

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 Standinger 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 30th 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 30th 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 *URGE NYS TO FUND STATE-MANDATED
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 8-YEAR REVIEWS
UNDER AGM LAW ARTICLE 25-AA*

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

*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*

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 18th, 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 & 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.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 117-25 *AWARD BID FOR TANDEM TRUCK*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works budgeted for 2 Tandem Trucks; and

WHEREAS: On March 5, 2025 the Department of Public Works received 1 sealed bid from the following vendor:

Burr Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., Vestal NY **\$657,812.00**

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to Burr Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., Vestal NY not to exceed \$328,906.00 per truck for a total of \$657,812.00 to be paid out of Account H5130.521908.

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 Monell.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 118-25 *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 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 Chair of the County Legislature is authorized to execute a contract between Tioga County and Yoder Communications, LLC setting forth the rights and obligations of the parties consistent with the proposal submitted by Yoder Communications, LLC 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 Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Roberts.

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 136-25 ABOLISH POSITION IN LAW DEPARTMENT AND
CREATE POSITION IN TREASURER'S OFFICE;
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LAW BUDGET TO
TREASURER BUDGET

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to abolish and create positions within Tioga County employment; and

WHEREAS: Budget modifications and transfer of funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the position of Paralegal in the Law Department currently held by Kevin Humes be and hereby is abolished effective March 7th, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Law Department's authorized 2025 full-time headcount is decreased from 9 to 8; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the position of Paralegal be created in the Treasurer's Office effective March 8th, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Office authorized 2025 full-time headcount is increased from 7 to 8; and be it further

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 8th, 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.