

Third Regular Meeting
March 10, 2026

The Third Regular Meeting of 2026 was held on March 10, 2026 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose and Standinger were present with Legislator Bunce being absent.

Chair Monell asked Legislator Cantella to have a moment of prayer. "Heavenly Father, we thank you for your goodness, your mercy, and your grace. Lord, we thank you for this land that we live in. We bless the land; we bless the people that call it home. Father, we ask that you would give this Legislative body wisdom, knowledge, and understanding and Lord, for all of those who work for the County we ask that you would give us a heart to serve the people for their good. Lord, we lift up the Bunce family to you this day and we ask that you would pour out your love and meet them in their time of grieving."

Legislator Cantella led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Monell asked everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence for two former employees who passed away last month.

Darrel French passed away on February 20, 2026. Darrel retired from the Department of Public Works on December 31, 2009.

Joan Hickey passed away on February 14, 2026. Joan retired from the Department of Social Services on April 13, 1990.

There were 28 people in attendance.

Chair Monell delivered the following State of the County Address:

"Good afternoon and thank you for being here today.

"It is both an honor and a responsibility to stand before you today and speak about the state of Tioga County. Our county government exists for one purpose — to serve the people of Tioga County — and the strength of our community is reflected in the work that takes place every day across our departments, our towns and villages, and among the dedicated public servants who keep our county moving forward. That is why I can stand in front of you today, and say, 'the state of Tioga County is strong'.

“Tioga County is a place defined by its people. We are a largely rural, agriculture-based community with a small population but a strong identity. Our residents are farmers, small business owners, tradespeople, and families who work hard every day to build better lives while maintaining the close-knit community that makes Tioga County special. And, having lived here my entire life, I can say that’s true. It is that spirit of hard work, resilience, and ‘neighbor helping neighbor’ that continues to shape our county and guide the work of our local government.

“It is my privilege to deliver the State of the County Address on behalf of the Tioga County Legislature. I would like to begin by thanking my fellow Legislators, the Legislative Clerk, Cathy Haskell, Deputy Legislative Clerk, Breige Graven, who joined us recently, our County Administrator, Jackson Bailey, our Department Heads, and the many county employees who serve the residents of Tioga County each and every day. The work of county government is not always visible to the public, but it is essential to maintaining the safety, stability, and quality of life that our residents rely upon.

“County government touches nearly every part of daily life. Whether it is maintaining our roads and bridges, protecting public health, ensuring public safety, administering elections, or supporting veterans and families in need, the services provided by Tioga County support communities across our towns and villages every day.

“Throughout 2025, Tioga County continued to make meaningful investments in public safety, infrastructure, and community services. One of the most significant initiatives underway is the modernization of the countywide emergency radio communications system. This project will strengthen communication capabilities for first responders and improve coordination during emergencies across Tioga County.

“Our Department of Public Works has also played a vital role in maintaining the infrastructure that supports county operations. Over the past year, the department has completed several major facility improvements and infrastructure projects that will help ensure county buildings and systems remain safe, efficient, and reliable for years to come.

“In addition to infrastructure improvements, Tioga County continues to support economic development and community growth. Through the work of our Economic Development and Planning Department, the county has helped administer grant funding, support redevelopment initiatives, and assist local businesses as they grow and invest in our communities.

“Public health and human services remain central to the mission of Tioga County government. Our Public Health Department continues to promote community wellness through prevention programs, outreach initiatives, and environmental health protections. At the same time, our Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene provide vital support to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances.

“Public safety also remains a top priority. The Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Services, District Attorney’s Office, Probation Department, and Public Defender’s Office work together every day to maintain a fair and effective justice system that protects the rights and safety of our residents.

“Our Board of Elections continues to uphold the integrity of our democratic process by administering fair and transparent elections throughout the county, ensuring residents are able to exercise one of the most important rights in our democracy.

“Our Veterans’ Service Agency works tirelessly to support the men and women who have served our country, helping them access the benefits and services they have earned through their sacrifice and commitment.

“As we look ahead, I remain confident in the future of Tioga County. Our strength has always come from the people who call this county home — individuals who work hard, support their neighbors, and care deeply about their communities.

