that was unforeseen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for this change order not to exceed \$1,538.75 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520927 – Court Annex

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 316-25 APPROVE SECOND CHANGE ORDER FOR 56 MAIN STREET SOUTH WING HVAC

WHEREAS: The award for construction services to be performed for the 56 Main Street South Wing HVAC Upgrade project was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 206-24; and

WHEREAS: A change order was submitted due to additional work that was unforeseen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for this change order not to exceed \$3,566.75 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 – Renovations 56 Main St

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 317-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 235-25;  
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 235-25 adopted on June 19, 2025 authorized a contract for consultant services in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the expenses associated with the salaries of full-time employees; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the expenses associated with consultant services in Resolution No. 235-25; and

WHEREAS: The account listed in Resolution No. 235-25 was incorrect and the transfer of funds should have been to A1490.540140 and not A1490.510020; and

WHEREAS: Budget amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 235-25 be amended and the funding transferred as follows:

From:	A1490.510010	Full Time	\$3,000
To:	A1490.540140	Contracting Services	\$3,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 318-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 291-19;  
AUTHORIZE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH  
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CHANGE ORDER #8  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 291-19 authorized the Director of Emergency Services to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for a P25 Phase 1 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System at an amount not to exceed \$9,620,000; and

WHEREAS: Change Order #1 separated the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) from the Radio Tower Project at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 23-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order #2 for additional tower sites, equipment and conversion to a P25 Phase 2 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System for a cost not to exceed \$3,100,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 152-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order # 3 to include adding Owego Police to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD); adding Digital Evidence Module for Owego; adding Pictometry for Mapping; adding Rapid Notification Module; and Data Transfer Costs for a cost not to exceed \$133,020.84; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 20-23 and Resolution No. 123-24, the Legislature authorized the County to enter into a lease with Motorola Solutions at an amount not to exceed \$4,044,973.15; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 444-23, the Legislature authorized Change Order #4 to include the additional cost of building 4 new tower sites, refurbishing one county owned site, adding our equipment to PA State Police site and additional enhancements to radio and telephone equipment that has changed since the original contract of 2019 for an additional cost not to exceed \$5,650,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 199-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #5 to include a shelter and generator for the Ballou Road tower site at a cost not to exceed \$619,642.08 with Motorola Solutions; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 294-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #6 to add the Aware for 911 product line at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 248-25, the Legislature authorized Change Order #7 to add tower lighting to the Babcock Farms tower site in Nichols, at an additional cost of \$60,827 to the County (which will be deducted from the (\$316,716) Motorola credit); Remove the cost of a shelter for the Round Top site for a credit to the project of (\$290,391); Correct Change Order #4 to correct the size of the shelters; Change the size of the propane tank at Hanson, Babcock, Spencer, Prospect, and Ballou Road towers; Prospect Tower – The County, not Motorola, will replace damaged fence rail pipe and will be responsible for deforestation within the compound and 10' outside the compound for a credit of (\$26,325); and Adjust the project completion date from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Change Order #8 is being enacted to authorize structural modifications to the Carmichael Tower to allow the addition of RF and microwave antennas at a cost of \$80,717; and burial of electrical conduit and line and rebuilding of the driveway at the Pegasus Site at a cost of \$358,432. Utilizing the remaining credit from Change Order #7 of (\$255,889) brings the total county cost to \$183,260; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby authorizes an amended agreement, by way of Change Order #8 with Motorola Solutions, 500 West Monroe Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60661, to add RF and microwave antennas and burial of electrical conduit and line; and rebuilding of the driveway at the Pegasus Site at a cost not to exceed \$183,260 for Change Order #8; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to execute Motorola's Change Order #8, after review and approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 319-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
2026 NYS PTS GRANT  
(PTS-2026-TIOGA CO SO-00269-(054))  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS &  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded a NYS PTS (Police Traffic Services) grant (PTS-2026-Tioga Co-SO-00269-(054)) in the amount of \$13,200; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM: A3110.445890 Federal Aid – Other Transportation           \$13,200

TO:     A3110.510030 Sheriff Overtime                                 \$13,200

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until the project is completed.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO:                                 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 320-25                 AUTHORIZE 2025-2026 CONTRACTS WITH  
SADD SCHOOL ASSOCIATES  
STOP DWI

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the STOP DWI Program to arrange five contracts with SADD School Associates which are defined as independent contractors not entitled to county employee benefits; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire to contract with the following five SADD School Associates for the school year 2025-2026; Aria French to serve the Candor School District; Matthew Cicchetti to serve the Newark Valley School District; Cynthia Tebo to serve the Owego Apalachin School District; Kimberly Alpert to serve the Spencer Van Etten School District, and; Janice Barto to serve the Tioga Central School District; and

WHEREAS: Each SADD School Associate will be compensated \$100 each month for the ten months of the school year, but will not exceed \$1,000 for the year; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Attorney has approved the agreement that defines the rights and responsibilities of all the parties involved and outlines the compensation to be paid to the STOP DWI School Associates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That these contracts for SADD School Associates be authorized for the 2025-2026 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 321-25      *EXTEND CONTRACT CBH MEDICAL FOR  
JAIL MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 515-23 authorized the execution of an agreement for medical and mental health services for inmates at the Tioga County Jail with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms; and

WHEREAS: This agreement will expire December 31, 2025 and the Sheriff's Office would like to extend it an additional year at a cost not to exceed \$910,345; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the agreement with CBH Medical to provide comprehensive medical and mental health services for the inmates at the Tioga County Jail be extended for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the execution of this agreement with CBH Medical to provide such services.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standingier moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 322-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
ACCUMEDIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC. FOR  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS FOR  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Accumedic Computer Systems Inc. for the purpose of utilizing an Electronic Health Records Software System; and

WHEREAS: Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc. has been utilized by Tioga County Mental Hygiene for more than ten years and this is a contract renewal; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene budgeted in 2025 for this contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a 5-year contract with Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc., on behalf of Mental Hygiene, for \$233,000 plus transaction-based fees of billing claims, remittance, eligibility and telereminder services.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 323-25

*AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
A NEW HOPE CENTER  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with A New Hope Center to provide three Advocates, funded through the New York State Office of Victim Services, to assist the Child Advocacy Center in their mission; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$159,993.26; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with A New Hope Center for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$159,993.26 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 324-25      *AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE  
ON CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
WITH DELUGE MEDIA TO CREATE TWO  
PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Solid Waste would like to hire Deluge Media to produce two educational/outreach videos on waste reduction in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: These professional services will be produced prior to December 31, 2025, for the total cost for the two videos will be \$13,140; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair of Tioga County or their designee to enter into these agreements with Deluge Media as approved by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 325-25      *MODIFY SNOWMOBILE GRANT PROGRAM  
BUDGET FOR 30% AWARD DISBURSEMENT TO  
SNOWMOBILE CLUBS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County serves as a Local Sponsor to request state funding advances for costs incurred in performing the work required in the development and maintenance of a snowmobile trail system according to the provisions of Section 27.17 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Law of New York State completed by the Tioga County Snowmobile Clubs; and

WHEREAS: Requests for funding advances are made to the NYS OPRHP via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning Department based on detailed labor and materials in the development and maintenance of the Countywide snowmobile trail system solely within the boundaries of Tioga County as approved by OPRHP; and

WHEREAS: The snowmobile clubs included in this program are named: Tioga Ridge Runners, Ridge Riders of Whitney Point, Spencer-VanEtten Snowmobile Club, Dryden-Caroline Drifters and Candor Valley Riders; and

WHEREAS: The 2024-2025 Snowmobile 30% Award request of \$15,551.41 was made June 27, 2025, and has been received by the County on July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 191-10 the Tioga County Legislature authorized the receipt of an annual six percent (6%) administrative fee from total funds received and documented. The fee is paid at the time of the final thirty percent (30%) award payment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The 30% Award received July 18, 2025, \$3,569.01 is the administrative fee to be received by the County for services provided prior to distribution of the award, leaving \$11,982.40 to be paid out to the Snowmobile Clubs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Snowmobile Grant Program budget be modified and funds be appropriated to reflect the 2024-2025 30% grant award to the following accounts:

From:	A7180	439890 State Aid-Snowmobile Grant	\$11,982.40
To:	A7180	540590 Services Rendered	\$11,982.40

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 326-25      *APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED BY ED&P STAFF*

WHEREAS: A resolution is required by County policy to disclose matching cash and/or in-kind contributions from the County for grant applications written for the County and/or by the County on behalf of a municipality or entity; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning staff provided technical assistance for the following:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Village of Owego	NY SWIMS Round II	\$100,000.00	Marvin Park Pool Improvements

And

WHEREAS: There is no further obligation by the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the technical assistance provided as noted above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 327-25 *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds between object of expenses; and

WHEREAS: Monies need to be transferred to cover the cost of equipment for the Radio Tower Project; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM: A3415.540140.IO20F	Contracted Services	\$11,888.62
TO: A3415.520130.IO20F	Equipment (not car)	\$11,888.62
FROM: A3415.540140.IO21F	Contracted Services	\$11,068.23
TO: A3415.520130.IO21F	Equipment (not car)	\$11,068.23

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 328-25      *AUTHORIZE GRANT RENEWAL  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered in an effort to reduce substance abuse among youth; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene needs authorization to receive Federal funding for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant in partnership with Tioga County Public Health, Tioga County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (TC ASAP) Community Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene was originally awarded said grant in 2018 and was awarded a five-year extension renewed annually from 09/30/2023 through 09/30/2028; and

WHEREAS: This grant year is 09/30/2025 through 09/29/2026 and the said funds need to be appropriated annually; and

WHEREAS: The Department deems it to be in the best interest of the community and youth of Tioga County to renew this grant funding; and

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

RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

From: A4213 444863	Federal Aid DFC Grant	\$125,000
To: A4213 540590	Services Rendered DFC Grant	\$125,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 will be carried forward into the New Year 2026.



RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

From: A4213.444863 STOP	Federal Aid DFC Grant	\$ 60,000
To: A4213.540590 STOP	Services Rendered	\$ 60,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 will be carried forward into the New Year 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 330-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
BUDGET MODIFICATION  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment, Family Peer Support Services, Outreach, Health Home Care Management, Warm Line, Drop-In Center, Psychosocial Club, and Supported Housing; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with Catholic Charities, AspireHopeNY, Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency, and Rehabilitative Support Services to provide these services to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$14,130.00
To: A4311 540595	Services Rendered (Other)	\$ 357.00
To: A4320 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 2,542.00
To: A4321 540130	Contracts	\$ 433.00
To: A4321 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 111.00
To: A4333 540130	Contracts	\$ 9,972.00
To: A4333 540140	Contracting Services	\$ 715.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 331-25 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has an approved allocation of \$165,385 for SFY 2025-2026 for Family-Centered Case Management Services; and

WHEREAS: The Family-Centered Case Management Services is to provide a range of case management services for TANF eligible families who are having difficulty stabilizing their households and transitioning toward greater financial security; and

WHEREAS: Two Employment Specialists tied to the Family-Centered Case Management Services allocation are required for said duties; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Social Services Admin	\$ 165,385
To: A6010.510010 Full Time Expense	\$ 86,382
To: A6010.581088 State Retirement Fringe	\$ 8,676
To: A6010.538088 Social Security Fringe	\$ 6,609
To: A6010.584088 Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 2,504
To: A6010.585588 Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 125
To: A6010.586088 Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 55,883
To: A6010.588988 EAP Fringe	\$ 34
To: A6010.540420 Office Supplies	\$ 500
To: A6010.540487 Program Expense	\$ 3,747
To: A6010.540660 Telephone	\$ 925

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$165,385 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 332-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) applied for a grant from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation with authorization from Legislative Resolution No. 184-25; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has been awarded the grant and will receive the funds specifically for Traffic Safety Car Seat program; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:  
A4053.422800 MFT Public Health: Local Grants \$ 2,500

To:  
A4053.540487 MFT Public Health: Program Expense \$ 2,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 333-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the *Drug Free Communities (DFC)* portions of the County's Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition via pass-through from Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:  
A4053 422800 DFC Health Services-Other Governments \$125,000

To:  
A4053 540487 DFC Program Expense \$125,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 334-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the *Sober Truth On Preventing underage drinking (STOP)* portion of the County's Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition via pass-through from Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:		
A4053 422800 STOP	Health Services-Other Governments	\$ 60,000
To:		
A4053 540487 STOP	Program Expense	\$ 60,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 335-25 TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 306-24 authorized the Chair of the Legislature to purchase workers' compensation specific excess Insurance from Smith Brothers for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The audit of the 1/1/2024-1/1/2025 coverage period from Midwest Employer's Casualty was completed; and

WHEREAS: An annual adjustment is due to the difference in the audited, actual payrolls compared to the original budget estimates that were submitted; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for budget modifications and transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available in one of the Expense accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following sum be transferred:

From: \$1720.540101	Compensation Awards	\$31,159.00
To: \$1722.540270	Insurance – Liability	\$31,159.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 336-25 TRANSFER RESERVE FUNDS TO PURCHASE COPIER AT  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
 SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT (20 COURT ST)

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services Support Collection Unit has determined there is a need for a new copier in their office at 20 Court Street due to poor print quality of their current copier and the need for constant maintenance calls; and

WHEREAS: TOPP Business Solutions has provided a quote based on Sourcewell Contract 030321-RCH for a RICOH Mon Copier with ADF offering the NYS contract purchase price of \$7,856.00; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing the copier outright instead of entering a 60-month lease for a total of \$10,701.60 results in savings of \$2,845.60; and

WHEREAS: Purchases through a valid New York State contract are exempt from the requirement to obtain three competitive quotes in accordance with applicable procurement regulations; and

WHEREAS: The purchase is eligible for a reimbursement of approximately 65%; and

WHEREAS: Amending of the budget, the appropriation of Capital funds, and utilization of Capital Reserve funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Department of Social Services Support Collection Unit to proceed with direct procurement and implementation of a new copier and that the following funds be transferred and the 2025 budget be modified as follows:

FROM:	H 387805	Capital Hardware Reserve	\$7,856.00
TO:	H 6010 521130	Equipment (Not Car)	\$7,856.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any reimbursement received on the copier purchase will be transferred back into the Capital Hardware Reserve at the end of 2025.



RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Norton shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective April 4, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 338-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT:  
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential (MC) position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Chief Information Officer has been vacant since June 13, 2025, due to a prior announced resignation; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and after interviewing a number of candidates, the committee has identified a well-qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature provisionally appoints Brandon Clark to the title of Chief Information Officer at an annual salary of \$98,249 effective September 20, 2025, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Mr. Clark shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective March 20, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 339-25 *AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE AND  
ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE CLERK*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes the exceptional performance and dedication of Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Office without the assistance of a Deputy Legislative Clerk for over one year; and

WHEREAS: During this period, Mrs. Haskell successfully maintained the efficiency, accuracy, and continuity of legislative operations, ensuring that the needs of the Legislature, the public, and County departments were met in a timely and professional manner; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature wishes to acknowledge and compensate Mrs. Haskell for both her ongoing contributions and the additional workload undertaken during this time; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes a permanent increase of \$6,000.00 to the annual base salary of Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, effective the first full payroll period following the adoption of this resolution, with no retroactive adjustment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes a one-time payment of \$4,000.00 to Mrs. Haskell in recognition of the successful completion of the tasks and responsibilities of the Legislative Office without a Deputy for over one year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make said salary adjustment and one-time payment from the appropriate budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 340-25 *AUTHORIZE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR  
DIRECTOR OF ASSETS AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT,  
MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title salary increase within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The County Clerk requested a review for the 2026 salary range of the title Director of Assets and Records Management (Management/Confidential); and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer, after reviewing all submitted and researched data, has made a determination that due to the extensive knowledge base required to accession, store, deaccession, and properly destroy records per the New York State retention schedule for the records of all Tioga County Departments (excluding the Sheriff's Department, ITCs, and the Department of Social Services) while strictly adhering to confidentiality requirements; the knowledge and organization necessary to create and maintain a database of all non-capital assets owned by Tioga County there is justification to request a salary adjustment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the appropriate Management/Confidential salary range for the Director of Assets and Records Management be \$54,294 - \$64,294; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 annual salary of the current incumbent in the Director of Assets and Records Management title, Janis Hopkins, shall be increased by \$4,095 effective the first full 2026 pay period.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 341-25      *CREATE AND FILL SENIOR RECORDING CLERK AND  
ABOLISH ONE (1) RECORDING CLERK  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create and abolish positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the County Clerk has determined that there is a need for a "senior level" Recording Clerk position for 2026; and

WHEREAS: On August 19, 2025, the Personnel Department received a new position duties statement from the County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS: After a review of the New Position Duties Statement, the Personnel Officer has determined that the appropriate classification for the new position shall be Senior Recording Clerk (CSEA SG VI); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Senior Recording Clerk (\$38,859-\$39,859 CSEA SG VI) shall be created effective January 1, 2026, and filled in accordance with payroll procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon the appointment of the Senior Recording Clerk (SG VI), one (1) full-time Recording Clerk (CSEA SG V) position will be abolished.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 342-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 169-25;  
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY FULL-TIME CLERK  
(SEASONAL) POSITION  
TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 169-25 created (1) temporary, full-time Clerk (Seasonal) position at the hourly rate of \$15.50 in accordance with Resolution No. 196-09, effective April 19, 2025 through October 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has identified a need to extend and refill the temporary, full-time Clerk position to provide clerical support within the office due to a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer has budget for said position in the approved 2025 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer shall be allowed to refill said position and extend the duration of the position not to exceed beyond December 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 343-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 170-25;  
CREATE AND FILL THREE (3) HIGHWAY WORKER  
(SEASONAL) POSITIONS  
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: There will be a need for the Highway Department to employ three (3) Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions for 2025; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 170-25, created and filled three (3) temporary, full-time Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions effective April 15, 2025, through December 1, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$15.77 (equivalent to CSEA Grade 7), not to exceed \$30,000; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has identified a need to increase the approved budgeted amount of \$30,000 to \$40,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to increase the budgeted amount not to exceed \$40,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 344-25 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS  
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, 465-24, 37-25, 196-25 and 294-25 established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby establishes the following as the standard workday for the title below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

**Five-day work week, seven-hour day:**

Administrative Coordinator for Tioga County IDA and  
Property Development Corporation

Assistant EMS Coordinator PT

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth seven (7) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 345-25      *RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS*

WHEREAS: Affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS: Building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS: Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS: These top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS: Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Legislator Standinger spoke. “The State government is pushing forth mandates that are harmful to us, especially in the rural areas. It gets cold up here in the winter and if your power goes out and you do not have natural gas as an alternative you could be in big trouble. Albany does not always think about that since it is ruled by downstate folks pretty much.”

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 346-25      *AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., APOTEX INC., HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS USA INC., INDIVIOR INC., MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., AND ZYDUS PHARMACEUTICALS (USA), INC. CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies for their role in contributing to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. have offered to settle claims against them by entering into a national settlement and paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of Plaintiff's ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve claims with respect to Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceutical USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against them and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. and the County Treasurer is authorized to submit such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claims against the Defendants and distribute the proceeds between the participating parties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 347-25      *AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT AND  
DIRECT SETTLEMENT SHARING AGREEMENT  
CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID  
CRISIS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies for their role in contributing to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Claims concerning Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family have been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings and there is now an offer to settle the various claims against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family by entering into a comprehensive Purdue Settlement under which Tioga County will participate in the Purdue Direct Settlement and enter into a settlement sharing agreement with New York State and other participating New York State Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of entities ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to compromise its claims and resolve this matter with respect to Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against them and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Purdue Pharma and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claim the Defendants Purdue Pharma and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 348-25

*AUTHORIZE SALE OF COUNTY  
OWNED PROPERTIES ACQUIRED  
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the owner of numerous properties that it has acquired for delinquent taxes, which are surplus to the County needs; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Tioga County Legislature to place the properties back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following properties be sold at a public auction, conducted by Manasse Auctioneers.

Village of Waverly

166.16-2-13; Brougham William K

166.12-3-8; Comstock Thomas E

166.18-2-28; Estate Fravel Teresa

166.18-1-18; Estate Smith Ethel

166.19-1-40; Wittig Russell

Town of Barton

145.00-2-30; Searles Patricia Belva

Town of Berkshire

16.00-2-8; Rupert Willis C

Town of Candor

70.00-1-30; Conaway James L

38.00-1-23; Jones Gerald R

61.00-1-14.20; Middaugh Michael F

38.00-1-43; Newby Wanda

Village of Newark Valley

64.15-2-33; Ridgway Roxann Lynn

64.15-1-10; Underwood Ronald M

Town of Newark Valley

64.00-1-42; Fitzgerald Brian

75.18-1-24.12; Shrauger Robert

Town of Nichols

159.00-2-31; Bennett, William

157.00-4-3.30; Butler James

168.00-3-20; Whitman Harry D

168.00-3-21; Whitman Harry D

Village of Owego117.20-2-6; Ochu Martins O117.19-2-62; Owego Holdings 2021 LLC129.05-1-10; Owego Holdings 2021 LLCTown of Owego130.00-2-66.112; 4280 W 434, LLC153.07-1-36; Bell David131.19-1-26; Depuysselier Laverne153.06-2-13; Schweitzer Christine A107.00-1-6.212; Warren Benjamin143.13-1-20; County of TiogaTown of Richford12.00-1-28.41; Brown Reginald12.00-1-21.11; Wert Daniel12.00-1-21.90; Wert DanielTown of Tioga148.08-1-23; Major Lynn W

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 349-25

*AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CANDOR TO JOSEPH ROSE*

WHEREAS: Property located in the Town of Candor transferred to Tioga County, identified as Tax Map number 38.00-1-3, parcel number 739 owes 2023, 2024 and 2025 taxes and is past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by Joseph Rose who has made an offer to purchase back their property for \$17,358.76 "as is", thereby placing the properties back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$17,358.76 and recording costs of \$195.00, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property transferred to Tioga County, located in the, Town of Candor, identified on the Town of Candor Tax Map as number 38.00-1-3 parcel number 739 to Joseph Rose or assigns.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 350-25      *AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF RICHFORD TO  
MONUMENT PROPERTY GROUP LLC*

WHEREAS: Property located in the Town of Richford, transferred to Tioga County, identified as Tax Map number 15.00-2-10, parcel number 609 owes 2023, 2024, and 2025 taxes and is past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by Monument Property Group LLC, which has made an offer to purchase back his property for \$8,453.34 "as is", thereby placing the property back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$8,453.34 and recording costs of \$195.00, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property transferred to Tioga County, located in the Town of Richford, identified on the Town of Richford Tax Map as number 15.00-2-10 parcel number 609 to Monument Property Group LLC or assigns.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 351-25      *RESCIND AND REPLACE RESOLUTION NO. 302-25;  
RESOLUTION OF THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IMPOSING GENERAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE  
TAXES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION  
1210 OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE  
NEW YORK TAX LAW*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 302-25 adopted on August 21, 2025 is hereby rescinded and replaced in its entirety; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the enactment by the County Legislature of the County of Tioga is as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 231-15, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Tioga on October 13, 2015, shall expire and be deemed repealed on December 1, 2025; provided however, that all provisions of such Resolution No. 231-15 in respect to the imposition, exemption, assessment, payment, payment over, determination, collection, and credit or refund of tax, interest and penalty imposed thereunder, the filing of forms and returns, the preservation of records for the purposes of such tax, the disposition of revenues, and any civil and criminal penalties applicable to the violation of the provisions of such Resolution No. 231-15 shall continue in full force and effect with respect to all such tax accrued for periods prior to December 1, 2025 in the same manner as if such provisions were not so repealed.

