



## **Tioga County Legislative Worksession Minutes** **December 5, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Legislators Present:**

Legislator Balliet  
Legislator Hollenbeck  
Legislator Mullen  
Legislator Roberts  
Legislator Standinger  
Legislator Sullivan  
Legislator Weston

### **Legislators Absent:**

Legislator Monell  
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey

### **Guests:**

Matt Freeze, Reporter, Morning Times (*arrived @ 1:12 p.m.*)

### **Staff Present:**

County Attorney Peter DeWind (*arrived @ 1:02 p.m.*)  
Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell  
Deputy Legislative Clerk Cheryl Heffernan  
Chief Accountant/Budget Officer Rita Hollenbeck (*arrived @ 1:02 p.m.*)  
Personnel Officer Bethany O'Rourke

### **Call Meeting to Order –**

Deputy Chair Hollenbeck called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Legislator Hollenbeck welcomed and introduced Cheryl Heffernan as the new Deputy Legislative Clerk.

### **Approval of Worksession Minutes – November 21, 2019 -**

Legislator Weston motioned to approve the November 21, 2019 Legislative Worksession minutes as written, seconded by Legislator Roberts with Legislators Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, and Weston voting yes with Legislators Monell and Sauerbrey being absent. Motion carried.

### **Action Items -**

Currently, there are no action items.



**Legislative Support – Legislative Clerk Haskell -**

**Approval of Legislative Support Committee Minutes – November 7, 2019:**

Legislator Weston motioned to approve the November 7, 2019 Legislative Support Committee minutes as written, seconded by Legislator Balliet with Legislators Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, and Weston voting yes with Legislators Monell and Sauerbrey being absent. Motion carried.

Legislative Clerk Haskell reported the following:

- The December Legislative Meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hubbard Auditorium. Finance/Legal Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room.
- Legislator Balliet will do the prayer, pledge, and start the voting process at the December 10, 2019 Legislature meeting.
- Attended Leaders Meeting on November 20, 2019.
- Personnel – Deputy Legislative Clerk, Cheryl Heffernan started on December 2, 2019.

**Proclamations (2) –**

- ***Candor Varsity Girls Volleyball Team*** – This resolution will be read and presented by Legislator Standinger at the December 10, 2019 Legislature meeting.
- ***National Influenza Vaccination Week*** – This resolution has been read and presented in years past, therefore, will just be noted in the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Legislature meeting.

**Resolutions –** All resolutions were reviewed for Legislature consideration at the December 10, 2019 Legislature meeting with the following discussion noted:

- ***Resolution to approve a contract between Tioga County Probation Department and Cayuga Counseling Service, Inc.*** – Legislator Mullen reported this is the second year Probation has contracted services for Juvenile Delinquents and Raise the Age Youth. Although the contract cost is fairly high, Legislator Mullen reported the litany of services provided results in a cost savings.
- ***Adopt County Budget for 2020, Appropriations and Salary Schedule*** – Budget Officer Hollenbeck distributed copies of the 2020 salary schedule.
- ***Transfer Fund Budget Modification Mental Hygiene*** – Legislator Sullivan commended the department in maintaining their budget by way of vacant positions and funds within their department.
- ***Appropriation of Funds Mental Hygiene and Amend 2019 Budget*** – Ms. Haskell reported she received this resolution just prior to today's meeting, therefore

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it did not go through the Health and Human Services Committee meeting. Committee members acknowledged discussion occurred at the Health and Human Services Committee this week and that a resolution was forthcoming. All Legislators were in favor of adding the resolution to the meeting packet for Legislature consideration at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Legislature meeting.

- **2020 Staff Changes Public Health** – Legislator Sullivan reported the creation of the new dental positions was more cost effective than continuing the contractual arrangement. Legislator Sullivan reported it will be important to monitor this arrangement for continued cost savings.
- **Board Reappointments** – Legislator Sullivan inquired about the possibility of combining the respective board appointments either on one resolution or moving the resolutions as a block. Legislator Roberts reported he is not in favor of either option. Ms. Haskell reported these resolutions do not require a roll call, therefore, Legislator Sullivan was fine with individual resolutions.
- **Imploring the State of New York to Immediately Amend or Delay Implementation or Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that Will Endanger the People of New York and Reverse Decades of Bipartisan Progress in reducing Crime** – Ms. Haskell reported this is a scaled down version of Warren County’s resolution that other counties were also adopting. Ms. Haskell reported Chair Sauerbrey thought it was important to state our position on this topic. All Legislators were in favor of moving this resolution forward.

**Late-File Resolutions** – Ms. Haskell reported she anticipates one late-file resolution from the Treasurer’s Office for the Finance/Legal Committee on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Other – None**

## **Executive Session –**

With no confidential topics for discussion, Executive Session was not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Next worksession scheduled for **Tuesday, December 17, 2019\***, at 10:00 a.m.

**\*Please note the date change.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Cheryl Heffernan*

*Deputy Legislative Clerk*