“As one of the strongest stewards of the commitment to public service, I would like to recognize the prior Chairwoman of the Tioga County Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, who advocated tirelessly for the well-being of the county with 20 years of service, and was one of the biggest supporters of the radio tower communications upgrade project, and also emergency preparedness for the county. Having had to navigate the floods that devastated our communities, and the COVID-19 pandemic that threatened our way of life, Martha led this county through each challenge and worked to build systems so that should anything like that happen again, Tioga County would be ready and prepared to serve and help its citizens to the best of its ability. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

“I would also like to acknowledge two Legislators, who in 2025 had transitioned to full-time county employees and Department Heads. Former District 5 Legislator Dennis Mullen is now the Director of Veterans' Services Agency, and he does a really good job. Thank you, Dennis. And, former District 3 Legislator Barbara Roberts, who now serves as the elected County Treasurer in 2026. With the

District 5 vacancy, the County welcomed former Mayor of the Village of Waverly, Andrew Aronstam as a County Legislator. In 2026, the County also welcomed Jo Ellen Rose, the newly elected District 2 Legislator, and David Cantella, appointed by the Legislature pending the 2026 election, for District 3. Congratulations to both of you.

“The same values that built this county — hard work, resilience, and a strong sense of community — continue to guide us today. By continuing to work collaboratively, invest responsibly in our infrastructure and services, and support the people who make this county what it is, we can ensure that Tioga County remains a place where families can thrive, businesses can grow, and communities can remain strong for generations to come.

“At this time, I would like to recognize someone who plays a central role in coordinating the work of our county departments and helping implement the priorities of the Legislature, our County Administrator works closely with the Department Heads and Legislators to ensure that County government operates effectively and responsibly, please join me in welcoming County Administrator Jackson D. Bailey, II who will now present the 2025 County Administrator Report.”

“Good afternoon, everyone. The following 2025 County Administrator Report provides a brief overview of departmental activities and highlights from the past year. While this narrative highlights many important efforts, it cannot fully capture the depth of work performed across Tioga County government each year. Detailed individual department annual reports are available online for those who wish to explore each department’s work and efforts over the past year in greater detail, including their 2026 strategic goals and new and continued challenges.

“Together, these summaries reflect the continued commitment of Tioga County employees to responsible governance, fiscal stewardship, and service to the community.

“The following sections highlight the work and accomplishments of individual departments across Tioga County government.

“The **Tioga County Board of Elections** administers federal, state, and local elections while maintaining accurate voter registration records and ensuring compliance with New York State Election Law.

“In 2025, the Board of Elections coordinated both primary and general elections, processed candidate petitions, maintained voter rolls, and trained election inspectors to staff polling locations across the county. The Board of Elections also collaborated with the Tioga Arts Council to facilitate the first

"I Voted" sticker design contest to help engage future voters. Some highlights include:

- 53 local offices appeared on the ballot in 2025.
- 1,282 new voter registrations processed.
- Countywide voter turnout of approximately 21.9% in the 2025 General Election.
- Replacement and upgrade of 68 electronic pollbooks.

"The **Coroner's Office** investigates deaths occurring within Tioga County to determine cause and manner of death while supporting law enforcement and public health investigations.

"Throughout 2025 the office responded to calls from law enforcement, hospitals, and emergency responders to conduct death investigations and coordinate autopsies when required.

"In February of 2025, the County Legislature appointed County Coroner John Olsen, who was successful in the 2025 General Election, and continues to serve in 2026. Coroner Olsen also completed the mandated New York State Coroner Trainings. Some highlights included:

- 24-hour on-call response system maintained.
- The Coroner's Office handled 118 cases countywide during 2025.
- Death investigations conducted with Law Enforcement agencies.
- Beginning the integration of digital case management software from a manual platform.

"The **County Clerk's Office** maintains official county records including land transactions, court filings, and legal documents while also providing passport services to residents.

"During 2025 the office processed thousands of public records while ensuring that documents remained accessible and preserved in accordance with state records management requirements. Some highlights include:

- \$716,573 in revenue generated, up 5% from 2024.
- Recorded 1,701 deeds, 2,342 mortgages, 1,049 civil actions.
- Processed 470 passport applications, \$22,000 in revenue.
- Criminal Background Searches brought in over \$175,000 in revenue.

"The **Department of Motor Vehicles** provides driver licensing, vehicle registration, and identification services to residents on behalf of New York State.

