

TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

**November 7, 2023**

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
  - Approval of minutes of October 3, 2023
  
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  - Planning
  - Sustainability Management
  
- OLD BUSINESS
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  - Grants
  - Economic/Community Development
  - Land Bank
  - Workforce Development
  - Planning
  - Sustainability Management
  - IDA
  - Misc.
  
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- PERSONNEL
  
- RESOLUTIONS
  - K35-Transfer Funds Solid Waste Budget
  - K36-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on Memo of Understanding with Tioga Co Soil and Water
  - K37-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on Memo of Understanding with Tioga Co IDA

K38-Reappoint Member (Powers) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

K39-Reappoint Member (Scanlon) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

K40-Reappoint Member (Shelp) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

K46-Reappoint Member (Bloodnick) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board

K47-Reappoint Member (Lawton) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board

K48-Reappoint Member (Whittemore) to Ag and Farmland Protection Board

- PROCLAMATIONS- N/A
- ADJOURNMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 3, 2023

### **ATTENDEES:**

**Legislators:** Barb Roberts, Dale Weston, Keith Flesher, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Peter DeWind

**Guests:** None

Committee Chair, Legislator Barb Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P):** Agenda and attachments previously emailed. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

### **I. MINUTES**

#### A. Approval of minutes of September 5, 2023

Legislator Roberts asked for approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2023 committee meeting. Legislator Weston made a motion to accept the September 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Legislator Flesher. All were in favor.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

The 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

#### A. 2023

1. Economic Development
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
2. Planning
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
3. Sustainability Management
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. Reports

1. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – No monthly report.
2. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report was distributed.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension – No monthly report.

4. Economic Development- Brittany Woodburn, Deputy Director - In keeping with staff reporting, Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Woodburn. Ms. Woodburn reported on the following:

Village of Owego Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)

- 14 projects administering and overseeing in the village; hoping 6 will be completed by the end of this year.
- 4 should be completed in the spring.
- 4 new projects under the fund are moving along; some are under construction and 1 is nearing completion.
- Aiming to wrap up the entire program by June 2024.

Restore NY

- Fuddy Duddy's/Riverhouse- A contractor has been selected, the design is almost finalized, and the owner is working on finalizing their budget and financing plan. They are looking to start construction after the first of the year; spring at the latest.
- Tioga Trails – This project is using DRI funds as well; focusing on getting that portion underway. RFP's to stabilize and repoint brick are out. Starting biweekly calls with the property owner and environmental testing is in process. Architectural drawings will be the next step.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Neighborhood Depot Project – Construction contract with Mancini has been signed. The groundbreaking ceremony will be on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00AM. Ms. Woodburn invited the committee.

Land Bank

- Renewed year two of the grant funding. Phase 1 program: \$100,000.00 to assist with operational expenses.
- Phase 2 program: awarded \$900,000.00 to assist in implementing 9 capital projects.
- 4 demolitions completed in the Village of Owego.
- A developer has been selected to assist with redevelopment of 10 Watson Avenue in Newark Valley; single family home rehab.
- Signed 2 deeds for properties in the Village of Waverly.
- Completed foundation repair on 437 Front St. in Owego.

Other

- The student house project through OACSD on 103 Liberty Street continues. Students worked 8-hour days, Monday through Friday, over the summer and were paid by the school district. Progress will slow down now that school has begun. Looking to acquire vacant properties for a new construction project to include students interested in architecture.
- Land Bank Board decided not to move forward with Providence Housing for the potential 12-unit project on the vacant lots the Land Bank owns on Temple & Liberty Street. They would like to look at a site plan for a possible single home development project in the future.