SECTION 2. Imposition of general sales and compensating use taxes. There are hereby imposed and there shall be paid within this County all of the sales and compensating use taxes described in Article Twenty-Eight of the New York Tax Law as authorized by subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of such law, at the rate of three percent.

SECTION 3. In addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by section two of this Resolution at the rate of three percent, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid in this County such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent, for the period commencing December 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2027.

SECTION 4. Local options. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this enactment or other law:

- (a) Motor fuel and diesel motor fuel described in subdivision (m) of section eleven hundred eleven of the Tax Law shall not be taxed at a rate of cents per gallon.
- (b) The clothing and footwear exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (c) The residential solar energy systems equipment, installation service, and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (ee) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (d) The commercial solar energy systems equipment, installation service, and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (ii) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (e) The commercial fuel cell electricity generating systems equipment, installation service, and gas and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (kk) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (f) Residential energy sources and services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of the Tax Law shall be subject to the three percent sales and compensating use tax imposed by Section 2 of this resolution but shall be exempt from the one percent additional rate imposed by Section 3 of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Taxes in addition to others. The taxes imposed by this enactment are in addition to any and all other taxes authorized or imposed under any other provision of law.

SECTION 6. The taxes imposed by this enactment shall be administered and collected by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law. The provisions of Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law and any provision of the Tax Law or other law that applies to such articles, relating or applicable to the taxes imposed by this enactment, including the applicable definitions, transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds, credits and administrative provisions, so far as those provisions can be made applicable to the taxes imposed by this enactment, shall apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this enactment and had expressly referred to the taxes imposed by this enactment, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the taxes imposed by this enactment.

SECTION 7. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately; provided however: Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on September 1, 1968. Section 4(b) of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on June 1, 2005; Section 4(f) of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on March 1, 1994.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

*Tenth Regular Meeting*  
October 14, 2025

The Tenth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on October 14, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Aronstam being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Ciotoli to have a moment of prayer. "Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us to gather today. We ask for your guidance as you look over us as we make decisions for the residents of Tioga County."

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

There were 17 people in attendance.

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

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

Legislator Standinger read and presented the following resolution to Julie Whipple, Director of Employment & Transitional Supports, Department of Social Services.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 352-25      *RECOGNIZE JULIE A. WHIPPLE  
36 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Julie began her career with the Tioga County Department of Social Services on November 20, 1989, as a temporary HEAP Clerk Typist. In December 1989, Julie became a permanent Clerk Typist in the Income Maintenance Department and then promoted to Senior Typist in November 1990. In May 1992, Julie was promoted to Account Clerk Typist in the Accounting Department. In October 1992, Julie was promoted to Social Welfare Examiner in the Income Maintenance Department and then promoted to Principal Social Welfare Examiner in February 2001. Julie was promoted to her current position as Director of Employment and Transitional Supports in June 2021; and

WHEREAS: Julie Whipple has been a dedicated and loyal employee in the performance of her duties; and

WHEREAS: Julie Whipple has shown the highest levels of reliability, trust, loyalty, and competence in the performance of her duties; and

WHEREAS: Julie Whipple will retire on October 21, 2025; 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 Julie Whipple for her thirty-six years of dedicated and loyal service to the Tioga County Department of Social Services and its most vulnerable citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this loyal, dedicated, and outstanding employee, Julie A. Whipple.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standing spoke. “Now, with that being said, 36 years is a significant accomplishment. I know I have seen you at a lot of the events at the Health & Human Services Building, such as Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year. I know that Shawn is going to miss you dearly. Congratulations and thank you.”

Commissioner of Social Services Yetter spoke. “Thank you, Bill and good afternoon, everyone. Bill listed off all the different titles you held, ‘Are there any that you didn’t have’? Julie began her career with the County in the fall of 1989 and following several promotions and new titles, she is ending her career as an administrator holding the title of Director of Employment & Transitional Supports. I shared at the Employee Recognition Luncheon event recently that this is a very long title, which translates to ‘She’s got a lot to do’. Julie is a very special person who the County and our department has had the good fortune of her deciding that she wanted to dedicate her career to this work. Day in and day out, she has always maintained an encouraging environment and positive attitude for those who work with her and around her. When Julie leaves this week, a lot of

institutional knowledge walks out the door with her. I have said this before of other retirees and it is once again very true. It's hard to replace those 36 years of knowledge and experience. She is an invaluable asset to the agency and the County. Her program strength in all of the multiple areas of her responsibility is very strong and will be missed. Her desire to learn and understand everything has not changed even up to the closing days of her career. That, in itself, is a testament to her dedication to what we do and very importantly to her dedication to the people we are charged with serving.

"I am thrilled that you have enjoyed such an outstanding career with us and that you are going out on top. And, I have no doubt that you will know how to enjoy retirement to its fullest.

"On behalf of the countless number of families and children in Tioga County that you have worked to improve their lives and on behalf of all your colleagues, thank you and congratulations on your many years of service to the people of Tioga County. You will be very missed."

Julie Whipple spoke. "Thank you everyone. Thank you very much for the kind words. In the spring of 1989, I was literally flipping burgers for a living and I knew that I did not want to do that forever. My sister-in-law worked at Mental Hygiene very briefly and said, 'Hey, take a Civil Service test', which I had no idea what that was but I did it. She said, 'You just take a test and someone will call you if there is a job' and I thought that is easier than the other way around. So, I took the entry level Clerk Typist test. I got a call from the Owego-Apalachin School and they wanted me to do a survey of incoming seniors, as a temporary position. Now, I was 18 years old and I thought no thank you, I am not going to be doing that survey. But, shortly thereafter, I did get the call from Social Services and you already heard the rest; it's history now.

"In case you did not know it, Social Services is not that popular of a place. People have a lot to say about it. We spend all the taxpayers money because we have to provide those mandated benefits and services to a wide variety of individuals and families and we all work very hard there, so there is not a lot of down time. In my division, we have to focus on paperwork, deadlines, and getting the correct benefits to those eligible in a timely manner all while not forgetting there are people on the other end and the benefits you are authorizing have a profound effect on their lives.

"I am proud of the work that I have done there and that my staff is done. It does make you proud when you have clients thanking you for how you treated them and begging you to still let them stay there even though they have moved to another county. When the State calls looking for your advice, your assistance, requesting you be a pilot district for something new that is coming or they are

wanting to know how something works in the system and they call you, that does make you feel very proud.

“Obviously, I have seen a lot of changes since I have been here. When I started with the County, General Lyon was the Legislative Chair. I was a Public Assistance Examiner during Welfare Reform in the 1990’s and I was a Medicaid Supervisor when the Affordable Care Act was implemented in 2010. We have all worked through two major floods and a pandemic. All of that stuff taught us that we could do things differently and still get the job done.

“I am happy to say that I will not be sticking around to feel the full impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill will have on our programs.

“I was brought up to have a healthy respect for authority figures. So, when I became the Director suddenly the Commissioner was my direct boss. Oh my gosh, the Commissioner. I was intimidated by the authority and basically I did not want to bug him with daily things you need from your supervisor. He is a busy guy. But, Shawn and the rest of the administrative team welcomed me. He was able to convince me that he is there for me and that I can bring anything to him. Well, the newness wore off and now he probably wishes I did not quite take as many things to him as I do. There are no secrets between Shawn and I with my staff. The winds of change are blowing in Tioga County. I am not the only one retiring this year and there will be multiple changes, but I am so thankful that I do not have to spend one day as a Director without the inspired leadership of Commissioner Yetter. Thank you.”

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “We wish you the best of luck and enjoy your retirement and beautiful family.”

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one Proclamation; **Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 19-25, 2025)** that will be noted in the minutes.

### **COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is a serious, permanent condition that can lead to lifelong health problems including developmental delays, behavioral issues, and difficulty learning; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoned children have increased medical costs, educational needs and increased risk for criminal behavior as adults; and

WHEREAS: The goal of New York State’s Healthy People 2030 is to reduce blood lead levels in children; and

WHEREAS: New York State Public Health Law states that all children must be tested for lead at age one and again at age two to identify lead poisoned children; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health works with medical providers and parents to advocate for child lead testing to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in the home; and

WHEREAS: Between 2021-2024 Tioga County Public Health provided case management and environmental health services to over 50 children with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning can be prevented by knowing and eliminating all possible sources of lead children may have access to; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of October 19 - 25, 2025 as

### **LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK**

and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves and their families about the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025 seconded by Legislator Ciotoli and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislator and staff to the **Tioga County Opioid Advisory Committee:**

- Director of Community Services
- Director of Public Health
- Commissioner of Social Services
- County Attorney
- County Administrator
- Director of Veterans' Service Agency
- Health & Human Services Legislative Committee Chair
- Sheriff's Office Representative

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators and staff to the **Public Defender Search Committee:**

- Legislator Monell
- Legislator Standing
- County Administrator
- County Attorney
- Personnel Officer

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

Legislator Bunce introduced Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025.

County of Tioga

Local Law No. XX of the Year 2025.

A Local Law to opt-out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

#### SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 20, and the New York State Real Property Law, Section 447-c (1)(b). The purpose of the local law is to formally declare that County of Tioga opts not to establish a short-term rental registration system for short-term rental units as defined Section 447-c (1)(a) of Article 12-D of the New York State Real Property Law.

#### SECTION 2: OPT-OUT DECLARATION

The County of Tioga hereby exercises its right pursuant to Section 447-c (1)(b) of Article 12-D of New York State Real Property Law to opt-out of the New York State short-term rental registry program established by the New York State Real Property Law, Section 447-c (1)(a) of Article 12-D. Therefore, the County of Tioga shall not participate in the state-level short-term rental registration program.

#### SECTION 3: CONSEQUENCES OF OPTING-OUT

The County of Tioga acknowledges that the County may opt-in to the Short-term Rental Law by repealing this local law.

#### SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect December 1, 2025, in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

#### SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any part of this local law is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 353-25 *SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING*  
*LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. C OF 2025*

RESOLVED: That a Public Hearing shall be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827 on Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025; A Local Law to opt-out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry. All persons desiring to present written or oral comments may do so at said time.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 354-25 *SET PUBLIC HEARING*  
*2026 BUDGET*

RESOLVED: That the public hearing on the tentative Tioga County Budget for 2026 be held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Edward D. Hubbard Auditorium of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 355-25 APPOINT NEW YOUTH BOARD MEMBER TERM  
YOUTH BUREAU

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board is organized as an advisory body to the Tioga County Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Youth Board is to carry out the provision of Section 95 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Resolution No. 140 of 1981 of the Tioga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board Bylaws provides for representatives to the Youth Board be appointed by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Vacancies currently exist on the Youth Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following listed representative be appointed as a member of the Tioga County Youth Board with the corresponding term of office as follows:

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Christina Lampila

10/1/2025 – 9/30/2027

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 356-25 ACCEPT AUCTION BIDS FOR COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES, AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF DEEDS

WHEREAS: Properties acquired by Tioga County for nonpayment of taxes in the Towns of Barton, Berkshire, Candor, Newark Valley, Nichols, Owego, Richford, and Tioga were offered for sale at Public Auction conducted Tuesday, September 30, 2025, by the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Legislature to return the properties to the Tax Rolls as soon as possible; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following bids, being the highest made at said Auction for the several different properties offered, be and hereby are accepted, and the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature is authorized to sign and record, on receipt of the amount bid and recording costs, Quit Claim Deeds conveying the various parcels to the successful bidders and to their assigns:

<u>Prior Owner-Tax Map#</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Bid</u>
<u>Village of Waverly:</u>		
166.12-3-8; Comstock Thomas E	Owego Holdings LLC	\$22,500
166.18-2-28; Fravel Teresa	Griffin D. Jacobson	\$17,500
166.18-1-18; Smith Estate Ethel	Griffin D. Jacobson	\$19,000
166.19-1-40; Wittig Russell	Norman D. Millage Jr.	\$25,000
<u>Town of Barton</u>		
145.00-2-30; Searles Patricia	Kayla M. Pond	\$48,000
<u>Town of Berkshire</u>		
16.00-2-8; Rupert Willis C	Kenneth W. Underwood	\$26,500

Town of Candor

70.00-1-30; Conaway James L	Theodore Huzinga	\$100,000
38.00-1-23; Jones Gerald R	Perkins Realty Investments	\$7,000
61.00-1-14.20; Middaugh Michael F	Dawn M. Shedden	\$12,000
38.00-1-43; Wanda Newby	Kayla M. Pond	\$13,000

Village of Newark Valley

64.15-2-33; Ridgway Roxann Lynn	Emily Elizabeth Acomb	\$80,000
64.15-1-10; Underwood Ronald M	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$10,000

Town of Newark Valley

64.00-1-42; Fitzgerald Brian	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$5,000
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Town of Nichols

159.00-2-31; Bennett, William	Mark A. Pelensky	\$200
157.00-4-3.30; Butler James	Paul C. Campbell	\$11,000
168.00-3-20 & 21; Whitman Harry	Meagan D. Depue	\$80,000

Village of Owego

117.20-2-6; Ochu Martins O	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$1,000
117.19-2-62; Owego Holdings 2021 LLC	James S. Walley	\$24,000
129.05-1-10; Owego Holdings 2021 LLC	Tow Broome LLC	\$500

Town of Owego

130.00-2-66.11; 4280 W 434, LLC	Beverly Brown	\$124,000
153.07-1-36; Bell David	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$1,000
131.19-1-26; Depuysselier Laverne	Chain Link Properties	\$29,000
153.06-2-13; Schweitzer Christine A	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$8,000
107.00-1-6.212; Warren Benjamin	Raymond W. Reeves	\$29,500
143.13-1-20; County of Tioga	ATU Gonzalez Group LLC	\$1,000

Town of Richford

12.00-1-28.41; Brown Reginald	Kari Lee Bunce	\$25,000
12.00-1-21.11 & 21.90; Wert Daniel	Michelle H. Gehm	\$62,000

Town of Tioga

148.08-1-23; Major Lynn W	Joseph F. Karpel Deborah L. Smith	\$31,500
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 357-25 *AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROVIDE IN-KIND SERVICES TO STERPDB FOR REGIONAL HOUSING PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Per Tioga County Resolution No. 243-74, Tioga County has been a dedicated member of the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB), dba Southern Tier 8 Regional Board (ST8), since its inception and original intermunicipal agreement executed in 1974; and

WHEREAS: ST8 is now embarking on a Regional Housing Investment Framework project, funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission, whereby ST8's eight member counties will work together to address the private workforce housing supply shortage by identifying strategic investment opportunities, removing barriers to housing development, and preparing communities to implement regional housing solutions that drive long-term economic growth; and

WHEREAS: ST8 is requesting that all eight counties enter into the project's Memorandum of Understanding that defines expected roles of the counties and requires contribution of in-kind services from county staff in the amount of \$28,000 for time spent on this project during the grant period of March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Economic Development and Planning staff, namely Elaine Jardine and Sara Zubalsky-Peer, are willing and able to provide this staff time and contribute said in-kind services amount during the stated grant period; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes entry into said ST8 Memorandum of Understanding; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislative Chair be authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 358-25      *AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE  
ON MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
TIOGA COUNTY FAIR BOARD*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Sustainability would like to hold their second annual Pumpkin Smash Event in partnership with Tioga County Tourism at the County Fair Grounds; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Fair Board is willing to allow the County and Tourism to host said event at the County Fair Grounds; and

WHEREAS: A Pumpkin Smash is an effort to divert pumpkins from landfills by providing locations for residents to drop-off jack-o-lanterns/whole pumpkins to be composted or donated to local farms for livestock; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Sustainability will be providing PPE such as caution tape, tarps, gloves, safety goggles & face shields, and safety vests, as well as requiring all participants to sign a waiver; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County and the Tioga County Fair Board are desirous of having a Memo of Understanding with regard to this event; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature agrees to authorize the Legislative Chair to sign the Memo of Understanding, upon approval of the County Attorney, between the Tioga County Fair Board and Tioga County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 359-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
RIVERSIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, PLLC AND  
TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Riverside Forensic Pathology, PLLC will provide professional services for autopsies, laboratory testing, x-rays, and use of morgue facilities for Tioga County for the two-year contract period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS: The contract with Riverside Forensic Pathology, PLLC calls for \$1,300 per complete autopsy examination to be paid to pathologists and various other fees depending on tests, x-rays, etc. that are needed or \$600.00 professional service fee for external examinations, per examination; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Tioga County Legislative Chair to sign a contract, upon approval of the County Attorney, with Riverside Forensic Pathology, PLLC for services rendered to Tioga County at the costs listed above and for a two-year term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 360-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
STSJF CONTRACT FOR SFY 2025-2026  
PROBATION AS LEAD AGENCY FOR  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING VIA STSJF*

WHEREAS: The NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has directed every County to create Alternative to Detention programming and since 2015 the Probation Department has been the Lead Agency for the County to apply for STSJF funding; and

WHEREAS: The funding is based on an approved OCFS contract for a maximum of \$42,000 and is set at a ratio of 62% state reimbursement – 38% county share for monies expended by the County for Alternative to Detention programming for Juvenile Delinquents. The Tioga County Legislature agrees to accept this reimbursement funding format; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislative Chair is approved to contract with the Office of Children and Family Services for STSJF funding as follows:

Probation Department – Juvenile Delinquency Alternatives to Detention

Reminder Call, Electronic Monitoring	\$13,882.00
State Share	\$ 8,606.84
County Share	\$ 5,275.16

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 361-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE TIOGA COUNTY PROBATION DEPT. AND  
TALITRIX*

WHEREAS: The Probation Department is need of Electronic Monitoring Services to provide alternative to incarceration and alternative to detention services via Court order for Tioga County adults and juveniles; and

WHEREAS: Probation has been contracting with a company, Talitrix, that is willing to provide T-Band wearable Electronic Monitoring Services to Tioga County Probation at the cost of \$5.00 per day per unit; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Attorney has previously approved a contract with Talitrix that will charge the County \$5.00 per day per unit, with no fee for units on the shelf. Said contract is for one year beginning September 3, 2025 to September 2, 2026 unless terminated by one of the parties; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Probation has budgeted funds for Electronic Monitoring services for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$8,000 in account number A3142-540140; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Probation Director is approved to contract with Talitrix to provide Electronic Monitoring hardware and internet accessible software for adults and juveniles to the Probation Department as part of the County's Alternative to Incarceration and Alternative to Detention programming.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 362-25

*AUTHORIZE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH  
EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO  
ADMINISTER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County uses the service of Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York to administer health insurance benefits for Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York has submitted a renewal agreement to administer fully insured benefits for Tioga County employees for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: These are contractual benefits for Tioga County union employees; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign the renewal agreement with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York, subject to review by the County Attorney, to administer health insurance benefits for Tioga County for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 363-25      *AWARD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT TO DELTA ENGINEERS FOR A UTILITY ROLL-UP DOOR AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the replacement of several pieces of mechanical equipment in the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been made aware of significant cost savings associated with installing a utility roll-up door to assist in the movement of equipment both in and out of the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for design and construction support services for this project from Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for these services is \$26,243; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the proposal for design and construction support services for the installation of a utility roll-up door at the Public Safety Building to Delta Engineers not to exceed \$26,243 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.521913      Public Safety Building Renovations

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 364-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 280-25;  
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR BROOME BITUMINOUS  
PRODUCTS TO PERFORM PAVING AND MILLING  
SERVICES ON GOODRICH ROAD

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works is authorized to procure services based on New York State (NYS) Office of General Services bids and from other bids in the neighboring counties where applicable; and

WHEREAS: The award for paving and milling services to be performed on Goodrich Road was awarded to Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. on Resolution No. 280-25 for \$76,707; and

WHEREAS: The amount of material needed to perform the paving services by Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. increased by approximately 48% as approved by the Commissioner of Public Works as being the best way to extend the surface life of the road; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for the additional material placed on Goodrich Road in the amount of \$25,418 to be paid out of the following account:

H5110.540001.H2501 – Paving Projects 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 365-25      *AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE  
FLOYD HOOKER FOUNDATION APPLICATION FOR  
THE TIOGA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
YOUTH PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Probation Department would like to apply for a grant from the Floyd Hooker Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Juvenile/Youth at Probation; and

WHEREAS: County Policy #47 requires that a resolution be approved before any such grant application is submitted. The Floyd Hooker Foundation's grant application needs to be completed by October 15, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Probation Department be given authorization to apply for the Floyd Hooker Foundation grant application in the amount of \$10,000 to be in compliance with the county policy.