“In 2025 the DMV office experienced a high volume of activity due to the Real ID compliance deadline while continuing to provide efficient customer service. Some highlights include:

- 44,120 DMV transactions processed.
- \$796,331 in revenue generated, up 10% from 2024.
- Increased demand related to Real ID requirements.
- Daily average of approximately 176 customer transactions.

“The **District Attorney’s Office** prosecutes criminal offenses within Tioga County and works closely with law enforcement agencies to uphold public safety.

“In 2025 the office prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases while coordinating with law enforcement partners and supporting victims throughout the judicial process. Some highlights include:

- Criminal prosecutions are conducted across county courts.
- Coordination with municipal and state law enforcement.
- Victim advocacy services provided.
- Significant time dedicated to complex criminal trials, including the prosecution of the Thomas Rath murder trial.

“The **Economic Development and Planning Department** promotes economic growth and strategic planning initiatives throughout Tioga County.

“During 2025 the department administered grant programs, supported redevelopment initiatives, and worked with municipalities and businesses to encourage investment and job creation. Some highlights include:

- \$2.43 million in grants administered, including the Tioga Fresh Mobile Café.
- 22 Land Bank properties supported.
- 15 tons of electronic waste recycled, saving taxpayers \$8,323.
- 25 municipal referrals reviewed under General Municipal Law 239.

“The **Office of Emergency Services** coordinates emergency preparedness, disaster response, and public safety planning throughout Tioga County.

“During 2025 the department continued work on the countywide radio communications system and provided training opportunities for emergency responders. Some highlights include:

- Three (3) new emergency radio tower sites were constructed in 2025, with the final tower completed in early 2026.

- 46 fire investigations conducted, approximately 750 hours spent on fire investigation scenes.
- Facilitated regular Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) meetings.
- County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) completed in partnership with New York State agencies.

“The **Historian’s Office** is responsible for preserving, documenting, and promoting the rich history of Tioga County and its communities. The office works to ensure that important historical records, stories, and artifacts are preserved for future generations.

“The office works collaboratively with municipal historians and historical societies, assisting with the preservation and documentation of historical records, promoting awareness of Tioga County’s historical heritage through educational outreach and supporting the efforts connected to the upcoming New York State’s 250th commemoration initiatives. Some highlights include:

- 381 in-office hours, with 29 visitors.
- Assisted the Board of Elections with County Election history records.
- Chaired a 50th Anniversary Program at F.L. Waterman Center.
- Hosted a September walking tour of Hiawatha Island, accessed by a pontoon boat.

“**Information Technology and Communications Services** support county operations by maintaining technology infrastructure, cybersecurity systems, and digital services.

“In 2025 the department completed network upgrades, migrated computers to Windows 11, and expanded fiber connectivity between county facilities.

“In September of 2025, the County Legislature appointed Brandon Clark to the role of Chief Information Officer. Brandon previously served as the Deputy Chief Information Officer and has been integral in the expansion of County cybersecurity measures. Some highlights include:

- 3,288 helpdesk tickets processed, averaging approximately 13 new tickets daily.
- 88% first-response resolution rate, 93% service level compliance.
- 2,218 GIS parcel transactions processed, resulting in an additional \$1.4 million in value added to the County’s tax roll.
- The department also updated the Shared Services Catalog and Master Service Agreements for municipalities utilizing county IT services.

“The **Law Department** provides legal counsel and risk management services to the County Legislature and all County departments.

“Throughout 2025 the department reviewed contracts, provided legal guidance, and supported policy development and litigation matters affecting County operations. Some highlights include:

- 483 contracts reviewed.
- 19 Child Protective Registry expungement hearings.
- Oversight of county safety and risk management programs.
- Legal support provided to all County departments.

“The **Legislative Clerk** supports the operations of the Tioga County Legislature and also serves as the County Auditor responsible for reviewing financial claims.

“In 2025 the office coordinated legislative meetings, prepared resolutions and local laws, and audited financial transactions prior to payment. Some highlights include:

- 9,116 accounts payable invoices reviewed and audited, totaling \$31,605,185.
- 2,180 purchasing card transactions audited, totaling \$567,804.89.
- Legislative review and certification of 501 resolutions.
- Preparation of three (3) local laws, facilitating twelve (12) regular meetings, six (6) special meetings, and seven (7) public hearings.

“The **Department of Mental Hygiene** coordinates behavioral health services including mental health treatment, substance use services, and crisis intervention programs.

“During 2025 the department continued to expand community-based services while working with partner agencies to address behavioral health needs.

