



## **Tioga County Worksession Minutes** **January 6, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Legislators Present:**

Legislator Brown  
Legislator Ciotoli  
Legislator Hollenbeck  
Legislator Mullen  
Legislator Roberts  
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey  
Legislator Standingger  
Legislator Weston

### **Legislators Absent:**

Legislator Monell

### **Guests:**

Attorney Roemer (Via Phone)

### **Staff present:**

County Attorney Peter DeWind  
Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell  
Deputy Legislative Clerk Amy Eiklor  
LeeAnn Tinney, Director of ED&P  
Bethany O'Rourke, Personnel Officer  
Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Director

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the **Second Special Legislative Meeting** for Legislature consideration of the following:

- **Introduction of Local Law Introductory No. A of 2022**
- **Schedule Public Hearing-Local Law Introductory No. A of 2022**
- **Introduction of Local Law Introductory No. B of 2022**
- **Schedule Public Hearing-Local Law Introductory No. B of 2022**

Legislative Clerk Haskell took roll call. Legislator Weston led in the prayer, pledge, and voting process. Special Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. with regular worksession immediately following.

**Executive Session:** Eight Legislators were present with Legislator Monell being absent. County Attorney DeWind, Personnel Officer O'Rourke, and Legislative Clerk Haskell remained in attendance. Motion by Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 1:05 p.m. Motion carried. Executive Session adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

**Approval of Worksession Minutes:** On motion of Legislator Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Standinger, the December 9, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Action Items:** Currently, we have none.

**Legislative Support:** Legislative Clerk Haskell asked for approval of the December 9, 2021 Legislative Support committee minutes. On motion of Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Standinger and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

Legislative Clerk Haskell reported the following:

- The Legislative Office used 93% of the 2021 Budget.
- 2022 Countywide Shared Services Plan was submitted on 12/20/21.
- There will be two resolutions presented at the January 11, 2022 Regular Legislature Meeting that will appoint two members to the Board of Ethics. There will be two vacancies on the Board of Ethics as of March 2022.
- Ms. Haskell will be participating in Leadership Tioga 2022
- Two Public Hearings will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in regards to the two Local Laws that were introduced on January 6, 2022.
- The two Local Laws are expected to be adopted at the Third Special Legislative Meeting on January 20, 2022.

**Resolutions:** Ms. Haskell reviewed the agenda and resolutions for the January 11, 2022 Legislature meeting with discussion occurring on the following:

- ***Appoint Member to Board of Ethics:*** Jenny Ceccherelli will be appointed to the Board of Ethics and would like to accept her resolution, in person, at the January 11, 2022 meeting.
- ***Purchasing Quote Exemption for Use of Local Newspapers, Billboards, & Radio Advertising for Tioga County Departments:*** Ms. Haskell explained this resolution applies to all departments. It states that Tioga County departments be allowed to advertise as needed with local newspaper, billboard and radio agencies without acquiring three quotes. Agencies include Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Owego Pennysaver, Morning Times, Tioga County Courier, Press & Sun-Bulletin (Gannett CNY Newspapers) and Radigan Broadcasting Group.
- ***Authorization for the Department of Economic Development and Planning to Submit an Application and Administer a USDA Reconnect Grant for Town of Nichols Broadband Project:*** Ms. Haskell reported the Legislative Office received notification that the Department of Economic Development and Planning would like to pull this resolution.

Director of Economic Development and Planning, LeeAnn Tinney, stated the grant requires that the applicant must own the infrastructure. At this time, the Town of Nichols does not want to own the fiber. Ms. Tinney asked to pull the resolution from the packet. There were no objections and the resolution will not be presented this month.

- **Award Design Services to Delta Engineers for Chiller Replacement at PSB:** Ms. Haskell explained Budget Officer, Jackson Bailey, added a special code to the resolution. The funds for this resolution are to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which needs to be documented and tracked. When ARPA funds are expended, the project code will be attached to easily identify the funds are coming from ARPA.
- **Transfer of Funds 2021 Budget Modification Veterans' Service Agency:** Ms. Haskell reported this resolution is for the transfer of funds and noted the purchase is not tax payer funded, but entirely grant funded.
- **Change Reference to "Non-Union" Employee Group to "Management/Confidential":** Ms. Haskell stated a Labor Union representative asked that the "non-union" employee group now be referred to as the "Management/Confidential" employee group. Use of the prior label may be misconstrued as the County favoring either union or non-union employees. After the resolution is adopted, all policies, forms, procedures, etcetera which reference the "Non-Union" employee group be referred to as "Management/Confidential" employee group.

### Other:

- **E911 Surcharge:** Chair Sauerbrey explained the additional surcharge to be imposed on telephonic communication is necessary for safety reasons. The surcharge collected goes into an E911 fund, which is then used for upgrades to the 911 center and equipment. Legislators Mullen and Weston agreed that the additional surcharge is necessary for upgrading emergency communications and the safety of the residents of Tioga County.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Board:** Ms. Haskell reported Legislator Brown will be appointed to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board at the January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- **Legislative Liaison Openings:** Ms. Haskell stated there are additional positions available on various Boards. For example, Council of Governments (COG) and Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS), has positions available. Interested Legislators should reach out to Chair Sauerbrey.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Eiklor*

Deputy Legislative Clerk