Legislator Flesher spoke. "I just want to point out for the record that Director Cain and his Department have done a great job administering the money that they have received from this grant in the past and I am very excited for them to receive it again so they can continue their work. This grant is focused on youth and incentivizing them to complete their programs. He has done a great job."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 366-25      *AUTHORIZE 2025 VOTE BY MAIL GRANT AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS*

WHEREAS: The 2025 NYS Budget created the 2025 Vote By Mail Grant Program to be administered by the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE); and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections (BOE) is eligible for reimbursement of up to \$13,128.77 eligible expenses under this grant program, for the term of 04/01/2025 to 03/31/2026; and

WHEREAS: The BOE received the contract for this grant from the NYSBOE on September 5, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County BOE is authorized to apply for and receive reimbursement from the NYS Vote By Mail Grant Program, for up to \$13,128.77; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding for expenditures under this grant shall be appropriated as follows:

FROM:	A1450 439060 VBMG State Aid-Elections	\$13,128.77
TO:	A1450 540490 VBMG Election Expense	\$13,128.77

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any unspent funds under this grant in FY2025 shall carry over to FY2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 367-25 *AUTHORIZE 2025 ELECTION GRANT AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS*

WHEREAS: The 2025 NYS Budget created the 2025 Election Grant Program to be administered by the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE); and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections (BOE) is eligible for reimbursement of up to \$6,811.77 eligible expenses under this grant program, for the term of 04/01/2025 to 03/31/2026; and

WHEREAS: The BOE received the contract for this grant from the NYSBOE on September 5, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County BOE is authorized to apply for and receive reimbursement from the NYS 2025 Election Grant Program, for up to \$6,811.77; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding for expenditures under this grant shall be appropriated as follows:

FROM:	A1450 439060 GE25 State Aid-Elections	\$6,811.77
TO:	A1450 540490 GE25 Election Expense	\$6,811.77

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any unspent funds under this grant in FY2025 shall carry over to FY2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 368-25 APPROVE 2026 STOP DWI PLAN

WHEREAS: The New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) requires counties to submit an annual STOP DWI Plan by October 1st for the use of monies collected under the STOP DWI Program; and

WHEREAS: The STOP DWI Coordinator has submitted a 2026 STOP DWI Plan to the Tioga County Legislature for approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the 2026 STOP DWI Plan including the following budgeted appropriations:

Enforcement	\$10,500
Prosecution Related	\$ 2,500
Probation	\$ 5,000
Rehabilitation	\$ 2,500
PI&E	\$18,000
Administration	\$ <u>450</u>
	\$38,950

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 369-25      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following event in December, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

The 2025 Army-Navy Game (ARPA) - \$1000.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allow the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 370-25 APPROVE FUNDING  
2026 YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board has reviewed 2026 applications for funding which are consistent with guidelines previously presented to the Legislative Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following programs recommended by the Tioga County Youth Board for program year October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 be approved by the Tioga County Legislature in the amounts indicated:

Catholic Charities YESS	\$ 6,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension – FRC	\$ 1,300
Cornell Cooperative Extension – 4H	\$ 5,000
Kali's Klub House 7 Keys to Success	\$ 5,809
Lions Camp Badger	\$ 1,700
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	\$ 2,000
Spencer-VanEtten PAVE	\$ 2,475
Ti-Ahwaga Community Players	\$ 5,000
Tioga County Council on the Arts	\$ 4,200
Tioga Central School Summer Recreation	\$ 7,000
Tioga County Child Advocacy Center	\$ 2,000
Town of Owego Summer Recreation	\$ 7,000
Tioga County Youth Bureau dues (required)	\$ 100
<b>Total Youth Development Program Funds</b>	<b>\$49,584</b>
Candor PTSA	\$15,054
Lions Camp Badger	\$10,160
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Youth Sports &amp; Education Opportunity Funds</b>	<b>\$30,214</b>

Candor PTSA	\$ 9,219
Spencer-VanEtten Youth Association	\$10,000
Waverly Recreation	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Youth Team Sports Funds</b>	<b>\$24,219</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,017</b>

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 371-25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
BUDGET MODIFICATION

WHEREAS: Tioga County Veterans Services' Agency (TCVSA) has been allocated state aid funding for the Dwyer Program and Mental Health Outreach (MHO) in the amount of \$109,037 and \$6,000, respectively, for 2025; and

WHEREAS: In the 2025 Budget the TCVSA Agency budgeted revenue for the Dwyer Program (A6510-427700-DP22) in the amount of \$104,000, and budgeted revenue for the MHO (A6510-427700-MHO) in the amount of \$6,000; and

WHEREAS: Additional revenue needs to be appropriated to A6510-427700-DP22 in the amount of \$5,037; and

WHEREAS: In the 2025 Budget the TCVSA Agency budgeted expense for the Dwyer Program and MHO in the amount of \$94,140.30 in various accounts under the DP22 project; and



RESOLVED: That the following sums be transferred from within the District Attorney’s budget to cover the costs of the chairs:

From: A1165 540700	Transcripts	\$495.40
To: A1165 520070	Chairs	\$495.40

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 373-25 AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
CONTINGENCY TRANSFER REQUEST  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS & CORONERS

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Coroner's Office has reported a higher-than-expected number of deaths and autopsy cases for 2025, and the A1185 Medical Examiners and Coroners expense accounts are projected to not have sufficient funds for the remainder of the year to cover the anticipated costs; and

WHEREAS: Funds will need to be transferred from the Tioga County Contingent account in order to accommodate the increasing number of cases as reported by the Tioga County Coroners; and

WHEREAS: Amending of the 2025 Budget and the appropriation of Contingent accounts require Legislative approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes a transfer from the Contingency account as follows:

FROM:	A1990 540715 Contingency Transfer	\$25,000.00
TO:	A1185 540370 Medical Expense	\$25,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 374-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
CASE MANAGER (PART TIME)  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has previously approved the creation of this new position to assist the Family Court Assistant Public Defender in providing services in FCA Article 10 cases; and

WHEREAS: The County has been awarded a Grant from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to fund the position for a three-year period; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has conducted a recruitment search and has identified a suitable desirable candidate for the position; and

WHEREAS: Michael A. Franz has ample training and over fifteen years of directly relevant experience to be successful in the position and can provide benefits to the clients of the office; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Michael A. Franz to the title of Case Manager (Part Time), pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual

Management/Confidential salary of \$29,500, effective October 20, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Mr. Franz shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective April 20, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 375-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT &  
TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Director of Employment & Transitional Supports (\$67,446 - \$77,446) Management/Confidential) will become vacant within the Department of Social Services as of October 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Following recruitment efforts, the Commissioner of Social Services has identified a well-qualified candidate from within his Department which he would like to appoint to said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to provisionally appoint Tara Hauptfleisch as Director of Employment and Transitional Supports at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$70,413 effective November 1, 2025, pending the successful completion of all civil service examination requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Hauptfleisch shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective May 1, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 376-25 *UNFUND (2) PART-TIME  
ELECTION CLERK POSITIONS AND  
CREATE (2) PART-TIME  
ELECTION CLERK (SEASONAL) POSITIONS  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to unfund and create any position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Two (2) Part-Time Election Clerk positions have been vacant since September 10, 2025, due to lack of work; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the Election Commissioners decided they can better address staffing needs with clerks on an as-needed basis to handle periods of high volume for 2026 and submitted a New Position Duties Statement to the Personnel Department on August 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has determined the appropriate classification for said title be Election Clerk PT (Seasonal); and

WHEREAS: Unfunding the two (2) Part-Time Election Clerks positions will create available funding; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of two (2) Part-Time Election Clerk (Seasonal) positions, with a salary to be set by the Legislature for 2026, effective January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That (2) Part-Time Election Clerk positions shall be unfunded effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 377-25 RECLASSIFY ONE FT ACCOUNTING  
ASSOCIATE III POSITION TO  
ONE PT ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE III  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all position reclassifications and funding of positions; and

WHEREAS: A full-time Accounting Associate III (CSEA Salary Grade VII; \$43,934) became vacant on June 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that a part-time (up to 17 hours per week) Accounting Associate III position will better meet the needs of this agency; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the full-time Accounting Associate III be reclassified to a part-time Accounting Associate III effective October 20, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the hourly rate for the part-time Accounting Associate III shall be \$20.13; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the headcount for the Probation Department shall include 16 full-time and 2 part-time positions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 378-25 RECLASSIFY AND FILL UNFUNDED  
VACANT PROBATION OFFICER 1 POSITION  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all position reclassifications and funding of positions; and

WHEREAS: A full-time Unfunded Probation Officer 1 (2025 CSEA Salary Grade XII; \$55,354 - \$56,354) position has been unfunded and vacant since January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS: The Probation Director submitted a New Position Duties Statement to the Personnel Officer on September 4, 2025, and it has been determined to reclassify the unfunded Probation Officer 1 to a funded full-time Probation Assistant (2025 CSEA Salary Grade VIII; \$46,435 - \$47,435) to better meet the needs of this agency; therefore be it



No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts made a motion to bring forth one (1) late-file resolution for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 380-25      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY  
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED  
TO ASSIST OWEGO MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
WITH THE TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE 2025*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) regularly assists Tioga County Veteran Fraternal Organizations with their community-oriented outreach; and

WHEREAS: The Owego Marine Corps League is conducting their annual Toys for Tots Campaign, which last year approximately 2600 children in Tioga County benefited and received Christmas gifts from this annual drive; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA is requesting to assist the Owego Marine Corps League by allowing gift receptacles to be placed in each County building that has public access. The Owego Marine Corps League will place the gift receptacles and retrieve them prior to Christmas; and

WHEREAS: All costs are incurred by the Owego Marine Corps League and there is no budgetary expense to Tioga County. TCVSA will assist with public outreach via social media and an email to all Tioga County employees advising them of the toy drive; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allow the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to assist the Owego Marine Corps League in the 2025 Toys for Tots Drive.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The Marine Corps puts a lot of effort into the Toys for Tots Program, and I think it is good that we can assist them in that endeavor by having receptacles, so I fully endorse their pursuit."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Bunce.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Aronstam.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

*Public Hearing  
Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025  
October 23, 2025*

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025; A Local Law of the Tioga County Legislature of the County of Tioga, to opt out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry was called to order by Chair Sauerbrey at 10:00 A.M. Seven Legislative members were present with Legislators Flesher and Roberts being absent.

There were six people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Mr. Howland, Newark Valley resident, spoke. "I am here today as I am interested in this issue and trying to understand exactly what is being proposed. I have the Howland Farm in Newark Valley, NY and this has a significant impact on our ability to maintain the farm. If someone could explain it, then I could make a comment."

County Attorney DeWind spoke. "Basically, New York State passed a requirement that unless we opt out would require the County to register short-term rentals, maintain a registry, and keep an eye on what's happening with them. With this local law, the County would be opting out of establishing a short-term rental registry. We would still have our hotel and motel occupancy tax and continue to do what we do with short-term rentals including any other agreements we have, we just would not be creating this separate new registry."

Mr. Howland spoke. "So, everything as it exists right now will stay the same? We pay about 8% per year of our income."

County Attorney DeWind spoke. "None of that will change."

Mr. Howland spoke. "So, what is the County opting out of if that is not going to change?"

County Administrator Bailey spoke. "The State is building a registry for all the short-term rentals, so the State can track them and try to moderate them, but for smaller counties like us, the County Treasurer has determined that we do not have a need to join that registry because we have so few of them. We are just opting out of the registry at this time. It has no real advantage to the County. It is more

of an administrative impact. It is not going to impact any of the taxpayers and those who have short-term rentals.”

County Attorney DeWind spoke. “The cost of creating a position and have someone monitor this was not really worth it because we are already doing it.”

Mr. Howland spoke. “I think there are real problems with these short-term rentals in New York City, but I am not aware that we have that problem in Tioga County.”

Legislator Monell spoke. “Exactly. It creates a lot more work for us as a County, so that is why we are opting out.”

There being no further public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

*Public Hearing  
2026 Budget  
November 12, 2025*

The Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 A.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Flesher arriving at 10:20 a.m. and Legislator Bunce being absent.

There were 14 people in attendance along with County Administrator Jackson Bailey, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, and County Attorney Peter DeWind.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

County Administrator Bailey gave the 2026 budget presentation.

“Honorable Members of the Tioga County Legislature and Citizens of Tioga County. Today, Wednesday, November 12, 2025, I am pleased to present the Tentative 2026 Tioga County Budget.

“At a glance, there are some key takeaways for the 2026 budget:

- Proposed increase to the Tax Levy is 2.09%. This is again within the State Tax Cap for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for Tioga County.
- Average County tax impact for a home assessed at \$100,000 will pay approximately \$664.00 in County Tax.
- Total proposed 2026 Budget Appropriations are \$109,542,645.
- Use of unassigned General Fund Balance of \$6,121,997.

“At the start of the budget process, the Legislature provided clear directives to departments, including:

- Maintain programs and services with zero-based growth in local share costs.
- Limit new spending unless required by State mandates or critical need.
- Be cautious with personnel growth to keep staffing sustainable.
- Scrutinize capital and long-term commitments to protect future taxpayers.

“These directives have helped the County shape a balanced, realistic budget that supports community needs while keeping Tioga County fiscally stable, tax cap compliant, and maintaining a “not in fiscal stress” designation with the NYS Comptroller’s office.

“Like all counties in New York State, Tioga continues to navigate rising cost challenges beyond its control, including:

- State-mandated programs that now represent over 113% of the County Tax Cap.
- Increasing costs for employee salaries and benefits.
- Rising service demands in areas such as mental hygiene, childcare, and public safety.

“Total expenditures increased in all funds by \$6,249,911 or 6.05% from the prior year. Total estimated revenues increased in all funds by \$3,222,960 or 4.39% from the prior year. The total deficit after the tax levy is applied is \$8,746,009. I propose using \$6,121,997 from unrestricted General Fund Balance and \$2,624,012 from Capital Reserves to bridge that gap.

“This budget protects the services that the community relies on every day, including:

- Sheriff's Road Patrol and 911 Emergency Services
- Public Health and Mental Hygiene Services
- Child & Adult Protective Services
- Roads & Bridges Maintenance and Snow Removal
- Veterans Support and Community Outreach
- Agency Funding for libraries, youth programs, tourism, and community services throughout the County

“The County continues to share sales tax revenues with Towns and Villages supporting local municipal budgets, services, and aiding to keep property taxes down across the county. The estimated amount of distribution in the 2026 budget is approximately \$7,380,000.

“This year’s budget looks ahead, including key strategic objectives focused on Taxpayer Value, Accessibility to Services, Workforce, and Community Partnerships, in order to move Tioga County forward. Some of these strategic priorities include:

- Workforce Stability & Hiring
- Public Safety & Emergency Communications. Of note, 2026 will see the completion of the County’s \$18 million-dollar Interoperable Radio Tower Upgrade project, thus enhancing communication throughout the County for emergency responders.
- Facilities Planning & Maintenance
- Technology & Cybersecurity Enhancements
- Shared Services Initiatives

“The County continues to aggressively pursue grants to reduce the local tax burden. Recent grant awards have been supported, including:

- Public Safety Equipment & Emergency Communications Upgrades
- Infrastructure & Facilities
- Public Health & Community Support Programs
- Technology, Cybersecurity, and Records Modernization

“The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been fully obligated by the County and is on track to be fully expended by the Treasury Final Rule date of December 31, 2026. Of the \$9,362,868 received, the County has spent year to date \$7,858,935 on qualified expenditures including capital equipment, outside agency funding, cybersecurity enhancements, County facility security enhancements, and the provisions of general government services.

“The 2026 Proposed Tax Levy is \$27,450,883. This is the allowable amount, per the New York State Mandated Property Tax Cap, and will mark the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the County has not had to override the Tax Cap.

“The combined composite tax rate for 2026 is \$6.64 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Again, the average home, assessed at \$100,000, will pay approximately \$664.00 per year for all County services. Tax rates will vary due to the State established equalization rate and each municipalities apportionment percentage.

“I extend my sincere appreciation to the County Legislature, Department Heads, and County employees for their participation and compliance in the annual budget.

“I would also like to thank the following individuals for their efforts and dedication throughout the budget process:

- Legislative Chair, Martha Sauerbrey
- Legislative Clerk, Cathy Haskell
- Real Property Director, Steven Palinosky
- Personnel Officer, Linda Parke
- Benefits Manager, Camille Mattison-Corneby
- County Treasurer, James McFadden
- Deputy Treasurer, Katie Chandler
- Chief Accountant, Laura Schurter
- Payroll Coordinator, Amy Potter

“Please note, the Real Property Tax Levy cannot be increased after today’s hearing without an additional public hearing.”

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

*Eleventh Regular Meeting*  
November 12, 2025

The Eleventh Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on November 12, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standinger were present with Legislator Bunce being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Flesher to have a moment of prayer. "Dear God, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be here today. We ask you to continue to guide us in our leadership of the County business and the constituents we represent. We ask you to continue to grant us good health and happiness in our lives"

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

There were 46 people in attendance.

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

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

Legislator Flesher read and presented the following resolution to Tina Kidney, Corrections Officer, Sheriff's Office.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 381-25      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
TINA KIDNEY'S 25 YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Tina Kidney was appointed as a Corrections Officer on November 9, 2000; and

WHEREAS: Tina Kidney has been dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities during the 25 years of service to Tioga County, thereby earning the respect of her colleagues and peers throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tina Kidney will retire from the Tioga County Sheriff's Office on November 28, 2025; 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 Tina Kidney for 25 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, Tina Kidney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheriff Howard spoke. "I pulled Tina's file today and part of this file is for discipline. I opened her file and there is absolutely nothing in it; not a piece of paper, which means for twenty-five years Tina has followed every rule, regulation, and has not violated anything or made any mistakes. So, it is a good time to get out. Tina is one of those people who has done what she has been asked, has done more than that, has volunteered, and has continued the service. I know the men and women who work with her are going to miss her quite a bit because she is the person they can lean on. Tina, congratulations and good luck in the future."

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Tina, on behalf of the Legislature, we wish you the very best of luck and enjoy your retirement."

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have four Proclamations; **Salute to Tioga County Employee Veterans and Active Military Day** that will be read by Steven Palinosky, **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day** that will be read by Legislator Monell, **Green Light for Military Service County** and **Adoption Awareness Month** that will be noted in the minutes.

Steve Palinosky spoke. “Good afternoon, everyone and thank you for joining us this afternoon. On behalf of the Veterans and the Tioga County workforce, I would like to thank the Legislature for their recognition of us and their support of all Veterans around the County.”

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, the Tioga County Legislature pays tribute to the millions of service members, veterans, military families, caregivers, and survivors who have served and continue to serve our great Nation. The contributions of the men and women that serve in the Armed Forces has been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature appreciates the sacrifices that our United States military personnel have made while defending freedom and believe that specific recognition should be accorded to employees of Tioga County that have selflessly served our Country; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature is proud and honored to have such distinguished men and women who have bravely protected our values, freedom, and way of life, as dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature would like to especially recognize the following employees who have served, or are currently serving, our Country:

Lawrence Alger	Thomas Gallagher	Grace Ayala-Middaugh	Stephen Solomon
William Allen Jr.	Bryan Goodrich	Dean Morgan	John Ward
Jason Anderson	Mark Griep	Jessica Morris	Steven Wasko
Frederick Bensley	Brian Henry	Dennis Mullen	Gavin Watkins
Nicholas Bessey	Anthony Hill	John Olsen	Darion Wiant
Steven Bombarger	Earl Hollenbeck	Steven Palinosky	Robert Williams
Cody Brunner	James Hoover	Richard Prunier	
James Burlless Jr.	Gary Howard	Shawn Quick	
James Cornell	Andrea Klett	Jean Regis	
Chad Edwards	Heather Krohmalney	Jeffrey Shepardson	
William Ellis III	Camille Mattison-Corneby	William Standinger III	

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim November 12, 2025, as:

**SALUTE TO TIOGA COUNTY EMPLOYEE VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY DAY**

and encourages Tioga County citizens to honor, acknowledge and recognize all men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in our nation's Armed Forces.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: GIS Day, held annually around the world on the third Wednesday of November is an internationally recognized event during Geography Awareness Week, designed to educate citizens and students about the importance of geographic literacy and demonstrate the real-world applications and impact of GIS technology; and

WHEREAS: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology integrates hardware, software, and data to capture, manage, analyze, and display all forms of geographically referenced information, enabling greater efficiency, insight, and informed decision-making across numerous governmental functions; and

WHEREAS: GIS provides critical support to Tioga County's infrastructure and services, including, but not limited to, emergency response and public safety, public works, land use planning, tax assessment, economic development, public health tracking, and environmental management; and

WHEREAS: The accuracy and accessibility of geographic data are fundamental to the efficient operation of County Departments, saving taxpayer dollars, increasing transparency, and enhancing the quality of services provided to residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to celebrate GIS Day to recognize the value of geography and spatial analysis in our daily lives and to promote the county's commitment to utilizing cutting-edge technology for the public good; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim November 19, 2025 as:

**“GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY”**

and urges public agencies, educational institutions, and citizens of Tioga County to participate in appropriate activities and programs on GIS Day to recognize and promote the understanding and use of GIS technologies.

GIS Manager, Bryan Goodrich spoke. “I just want to say thank you to the Legislature. I think this is a great acknowledgement of GIS. I think this is one of the

tools where we constantly try to strive to do more with less. This is also one of the tools we are going to reach out and use more and more. Again, thank you.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Approximately 200,000 service members transition from military to civilian communities annually. This number is expected to remain stable in the foreseeable future.

WHEREAS: Current studies indicate that 44-72% of service members experience high levels of stress during the transition period from military to civilian, sadly for these transitioning members they are at the highest risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature appreciates the sacrifices that our United States military personnel have made while defending freedom and believe that specific recognition should be accorded them in appreciation for their service; and

WHEREAS: Designating this as a time to salute and honor our men and women in uniform who are making the transition to civilian life by switching one lightbulb to green to show visible support for these veterans; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim the month of November 2025 as Operation Green Light Month. Operation Green Light for Military Services encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices in preserving freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their residence and/or business.

The Tioga County Legislature does designate Tioga County as a:

**GREEN LIGHT FOR MILITARY SERVICE COUNTY**

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

This November marks the 35th annual National Adoption Month. November 22, 2025, is National Adoption Day. Our task is to find permanent homes for all our children. Tioga County finalized three adoptions this year to date. Tioga has seven children freed for adoption, six placed with adoptive homes and one of those youth is awaiting a match with a forever family. Every child in America and Tioga County deserves a permanent, loving forever family and home; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families serve as a source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children freed for adoption in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County adoptive families provide a safe and stable home and a nurturing environment where children freed for adoption have the opportunity to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Accepting responsibility for the care of these children has proven to be very rewarding for many adoptive parents; and

WHEREAS: Numerous public and private agencies work to increase the public's awareness of the needs of children freed for adoption, and the enduring and valuable contribution of adoptive families; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize all those in Tioga County who work together on behalf of children freed for adoption; the adoptive families and the professional staff dedicated to ensuring these children become members of a stable and loving family; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby Proclaim November as

**ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to recognize adoptive families in Tioga County.

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14 and 23, 2025 seconded by Legislator Flesher and carried.

Chair Sauerbrey appointed the following Legislators to the ***District #3 Legislator Search Committee:***

- Legislator Aronstam
- Legislator Ciotoli
- Legislator Monell
- Legislator Roberts
- Legislator Standinger

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

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 382-25 ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on October 23, 2025, following due notice thereof to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025; A Local Law to opt-out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the residents of Tioga County to adopt such Local Law which will be Local Law No. 3 of 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following Local Law be and hereby is adopted:

County of Tioga County

Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2025.

A Local Law to opt-out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

#### SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 20, and the New York State Real Property Law, Section 447-c (1)(b). The purpose of the local law is to formally declare that County of Tioga opts not to establish a short-term rental registration system for short-term rental units as defined Section 447-c (1)(a) of Article 12-D of the New York State Real Property Law.

#### SECTION 2: OPT-OUT DECLARATION

The County of Tioga hereby exercises its right pursuant to Section 447-c (1)(b) of Article 12-D of New York State Real Property Law to opt-out of the New York State short-term rental registry program established by the New York State Real Property

Law, Section 447-c (1)(a) of Article 12-D. Therefore, the County of Tioga shall not participate in the state-level short-term rental registration program.