“Early in 2026, the Director of Community Services Lori Morgan indicated her retirement after nearly 24 years of dedicated public service with the Department of Mental Hygiene. Following the notice of Lori’s retirement, the Legislature authorized the appointment of Sarah Begeal to the role of Interim Director of Community Services, previously serving as the Deputy Director of Community Services. The Community Services Board is currently in the process of interviewing qualified candidates for the Director position and will make a recommendation to the Legislature for appointment in the following weeks. Some highlights include:

- Nearly 19,000 behavioral health services delivered.
- Waverly satellite clinic opened.

- Medication Assisted Treatment program continued.
- Community Narcan training initiatives.

“The **Personnel Department** administers civil service functions, employee relations, and workforce administration for county government.

“In 2025 the department coordinated recruitment, administered examinations, and supported departments with workforce management. Some highlights include:

- 39 civil service examinations administered.
- 106 candidates were tested.
- 61 Qualified Incumbent Exams conducted.
- 43 workers' compensation injuries processed.

“The **Probation Department** supervises individuals placed under court-ordered probation while promoting rehabilitation and public safety.

“Throughout 2025 probation officers coordinated treatment programs, employment services, and housing assistance while supervising individuals under court jurisdiction. Some highlights include:

- Coordination of the Weekend Work Program in conjunction with the TCSO.
- Creation of the Probation Community Outreach Committee.
- Completed updates of the Probation Training Manual.
- Initiating a cross-training program at Probation.

“The **Public Defender's Office** provides legal representation to individuals who cannot afford private counsel in criminal proceedings.

“During 2025 the office represented defendants across county courts while ensuring constitutional rights to legal representation were upheld.

“In 2025, Public Defender Thomas R. Cline indicated that he would be retiring after 12 years of service to the county. In December, the Legislature appointed Michael Arcesi to the role of Public Defender beginning in 2026. Some highlights include:

- Legal defense provided in criminal proceedings.
- Representation of indigent defendants.
- Coordination with courts and prosecutors.
- 873 new cases in 2025, 7.6% increase from 2024.

"The **Public Health Department** protects and promotes the health of Tioga County residents through prevention programs, regulatory oversight, and community education.

"During 2025 Public Health staff conducted outreach activities, monitored communicable diseases, and provided environmental health inspections.

- 63 public outreach activities conducted.
- Community health education & wellness initiatives delivered.
- Environmental health inspections performed.
- Continuation of "Project Public Health Ready" (Emergency Preparedness).

"The **Department of Public Works** maintains county infrastructure including buildings, roads, and bridges while overseeing capital improvement projects.

"In 2025 the department completed major facility upgrades and infrastructure projects while continuing maintenance across numerous county properties. Some highlights include:

- HVAC upgrades completed across county facilities including 56 Main St, the Health & Human Services building, and the Court Annex.
- Multiple bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects.
- Road resurfacing initiatives completed.
- Support for emergency radio communications infrastructure.

"**Real Property Tax Services** maintains property records and assists municipalities with assessment administration and tax roll maintenance.

"During 2025 the department continued to maintain property tax data while supporting assessors and residents with property information requests. Some highlights include:

- Processed 1,850 deeds.
- Ran tentative and final assessment rolls for nine (9) towns in the county.
- Successfully migrated to Beacon platform for real property data viewer.
- Printed 40,465 tax bills and ran twenty-seven (27) tax rolls.

"The **Sheriff's Office** provides law enforcement, corrections, and civil enforcement services across Tioga County.

"Throughout 2025 the department conducted patrol operations, criminal investigations, and corrections supervision while coordinating with other public safety agencies. Some highlights include:

- Dispatch handled 95,021 non-emergency calls and 31,289 911 emergency calls.
- Records Division processed 1,145 pistol permit applications and completed 1,713 FOIL requests.
- Corrections processed 465 inmates through intake, with a daily average jail population of 53.
- Road Patrol took possession of over 821lbs of unwanted prescription and non-prescription drugs for destruction, more than double the amount from last year.
- Civil Division processed \$552,059 in civil monies and \$99,300 in bail funds.

“The **Department of Social Services** administers programs that support individuals and families through financial assistance, child welfare services, and protective programs.

“In 2025 the department continued to aid residents while coordinating services with courts, healthcare providers, and community organizations.