## B. Grants

### 1. Active Grants – Tioga County as the applicant

- a. CDBG- Racker Neighborhood Depot – Ms. Woodburn talked about earlier.
  - i. Assisting with paperwork
  - ii. Demos complete
  - iii. Groundbreaking – October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM; Ms. Tinney encouraged the full Legislature to attend.
- b. Restore NY- River House Confectionery and Mercantile – Ms. Woodburn talked about earlier.
  - i. Assisting with paperwork
- c. NYS Snowmobile- Countywide Phase I & Phase III
  - i. Updated agreement status – The snowmobile club members have come back with questions; the agreement may have to be revised. Mr. Lanning has taken over managing the snowmobile grant process.
- d. ARC- Update Countywide Strategic Plan
  - i. Department Head meetings were held on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Work Plan updates will be made because of the Department Head meetings.
  - iii. Draft Plan by October – Ms. Jardine will be attending the Legislative Worksession on October 19<sup>th</sup> to give an update. A draft plan will be brought forward in the near future.
  - iv. Legislative review  
Legislative Chair Sauerbrey reported that this strategic plan is very important and is requesting the legislature review the plan stating the consultants need to meet and review the plan with the legislature. Because of this, the date for the draft plan will be pushed out and commented Ms. Jardine is doing a great job bringing this all together.
- e. NYPA- EV charging stations – Ms. Tinney reported Dr. Pratt attended a meeting this morning and mentioned an easement will be required. The project is moving along.
- f. DEC- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program
  - i. Permission to apply for annual funding – Ms. Tinney reminded this committee that part of this funding goes towards Dr. Pratt's salary. The resolution for consideration is listed below.
- g. Restore NY- Tioga Trails – Ms. Woodburn reported on this earlier.
  - i. Assisting with paperwork

2. Active Grants- Tioga County is not the applicant – Ms. Tinney reported there was no assistance provided to municipalities or community organizations this month, therefore there is no spreadsheet in the committee packet.

## C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego – Ms. Woodburn reported on earlier.
  - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration
2. Village of Waverly – Ms. Tinney attended the following meetings:
  - a. NY Forward- Local Planning Committee had their 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

- b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Engagement meeting was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 55 people were in attendance and provided input on proposed projects. Next meeting is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Town of Nichols Broadband Project – Free installation has been extended to November 17<sup>th</sup>. Final numbers from Southern Tier Network will change due to the extension.
- D. Land Bank
  - 1. 4 demos- Village of Owego – Ms. Woodburn reported on earlier.
  - 2. 81 North Ave. - Waiting for a response on the NY Main Street grant funding request.
  - 3. NY Main Street, Candor- Post renovation environmental testing is complete. Ms. Schnabl is working on the final paperwork.
- E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning continues to work on the following:
  - 1. Talent Supply Table
    - a. Scheduling individual school meetings
    - b. Career Center Partnerships; in negotiations at present.  
BT BOCES and Owego Apalachin School partnership is moving forward. A lease has been signed. BOCES will offer classes for students as well as provide adult education.
- F. Planning – Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
  - 1. Countywide Strategic Plan/ARC grant administration
  - 2. Assisting on the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo planned for November.
  - 3. Providing DRI assistance
  - 4. Town of Newark Valley site plan review- Ms. Jardine has provided assistance with procedures and applications.
  - 5. Attending NYS DEC Transportation Listening Sessions/CCE Tompkins - Next meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Village Waverly. Ms. Jardine's role is to facilitate and attend meetings.
  - 6. Town of Richford Solar Energy Law revision assistance.
- G. Sustainability Management – Dr. Pratt continues to work on the following:
  - 1. Continuing assistance with municipalities on E-Waste & Clean-Up events
    - a. Town of Nichols events on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Village of Waverly/Town of Barton- Events to be held in November.
  - 2. Reducing waste educational videos
  - 3. Improving website to coordinate with NYSDEC changes.
  - 4. Borrow-a-Bin – Successful program; 6 events this year.
  - 5. Compost bins and Soil & Water MOU- Working though financial logistics for this project.
  - 6. Local Solid Waste Management Plan
    - a. Draft plan provided to EDP Legislative Committee for review; no comments so far.
    - b. The draft plan will be submitted to NYSDEC by October 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - c. Source Separation Local Law is in the committee packet for review. This law requires registration by haulers to track what is being done. Legislator Roberts will introduce the Local Law and there is a resolution to set the public hearing for October 19<sup>th</sup>. A resolution to adopt the Local Law will be in November.



Not on the agenda, Legislator Flesher asked if we ever do mobile shredding. Ms. Tinney responded that we did not offer this, but sometimes local banks provide this service. Ms. Tinney will ask Dr. Pratt about this and see if she can possibly come up with a shredding event. Legislator Flesher suggested the possibility of a shared event between municipalities due to the cost. Ms. Tinney will follow up.

Also, not on the agenda, Ms. Tinney announced that Taylor has been acquired by Casella. Dr. Pratt attended the open house, adding this might open up possibilities.

#### H. IDA

- i. Revised Sun East solar PILOT requests:
  - Allow for an increase in the sales tax exemption, and
  - Include mortgage recording tax exemption.