SECTION 3: CONSEQUENCES OF OPTING-OUT

The County of Tioga acknowledges that the County may opt-in to the Short-term Rental Law by repealing this local law.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect December 1, 2025, in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any part of this local law is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 383-25 ADOPT STATE EQUALIZATION REPORTS

RESOLVED: That the State Equalization Reports for County Tax be and the same hereby are approved, and that the County tax rates be the rates used in computing taxes in the several Towns.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 384-25      *SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S8481/  
ASSEMBLY BILL A8996 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS TO OPT OUT OF MANDATES AND  
BENCHMARKS ARISING UNDER THE CLIMATE  
LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT  
(CLCPA) AND ASSOCIATED UNIVERSAL  
ELECTRIFICATION REQUIREMENTS*

WHEREAS: Across New York State, communities are facing steep increases in utility costs and housing construction expenses due to the electrification mandates; and

WHEREAS: These include restrictive building codes that prohibit natural gas, vehicle sales quotas that eliminate traditional models, and infrastructure benchmarks for EV charging that are often impractical and financially oppressive; and

WHEREAS: These mandates impose one-size-fits-all burdens that disproportionately harm local governments, particularly rural towns and villages that lack the infrastructure, tax base, and energy capacity to implement these changes safely and affordably; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is in full support of legislation that affirms the principle of home rule by allowing local governments to make energy decisions that reflect the unique needs of their residents and businesses; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly supports Senate Bill S8481/Assembly Bill A8996, and strongly supports its municipalities in their decision to opt out of costly, troublesome, or impractical mandates imposed under the CLCPA and related electrification standards or code requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, NYS Assembly Speaker Heastie, New York State Association of Counties, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO: 385-25 MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

RESOLVED: That the mortgage tax report for the period April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 be and it hereby is accepted; further

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the Supervisors of the several Towns and the Treasurers of the several Villages the amounts apportioned to them as follows:

Barton (Town)	\$ 20,636.22
Berkshire (Town)	9,532.66
Candor (Town)	18,686.38
Candor (Village)	2,710.50
Newark Valley (Town)	14,676.68
Newark Valley (Village)	5,433.16
Nichols (Town)	33,387.37
Nichols (Village)	2,699.64
Owego (Town)	143,234.34
Owego (Village)	19,288.86
Richford (Town)	5,136.49
Spencer (Town)	16,218.72
Spencer (Village)	2,168.84
Tioga (Town)	19,480.06
Waverly (Village)	<u>25,715.00</u>
	\$339,004.92



WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer of ITCS recommends proceeding with the application to secure these cybersecurity resources at no cost to the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Department of Information Technology and Communication Services to complete and submit the application for the SLCGP shared services opportunity for hardware authentication tokens to support multi-factor authentication.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 387-25      *AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF  
MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS*

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 351-24 Tioga County was awarded grant funds through New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a Microenterprise Assistance Program and was approved to accept the funds and modify the Economic Development and Planning (ED&P) Budget; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 243-25, the Tioga County Legislature authorized ED&P to award eligible applicants for this program. Specifically, the Newark Valley Creamery was awarded \$20,400.00 and Two Sparrows Farm was awarded \$32,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Since that time, Newark Valley Creamery and Two Sparrows Farm formerly requested to withdraw their applications thereby making those funds available; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined the available funds, \$52,400.00, should be reallocated to other already-approved Microenterprise Assistance Program applicants to further the program's objective of assisting local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The four (4) businesses identified as eligible to receive the reallocated funds are listed below with the previously approved award:

Business	Previous Award	Reallocated Funds	Total
• The Five, LLC	\$22,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$35,000.00
• The Owego Brewing Co.	\$14,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$35,000.00
• Country Fit	\$15,000.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$22,700.00
• Ocular Prosthetics, LLC	\$ 7,500.00	\$10,700.00	\$18,200.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature does hereby authorize Economic Development and Planning to award the NYS CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program reallocated grant funds to the above selected microenterprises.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 388-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
2025-2026 NYS STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY  
ENGAGEMENT GRANT AND  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
STOP DWI*

WHEREAS: The NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Board has awarded a High Visibility Engagement grant of \$18,500 to Tioga County STOP-DWI; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025-2026 NYS STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement grant be appropriated as follows:

FROM: A3315-445890-CRK25	Federal Aid-Other Transp	\$18,500
TO: A3315-540590-CRK25	Services Rendered-STOP DWI	\$18,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until the project is completed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
	FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 389-25	<i>AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 GRANT PROGRAM (NG911) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS &amp; MODIFY 2025 BUDGET SHERIFF'S OFFICE</i>
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WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded a SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant in the amount of \$1,266,796; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the acceptance of this award and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign said contract upon County Attorney's review; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts and appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until the project is completed.

FROM:	A3020.433060.NG911	State Aid-Homeland Security	\$1,266,796
TO:	A3020.520130.NG911	Equipment (not car)	\$ 633,398
	A3020.540140.NG911	Contracting Services	\$ 633,398

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 390-25 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$60,790.00 for Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2025 until expended; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to accept the grant funding for the distribution in said amount of \$60,790.00; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$60,790.00 needs to be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance of grant funding and appropriation of funds require Legislature approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of said distribution in the amount of \$60,790.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon receipt of the funds through the Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of \$60,790.00 the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Accounts: A1170.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 30,395.00
A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 30,395.00
Expense Accounts: A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 30,395.00
A1170.540140 DOCJS	Contracting Services	\$ 30,395.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original grant award of \$60,790.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 391-25 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$60,167.00 for Aid to Defense for Supplemental Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2025 until expended; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to accept the grant funding for the distribution in said amount of \$60,167.00; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$60,167.00 needs to be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance of grant funding and appropriation of funds require Legislature approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of said distribution in the amount of \$60,167.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon receipt of the funds through the Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of \$60,167.00, the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Accounts: A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 30,083.50
A1170.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 30,083.50
Expense Accounts: A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 30,083.50
A1170.540280 DOCJS	Investigations	\$ 30,083.50

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original grant award of \$60,167.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2026.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 392-25	<i>RECLASSIFICATION OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL APPROPRIATION FOR STANDARD VOUCHER EXPENSES</i>

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature budgeted for and appropriated funds to offset anticipated expenses related to a high-profile criminal case, and the Assigned Counsel office has available previously requested funds budgeted under account A1172 540030 HPCC; and

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Office has determined that a significant portion of the invoices associated with the high-profile criminal case will not be incurred until the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Office anticipates an increased demand for standard assigned counsel voucher payments in 2025, and has requested to utilize existing funds for that purpose rather than drawing from contingency; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the reclassification and transfer of \$100,000 in following accounts:

From: A1172 540030 HPCC Assigned Counsel	\$ 100,000
To: A1172 540030 Assigned Counsel	\$ 100,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 393-25 *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 192-25 transferred \$12,000 from the SHS23 grant Contracted Services budget line to Equipment (not car) budget line for the purchase of accessories for the Prime Mover. NYS Homeland Security has since requested we make this purchase from the SHS24 grant; and

WHEREAS: The SHS23 funding will be used to pay the annual I am Responding Program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM:  
A3360.520130.SH23      EQUIPMENT (NOT CAR)      \$12,000

TO:  
A3360.540140.SH23      CONTRACTED SERVICES      \$12,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining balance at year end be carried forward into the next budget year.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 394-25      *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 395-24 authorized the acceptance and appropriation of funds from the SHS24 grant, in which \$4,000 was allocated to the Sheriff overtime budget line to be used for overtime incurred during election security; and

WHEREAS: A Board of Elections Grant was utilized for the election security detail, so it is necessary to transfer these SHS24 grant funds from the Sheriff's Overtime budget line to the Equipment not Car budget line; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

## FROM:

A3110.510030	Sheriff Overtime	\$4,000
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## TO:

A3361.520130.SH24	Equipment (not Car)	\$4,000
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And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining balance at year end be carried forward into the next budget year.





ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
 LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 397-25 TRANSFER FUNDS AND MODIFY 2025 BUDGET  
 SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Solid Waste's Sustainability Manager requires a new chair; and

WHEREAS: The current Solid Waste Budget does not have funds in the chairs line; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the modification of the Solid Waste 2025 Budget by transferring the appropriate funds as follows:

From: A8160 542640	Supplies (Not Office)	\$305
To: A8160 520070	Chairs	\$305

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Aronstam moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

Legislator Standinger made a motion to amend the resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher. Amended resolution is as follows:

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 398-25	<i>TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY TO SUPPORT A ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER IN RESPONSE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN</i>

WHEREAS: Tioga County recognizes that the recent federal Government Shutdown impacted Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits resulting in a direct and measurable hardship for many county residents, particularly those with limited income and access to healthy food; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature finds that this suspension in federal assistance represents a potential detriment to the health, nutrition, and well-being of Tioga County residents, warranting a local response in coordination with community partners, including the Southern Tier Food Bank; and

WHEREAS: The Food Bank of the Southern Tier serves as the regional food distribution hub for Tioga County and works collaboratively with community food pantries and social service agencies to ensure that food resources are available to residents in need; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to County Law §365, the County Legislature may transfer funds from the Contingency Account for expenses which could not reasonably have been foreseen or contemplated at the time of budget adoption; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature finds it to be of the public interest to assist the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in the continued provision of food assistance and distribution services during this period of federal government shutdown; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby transfers funds from the Contingency Account as follows:

FROM: A1990 540715 Contingency Transfer \$100,000.00  
TO: A1340540429 Outside Support \$100,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature or the County Administrator to execute any necessary agreements or Memorandum of Understanding with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to ensure accountability, distribution oversight, and reporting on the use of said funds; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this one-time appropriation shall be used exclusively by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier for the purchase and distribution of food items and associated logistics to benefit Tioga County residents.

Legislator Monell spoke. "We are going to change the wording on this resolution from what was originally presented to the proposed version on the screen."

Legislator Standinger spoke. The following revisions are being made to the resolution to clarify this is in response to the Federal Government Shutdown."

"In the title of the resolution, we are removing SNAP CUTBACKS and adding GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

"In the first WHEREAS statement, we are revising to read as follows:

WHEREAS: Tioga County recognizes that the recent federal Government Shutdown impacted Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits resulting in a direct and measurable hardship for many county residents, particularly those with limited income and access to healthy food; and

"In the second WHEREAS statement, we are revising to read as follows:

WHEREAS: The County Legislature finds that this suspension in federal assistance represents a potential detriment to the health, nutrition, and well-being of Tioga County residents, warranting a local response in coordination with community partners, including the Southern Tier Food Bank; and

"In the third WHEREAS statement, we are revising to read as follows:

WHEREAS: The Food Bank of the Southern Tier serves as the regional food distribution hub for Tioga County and works collaboratively with community food pantries and social service agencies to ensure that food resources are available to residents in need; and

“In the fifth WHEREAS statement, we are revising to read as follows:

WHEREAS: The County Legislature finds it to be of the public interest to assist the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in the continued provision of food assistance and distribution services during this period of federal government shutdown; therefore be it

“The remainder of the resolution remains as is.”

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 399-25      *TRANSFER RESERVE FUNDS ACCORDING TO  
CAPITAL BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 423-24 adopted the budget for Tioga County for the year 2025 which included the 2025 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Capital Budget itemized expenditures to be covered by Capital Reserves, if deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS: The following purchases have been made through October 2025:

H1325 Treasurer	\$ 5,756.17
H1620 DPW	\$362,786.62
H1680 ITCS	\$122,683.33
H3110 Sheriff	\$117,158.19
H5130 Road Machinery	\$933,253.08

And

WHEREAS: The Treasurer has seen the need to utilize Capital Reserve funds to cover these purchases; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature be made aware of the following transfer of funds according to the 2025 Capital Budget:

From: H 387804	Capital Software Reserve	\$ 39,895.00
H 387805	Capital Hardware Reserve	\$ 88,544.50
H 387807	Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,413,197.89

To: H 390900	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,541,637.39
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 400-25 *AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER TO COVER INCREASED COST OF TYLER TECHNOLOGIES MUNIS SOFTWARE RENEWAL FOR 2026*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes the critical role of the Munis enterprise resource planning (ERP) system in supporting the County's financial, human resources, and operational functions; and

WHEREAS: The County has received a renewal proforma from Tyler Technologies Inc. for continued support and licensing of the Munis system for the 2026 term, totaling \$99,641.83; and

WHEREAS: The cost of the 2026 renewal reflects an increase over prior years, requiring additional budgetary support to ensure uninterrupted service; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer affirms the importance of maintaining the Munis system to ensure continuity of operations, compliance with financial standards, and secure data management; and

WHEREAS: The ITCS Department has identified available funds in the Full-Time Salary budget line (A1680 510010) due to staffing adjustments, and recommends reallocating those funds to cover the software expense; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the necessary budget transfer; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the following budget transfer within the 2025 ITCS operating budget to accommodate the increased cost of the Munis software renewal:

FROM: A1680 510010	Full Time Salary	\$99,641.83
TO: A1680 540620	Software Expenses	\$99,641.83

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 401-25 *APPORTIONING FORFEITURE OF CRIME PROCEEDS FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 239-20 established a system for the disposal of property, the order of priority of disbursements and the restrictions on the use of both pre-conviction and post-conviction forfeitures of crime proceeds; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has received \$452.00 from drug forfeiture case Peo-vs-J Conklin; and

WHEREAS: It is agreed the funds shall be divided between the agencies involved in the investigation in accordance with Section 1349 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules; and

WHEREAS: Distribution details are as follows:

Tioga County District Attorney's Office (15%)	\$ 67.80
Tioga County Sheriff's Department (5%)	\$ 22.60
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)	\$ 144.64
Tioga County Sheriff's Department (75%)	\$ 162.72
Tioga County District Attorney's Office (25%)	<u>\$ 54.24</u>
	\$ 452.00

And

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

FROM: A1165-426250 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$ 67.80
A1165-426260 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 198.88
A3110-426250 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$ 22.60
A3110-426260 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 162.72

TO:	A1165-510010 District Attorney Salary FT Expense	\$ 67.80
	A1165-540336 Asset Forfeiture Expense-Restricted	\$ 198.88
	A3110-510010 Sheriff Salary FT Expense	\$ 22.60
	A3110-540336 Asset Forfeiture Expense-Restricted	\$ 162.72

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 402-25 *AUTHORIZE TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF \$1000*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the receipt of any donation in excess of \$1000 per County Policy – Gifts and Donations; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services has been contacted by a community agency to provide holiday gifts to children who have involvement with Child Protective and Preventive Services and the Department will be soliciting for holiday gifts for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS: The Department will be accepting donated gifts from the following agencies, Catholic Charities, The Punisher's Motorcycle Club, the Owego VFW and others; and

WHEREAS: By partnering with the community, we can ensure that all children in Tioga County have a happy holiday season; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept donated gifts with an anticipated value in excess of \$1000 to pass through to the children of Tioga County during the 2025 holiday season.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "We welcome any organization that is willing to put up gifts that can be provided at Christmas time. I am sure there is a lot of citizens in this County that do not have enough to give gifts to their children, and this resolution enables that to happen."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 403-25 APPROVE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY TASK VEHICLE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff's Office would like to purchase a Utility Task Vehicle from Polaris, which is on Sourcewell Contract #091024-PSI for \$17,892.37; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for all purchases over \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: There are available funds in account A3361.520130.SHS23 to cover said purchase; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to purchase a Utility Task Vehicle from Polaris Sourcewell Contract #091024-PSI at an amount of \$17,892.37.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 404-25      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY  
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED  
TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE  
PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provides food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to \$150 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be holding the following events in November and December, with grant funds being used, that will exceed the \$150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway with Catholic Charities (ARPA) - \$1,500.00  
December Holiday Baskets for Veterans in Need (ARPA) - \$1,500.00

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 405-25      *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD &  
BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works will be conducting (3) three successive training sessions on Friday, November 7th, 2025, which will effectively last all day; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limits expenses to \$150 per event for a permissible required all day training for County employees; and

WHEREAS: These training(s) will occur prior to adoption of this resolution, the Public Works Committee Chair has authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to exceed the Food and Beverage Guidelines in advance; and

WHEREAS: Public Works will be providing lunch with the expenses anticipated to exceed the \$150 per event limit; and

WHEREAS: Requests to exceed event limits must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Public Works department to exceed the per event limit not to exceed \$250 to be paid out of the following account:

A1490.540733      Training/All Other

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 406-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 135-25;  
AWARD CONTRACT  
RADIO CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 135-25 authorized a contract with Yoder Communications, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$30,560 for Phase 1 and \$2,480 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 248-25 authorized an additional \$46,500 for a total of \$77,060 for Phase 1; and

WHEREAS: An additional \$24,600 is anticipated to fund consultant services through March 2026; and

WHEREAS: Professional Services under General Municipal Law 104-b is exempt from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS: There are sufficient funds in the State Interoperable 24 Grant account A3415.540140.IO24F; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the County Legislature is authorized to execute a revised contract between Tioga County and Yoder Communications, LLC, upon review by the County Attorney, at a cost not to exceed \$101,660 for Phase 1.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 407-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ASPIREHOPENY TO ADMINISTER PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of AspireHopeNY, Inc. for the purpose of administering Parent Support Services in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: AspireHopeNY, Inc. has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with AspireHopeNY, Inc. for \$66,983 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Parent Support Services in Tioga County for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 408-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES FOR  
CONTRACTING FOR MENTAL HYGIENE  
CONTRACTED STAFFING*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Fairview Recovery Services for the purpose of contracted staffing for the Mental Hygiene Clinic; and

WHEREAS: Fairview Recovery Services has performed these services in the past for Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene budgeted in 2026 for this contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Fairview Recovery Services, for \$522,934, contracting for Mental Hygiene Contractual Staffing for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 409-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER PSYCHOSOCIAL CLUB, HEALTH HOME NON-MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT, HEALTH HOME SERVICE DOLLARS & ADMINISTRATION, SUPPORTED HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES, WARM LINE AND DROP-IN CENTER*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. (RSS) for the purpose of administering the following programs: PsychoSocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: RSS has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with RSS, for \$289,270 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of PsychoSocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center in Tioga County for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 410-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TRINITY  
TO ADMINISTER PREVENTION AND JAIL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuses of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in Tioga County and in the Tioga County Jail; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents and Tioga County Jail inmates; and

WHEREAS: Trinity has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental is seeking a contract renewal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into renewal contracts with Trinity, for \$286,044 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in the community as well as the Tioga County Jail for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 411-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
TOMPKINS-SENECA-TIOGA BOCES TO  
ADMINISTER PREVENTION SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into renewal contracts with Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES, for \$11,214 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 412-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
TO ADMINISTER ONGOING INTEGRATED  
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Catholic Charities of Rochester, d.b.a. Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga for the purpose of Ongoing Integrated Employment Services in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Catholic Charities has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with Catholic Charities, for \$18,669 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Ongoing Integrated Employment Services for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 413-25 *AUTHORIZE TO RENEW THREE-YEAR SaaS  
AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Information Technology and Communication Services department has a current Software as a Service (SaaS) agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI); and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Information Technology and Communication Services department's three-year Agreement with ESRI will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer and GIS Manager have negotiated a locked price for three years at an annual cost of \$42,200.00; and

WHEREAS: Funding will be provided for using Information Technology and Communication Services Operational funds A1680 540620 (Software) at a cost of \$42,200.00 per year; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the agreement between Tioga County and Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 414-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TIOGA CO. PROBATION DEPT. & THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S COUNSELING SERVICES TO PROVIDE ADULT & JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDER ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT SERVICES IN THE JOURNEY PROJECT*

WHEREAS: The Legislature approved a contract between Tioga County Probation Department and The Family and Children's Society for the provision of adult and juvenile sex offender treatment in 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Family and Children's Society contract with Tioga County Probation provides for a total of 21 sexual offender slots as follows: 15 adult assessment and treatment slots; 10 adult safety monitor education slots; 6 juvenile offender assessment and treatment slots and 10 parent safety monitor education slots for a cost of \$127,340 annually; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Probation Director is approved to contract in 2026 with The Family and Children's Society to provide adult sexual offender assessment and treatment, juvenile sexual offender assessment and treatment and educational sessions for adult supervisors and parent supervisors in the amount of \$127,340 annually.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 415-25      *ESTABLISH RETIREE HEALTH  
INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS*

WHEREAS: Retirees who qualified to pay 0% of individual health insurance in accordance with Section IV. RETIREMENT of the Employee Handbook Policy "Orientation / Exit Interviews / Recruitment / Retirement" (formerly Policy # 3) are currently not contributing toward their retiree coverage; and

WHEREAS: Retirees who qualified to pay 0% of family health insurance in accordance with Section IV. RETIREMENT of the Employee Handbook Policy "Orientation / Exit Interviews / Recruitment / Retirement" (formerly Policy # 3) are currently not contributing toward their retiree coverage; and

WHEREAS: Due to continually rising health insurance costs, property tax cap, and other factors it is no longer feasible to offer these retirees free health insurance; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That any retiree as of the date of this resolution who qualified for free individual coverage in accordance with Section IV. RETIREMENT of the Employee Handbook Policy "Orientation / Exit Interviews / Recruitment / Retirement" (formerly Policy # 3) shall contribute 3.25% of the monthly individual premium or \$20/month per individual policy, whichever is greater, effective January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That any retiree as of the date of this resolution who qualified for free family coverage in accordance with Section IV. RETIREMENT of the Employee Handbook Policy "Orientation / Exit Interviews / Recruitment / Retirement" (formerly Policy # 3) shall contribute 3.25% of the monthly family premium effective January 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 416-25      *INCREASE CORONER CASE RATES  
CORONER'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 322-05 adopted November 15, 2005 increased the rate paid to Tioga County Coroners for non-autopsy cases to \$100.00 as of January 1, 2006 and this rate is still in effect; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 289-17 adopted December 12, 2017 increased the rate paid to Tioga County Coroners for autopsy cases to \$200.00 as of January 1, 2018 and this rate is still in effect; and

WHEREAS: During the preparation of the 2026 Coroner's budget, the Coroner's proposed increasing the rates paid to the Tioga County Coroners for non-autopsy cases to \$150.00 and autopsy cases to \$225.00 effective January 1, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the rates paid to the Tioga County Coroners be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for non-autopsy cases and from \$200.00 to \$225.00 for autopsy cases effective January 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monelli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 417-25 *AUTHORIZE ANNUAL STIPEND  
(CORONER'S OFFICE)*

WHEREAS: The Coroner's office determined in 2025 they were no longer in support of having an individual Coroner be appointed as the Administrative Coroner by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: In lieu of not having an Administrative Coroner, the County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 35-25 on January 14, 2025 authorizing an annual stipend for Cathy Haskell to continue providing administrative support to the Coroner's office through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Coroner's office is requesting that Cathy Haskell continue to provide the following duties and tasks at the current annual stipend of \$7,500 through December 31, 2026:

- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Entering Requisitions, Managing Purchase Orders (Maintenance & Liquidation), Invoice Processing, Check Distribution & Management as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – Entering General Bills as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- BUDGET OVERSIGHT – Entering Budget Transfers in the County Financial Management Software, Working with the County Administrator and the (4) elected Coroners to Prepare the Annual Budget, Preparation of Budget Reports as necessary for Legislative Committee Meetings.
- LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE – Drafting Resolutions on behalf of the Coroner's Office as necessary, including but not limited to Budget Amendments and Contract Agreements.
- PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION – Acting as Timekeeper for the Department, Tracking and Submitting On-Call Sheets, Tracking and Entering Invoices for Mileage in the County Financial Management Software; and

WHEREAS: The designation of administrative tasks does not absolve the Coroner's office from their Elected duties and/or departmental expectations as set by the County Legislature, including presence at Legislative Committee Meetings, Presentation of Proposed Resolutions, and Presentation of the Proposed Annual Budget for the Department; therefore be it



WHEREAS: The part-time Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program) cannot accept the Management/Confidential salary increase on January 1, 2026, unless or until New York State increases the maximum amount earnable by a New York State retiree; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Stephanie Carrigg, part-time Paralegal (Assigned Counsel Program), will not receive the Management/Confidential salary increase on January 1, 2026, unless or until New York State increases the maximum amount earnable for a New York State retiree.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 419-25      *AUTHORIZE POSITION RECLASSIFICATION  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any position reclassification; and

WHEREAS: On September 29, 2025, the Personnel Department received a Position Description Questionnaire from Amy Eiklor, Office Specialist II who works within the Sheriff's Office, Records Division; and

WHEREAS: A desk audit resulted and involved the review of work tasks performed by this employee within the Records Division; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has determined that the appropriate classification reflective of the work performed and responsibility assigned to Ms. Eiklor, within the Records Division, is consistent with Office Specialist III; therefore be it



RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby amend the Tioga County Employee Handbook, Section III. Financial Rules, Subsection A. Budget Transfers, Section IV. Program Audits, Exit Audits, or Exit Conferences to read as follows:

#### **SECTION IV. PROGRAM AUDITS, EXIT AUDITS, OR EXIT CONFERENCES**

When a program, agency, or budget under a Department Head's responsibility is subject to any program audit, financial audit, exit audit, or exit conference, the Department Head shall immediately notify the following parties of the audit activity and any scheduled meetings or site visits:

- Chair of the County Legislature
- County Administrator
- Chair of the appropriate Legislative Standing Committee
- Personnel Officer
- County Attorney
- County Treasurer
- Clerk of the Legislature

Notification shall include, at a minimum, the auditing entity, purpose or scope of the audit, and the date, time, and location of any on-site or virtual audit activity, entrance conference, or exit conference. If auditors arrive on site without prior notice, the Department Head (or any employee engaged with the auditors) shall notify the above parties as soon as practicable but no later than the same business day.