“2025 saw the retirement of the Commissioner of Social Services, Shawn L. Yetter, after 35 years of dedicated service to the County. Following the notice of Shawn’s retirement, the Legislature appointed Elizabeth Myers to the position of Commissioner of Social Services. Ms. Myers previously served as the Deputy Commissioner of Social Services and the Director of Social Services. Some highlights include:

- Successfully claimed \$10,077,394 in State and Federal reimbursements.
- Child Advocacy Center served 106 children, conducting 101 interviews.
- HEAP processed 2,950 benefit applications, resulting in \$2,059,667 in benefits.
- Career Center assisted over 900 customers with unemployment needs.

“The **Treasurer’s Office** serves as the custodian of county funds and is responsible for managing the County’s financial resources, including the collections of real property taxes, management of cash flow and investments, and administration of delinquent tax enforcement.

“The Treasurer’s Office manages the County’s financial operations, including real property tax collection, investment of county funds, administration of delinquent tax enforcement proceedings, and coordination with municipalities on tax and sales tax distributions. The department also works closely with all county departments to ensure accurate financial reporting and responsible management of public funds.

"In 2025, County Treasurer James McFadden announced his retirement from Tioga County after 32 years of dedicated service. Treasurer McFadden guided the County through periods of economic uncertainty while maintaining strong financial stewardship and safeguarding county assets and investments. Following the 2025 General Election, District 3 Legislator Barbara Roberts won the election for County Treasurer and has assumed the role since January 1st. Some highlights include:

- County maintained an A+ bond rating from Moody's Investors Service.
- The 2024 Independent Audit resulted in no findings and issued a clean opinion.
- Processed Sales Tax Distribution to Towns and Villages of \$8,615,143.
- Annual Tax Foreclosure included 30 properties and generated proceeds of \$581,005.

"The **Veterans' Service Agency** assists veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service.

"Throughout 2025 the agency provided outreach, benefit assistance, and advocacy services for veterans across Tioga County.

"In 2025, the Legislature appointed former District 5 Legislator Dennis Mullen to the role of Director of Veterans' Service Agency. Mr. Mullen served as a Legislator for 10 years and brings extensive municipal knowledge and strong commitment to the Veterans community. Some highlights include:

- Over 1,700 veterans served.
- TCVSA was recognized by OMH at the annual Cares Up Conference.
- Community outreach and veteran recognition events, including the Annual 5k "Ruck for Them" march.
- Participation in suicide prevention initiatives, and advocacy for Veterans Suicide Awareness month in September with Operation "Green Light".

"The **County Administrator** serves as the Chief Administrative Officer, Budget Officer, Public Information Officer, and Purchasing Officer of Tioga County government, responsible for coordinating county operations, supporting the Legislature, overseeing financial and administrative functions, ensuring effective and consistent public information, and ensuring effective delivery of services across all departments.

"Significant time in 2025 was dedicated to supporting the County Legislature in policy development, contract and procurement oversight, and the implementation of capital improvement projects. The office also worked collaboratively with departments to improve operational coordination, strengthen

fiscal management practices, and support long-term strategic planning for county infrastructure and services. Some highlights include:

- Development and administration of the County's annual operational and capital budget.
- Facilitation of the Policy Review Committee with the Legislative Clerk to assist the Legislature with policy development.
- Drafting over 15 media releases and drafted monthly Department Spotlight articles, focusing on the employees and operations of County departments.
- Facilitated quarterly Leaders' Meetings with Department Heads, to provide updates and challenges, while also providing guidance and operational direction when necessary.

"In conclusion, the accomplishments highlighted in this report demonstrate the continued dedication and professionalism of Tioga County's workforce. Across every department, employees work diligently to provide critical services, maintain public infrastructure, safeguard the county's financial resources, and support the well-being of its residents.

"County government is successful because of the commitment of the individuals who serve within it. Their efforts ensure that Tioga County remains a strong, well-managed, and responsive local government.

"On behalf of the Legislature and the residents we serve, I extend appreciation to every county employee for their continued service and commitment to the County. Thank you."

Chair Monell recognized and welcomed the students in attendance today from a local homeschool co-op who are here today as part of their government academic requirements.

Chair Monell reported we have one Proclamation: **Public Health Week (April 6-12, 2026)** that will be noted in the minutes.

COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The health and well-being of Tioga County residents are safeguarded daily by the dedicated efforts of public health professionals, whether dining out at restaurants, accessing clean water, or learning how to prevent illnesses or chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS: We all have a role to play in advancing public health. By fostering community connections, preparing for climate-related challenges, promoting equity, and speaking out on issues that impact our collective health; and

RESOLVED: That Joan Case, Chair of the Legislature nomination, is hereby appointed to the Board of Ethics for a term of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 117- 26 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE
BROOME-TIOGA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD*

WHEREAS: Shawn Yetter, representing the Public Sector on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board has resigned, effective 12/31/25; and

WHEREAS: Elizabeth Myers has expressed her desire to serve on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board representing the Public Sector for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS: The Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board is desirous of Elizabeth Myers to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Elizabeth Myers to fill Shawn Yetter's three-year term on the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 118-26 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE
SOUTHERN TIER EAST REGIONAL PLANNING
DEVELOPMENT BOARD*

WHEREAS: Elaine Jardine served on the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB) for the term of her employment as Tioga County Planning Director; and

WHEREAS: Elaine Jardine has retired from her position as Tioga County Planning Director leaving a vacancy on STERPDB effective February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS: STERPDB is desirous of filling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS: Sara Zubalsky-Peer has been hired as the Tioga County Planning Director and has expressed a desire to fill the vacancy on STERPDB; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature appoint Sara Zubalsky-Peer to STERPDB effective March 10, 2026, for the term of her employment as Tioga County Planning Director.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 119-26 *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	4/1/26-3/31/27
Crime Victim	4/1/26-3/31/27
State Certified Provider of Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Treatment	4/1/26-3/31/27

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 120-26 APPOINT MEMBER TO
 CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING TEAM
 EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Office of Emergency Services has a need for additional members to be appointed to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services would like to appoint Kristen Carpenter to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Kristen Carpenter be hereby appointed to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team effective March 10, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 121-26 APPOINT MEMBER TO
CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING TEAM
EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Office of Emergency Services has a need for additional members to be appointed to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team; and

WHEREAS: Doreen Holbrook is a long serving team lead, having been on the team since 2003; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services would like to recognize and appoint Doreen Holbrook to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Doreen Holbrook be hereby appointed to the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team effective March 10, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 122-26 ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION FOR
VINCENT COCHI TO THE TIOGA COUNTY
HAZ-MAT TEAM

WHEREAS: The Office of Emergency Services provides high quality Hazardous Materials Team support to the Fire Service in Tioga County and adjacent counties through the NYS Fire Mutual Aid Plan; and

WHEREAS: This service is provided by local, highly trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS: Vincent Cochi has applied for membership to the County Haz-Mat Team; and

WHEREAS: Vincent Cochi currently possesses training and skills needed by the Tioga County Haz-Mat Team to work at the Entry Level of the Team; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Vincent Cochi be added to the Tioga County Haz-Mat Team roster, effective March 10, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 123-26 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS: Carolyn Galatzan's appointment to the Community Services Board expired on December 31st, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Carolyn Galatzan's reappointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Carolyn Galatzan be reappointed to the Community Services Board, for term starting January 1st, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE / AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 124-26 *AUTHORIZE 2026 REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF LANDS IN THE OWEGO NICHOLS AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #2*

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 a request for inclusion of land consisting of six parcels totaling 270.6 acres in the Town of Owego and, therefore, within the Owego Nichols Agricultural District #2 and prepared the required report for this request; 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 County Legislature declares itself to be Lead Agency for SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) requirements for this purpose; 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 to 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 2026 request for inclusion of land listed in said report into the Owego Nichols Agricultural District #2; 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 Owego Nichols Agricultural District #2 effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 125-26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 76-26;
ARTICLE 7 SETTLEMENT AND COURT ORDER
TOWN OF CANDOR

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 76-26 was adopted on February 10, 2026, outlining actions to be taken in compliance with a court order regarding a settlement agreement of an Article 7 petition in the Town of Candor; and

WHEREAS: The resolution directed that a refund be issued for an incorrect amount of \$7,370.64, and the correct refund amount is \$7,300.81; and

WHEREAS: The resolution also directed that a corrected tax bill be issued to the property owners for the 2026 Town & County taxes, but the property owners paid their original 2026 Town & County tax bill in full before a corrected bill could be issued, necessitating the conversion of the tax bill reduction of \$7,370.64 to a refund of the same amount; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the initial refund, without interest, for the correct amount of \$7,300.81, be paid by check and made payable to "Hinman, Howard, & Kattell, as attorneys" per the court order; and be it further

