



Tioga County Worksession Minutes

March 20, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Legislators Present:

Legislator Brown
Legislator Ciotoli
Legislator Flesher
Legislator Monell
Legislator Mullen
Legislator Roberts
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey
Legislator Standinger – (arrived at 10:19 a.m.)

Legislators Absent:

Legislator Bunce

Guests:

Matt Freeze, Morning Times

Staff present:

Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Jackson D. Bailey II, County Administrator
Stephanie Baldwin, Deputy Legislative Clerk
Linda Parke, Personnel Officer
Brittany Woodburn, Director of Economic Development & Planning
Gary Hammond, Commissioner of Public Works

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Opposition Letter to Governor Hochul's Executive Order:

Chair Sauerbrey discussed Executive Order 47.3 which prohibits former New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision employees who were involved and participated in the recent strike from being hired by another county or local government agency, which will have adverse effects on their State retirement and benefits. There are numerous counties that are writing letters to the Governor and sharing concerns and lack of agreement.

Legislator Flesher stated there are four New York State Corrections Officers in his district affected by Governor Hochul's Executive Order. One of these families reached out to Legislator Flesher directly via email and expressed their concerns about this situation and how it is impacting their family.

Legislators Flesher, Monell, Brown, and Mullen shared different concerns that are impacting Correction Officers across New York State.

Chair Sauerbrey concluded that the purpose of this discussion was to determine if all Legislators were in favor of writing a letter to the Governor opposing the Executive Order.

On a straw poll vote, all Legislators were in favor of writing a letter of opposition to Governor Hochul regarding Executive Order 47.3. Legislators Bunce and Standing submitted their agreement in writing prior to today's meeting. Chair Sauerbrey and County Administrator Bailey will draft the letter from the full Legislature and also invite the Sheriff to sign.

Approval of Worksession Minutes: On motion of Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Monell, the March 6, 2025, minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items: There were no action items

Other:

Chamber of Commerce Outlook and Opportunities Forum: Chair Sauerbrey encouraged all Legislators to attend the Outlook and Opportunities Forum hosted by the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce at the Elks Club on March 27th at 2:00 p.m. The speakers at this event include representatives from Micron Technology.

Fixed Asset Policy: County Administrator Bailey discussed the revised County's Fixed Asset policy that was adopted in January. An actual fixed asset inventory has not been completed since before Munis. An email was sent to the fixed asset stewards in each Department from Janis Hopkins, Director of Assets and Record Management with a PDF inventory containing all recorded departmental fixed assets and requested updates to be submitted within the next two weeks. Mr. Bailey will be sending out a follow-up email to all Department Heads with information.

Executive Session:

Seven Legislators were in attendance until 10:19 a.m. when Legislator Standinger joined the meeting. County Administrator Bailey, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Commissioner of Public Works Hammond, and Economic Development & Planning Director Woodburn were also in attendance. Motion by Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli, to move into Executive Session for acquisition of real property at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried. Motion by Legislator Monell to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. Executive Session adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Baldwin

Deputy Legislative Clerk