Failure to provide timely notification may be considered a failure to comply with County policy.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That this amended section shall take effect immediately and be incorporated into the next published version of the Tioga County Employee Handbook under the appropriate section title and numbering; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of this policy remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 421-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES;  
SUBSECTION J, MANAGEMENT/ CONFIDENTIAL  
BENEFITS SECTION II. LEAVE ACCRUALS,  
B. VACATION SELLBACK

WHEREAS: The Management/Confidential Salary Committee met in July to discuss recommendations for 2026 pertaining to the Management/ Confidential staff; and

WHEREAS: The Committee recommends that the Vacation Sellback Policy be amended to align with the CSEA Vacation Sellback Policy with the exception of maintaining a minimum of 10 days after sellback; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Section IV. Personnel Rules, Subsection j. Management/ Confidential Benefits (S28), Section II. Leave Accruals. B. Vacation Sellback is hereby amended effective January 1, 2026 by adding the following:

## II. Leave Accruals

### B. Vacation Sellback

- Full-time employees who have been employed full-time by Tioga County for at least six (6) consecutive years and have a vacation balance exceeding 20 days may sell back vacation days, provided they retain a minimum balance of 10 days post-sellback, as per the following chart:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Number of Days Eligible for Sellback</b>
6-13	Up to 5
14 & over	Up to 10

- Written notice of intent to sell back days must be submitted to the employee's Department Head by the first day of the first month of each calendar quarter. Employees may sell back vacation time only

once per year. Payment will be made in the second paycheck of February, May, August, or November. Employees cannot sell back vacation in a quarter if their anniversary date falls within the same pay period as the payout. If an employee's vacation balance drops below 10 days or below the amount required for the sellback after notice submission, but before payment, the notice is void.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j., Management/Confidential Benefits Policy remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 422-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES; SUBSECTION J.  
MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL BENEFITS,  
SECTION II. LEAVE ACCRUALS, C. PERSONAL TIME

WHEREAS: The Management/Confidential Salary Committee met in July to discuss recommendations for 2026 pertaining to the Management/ Confidential staff; and

WHEREAS: The Committee recommends that employees with 20 years of service with Tioga County receive a fifth personal day on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Section IV. Personnel Rules, Subsection j. Management/Confidential Benefits (\$28), Section II; Leave Accruals, C. Personal Time is hereby amended effective January 1, 2026 to read as follows:

## II. Leave Accruals

### C. Personal Time

- Each Management/Confidential employee shall receive three (3) Personal Days on January 1. Those employees who complete ten (10) years of service with Tioga County shall receive a fourth Personal Day on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and then four (4) Personal Days each January 1 thereafter. Those employees who complete twenty (20) years of service with Tioga County shall receive a fifth Personal Day on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and then five (5) Personal Days each January 1 thereafter.
- Personal Days granted upon hire shall be pro-rated for the first year based upon the following chart:

<b>Date of Hire</b>	<b>Personal Days</b>
January 1 through April 30	3
May 1 through August 31	2
September 1 through November 30	1
December 1 or after	0

- Personal Days cannot be carried over from year to year.
- Requests to use Personal Days must be approved in advance by the Department Head and must be used in no less than quarter hour increments.
- Personal Days are not compensated for at time of separation.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j., Management/Confidential Benefits Policy remains unchanged.



Committee by the Department Head as planned by the Department Head and/or solicited from the intern's academic or vocational program:

- Name of the sponsoring academic or vocational program or school, unless requirement has been waived as stated in Section I
- Name of the program/class, unless requirement has been waived as stated in Section I. Policy
- Name of the academic/vocational faculty member supervising the intern, unless requirement has been waived as stated in Section I. Policy
- Length of the internship
- Program requirements, such as:
  - Minimum/maximum hours
  - County oversight needed or time devoted by Department staff
  - Reports required of the department by the sponsoring academic/vocational program, unless requirement has been waived as stated in Section I. Policy
  - Expected duties of the intern while at the County
  - Plan for supervision of the intern during the program

The above information is to be submitted to the Legislative Committee for approval prior to commencement of the internship.

If approval is received from the Legislative Committee, the Department Head must submit the Contract/Agreement from the academic/vocational institute, or if such requirement has been waived, from the intern to the County Attorney for review and approval prior to commencement of the internship.

Once the Legislative Committee has approved an internship program, the Department Head is not required to solicit Committee approval for each individual intern in that program but shall report monthly to their Legislative Committee the status of the internship and the current interns, as well as any notable updates or issues related to the program.

The Department Head will report to the Legislative Committee at the conclusion of an internship program.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That this revised section shall take effect immediately and be incorporated into the next published version of the Tioga County Employee Handbook under the appropriate section title and numbering; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remainder of this policy remains unchanged.



## SECTIONS:

- I. Purpose
- II. Scope
- III. Policy
  - a. Prohibition of personal appliances
  - b. Approved equipment
  - c. Approval policy for distribution of heaters
  - d. Proper usage rules
  - e. Inspection and maintenance
- IV. Compliance

**I. Purpose**

To establish strict safety guidelines for the use of space heaters in the workplace to protect employees and County property from the risks of fire and electrical hazards.

**II. Scope**

This policy applies to all employees and personnel within the County and all County facilities.

**III. Policy**

- a. **Prohibition of personal appliances:** The use of personally owned space heaters in any County owned building/facility is strictly prohibited.
- b. **Approved equipment:** Only space heaters purchased, inspected, and maintained by Tioga County Buildings and Grounds are permitted to be used in County owned or leased facilities. All approved heaters must have the following safety features:
  - Certification by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL).
  - Automatic shut-off features for both overheating and tip-over events.
  - Thermostatic controls for regulating temperature.
  - Cool to touch exterior to prevent the risk of burns if touched or bumped.
- c. **Approval process for distribution of heaters:**
  - Requests for a County-provided space heater must be submitted to the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor via the Department Head for approval.
  - Approval shall be granted only if an assessment determines that the existing HVAC system cannot adequately maintain heat in the area to temperature requirements.

- d. **Proper usage rules:** All approved space heaters must be used in accordance with the following rules:
- **Direct wall plug-in:** Heaters must be plugged directly into a wall outlet. The use of extension cords or power strips is strictly forbidden.
  - **Clearance from combustibles:** A minimum clearance of at least (3) three feet must be maintained around the heater at all times. The surrounding area must be kept clear of paper, cloth, curtains, furniture, and other flammable materials.
  - **Stable placement:** Heaters must be placed on a hard, level, non-combustible surface, or as determined by the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.
  - **Limited use:** Heaters must be turned off and unplugged when a work area is unoccupied, and at the end of every business day.
- e. **Inspections and maintenance:**
- Buildings and Grounds staff will perform periodic inspections to ensure all equipment is in good working condition.
  - Any heater with a damaged cord, plug, or housing must be immediately unplugged, taken out of service, and reported to the Buildings and Ground Supervisor.

#### IV. **Compliance**

- a. Employees found to be in violation of this policy may face disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Unauthorized heaters found on County property will be removed.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this amended policy in its entirety shall take effect immediately and be incorporated into the next published version of the Tioga County Employee Handbook under the appropriate sections title and numbering.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Ciotoli and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.



WHEREAS: As Chair of the Legislature, she oversaw the day-to-day business operations of Tioga County Government and, together with the Legislature, maintained county taxes for 14 years under the New York State tax cap mandate. Under her leadership, the County successfully overcame numerous challenges and achieved many accomplishments. Among the most significant was guiding the County through the COVID-19 pandemic; an unprecedented time that required keeping our employees and residents informed and safe; and

WHEREAS: Marte was a strong advocate for security services and upgrades at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building to ensure the safety of the employees and public; and

WHEREAS: Marte was instrumental in supporting and strengthening the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency during their organizational difficulty with assisting in expanding hours and services, programming, and hiring of staff to better serve the needs of Tioga County Veterans. In 2021, Marte developed the Veteran Employee Recognition honoring our county military staff for their service in the Armed Forces. Marte also reorganized and reenergized the Anti-Drug Coalition by taking it from a struggling program to a productive and growing organization known as the Tioga County Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Marte exhibited a steady commitment in developing future leaders within the County Government by establishing monthly leaders' meetings with the Department Heads in 2015, co-founding the Institute for Advancement (I4A) in 2017, supporting the launch of the first I4A class in 2018 and establishing the Executive Team in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Marte had the vision for the next phase of County Government with the concept of creating a County Administrator position to oversee the day-to-day operations of County government which took several years to develop and resulted in the hiring of the first County Administrator in July 2024; and

WHEREAS: Marte has been actively engaged at the State level throughout her Legislative career serving on the NYSAC Board of Directors, elected to NYSAC Executive Committee and Women's Leadership Council in 2017, serving as the President of the NYSAC Board of Directors from 2021-2022, and serving as a Regional Economic Development Council Board Member; and

WHEREAS: Marte was responsible for carrying out State mandates such as implementing and chairing the Countywide Shared Services Initiative, the Police Reform Reinvention Collaboration under the administration of Governor Cuomo from 2020-2021 and participated in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative where the Village of Owego was awarded \$10 million dollars in 2018; and

WHEREAS: In her position as Tioga County Legislator, Marte was appointed to the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency from 2007-2014 and again from 2016-2025, served as the Vice-Chairwoman from 2010-2013, and served as Secretary from 2017-2025. She also served as the Chairwoman of the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board (Land Bank) from 2017-2020 and continued her service as a Board member through 2025; and

WHEREAS: Marte has been extremely dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities over the past 20 years to the Tioga County Legislature. She has earned the respect of her fellow Legislators, Local, State, and Federal officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS: Martha C. Sauerbrey will retire from her 20 years of dedicated public service as Tioga County District #2 Legislator effective January 1, 2026; 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 Martha C. Sauerbrey for her 20 years of public service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of Tioga County as District #2 Legislator; 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 Legislator, Martha C. Sauerbrey.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Monell spoke. "It has been my pleasure to serve with you, and I am very happy to call you, my friend."

Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "It is hard to believe that it has been twenty years since I was sworn in at this very place on the Legislature. There have been a lot of ups and downs along the way, and I can say that it has been a challenging experience, but worth every minute of it.

"My experience with working with Local and State elected officials was on the whole respectful and productive. Why? Because we were all working together. We put politics aside for the betterment of our communities. That is one of the first things I learned in government; it's not about me, but about we.

"In order to get things done, you need to work together as a team. That is very much the current Legislature. They are a great group of people. We have worked to do the best we can for our County and that has been my experience on the Legislature for the past twenty years. Right now, I want to remember four members of the Legislature who I worked with during these twenty years who passed away while in service: Ray Case, Dick Huttleston, Eddie Hollenbeck, and Dale Weston. All were dedicated people who cared for their communities.

"I especially want to thank God for my husband and my family for their support during challenging times and the support of my work.

"Not everyone is called to work in government. It is challenging, frustrating, and discouraging at times but it is also very fulfilling and very important. When you think about the fact that you are responsible for 50,000 people, it is a moment for pause. Government work is not for the weak of heart.

"Thank you to everyone for your support and cooperation. We did some pretty exciting things over the years. We brought people out of the darkness into the light to a dependable, workable government that works on behalf of its citizens, and they will continue to do so in the future. Thank you."

Chair Sauerbrey read and presented the following recognition resolution to Legislator Barbara J. Roberts.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 426-25      *RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
BARBARA J. ROBERTS  
4 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE*

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Roberts was elected to the position of Tioga County District #3 Legislator on January 1, 2022 for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Roberts was successfully re-elected to serve a new three-year term effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of her Legislative career, Barbara has served as Chairwoman of Economic Development & Planning Legislative Standing Committee from 2022-2024 and Chairwoman of the Public Works Legislative Standing Committee for 2025. Additionally, Barbara served on the Public Safety, Probation, & DWI, Personnel, and Finance, Legal & Safety Legislative Standing Committees; and

WHEREAS: During her tenure as a Tioga County Legislator, Barbara J. Roberts honorably served the residents of District #3 through good governance, strong leadership, and sound fiduciary responsibility; and

WHEREAS: Barbara has served with a total of 12 Legislators with whom they shared a mutual professional respect; and

WHEREAS: As Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Legislative Standing Committee, Barbara was instrumental in advancing the County's Strategic Plan for Legislature adoption in 2024; and

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Roberts has been extremely dedicated and loyal in the performance of her duties and responsibilities over the past four years to the Tioga County Legislature. She has earned the respect of her fellow Legislators, Tioga County officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Roberts submitted her resignation as Tioga County District #3 Legislator effective January 1, 2026 in order to assume her newly elected position as Tioga County Treasurer on January 2, 2026 where she will continue her distinguished public service to the residents of Tioga County; 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 Barbara J. Roberts for her four years of dedicated and honorable public service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of Tioga County as District #3 Legislator; 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 Legislator, Barbara J. Roberts.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “I just want to say that Barbara has been a blessing to work with, and she will do an amazing job in her new position.”

Legislator Roberts spoke. “Thank you, Marte and the rest of the Legislature and everyone gathered here. I appreciate your support. I was going to say pretty much everything Chair Sauerbrey said but with just four years of it.” Thank you, everyone.”

Legislator Monell read and presented the following recognition resolution to James P. McFadden, County Treasurer.

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 427-25	<i>RECOGNIZE JAMES P. MCFADDEN'S 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TIOGA COUNTY</i>

WHEREAS: James P. McFadden was first elected Tioga County Treasurer in 1994 and has since faithfully served Tioga County for thirty-two years with professionalism, integrity, and an exceptional commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his distinguished tenure, Mr. McFadden has earned the respect and admiration of his staff and colleagues, as well as state and local officials, through his extensive knowledge, steady leadership, and dedication to the residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: As Treasurer, Mr. McFadden has been responsible for significant county functions, including delinquent tax enforcement, payroll and retirement reporting, accounting and audit preparation, bond issuance, and estate administration, as well as managing the County's investment portfolio, and has done so with exemplary financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS: His careful oversight, attention to detail, and fiscal responsibility have strengthened county operations, protected taxpayer resources, and upheld the highest standards of public finance; and

WHEREAS: This was especially critical during periods of crisis, including the major flooding events of 2006 and 2011, as well as the national financial downturn between 2007 and 2009, during which he kept Tioga County stable and secure even as many residents faced unprecedented hardship; and

WHEREAS: Mr. McFadden has served eight consecutive terms as Tioga County Treasurer, providing continuity, stability, and leadership that have benefited county government and the public it serves; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his official duties, Mr. McFadden has been a twenty-three-year member of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers, a forty-six-year member of the Owego Kiwanis Club, and has served on the Boards of Friends of Hospice as well as Tompkins Cortland Community College; and

WHEREAS: Mr. McFadden will retire from his long and honorable career in public service effective December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, expresses sincere gratitude to James P. McFadden for his thirty-two years of dedicated and loyal service to Tioga County and its citizens and extends best wishes on a well-deserved retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this loyal, dedicated and outstanding employee, James P. McFadden.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

County Treasurer McFadden spoke. “Thank you very much. It has been quite a trip. First, I would like to thank my wife, Norma, who is here today. She helped me on the campaign trail back in 1993 when she was 3, 4, 6, 8 months pregnant and helped me get elected. I would also like to thank my daughters who have kept me a straight arrow for many years.

"I really want to thank such a dedicated staff. I have had the honor of working with probably 30-35 Legislators over the years, quite a few staff including Chief Accountants and payroll staff. You do not get clean audits, perfect payroll, and safe investments without very talented and dedicated staff, some of whom are here today. So, thank you all very much.

"When you have a position where you occasionally have to foreclose on people, evict them from their houses, it is not the easiest job. You do get a lot of nasty phone calls, but at the same time you have to follow the State law that you took a pledge to follow. I certainly think that Barb is going to do a great job, and I wish her the best of luck. I will be available to help and feel free to call anytime.

"I would also like to say that one of the things that has to go with this position, and I think my staff would agree, is that you have to have a sense of humor. Lew Sauerbrey asked me to give a quick story, so one that comes to mind is that my daughter swam for St. Bonaventure and my wife and I went out for a swim meet about six or seven years ago. We took her to dinner and I noticed my colleague, a gentleman by the name of Joe Keller, was running for re-election. He also owned a Subway franchise just down the street on the main drag in Olean, New York and he had one of his elections signs out front. The following week, we had to go back to St. Bonaventure for another swim meet, dinner, and hotel stay. About 10:30 p.m. that night, I told my wife I needed to go for a walk. I went to the trunk of my car, and I took out a sign and walked to the Subway, and I removed his "Elect Joe Keller" sign and replaced it with "Elect Jim McFadden, County Treasurer, sign. Needless to say, when I got back to the office on Monday morning, my phone was blinking and it was Mr. Keller who suggested the next phone call would be from the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. But that is the type of fun that I have had over the years both with colleagues and staff members. I am really going to miss the job. Everyday is different between investments, taxes, and accounting and various functions of State, but it has been a great ride. I would not have done anything different. I had a few job opportunities along the line that I turned down.

"I would really like to thank the citizens of Tioga County who elected me eight times. I think we have worked very hard to make sure their investments and the tax enforcement were all under State law and done properly with their best interest in mind. I think I have done a good job, and I appreciate Barb for taking over and I know you will do a good job too. Thirty-two years; someone told me I am the longest serving elected official ever in this County which made me sad to say. Thank you very much."

Legislator Standinger read and presented the following recognition resolution to Shawn L. Yetter, Commissioner of Social Services.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 428-25      *RECOGNIZE SHAWN L. YETTER'S  
35 YEARS OF CUMULATIVE DEDICATED SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Shawn began his career in public service with the Tioga County Department of Social Services in 1981, as a Summer Case Aide. He returned the following summer again as a Temporary Social Welfare Examiner. He was quickly given full-time employment as a Social Welfare Examiner. In 1986, Shawn was promoted to Sr. Social Welfare Examiner. Shawn left the Department in August of 1986 to pursue higher education, later returning in December of 1986 again as a Social Welfare Examiner. Throughout his pursuit of higher education, Shawn worked for the Department on a temporary basis. He returned full-time to the Department in 1988 as a Social Services Investigator for a short two months as he again left to pursue an opportunity in the not-for-profit arena. Shawn returned once again in 1991 as the TASAP Administrator. In 1993, Shawn was promoted to Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Social Services. In 1996, Shawn was again promoted to Director of Administrative Services. In 1997, Shawn was again promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Shawn then departed for an opportunity in Orange County, NY as a Deputy Commissioner in 1998. Shawn returned to Tioga County Department of Social Services on January 21, 2003 as Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter has been a dedicated public servant to the citizens of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter has ensured the Department's mission that all people are treated respectfully, fairly and with compassion in the performance of his duties; and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter will retire on December 12, 2025; 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 Shawn L. Yetter for his thirty-five years of dedicated and loyal service to the Tioga County Department of Social Services and its most vulnerable citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this loyal, dedicated, and outstanding employee, Shawn L. Yetter.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standinger spoke. “Shawn has been back and forth a lot and it can be confusing, but I am glad that he returned. As Chair of the Health & Human Services Legislative Standing Committee, it has been a pleasure working with Shawn. He has integrity, he is honest, he is truthful, and he treats his people well. He is an example of the way leadership should be done in my opinion.”

Elizabeth Myers, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services and soon-to-be Commissioner of Social Services spoke. “So, I have to say Bill sprung it on me that I was going to speak so I am not prepared. But, as you can see from the resolution Shawn has been here and left, been here and left, etc. and he said that this is the last time he will be exiting and will not be returning even through I am trying to get him to either stay or come back as a seasonal HEAP Worker, or a Community Services Worker in the Child Welfare Division.

“Shawn has been a great boss. He supports his staff. He treats everyone equally and respectfully and expects us to do the same. I have some big shoes to fill, and I hope that I am able to do that justice. Congratulations, Shawn on a well-deserved retirement. I wish you would stay, but I know that it must feel really good at times to say, this is the last meeting I ever have to deal with’. Congratulations!”

Commissioner of Social Services Yetter spoke. “Thank you, Bill and Liz. I never imagined when I first started as a County employee as a summer intern in 1981 that I would be standing here today 44 years later and having been on such an amazing journey with 35 years of those years being here in Tioga County.

“I would first and foremost like to thank the Legislature for their support and guidance. I have worked with 30 Legislators over my 23 years as Commissioner, four different Legislative Chairs, and two Legislative Standing Committee Chairs; Mr. Huttleston and Mr. Standinger both of whom have given me and my department a level of support and guidance that is unparalleled across the State.

“To Chairwoman Sauerbrey, nothing but respect and gratitude for the support you have given me over your many years as Chair of the Legislature. We rarely disagreed but when we did, we always found a way through it.

“I would like to thank County Administrator Bailey for his support. I was hired during the County’s first try with a County Manager and that was fun. But I assure everyone here today that the County has hit a homerun both with the move back to bring back an Administrator and with who they have picked for the job. It has been a pleasure, Jackson.

“I would like to thank my fellow Department Heads. Within many departments, they have come and gone during my tenure, and we all here today can probably agree there have been some interesting characters over the years. But we have always managed to build good relationships and created a positive work environment that benefits the residents of our great County and our employees.

“To my administrative teams; past and present, I owe a debt of gratitude for them always being supportive and present day in and day out. We found our way through moving into a new building, two floods, COVID, staff downsizing, hiring freezes, homeless encampments, and a myriad of many other things often invisible to others and we always came out stronger than before. We certainly have made mistakes over the years, that is the nature of the work that we do but we always work hard to correct them and make sure they never happen again.

“To my current administrative team of Liz, Mickelle, Tara, and Brenda, I know you will succeed always, and I leave feeling very confident that the Department is in solid hands.

“Finally, and most importantly to all my staff, you are the glue of how we get things done. Thank you for your commitment to each other and your commitment to the community and the people we are charged with serving. I will be eternally grateful to everyone who has dedicated their time to our mission and vision. You are the best team a Commissioner could ever ask for.

“To close, there is a saying that if something makes you sad when it ends, it must have been pretty wonderful when it was happening. Thank you all for many years of wonderful.”

Legislator Monell read and presented the following recognition resolution to Thomas R. Cline, Esq.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 429-25 *RECOGNITION OF THOMAS R. CLINE'S  
12 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
TIOGA COUNTY*

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline, Esq. began his career with Tioga County as an Assistant Public Defender in the Public Defender's Office on August 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline was appointed as the Full-time Public Defender for Tioga County on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS: During Thomas's tenure he dealt with the challenges of revisions to Federal and State Laws and Statutes regarding Public Defender representation; and

WHEREAS: In over 12 years as a Public Defender, Thomas has provided excellent legal representation for the indigent clients within Tioga County in every case assigned to the office from traffic matters to homicides; and

WHEREAS: None of Thomas's cases were ever returned by an Appellate Court for new proceedings due to ineffective assistance of counsel on his part; and

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline acted as a liaison for Tioga County and Indigent Legal Services ("ILS") in Albany, New York to meet the constitutional standards for representation of indigent clients and thereby saving Tioga County from potential legal liability; and

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline was actively involved with the consolidation of positions within the Public Defender's Office that allowed the office to become more efficient in the day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline maintained a cordial and helpful relationship with all Town and Village Courts and Tioga County Courts during his tenure with the Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS: Thomas R. Cline, Esq. will retire on December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as the citizens of Tioga County, expresses sincere gratitude to Thomas R. Cline, Esq., for his over 12 years of dedicated and loyal service as Public Defender to Tioga County and its residents; 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, Thomas R. Cline, Esq.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Defender Cline spoke. “Thank you, Tracy. First, I want to thank George Awad for having the questionable judgment to bring me aboard as an Assistant Public Defender twelve years ago. I appreciate that a lot.

