**LEGAL/SAFETYCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –June 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Legislators Sauerbrey, Balliet, Roberts, Standinger, Mullen, Weston, Hollenbeck, Sullivan (via Zoom), County Attorney Peter DeWind, Jim McFadden, and Jackson Bailey.

ABSENT: Legislator Monell

Meeting convened at 5:25 p.m.

**Minutes** - On motion of Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Mullen and unanimously approved the minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Budget** – YTD tracking well.

**New Business**

* **Annual TTASC meeting:** The Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation had its annual meeting on June 3. The County received $50,579. We continue to receive an income stream. A lease is being entered into between Tioga County and Tioga TASC. Bond counsel has advised doing this for the past couple of years.
* **ILS Year 3 Budget:** This is for the $154,000 additional funds that is added each year to the prior year’s budgeted amount. The budget has been worked on, but it was found that changes are needed. Originally, a cushion was put in the year 3 budget because money is short at the end of the year and roll over to the next year doesn’t take place right away. However, the State won’t allow this so the budget is being re-worked. Although the budget was due in April, the State is ok with the delay
* **County’s insurance:** A meeting took place with One Group. They can do an analysis of the County’s coverage and coverage needs. The proposal for doing this would cost $10,000.

The annual insurance premium for 2020 was $407,800. We adjusted deductibles in order to keep the premium flat. However, deductibles can only be lowered to a certain amount, so an increase in the premium is probable.

Becoming self-insured or partially self-insured may be cheaper, but coverage may not be the same and defense of claims against the County may be denied. In addition, a position would have to be created for someone to handle the claims. NYMIR was created specifically for municipalities and their needs. Balancing services vs. cost savings should be considered.

Legislator Sullivan asked what the timeframe would be if the County did hire One Group to perform the analysis. Attorney DeWind stated they would provide a recommendation within 30 days. Legislator Roberts stated that he thinks it’s a good idea, but not at this time due to the budget restraints. It was the general consensus that this study should be put on hold.

* **Planning for Budget Changes:** In order to achieve the 10% budget cut of $5442.50, Law expenditure line items would have to be cut to zero or in half and Legal fees would be reduced to having approximately $50 for the rest of year. The budgeted amount for Legal fees is $50,000, $40,220 of this is allocated and encumbered for our contract with Roemer for labor relation matters. A budget transfer would have to be made to pay for any legal fees needed during the remainder of the year.
* **General Matters:**  Everything is getting back to normal with the usual work load. Juvenile cases that were put on hold are starting back up.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.