The IDA held a public hearing last week regarding these requests and nobody was in attendance. At the next IDA Board meeting, Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, they will vote to consider the change to the PILOT Agreement. Real Property Tax schedule will not change.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Economic/Community Development

1. Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission- Ms. Jardine is willing to fill the vacancy previously held by Abbey Ortu. Resolution listed below.

#### B. Presentations – No presentations this month.

#### C. Land Bank

1. Ms. Woodburn attended the NY Land Bank Association Annual Conference.

#### D. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning worked on the following:

1. Workforce Development Disability Awareness Training event
2. Y-ON Coalition - Continued partnership; meeting attended.
3. Attended the Greater Binghamton Clean Energy Summit
4. Youth Council- Meeting attended; continues to work on partnership.

#### E. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – None this month.

Not on the agenda, Ms. Tinney reported that Ms. Jardine will be working with the Ag and Farmland Protection Board as they investigate a partnership with a land trust on a grant application. This would assist our local farmers in negotiating leases and the generational transfer of farms. A request will be brought forward in November to use funds from the Planning Budget, about \$2,000.00, as a match for the grant request. This will make for a stronger application. More information to follow.

Also, not on the agenda, there is a public hearing scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. By way of social media there seems to be interest, therefore public input is expected.

#### F. Sustainability Management

1. 2023 YTD – The numbers below are corrected from last month:
  - a. Paid to Broome County
    - i. HHW= \$8,849.25

- ii. E-Waste= \$3,684.10
- b. Towns/County (EWaste)= \$345.60

**V. PERSONNEL** – Nothing to report this month.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS (3)**

J05-Transfer Funds 2023 Solid Waste Budget

J14-Filing of an Application for DEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) Program

J15-Recommend Member (EJardine) to the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward. The vote to support the above resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes

Legislator Weston – yes

Legislator Flesher – yes

Legislator Mullen – yes

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning





# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2023 11

ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>A6422 Economic Development</b>							
A6422 411132 Tax On Hotel/Motel	-30,000	0	-30,000	-34,717.69	.00	4,717.69	115.7%
A6422 412890 Other Gen Gov. Inc	-100,000	0	-100,000	-36,670.08	.00	-63,329.92	36.7%*
A6422 412891 Other General Gov.	0	0	0	-13,726.86	.00	13,726.86	100.0%
A6422 419890 Contribution To Ec	-20,000	0	-20,000	-16,750.00	.00	-3,250.00	83.8%*
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-25,000	0	-25,000	-18,750.00	.00	-6,250.00	75.0%*
A6422 437170 State Aid- Adminis	0	0	0	-52,055.16	.00	52,055.16	100.0%
A6422 510010 Full Time	295,458	0	295,458	240,044.70	.00	55,413.30	81.2%
A6422 510020 Part Time/Temporar	12,553	0	12,553	10,015.05	.00	2,537.95	79.8%
A6422 520090 Computer	0	4,448	4,448	4,389.59	.00	58.41	98.7%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	-100	2,900	2,139.54	.00	760.46	73.8%
A6422 540040 Books	450	100	550	451.43	.00	98.57	82.1%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	965.52	.00	1,034.48	48.3%
A6422 540180 Dues	400	200	600	508.00	.00	92.00	84.7%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	44.86	.00	105.14	29.9%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,320	800	2,120	961.58	.00	1,158.42	45.4%
A6422 540360 Meals/Food	750	0	750	142.18	.00	607.82	19.0%
A6422 540390 Mileage Expense	0	100	100	28.75	.00	71.25	28.8%
A6422 540420 Office Supplies	1,280	0	1,280	557.56	.00	722.44	43.6%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	68.67	.00	311.33	18.1%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	199.99	.00	1,300.01	13.3%
A6422 540487 Program Expense-WD	100,000	-900	99,100	2,086.27	.00	97,013.73	2.1%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	20,000	-800	19,200	500.00	.00	18,700.00	2.6%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	740	0	740	643.35	.00	96.65	86.9%
A6422 540733 Training/All other	5,000	-3,848	1,152	600.00	.00	552.00	52.1%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	15,206	0	15,206	25,376.79	.00	-10,170.39	166.9%*
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	22,030	0	22,030	19,255.21	.00	2,774.56	87.4%
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	8,944	0	8,944	6,365.88	.00	2,577.82	71.2%
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	384	0	384	281.66	.00	102.78	73.3%
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	56,915	0	56,915	55,014.02	.00	1,900.89	96.7%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	88	0	88	79.08	.00	8.72	90.1%
TOTAL Economic Development	373,648	0	373,648	198,049.89	.00	175,598.13	53.0%
TOTAL General Fund	373,648	0	373,648	198,049.89	.00	175,598.13	53.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-175,000	0	-175,000	-172,669.79	.00	-2,330.21	
TOTAL EXPENSES	548,648	0	548,648	370,719.68	.00	177,928.34	