“I want to thank my staff for the hard work that they have done in keeping me out of trouble with the courts of the County. It was no easy task for them.

“I want to thank the Sheriff’s Office, in particular, for the courtesy and cooperation that has been unfailing on their part. That is greatly appreciated.

“I want to thank the Legislature, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney for the excellent support that they have shown for the work of my office.

“I want to thank the people of Tioga County for the privilege of serving as their Public Defender for these years. Thank you.”

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025 seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.

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

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 430-25 FIX TIME OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Organizational Meeting of this Legislature be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 2, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 431-25      *APPOINT DIRECTORS  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

RESOLVED: That Legislators W. Jake Brown and Tracy Monell are hereby appointed Directors of the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District for a one-year term on January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tom Zorn be hereby re-appointed as the Tioga County Farm Bureau Representative to the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a three-year term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 432-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TCIDA)

WHEREAS: Pursuant to §856(2) of the General Municipal Law the members of the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) serve at the pleasure of the Legislature without a term until they either resign or are replaced by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Martha Sauerbrey was appointed to the Tioga County IDA Board conditioned by her holding office as a Tioga County Legislator; and

WHEREAS: Martha Sauerbrey will retire as a Tioga County Legislator effective January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) Board of Directors desires to fill this vacant Legislative position; and

WHEREAS: Legislator Ron Ciotoli, as Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Legislative Standing Committee has expressed a desire to serve on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Legislator Ron Ciotoli to replace Martha Sauerbrey's position on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors effective January 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 433-25 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE BROOME-TIOGA  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS: Brittany Woodburn, representing the Public Sector on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board is resigning, effective 12/31/25; and

WHEREAS: Megan Schnabl has expressed her desire to serve on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board representing the Public Sector for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS: The Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board is desirous of Megan Schnabl to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Megan Schnabl to fill Brittany Woodburn's three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 434-25 APPOINT REAP BOARD MEMBER



WHEREAS: Paul Campbell is an active dairy farmer from the Town of Nichols and he has completed and submitted the required Qualifications Form for Appointment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Paul Campbell to the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, as an Active Farmer, replacing Pam Moore, for a term of 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 436-25      *RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW MEMBER TO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD*

WHEREAS: Colleen Arnold has agreed to become a new member; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Colleen Arnold's appointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Colleen Arnold be appointed to the Community Services Board for a full term, starting January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.



Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 438-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: Grady Updyke's position on the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Town of Barton expires on 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS: The Barton Town Board has nominated Grady Updyke to serve another three-year term as their representative, and he is willing and able to do so; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Grady Updyke to the Tioga County Planning Board for another three-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 439-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: Joe Budney's position on the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Town of Spencer expires on 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS: The Spencer Town Board has nominated Joe Budney to serve another three-year term as their representative, and he is willing and able to do so; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Joe Budney to the Tioga County Planning Board for another three-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 440-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: Doug Chrzanowski's position on the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Town of Tioga expires on 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga Town Board has nominated Doug Chrzanowski to serve another three-year term as their representative, and he is willing and able to do so; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Doug Chrzanowski to the Tioga County Planning Board for another three-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 441-25 RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: Vicki Davis's position on the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Town of Richford expires on 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS: The Richford Town Board has nominated Vicki Davis to serve another three-year term as their representative, and she is willing and able to do so; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Vicki Davis to the Tioga County Planning Board for another three-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 442-25 RE-APPOINT RALPH KELSEY TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD

WHEREAS: Ralph Kelsey, as a resident of Tioga County, was appointed At- Large Representative Board Member to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) for an unexpired term until 12/31/25; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC Bylaws allows for consecutive terms; and this re-appointment is conditioned upon the board member remaining a resident of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Ralph Kelsey is willing and able to continue to serve in this At- Large Representative position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoint Ralph Kelsey, as an At-Large Representative Board Member to the Tioga County Property Development Board Corporation for a three-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 443-25      *RE-APPOINT JOAN CASE TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD*

WHEREAS: Joan Case's position as a Board Member to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) expires on 12/31/25; and

WHEREAS: Joan Case is willing and able to continue to serve another two-year term in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Joan Case to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board as a Board Member for another two-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/27.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 444-25      *RE-APPOINT MICHAEL BARATTA TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD*

WHEREAS: Michael Baratta's position as a Board Member to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) expires on 12/31/25; and  
WHEREAS: Michael Baratta is willing and able to continue to serve another two-year term in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Michael Baratta to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board as a Board Member for another two-year term of 1/1/26 – 12/31/27.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 445-25 *RE-APPOINT AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE STERPDB REGIONAL BOARD*

WHEREAS: The bylaws of the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB) require the composition of the membership from each county to be 1) a county legislator, 2) a local elected official, another county legislator or an at-large and 3) the County Planning Director; and

WHEREAS: Brittany Woodburn, Director of Tioga County Economic Development and Planning, has served as the at-large member on the STERPDB Regional Board and that term expires as of 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS: Brittany Woodburn has expressed a desire to continue to serve in this capacity and the STERPDB Regional Board is desirous of Brittany Woodburn to continue to serve for another four-year term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby re-appoints Brittany Woodburn to the Tioga County's at-large position on the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board for a four-year term, 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 446-25 *RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH*



WHEREAS: NYSED requires each county to designate one eligible designee by October 15, 2025, such designee being either: a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) in good standing, the county itself, or the Archives Partnership Trust (APT); and

WHEREAS: Tioga County intends to designate Tioga County itself as the eligible designee in order to administer the funding in support of County Historian-led planning, programming, heritage tourism, community engagement, and other allowable activities consistent with the Commission's statewide plan; and

WHEREAS: Allowable uses of the grant, as identified by NYSED, include countywide programming, exhibitions, signature events, educator and student engagement, heritage tourism, inclusive history initiatives, and other locally prioritized activities aligned with the American Revolution commemoration framework; and

WHEREAS: NYSED requires that the designated designee: (1) Execute a brief Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NYSED; (2) Attest that the funds will be used for NY250-related activities; (3) Submit a short plan of work; and (4) Ensure that a grant report is submitted within 60 days of project completion or by September 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance and administration of this funding by Tioga County requires explicit authorization by the County Legislature pursuant to New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) guidelines for grant acceptance, which require clear legislative approval, designation of responsible parties, and proper fiscal oversight; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby designates Tioga County as the eligible designee for the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission funding administered through NYSED; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Historian, with administrative and fiscal support from the County Administrator, to prepare and submit all required materials including the designee form, plan of work, MOU, and related documentation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature and/or the County Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute the MOU, attestations, certifications, or any other documents necessary for the application, acceptance, and administration of the County's allocation, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tioga County accepts the formula-based allocation of \$15,000 and authorizes the establishment of any necessary budgetary accounts in accordance with NYS OSC guidelines for grant revenues and expenditures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Historian and/or the County Administrator shall report to the appropriate Legislative Committee on the status of the designee submission, project plan, expenditures, and completion of all required reporting to NYSED; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding for expenditures under this grant shall be appropriated as follows:

TO: A7510 438890 State Aid – Other Culture & Recreation	\$15,000.00
TO: A7510 540429 Outside Support	\$15,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any unspent funds under this award in FY2025 shall carry over to FY2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 448-25	<i>AUTHORIZE A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR RADIO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND LIFECYCLE SUPPORT SERVICES</i>
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WHEREAS: The Tioga County Emergency Management Office operates a countywide public safety radio communications system that supports law enforcement, fire, EMS, highway, emergency management, and other essential government operations; and

WHEREAS: The reliability and continuous operation of the radio communications system including the radio towers, associated hardware, and mission critical communications equipment are essential for public safety, emergency response, and daily governmental coordination; and

WHEREAS: Motorola Solutions, Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for the County's radio infrastructure and is the only vendor authorized to provide certified maintenance, lifecycle support, monitoring, and hardware replacement services necessary to preserve system integrity and warranty protections; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law § 103, competitive procurement is not required when services are procured directly from the sole source OEM for proprietary equipment necessary to maintain system operability; and

WHEREAS: Motorola has provided Tioga County with a proposed five-year Maintenance and Lifecycle Service Agreement covering calendar years 2027 thru 2031, including:

- System and Infrastructure Maintenance
- Network Monitoring and Technical Support
- Preventative and On-Site Service
- Lifecycle Upgrades for Hardware and Software
- Cybersecurity Support and Event Response
- Third Party Support Agreements; and

WHEREAS: The total cost of the five-year agreement is estimated at \$2,920,394, with annual expenditures as follows, subject to budget appropriation:

- 2027: \$537,981.61
- 2028: \$559,898.21
- 2029: \$582,911.36
- 2030: \$607,089.72
- 2031: \$632,513.10

And

WHEREAS: Pricing for the current proposal is contingent on the proposal being signed by December 15, 2025, so the County may “lock in” at a lower price, the proposal, however, would not take effect until the final completion of the Radio Project expected in late 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County to enter into a five-year Maintenance and Lifecycle Services Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for radio tower and system maintenance for the period January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2031, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,920,394; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature and/or the County Administrator, are hereby authorized to execute all necessary contracts, agreements, and supporting documents with Motorola Solutions, Inc. upon review and approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the cost of such agreement shall be charged to A3641 540140 Contracting Services, subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 449-25 APPROVE AGREEMENT  
WITH TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, INC.  
FOR JAIL FOOD SUPPLY SERVICES  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislature approval is required for contracts exceeding \$10,000 and contracts that are Sole Source; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff's Office has been utilizing Trinity Services Group since 2018 and is requesting authorization to extend the agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for Jail food supply services at the Tioga County Jail, at an estimated cost of \$216,209.43 annually, for the period December 15, 2025 through December 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Cayuga County awarded a contract to Trinity Services Group, Inc. for the provision of inmate food services through a competitive bidding process in accordance with General Municipal Law §103; and

WHEREAS: The executed contract between Cayuga County and Trinity Services Group, Inc. expressly states that it may be used by other political subdivisions within the State of New York, thereby satisfying the requirement of General Municipal Law §103 (16) for cooperative purchasing ("piggybacking"); and

WHEREAS: Tioga County wishes to purchase such goods/services under the same terms, conditions, and pricing as set forth in the Cayuga County contract, as authorized by General Municipal Law §103 (16); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office be authorized to enter into agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. at an estimated amount of \$216,209.43 for the period December 15, 2025 through December 14, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 450-25 *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH  
METOPIO, INC. FOR SOFTWARE APPLICATION  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) desires to license a software application for access and collection of Public Health data for analysis, strategic planning, performance management and for sharing the data with partners and the public; and

WHEREAS: Metopio, Inc. will be beneficial in supporting the New York State mandated Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has identified Metopio, Inc. as a documented sole source provider for the application; and

WHEREAS: The software application does not reside on Tioga County networks; and

WHEREAS: An agreement is required to lease the application; and

WHEREAS: Funding is available in the TCPH budget in 2025, and this was included in the 2026 department budget request; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Director is authorized to execute a three (3) year agreement between Tioga County Public Health and Metopio Inc, in the amounts of \$12,400 in year one and then \$15,200 annually in years two and three.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Bunce moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 451-25      *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH  
ALL- MODE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR  
MITEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR 2026*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Information Technology and Communication Services (ITCS) department currently maintains a support agreement with All-Mode Communications Inc. for the County's Mitel telecommunications system; and

WHEREAS: The current Mitel system is projected to reach end-of-life (EOL) in 2029, and ITCS intends to maintain support coverage while evaluating future telecommunications solutions; and

WHEREAS: All-Mode Communications Inc. has provided a new Service and Support Agreement for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, offering multiple plan options; and

WHEREAS: ITCS has selected the Economy Remote Plan with 24-hour coverage, billed annually, which qualifies for a 2% discount off the standard annual rate of \$1,960.00 Monthly, resulting in a total cost of \$23,049.60 for the 2026 contract year; and

WHEREAS: Funding for this agreement will be provided through the ITCS budget line A1680 540140 (Contracted Services); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature is authorized to execute the 2026 Service and Support Agreement with All-Mode Communications Inc., upon review and approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the amount of \$23,049.60 be paid from budget line A1680 540140 for the 2026 contract year.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO.452 -25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH BREE HEALTH FOR  
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: Tioga County employees are covered under an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and the current vendor contract expires December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the Tioga County Purchasing and Payment Policy quotes were obtained from three (3) EAP providers; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Department reviewed and compared the pricing and services offered by each vendor; and

WHEREAS: Bree Health (eni), a company that has been providing EAP services for over 30 years and who has other NYS public sector clients, has submitted a proposal to provide Tioga County's EAP for a one (1) year term at a rate of \$1.32/per covered employee per month with two (2) 1-year options to renew; and

WHEREAS: eni can provide up to 8 in-person counseling sessions for eligible employees and members of their household, along with two hours of training per year, and two hours of critical incident stress debriefing; and

WHEREAS: The EAP is a negotiated benefit for CSEA union employees; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with eni, subject to review by the County Attorney, to administer our Employee Assistance Program for full-time and part-time employees at a cost of \$1.32/per covered employee per month effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 453-25 *ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH  
CATAMOUNT CONSULTING FOR AUDIOGRAMS*

WHEREAS: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires annual audiograms and hearing conservation training for county employees whenever employee noise exposures equal or exceed an 8-hour time-weighted average sound level (TWA) of 85 decibels measured on the A scale (slow response) or, equivalently, a dose of fifty percent; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has obtained quotes for audiogram testing and hearing conservation trainings; and

WHEREAS: The proposal from Catamount Consulting, to perform this service, is the most cost effective and convenient option; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the County Attorney to enter into a one-year contract for 2026 with Catamount Consulting to perform this service at the rates indicated:

Cost of Business Terms:

Catamount Consulting will complete the Onsite Audiometric Testing at a cost of \$1900.00 total with a deposit of \$950.00 or a PO for the full amount. Cost includes input of prior hearing test results and new employees, and all travel costs for the technician.

Scope of Services:

- Baseline & Annual Audiogram testing for up to 40 people. Any additional employees over the contracted 40 will be charged a fee to be determined.
- Testing will take place at the Department of Public Works, 477 Rt. 96, Owego, NY 13827.
- Group testing of 6 employees every 30 minutes with hearing video.
- Test administration by computerized technology with same day results and full record-keeping package within 10 business days.

- Test performed by CADHC Certified Technicians.
- All tests verified by an Audiologist.
- All testing is OSHA/MSHA Compliant.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 454-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference to provide In-Home Parenting Education services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$110,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference for the provision of In-Home Parent Education Services for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 455-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services has a contract with Securitas to provide security services at the HHS complex; and

WHEREAS: The need for ongoing security exists at these locations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Securitas to continue providing security services at the HHS complex effective as of January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 456-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with multiple foster care agencies to provide these services at Maximum State-Aid Rates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with the agencies listed below for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Children's Home PKPS  
Children's Home of Jeff County  
Children's Home of Wyoming Conf.  
Elmcrest Children's Center  
Glove House-Group Home  
Hillside Children's Center  
Homespace Corp  
House of the Good Shepherd  
Lincoln Hall Boys Haven  
New Directions Youth & Family Svcs  
Northeast Parent and Child Society  
Parsons Parent & Children Center  
Pathways, Inc.  
St. Anne Institute

St. Catherine's Center  
 The LaSalle School  
 The William George Agency  
 Together for Youth  
 Vanderhayden

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 457-25 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT  
 SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with Steuben County for a detention bed due to a shortage of available Non-Secure Detention Services to meet the demand throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an amount not to exceed \$255,500; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Steuben County for one detention bed for a period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 458-25 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with Liberty Resources Inc. for a co-located clinician to provide effective coordination and collaboration between the child welfare system and the behavioral health systems for adults and children; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an amount not to exceed \$80,050; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Liberty Resources Inc. for a period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 459-25      *AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY TO PAY CASH CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROOME-TIOGA ARTS & CULTURAL MASTER PLAN*

WHEREAS: Per Tioga County Legislature Resolution No. 234-24, Tioga County Department of Economic Development & Planning was authorized to contribute a cash match of \$5,000 toward the Broome-Tioga Arts & Cultural Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: The Broome County Law Department has determined that an intermunicipal agreement is required for Tioga County to pay Broome County Department of Planning & Economic Development the committed \$5,000 cash match toward the consultant cost for said Plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes said intermunicipal agreement with Broome County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign said agreement contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Bunce.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO 460-25      *AUTHORIZE NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN GRANT APPLICATION AND CASH MATCH*

WHEREAS: NYS Agricultural and Markets Law 25-AA, §324 enables the county to create a County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan and update said plans if the county's last Ag Plan is 10 or more years old; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted Tioga County's last County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan in 2015 and, therefore, Tioga County is eligible for funding from NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets to update our County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS: NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets requires a 20% cash match for said grant application and based on outreach to relevant consultants, Tioga County Planning has developed a project budget totaling \$80,000 with the required cash match coming from both the Tioga County Legislature at \$10,000 and the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District at \$10,000; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Planning Director will provide in-kind services in the amount of \$11,000, with Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County contributing \$6,000 and \$3,000 of in-kind services respectively as well; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes a County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Planning Grant to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets in the amount of \$80,000, which includes a \$10,000 cash match as well as \$11,000 of in-kind services match from the County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature to sign all grant application paperwork contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 461-25      *AUTHORIZE ED&P TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL APPLICATION TO NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MICROENTERPIRSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded \$212,500.00 grant funds through New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a Microenterprise Assistance Program and was approved to accept the funds per Resolution No. 351-24; and

WHEREAS: New York State Homes and Community Renewal allow applicants to submit a renewal request for additional grant funds when the existing Microenterprise Assistance Program funds are 100% committed and a minimum of 50% of funds are expended; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Microenterprise Assistance Program has met these requirements and is eligible for a renewal application under the NYS CDBG Grant Program to assist microenterprises in Tioga County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes said grant renewal application in the amount of \$200,000 and upon award authorizes the Chair of the

Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contract and other paperwork contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

Legislator Ciotoli spoke. "This is the second round for this program and the first time we went through it was extremely successful and the feedback was positive beyond belief. Thank you."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 462-25      *RESOLUTION TO RENEW CONSULTANT CONTRACT  
FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN COORDINATOR  
FOR 2026*

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 193-12 and Resolution No. 218-13, the Tioga County Legislature contracted with the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District to perform the Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator services based on a mutually agreeable work plan with specific tasks, requiring annual renewal as necessary; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Planning Department continues to lack existing capacity to solely perform these FEMA-required services; and

WHEREAS: Upon County Legislature approval of the 2026 county budget, the Tioga County Planning Department anticipates having sufficient funds in the 2026 budget to cover these expenses in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from Planning Appropriation account A8020 540140; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorize the renewal of said contract with Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District, to perform Hazard Mitigation Coordinator services from January 1 - December 31, 2026, not

to exceed \$20,000 from Planning Appropriation account A8020 540140, and authorizes the Tioga County Legislative Chair to sign all related contract paperwork, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 463-25      *AUTHORIZE RENEWAL WITH DELTA DENTAL TO  
ADMINISTER DENTAL BENEFITS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County uses the service of the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund to administer dental insurance benefits for Management/Confidential employees of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Employees have expressed a desire for more competitively priced dental benefits; and

WHEREAS: Delta Dental has offered a plan with similar coverage at a lower rate than the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS: Delta Dental has offered a two-year rate guarantee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a renewal with Delta Dental, subject to review by the County Attorney, to administer dental insurance benefits for Tioga County for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Delta Dental insurance plan will be the only dental insurance plan made available to Management/Confidential employees during the contract period.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 464-25      *AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF  
ESINET GRANT APPLICATION  
EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The NYS Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services (DHSES) has issued an ESINET (Emergency Services IP Network) Grant application to the Office of Emergency Services, with no local share to the County, for the purpose of supporting the operation of fiber optic, cable- based emergency service IP networks; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval before any such grant applications are submitted. However, due to the short notification period, the application for this funding had to be submitted by November 12, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Office of Emergency Services be given authorization to apply for the ESINET Grant, after the fact, to be in compliance with county policy and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork upon review by the County Attorney.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 465-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
FLOYD HOOKER FOUNDATION GRANT AND  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: The Probation Department applied and was awarded the Floyd Hooker Foundation grant in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS: This funding is for the Juvenile/Youth at Probation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the acceptance of this grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified to reflect this grant and that this funding be receipted with the following accounts:

FROM: A3140 422800 FH01 Grants – Floyd Hooker Fund      \$10,000.00

TO:     A3140 540487 FH01 Program Expense-FHF                 \$10,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriations be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until projects are completed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standing, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 466-25      *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT AWARD  
FROM NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
FOR COUNTY PRE-TRIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Probation Department received a Grant Award from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the County Pre-Trial Services in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS: This funding must be accepted and appropriated; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM:	A3140.433100 CPS01 State Aid-Probation Pretrial Grant	\$100,000
TO:	A3140.520060 CPS01 Car/Truck	\$45,000
	A3140.540487 CPS01 Program Expenses	\$55,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriations be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of 12/31/25 and carried forward into the New Year until projects are completed.



From:	A7180	439890 State Aid-Snowmobile Grant	\$58,402.40
To:	A7180	540590 Services Rendered	\$58,402.40

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 468-25      *AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan's employer's liability insurance policy expires December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The continuance of employer's liability insurance helps to limit exposure to the Tioga County Self-Insurance Plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the purchase of employer's liability insurance, subject to review by the County Attorney, from an A-Rated or better insurance company for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, to be paid for out of the 2026 Tioga County Self-Insurance budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 469-25      *TRANSFER FUNDS AND MODIFY 2025 BUDGET FOR  
THE ILS FOURTH FAMILY DEFENSE GRANT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Family Public Defender and Assigned Counsel caseworkers require a cell phone; and

WHEREAS: The current Fourth Family Defense Grant Budget does not have the Telephone account open and funded; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the establishment and Modification of the Fourth Family Defense 2025 Budget by transferring the appropriate funds as follows:

From: A1171 520200 PD	Office Equipment	\$600.00
To: A1171 540660 PD	Telephone	\$600.00
From: A1171 520200 AC	Office Equipment	\$600.00
To: A1171 540660 AC	Telephone	\$600.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.



