



## **Tioga County Worksession Minutes** **June 6, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Legislators Present:**

Legislator Brown  
Legislator Ciotoli  
Legislator Flesher  
Legislator Monell  
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey  
Legislator Standinger

### **Legislators Absent:**

Legislator Mullen  
Legislator Roberts

### **Guests:**

None

### **Staff Present:**

Peter DeWind, County Attorney  
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk  
Amy Eiklor, Deputy Legislative Clerk  
Linda Parke, Personnel Officer

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

**Executive Session- Attorney Roemer:** The Executive Session was not needed as it took place at the Personnel Committee Meeting.

**Approval of Worksession Minutes:** On motion of Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Brown, the May 23, 2024 minutes were approved.

### **Action Items:**

#### **[ACTION ITEM #1 – 5/23/24 Legislative Worksession – Confidential Databases/Software Programs](#)**

County Attorney DeWind is still in the process of gathering information on the confidential databases and software programs used by Tioga County employees. **This action item will be carried forward to the June 20, 2024 Legislative Worksession.**

## **ACTION ITEM #2 – 5/23/24 Legislative Worksession – Grant Document**

Chair Sauerbrey reported that Mr. Bailey will reach out to Department Heads and ask for a list of positions that are funded by grants. Legislative Clerk Haskell explained that Mr. Bailey included this in the 2025 Budget Directives. Department Heads were instructed to provide a list of positions funded by grants to their respective Legislative Standing Committees. The Budget Directive states that Department Heads must include the employee's title, name of the grant, original amount, start date, the remaining amount of the grant, and anticipated end date. Once all Departments have provided the information, Mr. Bailey will track the grant-funded positions moving forward.

**This action item will be carried forward to the June 20, 2024 Legislative Worksession.**

**Legislative Support:** Legislative Clerk Haskell will type the Legislative Support minutes and will be sent to the Legislators as a separate document.

**Resolutions:** Ms. Haskell reviewed the agenda and resolutions for the June 11, 2024 Legislature meeting with discussion occurring on the following:

- ***Resolution Calling on Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly to Reform the State's Competency Restoration Process and Support the Passage of S.1874 (Brook)/A.5063 (Gunther) in the 2024 Legislative Session:*** Ms. Haskell reported that the purpose of this resolution is to encourage New York State to lessen the time period in which it decides if defendants charged with felonies who are mentally ill, are able to be restored and competent enough to stand trial. The current process can take years to decide, and this resolution is requesting that process be completed in a matter of days. She explained that it costs Tioga County upwards of \$1,300 per day to house each individual. County Attorney DeWind stated that the concern is individuals go into the facilities and there is no incentive for the state to determine if the individual is competent enough to stand trial.
- ***Advocating Against OSHA Reforms in New York State for Firefighters:*** Ms. Haskell stated that Chair Sauerbrey received a request from a resident regarding OSHA reforms. Chair Sauerbrey explained that new OSHA regulations are extensive, and firefighters need more time to read through and understand them. Some of regulations do not apply to all firefighters. The purpose of the resolution is to express the opposition of the Tioga County Legislature to any OSHA reforms that do not adequately consider the concerns listed within the resolution.
- ***Approve Technical Assistance Provided by ED&P Staff:*** Ms. Haskell reported that this resolution was discussed at the ED&P Committee Meeting. The process for technical assistance is that the Director of ED&P will come to the Legislative Committee Meeting and review all the grants that ED&P staff are working on. If technical assistance is provided, a resolution is needed, and the Director of ED&P will bring forth a resolution.

## Other:

- **Letter of Support:** Chair Sauerbrey reported that the Tioga County Local Development Corporation is requesting a Letter of Support for an application for a sign to be constructed on the highway. The proposed sign will promote the Tioga Antiques Trail. On a straw poll vote, all Legislators in attendance were in favor. A Letter of Support will be drafted for Chair Sauerbrey's signature and sent to the Tioga County Local Development Corporation.
- **Tioga County Cemeteries:** Chair Sauerbrey reported that a volunteer from the Apalachin Cemetery stopped in the Legislative Office inquiring about help for cemeteries in Tioga County. The individual wants to make the Legislature aware of the financial struggle cemeteries are facing. The volunteer previously contacted ED&P regarding potential grants, but it was determined that there were no grants appropriate for cemeteries. Many cemeteries are small, privately owned, owned by associations, or owned by municipalities. Cemetery maintenance is causing a financial strain resulting in the abandonment of some cemeteries. As a result, the Towns and Villages are forced to take them over. The individual is concerned that Towns and Villages will not be able to maintain the cemeteries. Chair Sauerbrey wanted to make the Legislators aware that the volunteer is expected to speak during Privilege of the Floor at the June 11 Legislative Meeting.
- **Government Services Expo:** Chair Sauerbrey reminded the Legislators about the ribbon cutting at the Government Services Expo on June 21 at 10:30 a.m. She invited all the Legislators to attend the event, which will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:** With no confidential matters to discuss, an Executive Session was not needed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Eiklor*

Deputy Legislative Clerk