**Tioga County**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT**

FOR 2023 11

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	373,648	0	373,648	198,049.89	.00	175,598.13	53.0%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
A General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
<b>A8020 Planning</b>							
A8020 449020 ARC23 Federal Aid-P	0	-25,000	-25,000	-4,892.60	.00	-20,107.40	19.6%*
A8020 510010 Full Time	156,482	0	156,482	126,390.63	.00	30,091.37	80.8%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	73.14	.00	126.86	36.6%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	131.00	.00	469.00	21.8%
A8020 540140 Contracting Servic	22,000	0	22,000	5,245.75	.00	16,754.25	23.8%
A8020 540140 ARC23 Contracting S	0	50,000	50,000	39,140.80	.00	10,859.20	78.3%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	100	900	826.00	.00	74.00	91.8%
A8020 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	52.77	.00	147.23	26.4%
A8020 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A8020 540360 Meals/Food	190	0	190	.00	.00	190.00	.0%
A8020 540390 Mileage Expense	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540420 Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A8020 540480 Postage	900	0	900	34.95	.00	865.05	3.9%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	1,175.20	.00	3,699.80	24.1%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	280.88	.00	319.12	46.8%
A8020 540733 Training/All other	1,200	-100	1,100	50.00	.00	1,050.00	4.5%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	11,872	0	11,872	10,671.97	.00	1,200.41	89.9%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	10,535	0	10,535	9,608.49	.00	926.32	91.2%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	2,449	0	2,449	2,154.90	.00	293.78	88.0%
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	136	0	136	115.06	.00	20.66	84.8%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	44,033	0	44,033	38,154.84	.00	5,878.63	86.6%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	29	0	29	27.06	.00	2.06	92.9%
TOTAL Planning	260,401	25,000	285,401	229,240.84	.00	56,160.34	80.3%
TOTAL General Fund	260,401	25,000	285,401	229,240.84	.00	56,160.34	80.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-25,000	-25,000	-4,892.60	.00	-20,107.40	
TOTAL EXPENSES	260,401	50,000	310,401	234,133.44	.00	76,267.74	



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GRAND TOTAL	260,401	25,000	285,401	229,240.84	.00	56,160.34	80.3%

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A General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
<b>A8160 Refuse &amp; Garbage</b>							
A8160 439892 Solid waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	.0%*
A8160 510010 Fulltime	64,227	0	64,227	51,876.20	.00	12,350.80	80.8%
A8160 520280 Tools Large/ Power	0	4,350	4,350	2,128.94	.00	2,221.08	48.9%
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	3,500	11,000	6,804.01	1,079.25	3,116.74	71.7%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	0	175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%
A8160 540270 Insurance-Liabilit	1,355	0	1,355	.00	.00	1,355.00	.0%
A8160 540320 Leased/Service Equ	0	2,000	2,000	262.03	.00	1,737.97	13.1%
A8160 540390 Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420 Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	775.79	.00	1,224.21	38.8%
A8160 540444 Permits, Fees, Ins	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A8160 540480 Postage	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8160 540487 Program Expense-Re	0	500	500	51.00	.00	449.00	10.2%
A8160 542140 Contracting Servic	100,000	-5,500	94,500	13,350.00	.00	81,150.00	14.1%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	18,982.86	.00	56,017.14	25.3%
A8160 542485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A8160 542640 Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	-500	10,500	7,546.57	.00	2,953.43	71.9%
A8160 542680 Tires	3,900	0	3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%
A8160 581088 State Retirement F	7,587	0	7,587	5,835.06	.00	1,751.94	76.9%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	4,396	0	4,396	4,006.34	.00	389.66	91.1%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	1,411	0	1,411	1,077.34	.00	333.66	76.4%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	113	0	113	57.42	.00	55.58	50.8%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	9,585	0	9,585	9,443.06	.00	141.94	98.5%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	115	0	115	13.42	.00	101.58	11.7%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	260,331	4,350	264,681	122,210.04	1,079.25	141,391.48	46.6%
TOTAL General Fund	260,331	4,350	264,681	122,210.04	1,079.25	141,391.48	46.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	290,331	4,350	294,681	122,210.04	1,079.25	171,391.48	



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GRAND TOTAL	260,331	4,350	264,681	122,210.04	1,079.25	141,391.48	46.6%
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## Tioga County Tourism October 2023

### **DRI Wayfinding Sign Project**

Sign content was finalized by the steering committee and a sub-committee of the Village of Owego Board. Fabrication and installation plans are being created.