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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 471-25      *AUTHORIZE THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF  
PRIOR YEAR CAPITAL FUNDS IN THE 2026 BUDGET  
FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office would like to re-establish available funds from the H3110 521060 Car/Truck 2025 capital budget line to use towards the purchase of a vehicle in 2026; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to transfer funds and amend the 2026 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the remaining unencumbered balance of \$24,894.81 be re-established in the 2026 capital budget line H3110 521060 Car/Truck.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 472-25      *ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION;  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services has received notification of a \$500 unsolicited donation from Tioga Downs to support holiday gifts for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS: This donation is being provided as a restricted, pass-through contribution for the sole purpose of purchasing holiday gifts for children/youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to County Law §363 and the Tioga County Section III Financial Rules, n. Gifts and Donations Policy, all donations must be formally accepted by the Legislature, and the 2025 Budget must be amended to recognize both the revenue and related appropriation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts the \$500 donation from Tioga Downs for the Department of Social Services Foster Care Holiday Gift program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

From: A6010 427050 Gifts & Donations	\$ 500.00
To: A6010 540487 Program Expense	\$ 500.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That said funds shall be made available to expend on December 10, 2025.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Anything that makes a kid's Christmas better if they have no means in the family to provide is a good thing and that is another example of leadership that Shawn put in his department."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 473-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Youth Bureau program funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.436100 State Aid – Child Advocacy Center      \$ 2,000

To:    A6050.540487 Program Expense      \$ 2,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$2,000 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 474-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Additional funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services; and

WHEREAS: A New Hope Center is the approved Non-Residential Domestic Violence Program in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration	\$ 41,112
To: A6010.540140 Contracting Services	\$ 41,112

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$41,112 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 475-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*  
*YOUTH BUREAU 2026*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Bureau's 2026 program funding was approved by Resolution No. 370-25; and

WHEREAS: The plan submitted for expenditure of these funds has been approved by New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of these funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A7310. 438200	State Aid- Youth Programs	\$ 104,017
To: A7310. 541540	Reimbursements	\$ 104,017

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$104,017 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.





of integration, support, and customization, making this a sole source procurement based on best value; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to amend the budget and appropriate funds for this acquisition; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the sole source procurement of the Cohero Case Management System for the Coroner's Office from Cohero, including the one-time setup cost of \$2,925.00 and the first-year subscription cost of \$3,127.00, for a total of \$6,052.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and funds be transferred as follows:

FROM: H.387804 Capital Software Reserve	\$6,052.00
TO: H1185 520620 Software Expense	\$6,052.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
	FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 478-25	<i>AMEND BUDGET &amp; TRANSFER OF FUNDS</i>
	<i>PUBLIC HEALTH</i>

WHEREAS: The costs of Rabies post-exposure medical treatments have exceeded the 2025 budgeted amounts and additional invoices are expected; and

WHEREAS: Funds for the additional costs are available within the Tioga County Public Health budget, yet require transfer into the appropriate budget lines; and

WHEREAS: Budget Amendments and Transfers of Funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be transferred and appropriated as follows:

From:

A4070.540140	Public Health: Contracting Services	\$25,000
A4070.540640	Public Health: Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 5,000

To:

A4090.540487	Public Health: Program Expense	\$30,000
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 479-25	<i>AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET, TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FUNDS TO OFFSET CULVERT REPLACEMENT COSTS</i>
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WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for construction costs for the Day Hollow Road near Walker Road culvert replacement project; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved the supplemental contract for right-of-way services for the project to be provided to the County by way of Resolution No. 313-25 in the amount of \$27,920; and

WHEREAS: Budget amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Capital Budget be modified and funds be transferred as follows:

FROM:	H5130 521909 One Ton Pickup & Plow	\$8,046.92
FROM:	H1620 520937 Trailer	\$2,875.00
FROM:	H1620 520935 Dump Truck	\$9,709.52
FROM:	H5130 520920 Loader	\$4,675.00
FROM:	H1325 520090 Computer	\$243.83
FROM:	H1620 520901 Mowing Tractor	\$133.28
FROM:	H5130 521130 Equipment (Not Car)	\$2,236.45
TO:	H5110 520003 H2302 Culverts	\$27,920.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 480-25      *2026 BUDGETARY AMENDMENT AUTHORIZATION  
AS RELATED TO THE 2023 HIGH-PROFILE CRIMINAL  
CASE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has recognized the need for additional funds whereas it may relate to a 2023 High-Profile Criminal Case that will impact multiple County departments for the unforeseeable future; and

WHEREAS: In the 2026 Budget, the Tioga County Legislature has approved an additional \$250,000.00 to be used as necessary by

County departments to offset the costs of the Criminal Case in account A1340 540721 HPCC; and

WHEREAS: Transfers in and out of the A1340 ORG to any ORG will amend the 2026 Budget, and the Financial Guidelines authorized by the Tioga County Legislature do now allow the amending of budgetary accounts without Legislative Resolution; and

WHEREAS: The Legislative Resolution process may delay or prevent departments from making timely payments and can cause an excess of Legislative Resolutions to be created; therefore be it

RESOLVED: To better aid departments in the management of expenses as they relate to the High-Profile Criminal Case, the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator and/or the County Treasurer to approve and post budget transfers out of the A1340 540721 HPCC at their discretion, without a Legislative Resolution, only for the Fiscal Year 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: Expenditures for the High-Profile Criminal Case are to be tracked accordingly by departments and presented to the Tioga County Legislature at its request. Any and all transfers made out of the A1340 540721 HPCC are to be solely related to the High-Profile Criminal Case and are to be assigned to an account with the HPCC project code; and be it further

RESOLVED: That any unspent funds are to be transferred back to the A1340 540721 HPCC account by the end of the Fiscal Year 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 481-25      *ADOPT COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2026,  
APPROPRIATIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE*

RESOLVED: That the tentative budget for Tioga County for the year 2026 submitted by the County Administrator on November 12, 2025 and approved by the Finance Committee be, and the same hereby is adopted as the official Budget for the year 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the several amounts specified in such budget as to the total for the several objects as set forth in Schedule 1 therein be appropriated for such objects, effective January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the full-time Salary Schedule 5 set forth in the budget be adopted January 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 482-25      *YEAR END TRANSFERS*

RESOLVED: That unencumbered balances of appropriation accounts, unanticipated revenue fund balances in the amount equal to the sum of overdrawn appropriation accounts in all funds be, and hereby are appropriated to overdrawn accounts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to effect this resolution.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 483-25 *AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO ENCUMBER FUNDS*

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to encumber whatever funds he deems necessary, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funds be encumbered before December 31, 2025 to allow proper coding of bills for payment through the Accounts Payable check run of February 19, 2026.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 484-25 *COUNTY TAX LEVY*

WHEREAS: This Legislature by Resolution No. 481-25 dated December 9, 2025 adopted a Budget for the fiscal year 2026 and by Resolution No. 481-25 dated December 9, 2025 has made appropriations for the conduct of the County Government during said fiscal year and has by Resolution No. 485-25 dated December 9, 2025 levied the taxes required for the support of the Government of the several Towns; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law and Section 900 of the Real Property Tax Law, this Legislature hereby levied the following for County purposes upon the taxable real property in the County upon valuation as heretofore equalized by it.

Upon all the taxable property liable for the support of County Government, the sum of \$ 27,450,882 and in addition thereto upon the real property liable therefore, and following taxes:

For Returned Village Taxes	644,965.91
For School Tax Returned	3,740,406.18
For Deficits from prior years' taxes	7.02
For Reimbursement of Erroneous taxes, etc.	14,356.70

All of the foregoing being subject to	
Credit for excess collection the prior year of	11.41

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer's Office be directed to extend the taxes as aforesaid and also the taxes for Town purposes set forth in Resolution No. 485-25 on the rolls of the several Towns against each parcel of property set forth in said rolls, and that the Chair and the Clerk of the County Legislature be directed and empowered to execute under the seal of this Legislature the several Tax warrants for the collection of said taxes, and to cause the several tax rolls with said warrants annexed to be delivered to the Collectors of the several Town Tax Districts of the County on or before December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County tax rates for each of the Towns are as follows:

Barton	Out	11.959039
	In	11.959039
Berkshire	Out	10.330264
	In	10.330264
Candor	Out	10.926984
	In	10.926984
Newark Valley	Out	15.817144
	In	15.817144
Nichols	Out	38.587933
	In	38.587933
Owego	Out	12.833076
	In	12.833076
Richford	Out	7.753469
	In	7.753469
Spencer	Out	9.567728
	In	9.567728
Tioga	Out	156.105145
	In	156.105145

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 485-25 TOWN TAX LEVY

WHEREAS: There has been presented to this Legislature a duly certified copy of the annual Budgets of each of the several Towns of the County of Tioga for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That there shall be, and there is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property situated in the following Towns outside the incorporated Villages or partially located therein, the amounts indicated for Town purposes as specified in the Budgets of the respective Towns as follows:

<u>Part Town</u>	<u>General Outside</u>	<u>Highway Outside</u>
Barton	-	-
Candor	3,732.00	6,500.00
Newark Valley	-	-
Nichols	-	288,381.00
Owego	-	2,291,000.00
Spencer	13,982.00	357,456.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That there shall be and there hereby is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property liable therefore within the respective Fire and Fire Protection Districts in the Towns, the following amounts for the purposes of such Districts as specified on their annual Budgets:

Town of Barton

Halsey Valley Fire Protection	21,618.49
Lockwood Fire Protection	52,105.71
Waverly-Barton Fire District	378,065.00

Town of Berkshire

Berkshire Fire District	214,221.00
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Town of Candor

Candor Fire District	495,563.00
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Town of Newark Valley

Newark Valley Fire District	336,918.74
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Town of Nichols

Nichols Joint Fire District	503,220.00
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Town of Owego

Apalachin Fire District	1,369,144.00
Owego Fire District	2,612,592.45
Newark Valley Fire District	49,115.76

Town of Richford	
Richford Fire District	334,400.00
Town of Spencer	
Spencer Fire Protection	90,000.00
Town of Tioga	
Tioga Fire District	330,201.08

And be it further

RESOLVED: That there shall be, and there hereby is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property liable therefore within certain sewer, water and lighting Districts in the Town of Owego and the amounts specified in their annual budgets as follows:

Water District No. 4/Ext. 13	11,670.00
Water District No. 4/Ext. 15	-
Water District No. 4/Ext. 17	-
Water District No. 4/Ext. 20	-
Sewer District No. 2/Ext. 14	5,731.00
Sewer District No. 2/Ext. 15	12,288.00
Lighting District No. 1	1,000.00
Lighting District No. 2	3,000.00
Lighting District No. 3	1,500.00
Lighting District No. 4A	280.00
Lighting District No. 4B	1,000.00
Lighting District No. 5	1,000.00
Lighting District No. 6	3,400.00
Lighting District No. 7	845.00
Lighting District No. 8	750.00
Lighting District No. 9	250.00
Lighting District No. 10	350.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That there shall be and there hereby is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property liable therefore in the Town of

Owego returned sewer and water rents in the amount of \$428,679.60; and be it further

RESOLVED: That there shall be and there hereby is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property liable therefore in the Town of Barton returned sewer and water rents in the amount of \$8,298.13; and be it further

RESOLVED: That there shall be and there hereby is, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable property liable therefore in the Town of Candor returned property maintenance bills in the amount of \$1,412.32; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the amounts to be raised by tax for all other purposes as specified in the several annual Budgets shall be, and they hereby are, assessed against and levied upon and collected from the taxable properties in the Towns except as otherwise provided by law as follows:

<u>Townwide</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>
Barton	295,800.00	732,220.00
Berkshire	116,509.00	364,277.00
Candor	1,081,732.00	979,000.00
Newark Valley	498,034.50	316,845.86
Nichols	-	-
Owego	1,380,000.00	-
Richford	251,634.00	520,960.00
Spencer	440,016.00	306,885.00
Tioga	296,400.00	700,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That such taxes and assessments, when collected, shall be paid to the Supervisors of the several Towns in the amounts as shown by this resolution for distribution by them in the manner provided by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 486-25      *AUTHORIZE 2026 SALARIES/WAGES  
(BOARD OF ELECTIONS)*

WHEREAS: The salaries for employees of the Board of Elections are set by resolution; and

WHEREAS: Management/Confidential staff and hourly employees have been authorized a 3.5% salary increase for 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2026 rates for the Board of Elections staff shall be as follows:

	<u>2026 pay:</u>
Commissioners	\$ 63,552.00/yr.
Deputy Commissioners	\$ 48,237.00/yr.
Voting Machine Technicians	\$ 24.45/hr.
Election Clerk (Seasonal)	\$ 19.89/hr.
Election Workers	\$ 16.07/hr.
Election Inspectors (Seasonal)	\$ 16.04/hr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 487-25 2026 STAFF CHANGES  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections Commissioners have requested a staffing change as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: This request was approved by the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing changes be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title</u> <u>/Salary</u>	<u>New Title</u> <u>/Salary</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
NEW		(2) Election Clerk PT (Seasonal)	19.89/hr.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Election's authorized 2026 part-time headcount shall increase from 238 to 240.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 488-25 2026 STAFF CHANGES  
COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS: The County Clerk requested staffing changes as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: This request was approved by the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing changes be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title/ Salary</u>	<u>New Title/ Salary</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
VACANT	Recording Clerk PT (\$17.03/hr; 17.5 hrs/wk)	UNFUND	-\$15,497
NEW		Sr. Recording Clerk (CSEA SG VI)	+\$38,859
UNFUNDED	Sr. Motor Vehicle License Clerk (CSEA SG VI)	FUND	+\$38,859

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 County Clerk full-time headcount is increased from 15 to 16. Part-time headcount remains unchanged.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 489-25 2026 STAFF CHANGES  
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY

WHEREAS: The Veterans' Service Agency requested a staffing change as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: This request was approved by the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing changes be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title</u> <u>/Salary</u>	<u>New Title</u> <u>/Salary</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
Vacant	Veterans' Services Officer PT (\$21.28/hr; 19.5 hrs/wk)	Unfund	-\$21,578

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Veterans' Service Agency's authorized headcount is unchanged at 3 FT and 1 PT positions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 490-25      *2026 STAFF CHANGES*  
*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING*

WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning Department requested a staffing change as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: This request was approved by the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing change be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title/ Salary</u>	<u>New Title/ Salary</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
Unfunded	Office Specialist II PT (\$0.00/hr; 17.5 hrs/wk)	Abolish	-\$00,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development & Planning Department's authorized 2026 part-time headcount shall decrease from 1 to 0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 491-25 2026 STAFF CHANGES  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services requested staffing changes as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: This request was approved by the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing changes be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title/ Salary</u>	<u>New Title/ Salary</u>	<u>Budget Impact</u>
NEW		Sr. Social Welfare Examiner (CSEA SG IX)	+\$48,939
NEW		Office Specialist II (CSEA SG IV)	+\$34,253
NEW		Community Services Worker (CSEA SG IV)	+\$34,253
ABOLISH	Community Services Worker (Part-time) (\$16.07/hour; 17.5 hrs/wk)		-\$14,624
ABOLISH	Youth Bureau Director (Part-time) (Management/Confidential)		-\$11,947

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services authorized 2026 full-time headcount is increased from 91 to 94 and the 2026 part-time headcount is decreased from 10 to 8.



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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 493-25      *AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The current Commissioner of Social Services is retiring effective December 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and after interviewing a number of candidates, the committee has identified a qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature appoints Elizabeth Myers to the position of Commissioner of Social Services at an annual salary of \$110,292, effective December 13, 2025, for a five-year term, which will run through December 13, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Myers shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective June 13, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Ms. Myers shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 494-25      *AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
PUBLIC DEFENDER*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The current Public Defender is retiring effective December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and, the committee has identified a qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature appoints Michael Arcesi to the title of Public Defender at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$127,561, effective January 1, 2026, for a three-year term, which will continue through December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Mr. Arcesi shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 495-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
CASE MANAGER (PART TIME)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has previously approved the creation of this new position to assist the Assigned Counsel Office in providing services in FCA Article 10 cases; and

WHEREAS: The County has been awarded a grant from NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to fund the position for a three-year period; and

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Office has conducted a recruitment search and has identified a suitable desirable candidate for the position; and

WHEREAS: Jo Ellen Yoest has ample training and over eleven years of directly relevant experience to be successful in the position and can provide benefits to the clients of the office; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Assigned Counsel Office is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Jo Ellen Yoest to the title of Case Manager (Part Time), pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$29,500, effective December 15, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Jo Ellen Yoest shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective June 15, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if the Grant is withdrawn or is not renewed after the three-year period.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 496-25 AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION II-ETHICS RULES: ADD SUBSECTION A.  
NEPOTISM POLICY

WHEREAS: By Local Law No. 5 of the Year 1990 Tioga County adopted the Tioga County Ethics Law to provide guidance to county officers, employees, and appointed officials regarding Tioga County's expectations for standards of ethics and conduct; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney, in conjunction with the Personnel Officer, have determined Tioga County would benefit from a comprehensive nepotism policy codified in a single location and that provides greater clarity and guidance to county officers, employees, and appointed officials to ensure employment decisions in Tioga County are based on qualifications, merit, and business necessity, and to avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of favoritism; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has written and proposed a new program entitled Nepotism Policy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Employee Handbook is hereby amended to add a new policy to Section II–Ethics Rules, Subsection a. entitled Nepotism Policy.

RESOLVED: That Section II-Ethics Rules: Nepotism Policy is hereby added to read as follows:

## SECTION II – ETHICS RULES

### a. Nepotism Policy (NEW)

#### NEPOTISM POLICY

Sections:

- I. Purpose
- II. Scope
- III. Definitions
- IV. Policy
- V. Post-Employment Relationships
- VI. Disclosure Requirements
- VII. Exceptions
- VIII. Enforcement and Remedies
- IX. Related Policies

#### I. Purpose

To ensure employment decisions in Tioga County are based on qualifications, merit, and business necessity, and to avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of favoritism.

#### II. Scope

- This policy applies to all departments, offices, and positions under the jurisdiction of Tioga County, including elected officials, appointed officials, and employees and any members of any board, commission, or agency of government.

#### III. Definitions

- **Conflicts of Interest:** Occurs when an employee or official's personal, familial, or financial relationships interfere with, or appear to interfere with, the impartial performance of their duties or decision-making responsibilities.
- **Employee:** All persons filling positions of any title within Tioga County including elected officials, appointed officials, paid staff, and any members of any board, commission, or agency of government.
- **Nepotism:** The practice of granting employment advantages—such as hiring, promotion, or preferential treatment—to relatives or individuals with close personal relationships, regardless of qualifications or merit. In the context of county government, nepotism undermines fairness, transparency, and public trust by allowing personal relationships to improperly influence employment decisions.

- **Relative:** Includes spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, in-laws, stepparents, stepchildren, and anyone residing in the same household.
- **Supervisory Relationship:** Direct or indirect authority to hire, supervise, evaluate, promote, discipline, or terminate employment.

#### IV. Policy

Tioga County permits members of the same family to work for the County. However, Tioga County will not authorize an appointment where employment would result in nepotism or a possible conflict of interest.

- No employee or official may **hire, promote, or supervise** a relative in any county government role.
- Relatives of current employees or officials **may be hired**, but only if:
  - The Department Head or supervisor determines that the safety, efficiency, morale, or administration of the department's operation is not adversely affected if a relative is employed in the same department or division with final approval by the Personnel Officer.
  - There is no direct or indirect supervisory relationship.
  - They will not influence each other's terms and conditions of employment.
  - Any pre-existing family relationship that predates this policy shall be exempt from this policy. However, if the existing employment relationship changes so that this conflict no longer exists, i.e., the relative is in a position that no longer directly reports to the relative supervisor, this policy will apply for future decisions.

#### V. Post-Employment Relationships

If two employees subsequently begin a personal relationship like those identified above (e.g. marriage, dating, cohabitation), or one that, in the County's judgement, creates potential conflicts of interest or perception of favoritism it is the responsibility of the employees to disclose the existence of the relationship to their Department Head and the Personnel Officer. The Department Head, in conjunction with the Personnel Officer, shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the issues and reserves the right to address the concern through reassignment of duties or relocating and/or removing employees from their positions

#### VI. Disclosure Requirements

Employees or candidates must disclose any familial relationships with current employees during the hiring or promotion process, and the hiring or promotion

must first be approved by the Personnel Officer which may include creating a Nepotism Compliance Plan.

### **VII. Exceptions**

- The policy does not apply to appointments made by **popular elections**.
- Existing employment relationships established before the adoption of this policy may be **grandfathered in** but must be reviewed to ensure no conflict of interest exists.
- Where a Nepotism Compliance Plan has been created. This is a written plan and Agreement created by the Department Head and/or Supervisor that describes the situation warranting an exception and outlines a plan to address and avoid conflicts of interest. The plan must include the signatures of all affected parties and employees involved including the Department Head(s), Personnel Officer, and the County Administrator. The proposed plan must then be submitted to the Legislative Committee responsible for Personnel and the committee to which the involved department(s) reports. Once approved by the appropriate legislative committees, the Chair of those committees must sign off on the proposed plan.

### **VIII. Enforcement and Remedies**

- Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, reassignment, or invalidation of the personnel action.
- Any alleged violation must be reviewed by the Personnel Office in conjunction with the Tioga County Ethics Board.

### **IX. Related Policies**

- Ethics Rules
- Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action/ADA/PWFA Policy

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.



Work Policy-Pilot Program, making the current policy effective July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Policy Review Committee has completed a comprehensive review and update of the County's Remote Work Policy - Pilot Program to ensure alignment with operational needs, service delivery expectations, technological capacity, and best practices in public sector workforce management; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department Heads have expressed an interest in the Legislature considering continuation of this program based on successful results and aiding in recruitment and retention efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds it prudent to implement the revised Remote Work Policy – Pilot Program on a limited basis in order to evaluate its effectiveness, operational impact, and suitability for future adoption; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby adopts the revised Tioga County Remote Work Policy – Pilot Program, as submitted by the Policy Review Committee, for a (6) six-month period of January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Administrator, in coordination with the Policy Review Committee and Personnel Department, shall issue guidance as needed to support implementation and shall report back to the Legislature through the Legislative Clerk no later than thirty (30) days prior to the conclusion of the (6) six-month period with recommendations for continuation and/or further amendments to the policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Employee Handbook is hereby amended to revise in its entirety Section IV. Personnel Rules, Subsection s. entitled Remote Work Policy – Pilot Program:

## **s. REMOTE WORK POLICY – PILOT PROGRAM**

### **Tioga County Remote Work Policy-Pilot Program**

#### **PURPOSE**

Establish a procedure to allow Departments to implement remote work opportunities for eligible employees, where appropriate, for a portion of the standard work week; in an effort to attract and retain a diverse and talented workforce.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- This Remote Work Policy – Pilot Program, shall supersede all prior and/or existing Telecommute/Remote Work guidelines, policies, or programs.
- This policy does not apply in situations where an employee is seeking reasonable accommodation in relation to a disability or injury. Such requests should be considered under **Tioga County's Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action/ ADA/ PWFA Policy.**
- This policy is implemented as a pilot program and is subject to periodic review and adjustment based on operational feedback.
- As this policy is being implemented by the County, it is not incorporated into any collective bargaining agreement or grievance procedure included within them.
- Determinations made by Department Heads and/or Supervisors regarding Remote Work Agreements, supervision and terminations shall not be subject in any manner to grievance provisions of the employee's collective bargaining unit per the Memorandum of Understanding by and between Tioga County and CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Tioga County departments where a remote work arrangement and location are both feasible and appropriate, as determined by the immediate supervisor and/or the Department Head.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Approved Work Schedule" is the specific hours and days during which a remote employee is expected to perform their duties, as outlined in the Remote Work Agreement.

"Centrally Located Worksite" is a Tioga County worksite where the employee would be required to work if they were not working remotely.

“Eligible Employee” is an employee who meets criteria and performance standards required to be considered for participation in a Remote Work Agreement as outlined in IV. Sections a. & b. of this policy.

“On-Call Employees” is an employee who, by the nature of their position or departmental need, is designated to be available outside of their regular working hours to respond to work-related emergencies, perform critical functions, or provide essential services as needed.

“Remote Employee” is an employee who has an approved Remote Work Agreement and performs their job duties from a designated remote work location.

“Remote Work Agreement” is a written agreement between the employee, Department Head, and immediate supervisor (if applicable) that permits the employee to work from a remote location for up to two days per standard workweek, in accordance with this policy.

“Remote Work Location” is the non-County site, such as the employee's home, where the employee is authorized to perform official County work under a Remote Work Agreement.

“Standard Workweek” is Tioga County's official workweek, defined as Monday through Friday.

## **GENERAL POLICY**

### Eligibility:

Employees shall be approved for a Remote Work Agreement based on their role and the department needs. Meeting the criteria below does not guarantee approval, operational and organizations needs will be priority.

Remote work may be available to Management/Confidential and CSEA members; however, it is not guaranteed and may not be suitable for all roles. Employees do not have an inherent right to a Remote Work Agreement, nor is such an agreement indefinite. Department Heads, and/or immediate supervisors (where applicable), have full discretion to approve, modify, or revoke Remote Work Agreements based on operational needs and policy compliance. Furthermore, Department Heads and/or immediate supervisors may terminate a Remote Work Agreement at any time if it is deemed inconsistent with departmental objectives or if an employee fails to adhere to established policy and guidelines.

The characteristics of an eligible employee will include a demonstrated conscientiousness about work time and productivity, self-motivation and ability to work alone. The employee communicates effectively with supervisors, co-workers, support staff and clients. The employee operates a computer or other equipment independently, to the degree necessary to work from their home. The employee must be performing at an overall satisfactory level or above in their position.

An employee's work must be of a nature that face-to-face interaction with internal or external individuals is minimal and/or the employee's tasks can be performed successfully away from the centrally located worksite.

The need for specialized material or equipment to work remotely should be minimal. Employees interested in Remote Work must already have a safe and ergonomic home office environment or work area and the basic materials and equipment needed at their home to remote work.

Employees must have completed a reasonable amount of employment to be assessed by Department Head to be a successful candidate for a Remote Work Agreement.

Employees must have appropriate dependent care arrangements that allow the employee to work without distraction and mitigate undue interruption, which could impact productivity.

#### Ineligibility

Employees in training capacity or that provides hands-on service.

Employees with attendance, behavior or tardiness issues.

Employees who have been counseled or disciplined within the two years immediately preceding the request.

Department Heads are eligible for a Remote Work Agreement pending the unanimous approval of their Legislative Committee and recommendation of the County Administrator. Department Heads are authorized to work remotely as needed but are discouraged from engaging in a continuous Remote Work agreement.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

### Hours

Employees will be expected to complete their remote work during their approved work schedule. The Remote Work Agreement must indicate the hours that the remote employee will be available to be reached by staff and clients in conjunction with the County Hours of Operation Policy

Approved remote schedules and any deviations of these for remote work must be approved in advance by the Department Head and/or immediate supervisor.

Accrual time, overtime, and lunch breaks during remote hours shall follow the same policy and procedures as when an employee is located at their centrally located worksite. Remote work is not an alternative to utilization of leave time.

#### Frequency

No more than the equivalent of (2) two days per standard work week may be worked from a remote work location, with the exception of Attorneys.

*Employees with a 35-hour workweek, (2) two days, shall mean (14) fourteen hours.*

*Employees with a 40-hour workweek, (2) two days, shall mean (16) sixteen hours.*

*Attorneys employed by Tioga County, with Department Head and Legislative consideration and approval, may be eligible to work remotely for up to (5) five days per week.*

#### Impact on County Operations

The essential duties, obligations, and responsibilities of an employee who works remotely are the same as at their centrally located worksite. Employees must be available to communicate with those with whom they normally conduct business (e.g., supervisor, clients/the public, co-workers, etc.) by phone and email while working remotely. Employees must respond to inquiries in the same fashion and within the same timeframes, as if they were in the office.

County operations take priority over Remote Work Agreements. Employees may be required to report to their centrally located worksite on remote workdays at the discretion of their Department Head and/or immediate supervisor, to address operational needs.

The travel time from the employees' home to the centrally located worksite will be treated as commuting time and will not be counted as hours worked, nor will the employees' mileage be reimbursed. On-Call employees are exempt from this and are to comply with their department's procedures in conjunction with the current CBA rules for On-Call pay. Remote work must not create additional burdens for in-office staff. Remote employees are expected to complete their assigned tasks independently, ensuring that colleagues working on-site do not have to take on extra responsibilities due to their absence. Workflows, communication, and task distribution should be managed efficiently so that remote work does not disrupt operations or increase workload for others.

## Accountability

Employees are required to accurately record and report all hours worked. Department Heads and/or supervisors are responsible for implementing a review process to ensure that assigned tasks and responsibilities are completed effectively. The Remote Work Weekly Log is available on the County's Intranet under "Employee Handbook – EH Forms." Department Heads are not required to regularly report Remote Work hours, but should there be an issue with performance or availability, it should be brought to the direct attention of the full Legislature by the County Administrator.

Department Heads shall include "Remote Work" as an agenda item, with a detail report on the status of employees approved for Remote Work to their Legislative Committee. This shall be reported on the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, October), and include the approved employee name, title, the number of days per week they're approved to work remotely, and which days of the work week or indicate "flexible" is the days change.

Non-work-related interruptions must be kept to a minimum. Remote work shall not be used as a substitute for dependent child or elder care. Remote employees are expected to make dependent or childcare arrangements during the period they will be working.

Remote work is not intended to enable employees to conduct personal or non-County business while on County time.

The employee is responsible for maintaining a safe and ergonomic remote working environment, including the work area, bathroom, and other areas that may be necessary for use while working remotely.

Violations of this policy may result in rescission of a Remote Work Agreement, as well as potential disciplinary action.

## Prohibited

Employees shall not conduct any unauthorized external (non-County) work during their remote work schedule.

Remote employees shall not hold in-person business meetings with internal or external clients, customers, or colleagues at their remote work location.

## Applicability of County Conduct Expectations

Any County policies pertaining to workplace conduct and behavior apply in full to employees working remotely, including, but not limited to, the County's anti-discrimination and harassment policy.

## **BENEFITS & WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

### Benefits

The remote employee's salary, retirement, and benefits are the same as if the employee were working at the centrally located worksite.

### Workers' Compensation

Remote employees may be covered by workers' compensation for job-related injuries occurring during their defined work period. Any claim received will be reviewed on its merit and in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Law.

Workers' compensation will not apply to non-job-related injuries that occur at the remote work location in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Law. The employee remains responsible for injuries to third parties and/or members of the employee's family on the employee's premises. Tioga County will not be responsible for injuries to third parties or members of the employee's family that occur on the employees' premises and employees will hold Tioga County harmless for injury to others at the remote work location.

In the event of a job-related incident, accident or injury during remote working hours, the employee shall report the incident to their supervisor as soon as possible but no longer than 24 hours after and follow established procedures to report and investigate workplace incidents, accidents, or injuries.

The employee must allow inspections of the employee's work area(s), home office, or other relevant location to be conducted by Tioga County or its agent if a job-related incident, accident, or injury has occurred. If the employee refuses to allow the County to inspect the remote work location following a reported injury, the Workers' Compensation claim may be denied. The refusal may also result in a revocation of the Remote Work Agreement or other appropriate disciplinary action.

## **TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY**

### Supplies

The County will provide a computer, laptop or tablet approved by Information Technology.

The Employee will be responsible for workspace, networking and/or internet capabilities at the remote work location and shall not be reimbursed by the County for these or related expenses. Internet access is expected to be reliable and secure, and meet the bandwidth needed for the job.

The need for specialized material or equipment in order to remote work should be minimal. The County shall provide equipment (hardware and/or software) and services (such as technical support) if it is approved in advance by the employee's Department Head and the Chief Information Officer.

Department expenses incurred in the implementation and execution of Remote Work Agreements require the approval of the Department Head. If County equipment is provided to the employee, the employee is responsible for seeing that the equipment is properly used in compliance with current County Comprehensive Information Security Policy and returned in working order to the County upon conclusion of the Remote Work Agreement.

Standard office supplies (such as paper and pens) will be provided by the County and should be obtained by the employee at the centrally located worksite. Out-of-pocket expenses for supplies normally available at the centrally located site will not be reimbursed. Office furniture will not be provided for remote employees.

Remote employees are subject to the same internal County policies regarding the use of County-provided equipment (hardware and/or software) and services as those of employees at the centrally located worksite.

Note: Employees who are approved to engage in a Remote Work Schedule, are still required to comply with County Policy Section XI – Records Management Policy and Procedures.

Remote employees shall not allow anyone, except County employees, to use or access County-provided equipment (including hardware, software, chargers, storage devices) and services.

Employees are prohibited from accessing the County network using a public access computer.

#### Hardware

New or existing computer equipment shall be provided for remote employees, by the County, if approved in advance by the employee's Department Head and the Chief Information Officer. All County owned hardware equipment and devices must be returned to the County as soon as the remote working agreement has ended, or when the equipment is no longer needed to perform related work activities.

The County will provide routine maintenance and repairs for County owned computers and equipment. The County will try and perform maintenance remotely, however, to complete necessary maintenance it may be required that the remote employee bring their device back to the worksite or internal network. Remote employees can request technical support for County computer devices by submitting a ticket through the Tioga County Service Center (<https://tiogacountyny.freshservice.com/support/home>). County Information Technology staff will not visit the remote employee's remote work location to provide service onsite.

### Software

Employees must conform to the County's software standards. Department Heads will consult with Information Technology staff to ensure that the software needed conforms to the County's software policies.

Remote access to the County's network may be provided to the remote employee at the discretion of the employee's Department Head and with the approval of the Chief Information Officer or designee. If the County's remote access system includes internet access or other dial-in services, the employee may only use the County provided internet access or other dial-in services in a manner consistent with that of employees at the centrally located worksite. Remote employees are subject to the same internal County policies regarding the use of County provided equipment, software and services as that of employees at the centrally located worksite.

The County may purchase software for installation on County-provided equipment if approved in advance by the employee's Department Head and the Chief Information Officer or designee.

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Employees shall participate in any County-sponsored remote work and/or technology training as requested by the employee's supervisor, Department Head, CIO, or County Legislature.

The employee shall participate as requested in any County evaluation of the remote working agreement or policy.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The employee will maintain the confidentiality of County and State information and documents, prevent unauthorized access to any County system or information, and dispose of work-related documents in a manner that will not jeopardize the interests of the County or its clients/customers.

The employee shall continue to follow all Tioga County policies that address confidentiality and security, as found in the Employee Handbook.

Employees must maintain documents in their possession in a safe and secure manner while they are outside of their normal workplace. Documents containing confidential information must be shredded, not discarded in regular trash, and electronic documents must be stored on County-approved systems.

## **REVIEW**

The County reserves all rights to continuously review this policy, and any Remote Work Agreement and rescind either of them upon a review and determination that the policy or an agreement is no longer in the best interest of the County.

No employee should have any belief or expectation that the policy or agreement will continue indefinitely.

The County will continuously review this policy and decide as to its effectiveness, need, and any other rationale behind it or the procedures within it and it may, within its sole discretion, rescind or alter the policy or procedures and any associated documentation.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy shall be effective immediately upon approval by the County Legislature and will remain in effect until amended or repealed.

## **PROCEDURE**

Initial Request and Submission

The employee completes and submits the **Tioga County Remote Work Request Form** to their **Department Head and/or immediate supervisor**, in accordance with the process established within their department.

*The Remote Work Request Form can be found on the County's Intranet under "Employee Handbook – EH Forms".*

If the **Remote Work Request Form is approved** by the Department Head and/or immediate supervisor, the form must be **forwarded to the Information Technology Department** for review and confirmation that all **technical needs** can be met.

Once Information Technology approves the request, the completed form must be submitted **to the Legislative Office** for final review and approval by the County Administrator and/or the Legislative Chair.

Upon approval by the County Administrator or Legislative Chair, a copy of the fully executed Remote Work Request Form must be forwarded to the Employee, Department Head and/or the immediate supervisor, and the Legislative Clerk, and the employee is authorized to begin remote work as outlined in the agreement.

If the Remote Work Agreement is not approved, the rejecting party must provide a written explanation to the employee within 10 working days of submission. The employee may revise and resubmit the form if appropriate.

#### Amendments to Current Agreements

Any requests to revise the Agreement are to be submitted by the employee to the Department Head and/or immediate supervisor in writing and answered in writing within 10 days of the request. If the request results in **significant changes** (e.g., change in work schedule, remote location, duties), an amended agreement must be filed with the Legislative Office.

#### Annual Renewal

Remote work requests do not renew and must be completed and re-submitted annually. Employees who fail to submit a new remote work request will have their accessibility terminated by the ITCS department.

Renewals are to be completed in their entirety by the last day of February.

In the Remote Work Request Form, in Section I: Employee Information, there is a box that is to be marked "yes" if the request is for a renewal.

#### Termination of Agreements

Any Remote Work Agreement terminated prior to the original end date must be reported to the Legislative Office via e-mail to the Legislative Clerk within 10 days of the termination.

### **FORMS**

Located on the County's Intranet "Employee Handbook-EH Forms", are the following:

Remote Work Request Form

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 498-25      *AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:  
SECTION VIII; COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION  
SECURITY POLICY TO ADOPT NEW  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY  
UNDER SECTION IV. AUDIENCE – END USER*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Information Technology and Communication Services (ITCS) Department has developed a new Acceptable Use – Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy to address the responsible, secure, and compliant use of AI technologies within County operations; and

WHEREAS: This policy addition is designed to align with applicable federal and state regulations, including but not limited to NIST 800-53, HIPAA, FERPA, CJIS, and the NYS SHIELD Act; and

WHEREAS: The proposed AI policy establishes:

- Approved AI platforms.
- Prohibited uses, including legal interpretation, processing of sensitive data and autonomous decision-making in critical systems.
- Data privacy and security requirements.
- Oversight and governance by the ITCS Department.
- User responsibilities and enforcement provisions.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Information Technology and Communication Services Department respectfully requests that the Tioga County Legislature:

1. Formally adopt the Acceptable Use – Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy as an official addition to the Comprehensive Information Security Policy – Updated NOV2025; and
2. Authorize the amendment of the Tioga County Employee Handbook to reflect the inclusion of this AI policy; and
3. Direct all County departments and employees to comply with the new policy and acknowledge their receipt and understanding.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the ITCS Department shall be responsible for implementing the policy, providing necessary training, and ensuring compliance across all County departments; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Comprehensive Information Security Policy Section IV. Audience- End User hereby be amended with the addition of P. Acceptable Use – Artificial Intelligence (AI) and that the remainder of the policy remains unchanged.

#### P. Acceptable Use – Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Tioga County supports the responsible and secure use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to enhance productivity, decision-making, and service delivery. This policy establishes clear boundaries for AI use, ensuring alignment with federal and state regulations, including **NIST 800-53, FERPA, HIPAA, HITECH, NYS SHIELD ACT,** and **CJIS** standards.

### 1. Approved Use of AI

Tioga County permits the use of AI tools **only when explicitly approved and vetted by the Tioga County ITCS Department.** As of this policy's effective date, **Microsoft Copilot and Freshworks Freddy** are the only authorized AI platform for general use.

Approved uses include:

- Drafting documents, emails, and reports.
- Summarizing meeting notes or transcripts.
- Assisting with data analysis and visualization.
- Enhancing productivity in Microsoft 365 applications.

### 2. Prohibited Use of AI

The following uses of AI are strictly prohibited:

- **Legal or Compliance Matters:** AI must not be used to interpret, draft, or advise on legal, regulatory, or compliance-related content.
- **Unvetted AI Tools:** Use of any AI platform or service not explicitly approved by Tioga County ITCS is not allowed.
- **Sensitive Data Processing:** AI must not be used to process, analyze, or store **Protected Health Information (PHI), Criminal Justice Information (CJI),** or any other **regulated or confidential data** unless explicitly authorized and secured.

- **Decision-Making in Critical Systems:** AI must not be used to make autonomous decisions in systems related to public safety, law enforcement, or health services.

### 3. Data Privacy and Security

All AI use must comply with:

- **NIST 800-53** security and privacy controls.
- **HIPAA** and **HITECH** regulations for health data.
- **CJIS** standards for criminal justice information.
- **NYS SHIELD ACT** security and privacy controls.

Users must not input sensitive, confidential, or personally identifiable information (PII) into AI tools unless explicitly authorized and secured.

### 4. Oversight and Governance

- All AI tools must be reviewed and approved by **Tioga County ITCS** before deployment or use.
- ITCS will maintain a list of approved AI tools and use cases.
- Departments must consult ITCS before initiating any AI-related project or procurement.

### 5. User Responsibilities

All users are expected to:

- Use AI tools ethically and responsibly.
- Understand the limitations of AI-generated content.
- Report any misuse or suspected security incidents to ITCS immediately.

### 6. Enforcement

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of system access, termination of employment, or legal action, depending on the severity of the violation.

### 7. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the ITCS Department and updated as necessary to reflect changes in technology, regulation, and organizational needs.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth two (2) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Flesher. Motion carried.

Legislator Flesher made a motion to have the resolution withdrawn due to some State interference, seconded by Legislator Monell and carried.

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. -25	<i>CONVERT FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION TO TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE</i>

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for changes made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has had a vacant full-time position without applicants since July 2025; and

WHEREAS: The appointment of Michael L. Arcesi to the position of Public Defender as of January 2026 has created an opening for a second full-time Assistant Public Defender position; and

WHEREAS: No applicants have been identified for either full-time Assistant Public Defender position; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has received inquiries regarding the possibility of part-time Assistant Public Defender employment; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has determined that the office cannot meet its present requirements without at least one additional Assistant Public Defender; and

WHEREAS: The full-time position that has remained open since July 2025 is grant-funded to the extent of \$85,000 and the Public Defender has determined that no impediment exists to the use of those funds for part-time employment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Personnel Department is hereby authorized to split a full-time Assistant Public Defender position into two part-time Assistant Public Defender positions with a salary range of \$41,775 to \$42, 819; and be it further

RESOLVED: That additional legislative approval will be required for the Public Defender to fill these part-time positions.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 499-25      *AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF  
REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE CONTRACT AND  
RELATED ACTIONS*

WHEREAS: Pursuant to County Law §215(1), a county may acquire real property only upon direction of the County Legislature, and no officer or agent of the County may bind the County to such acquisition without prior legislative authorization; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature of the County of Tioga has determined that the acquisition of certain commercial property, located at:

- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-56, located at 67 Central Ave, Owego, NY 13827
- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-57, located at 55-65 Central Ave, Owego, NY 13827
- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-59, located at 153 Main St, Owego, NY 13827
- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-60, located at 135-147 Main St, Owego, NY 13827

hereby known as the “Property”, is in the public interest and necessary to support County operations including the construction of a new Consolidated County Office Building; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with General Municipal Law (GML) §103 and §104-b, although real property purchases are exempt from competitive bidding, counties

remain obligated to ensure that the acquisition is conducted in a manner that protects taxpayer value, including obtaining appropriate appraisals, evaluating market conditions, and documenting negotiations consistent with best procurement practices and OSC guidance; and

WHEREAS: The County has obtained a professional appraisal of the Property dated August 14, 2025, confirming that the negotiated purchase price of \$1,875,000.00 is reasonable and consistent with fair market value, as recommended in multiple New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) audit reports addressing municipal property acquisitions; and

WHEREAS: The draft Purchase and Sale Agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney, who has recommended that the County Legislature formally authorize execution of the contract, subject to completion of due diligence; and

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature and/or the County Administrator to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the commercial property located at:

- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-56, located at 67 Central Ave, Owego, NY 13827
- Tax Map No. 128.08-7-57, located at 55-65 Central Ave, Owego, NY 13827
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for a purchase price not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$1,875,000.00) dollars, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this authorization includes execution of all related closing documents, including but not limited to title documents, affidavits, transfer forms, escrow instructions, environmental disclosures, and any ancillary instruments necessary to complete the transaction, consistent with County Law §215; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature finds that the acquisition is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to GML §103, but must comply with the County's internal Procurement Policy adopted under GML §104-b, including documentation of negotiations and fair market value in accordance with OSC's Local Government Management Guide on Capital Assets and relevant OSC audit findings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon execution of the contract, the Legislature hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to allocate or encumber funds necessary to complete the

closing, including any required earnest money deposit, consistent with County Law §363 and applicable budgetary procedures to be paid out of H1620 520994 BG005; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Capital Budget be amended and funds be appropriated from the established Capital Reserve as needed, as such:

FROM:	H 387810 Building Reserve – SAC	\$1,875,000.00
TO:	H1620 520994 BG005 Building Construction	\$1,875,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining balance in the H1620 520994 BG005 be carried forward into the next budget year until the end of the project; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the County Attorney, County Administrator, and County Treasurer to ensure compliance with statutory and procurement requirements.

County Administrator Bailey spoke. "The resolution before you today represents a significant and long-planned step for Tioga County. The acquisition of real property for the purpose of constructing a new consolidated administrative County Office building.

"This project addresses multiple long-standing challenges across our facility footprint. Challenges that cannot continue to be solved through incremental repairs or continued reliance on aging facilities.

"This resolution authorizes the purchase of four existing parcels; the former Walgreens facility and site including the Hiawatha Dental office and The Family & Children's Counseling Services at 135-147 Main Street, Owego, NY, the current vacated converted residence at 67 Central Ave., Owego, NY, the parking lot at 55-65 Central Ave., and the parking lot at 153 Main Street, Owego, NY. Part of the proposed sales agreement is that the County will hold a short-term lease for the current liquor store and a long-term lease for Hiawatha Dental office and The Family & Children's Counseling Services. The acquisition will not have an impact on the immediate operations of either business.

"A new administrative County Office building at this location will provide an incredible opportunity for the following: providing the public with a single, modern and accessible location for county services, improving operational and space efficiencies across departments, modernizing and centralizing County IT infrastructure thus improving reliability, cybersecurity, and digital service delivery,

expanding of convenient ADA accessible parking for residents conducting county business, increasing daily foot traffic within walking distance of the downtown Owego shops, restaurants, and marketplace, and the potential development of the current county facility at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY as a future taxable property.

“Financially, this project is built on long-term planning. Several years ago, the Legislature had the foresight to establish a legal reserve specifically for the use of future construction or a major rehabilitation of a county facility. That foresight will allow this project to initially move forward using funds already set aside for this exact intended purpose, reducing any immediate impact to the County tax levy. As the project progresses into the design and construction phases, the County will consider bonding as part of the balance capital financial strategy and any such decision would come before this Legislature for a separate approval. The County has also applied for and was awarded \$1 million dollars in matching ESD funds in the first-ever round of the New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program, which will be applied to and help offset the anticipated cost for this project. The County is also actively researching and preparing for the second round of the New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program once it becomes open to applicants.

“The County is also mindful of the impact that removing a property from the tax roll will have on its residents. Anytime a municipality acquires property, the shift in taxable value is shared across the remaining properties. The County acknowledges that concern openly, however, this project will create a unique offsetting benefit. Once County operations are relocated, the current County Office Building at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY can be made available for private redevelopment to create a market rate housing opportunity that meets a well-documented need in the community. When that redevelopment occurs, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY will have the opportunity to return to the tax roll as a revenue generating property. That transition can help to counterbalance the impact of the new site coming off the tax roll while also bringing new residents and new economic activity into the downtown area. This is similar to what the County has done previously with the selling of 231 Main Street, Owego, NY and the former county jail facility.

“In addition to the operational improvements, this relocation strengthens downtown vitality and supports local businesses while turning a vacant property into a productive long-term asset for the community and for Tioga County residents. While a timeline is not yet known, consistent financial and construction updates of the project progress will be made publicly available to residents on a regular basis.

“This late-file resolution reflects the timing realities of negotiations and due-diligence, but the underlying discussions, evaluations, and planning have been

ongoing for years. This is not a sudden decision. It is a strategic investment by the Tioga County Legislature grounded in responsible financial planning, infrastructure modernization, and a commitment to delivering high quality public service to the public for decades to come. Thank you.”

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Roberts, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Sauerbrey, and Flesher.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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