### **Recruitment Website**

The recruitment website is being finalized. The timeline has been extended to ensure that it is dynamic and sustainable for maintenance by TCT and TC ED&P. Final revisions to the layout and content is pending.

### **1903 Anniversary Endurance Rally Event**

TCT is partnering with Stateline Auto to organize an event that to commemorate the 1903 Endurance Rally that went from NYC to Ohio and passed through Tioga County. TC GIS created a map of a loop that drivers can traverse through the Southern part of the county in vintage or modern cars. TCT will provide branding and promotional material that includes tourism information to encourage drivers to stop for lunch, shopping and at different points of interest. We will also be creating a historic audio tour.

### **Southern Tier Paddle Trail**

The Southern Tier Paddle Trail project has reached a new phase, with branding, marketing and signage being a priority. An EDA grant of \$250,000 has been secured to fund these tasks and the group has chosen to contract with 2K, a marketing firm out of upstate NY. Becca is on the steering committee that will be guiding this forward. The next phase will begin in October, with the firm visiting the area and photographers coming to take fall pictures.

### **NY Forward**

Becca is serving on the steering committee for the Waverly NY Forward grant. TCT assisted with promoting community engagement sessions. The call for projects has been extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Department of Labor Day Out**

Planning has begun for the Department of Labor's annual day out, which will be on October 6th. Lori is leading the organization of this event which typically brings over 100 people to downtown Owego to shop, dine and participate in tours.

### **Tioga County Travel Guide**

TCT is putting together content for the 2024 Travel Guide. The project timeline is set for design completion in October and printing in November.





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## **October 2023 CCE Tioga Highlights**

### **Prepared for Tioga County Legislature Update**

#### **Organizational Updates:**

- On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, two board members were re-elected and five new board members were elected to the Board of Directors at CCE Tioga's Annual Meeting by the CCE membership. They are Danielle Singer and KC Mandeville, reelected, and Debbie Lawton, Rebecca Maffei, Melissa Cavataio, Kelly Whitmore and Don Kosztyo, as newly elected board members beginning January 2024.
- We are in the process of filling open staff positions in Ag and 4-H.
- Longtime Ag Educator Barb Neal will retire on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We celebrated Barb's long years of serving the public and especially the ag community at our Open House on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board of Directors has begun the search process for an Executive Director. Kevin Jordan, a retired CCE Executive Director from Jefferson County is supporting the Association on an interim basis until the position is filled.

#### **Hilltop Community Farm:**

- We hosted a press conference on September 16<sup>th</sup> to highlight the new system livestock handling system. This is a collaboration paid for with grant funding through NYCAM, New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. Several agencies and organizations were in attendance including NY Ag & Markets, NYS Labor Dept., NYCAMH, Candor Schools, and the NYS Assembly Ag Committee Chair, Donna Lupardo.
  - We held our Open House /Annual Meeting on Saturday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. While the weather was a bit damp and chilly, we had great participation from the public who were warmly welcomed to Hilltop Community Farm by the board and staff. Stations were set up around the perimeter of the riding arena, profiling all of CCE's programs.
  - We want to thank all the volunteers who participated in construction of the initial phase of the Natural Playscape at the farm on September 30. This project is funded by two generous gifts from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club.
  - With public schools back in session again, we are hosting students interns from Candor and Spencer- Van Etten Districts this year in addition to hosting Candors Ag class again this year.
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## 4- H

- The 4-H Youth Awards were held at the Open House on October 14th. This was a return, after the pandemic, to this longstanding tradition of recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of our 4-H youth.
- Two 4-H youth, Jamison Thompson and Kylie Estrella were awarded scholarships by our Board of Directors to attend national youth conferences this November. We are so proud of Jamison and Kylie who will each represent our local Association and NYS at their respective conferences.

### Beginning Farmer Incubator Program

- Ag Educator Jared Gulliford was invited to present at the USDA Annual Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Denver. He presented on our local Beginning Farmer Incubator Program funded by USDA providing a great opportunity to profile this ongoing project to senior officials at USDA.

### Campus Connections

- CCE Tioga is partnering with Cornell University on a research project focused on the feasibility of growing rice in colder climates. The project is a multi-season study at our Hilltop Community Farm location that will collaborate with Cornell faculty who are studying the feasibility of growing, harvesting and drying rice in the area climate.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Kevin J. Jordan  
Interim Executive Director



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REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE  
LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AMEND 2023 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Solid Waste's Sustainability Manager has funds from a Clean Energy Communities grant; and

WHEREAS: These funds are for energy efficiency and clean energy equipment; and

WHEREAS: Buildings & Grounds determined purchasing LED Parking Lot Area Lights for HHS parking lot is the best use of these funds and amending of Budget and Transfer of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the transfer of \$2,351.93 and appropriate funds as follows:

From: A8160 520280	Tools Large/Power	\$2,221.08
From: A8160 542640	Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 130.85
To: A8160 520130	Equipment (Not Car)	\$2,351.93

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR  
SIGNATURE ON MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH TIOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS: Sustainability, as part of the Reduce, Reuse Recycle Program, would like to purchase one hundred (100) Orbis 80 Gallon Earth Machine Composters to sell at cost to residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Sustainability does not have the space needed to house the composters; and

WHEREAS: Soil and Water has offered to house said Orbis 80 Gallon Earth Machine Composters to residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Sustainability and Soil and Water have agreed that Soil and Water shall house and distribute said composters to the residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County and the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District are desirous of having a Memo of Understanding with regard to this agreement in place; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature agrees to authorize the Legislative Chair to sign the Memo of Understanding between the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and Tioga County.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE  
ON MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TIOGA  
COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) will execute the contract with Deluge for professional services for public relations/social media; and

WHEREAS: The professional services will be split between TCIDA, Tioga County Property Development Corporation, Tioga County Economic Development & Planning Department, and Tioga County Sustainability; and

WHEREAS: The TCIDA will invoice the following Departments for 2023 and 2024 as follows:

Tioga County Property Development Corporation: \$1,250 for 2023 and \$1,718.18 for 2024

Tioga County Economic Development: \$1,250 for 2023 and \$1,718.18 for 2024

Tioga County Planning: \$1,250 for 2023 and \$429.55 for 2024

Tioga County Sustainability: \$2,695 for 2023 and \$3,865.91 for 2024

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency are desirous of having a Memo of Understanding with regard to this agreement in place; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature agrees to authorize the Legislative Chair to sign the Memo of Understanding between the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, Tioga County, and Tioga County Property Development Corporation.



REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

REAPPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
BROOME-TIOGA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS: Chris Powers' position on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board representing the Private Sector is up for reappointment for a term of 3 years; and

WHEREAS: Chris Powers has agreed to continue to serve for a three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint Chris Powers to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

REAPPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
BROOME-TIOGA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS: J. Brian Scanlon's position on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board representing the Private Sector is up for reappointment for a term of 3 years; and

WHEREAS: J. Brian Scanlon has agreed to continue to serve for a three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint J. Brian Scanlon to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

REAPPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
BROOME-TIOGA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS: Karen Shelp's position on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board representing the Private Sector is up for reappointment for a term of 3 years; and

WHEREAS: Karen Shelp has agreed to continue to serve for a three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint Karen Shelp to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

REFERRED TO:

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND  
PROTECTION BOARD

WHEREAS: Lisa Bloodnick's term on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board serving in an Active Farmer position expires as of 12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS: Lisa Bloodnick is willing and able to serve another term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint Lisa Bloodnick to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, for the four-year term of 1/1/24 – 12/31/27.



REFERRED TO:

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND  
PROTECTION BOARD

WHEREAS: Tim Lawton's term on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board serving in an Active Farmer position expires as of 12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS: Tim Lawton is willing and able to serve another term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint Tim Lawton to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, for the four-year term of 1/1/24 – 12/31/27.

REFERRED TO:

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

RE-APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND  
PROTECTION BOARD

WHEREAS: Ben Whittemore's term on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board serving in an Active Farmer position expires as of 12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS: Ben Whittemore is willing and able to serve another term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby reappoint Ben Whittemore to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, for the four-year term of 1/1/24 – 12/31/27.