RESOLVED: That an additional refund, without interest, for the amount of \$7,370.64, be paid by check and made payable to "Hinman, Howard, & Kattell, as attorneys" per the court order; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office be corrected as necessary to reflect the changes in this amendment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 126-26

*AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY RESOURCES
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Liberty Resources for the Co-location and Collaboration of Behavioral Health and Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Liberty Resources contract for Co-location and Collaboration of Behavioral Health and Child Protective Services not to exceed \$80,500 for the contract term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 127-26

*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, 2026 through March 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$319,260; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Liberty Resources contract for Multi-systemic Therapy Services not to exceed \$319,260 for the contract term of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$319,260 be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 128-26 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR BOYS OF COURAGE
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to contract with the Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage OMH group home for the period January 15, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at the rates not to exceed \$1,180.00 per month to retain housing and program services and \$219.00 per month for personal needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage contract for the contract term of January 15, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 129-26 *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 \$5,563.23, plus a fee of \$302.43 per user. Probation has 17 registered users of the software, so the total cost for basic software maintenance for contract period of 3/25/2026 to 3/24/2027 is \$10,704.54; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC f/k/a Automon, LLC contract as a sole source provider for software and maintenance costs in 2025 and 2026 and anticipated 5% increase for 2027 for Caseload Explorer and Ce Assessments in the amount of \$10,704.54; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the contract shall remain in force for a term of 12 consecutive months (year 2026) 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 – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 130-26 *AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM WITH
NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES FOR ENDPOINT DETECTION AND
RESPONSE SOFTWARE*

WHEREAS: New York State Information Technology Services has partnered with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the City of New York Joint Security Operations Center (JSOC) in a JSOC Initiative; and

WHEREAS: This initiative provides for Participating Entities to receive Endpoint Detection and Response software at no cost; and

WHEREAS: The initial term of this agreement shall be for a period of (3) years and will be automatically renewed for additional (12) month terms based upon approval of funding in the NYS budget and approval of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS: The Endpoint Detection and Response software vendor provided in the initiative is CrowdStrike; and

WHEREAS: The CrowdStrike Endpoint Detection and Response software can be run in parallel with existing cyber security software employed by Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature authorized the agreement with New York State Information Technology Services for this endpoint detection and response software via Resolution No. 66-23; and

WHEREAS: New York State Information Technology Services has provided an addendum which presents the dollar value associated with the provisioned EDR software to Tioga County which is \$93,125.28 which is provided at no cost to the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Endpoint Protection Response Services Addendum Number 1 between Tioga County and New York State Information Technology Services and New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services at no cost to the County for a period of three (3) years and automatically renewed for additional twelve (12) month terms based upon approval of the NYS budget and NYS Office of the State Comptroller.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 131-26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 321-25;
EXTEND CONTRACT CBH MEDICAL FOR
JAIL MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 515-23 authorized the execution of an agreement for medical and mental health services for inmates at the Tioga County Jail with the option to renew for three additional one-year terms; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 321-25 authorized the extension of a one-year agreement for medical and mental health services for inmates at the Tioga County Jail for one additional year, effective January 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$910,345; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office would like to amend this contract with CBH effective April 1, 2026 as follows:

1. Reduce CBH Medical staffing obligations by eliminating the 40-hour per week social worker position.
2. CBH Medical will reduce the monthly billing for services in the amount of \$74,475.79 over the remaining nine months of the contract resulting in a reduction of \$8,275.09 per month.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute an amendment to reduce the CBH Medical contract in the amount of \$74,475.79 effective April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 132-26 *AWARD CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
SERVICES CONTRACT TO C&S COMPANIES FOR
COURTHOUSE AND COURT ANNEX ROOF
REPLACEMENT PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the replacement of multiple roofs at the Courthouse and Court Annex as well as for the rehabilitation of the cupola at the Court Annex; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for construction administration services for this project from C&S Companies, Syracuse, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for these services is \$12,400; therefore be it

WHEREAS: The Catalog of Services, Risk Assessments, and Master Service Agreement together form the necessary framework for establishing and maintaining Shared Services partnerships for the 2026 term; and

WHEREAS: Authorization is required to permit the Chief Information Officer to move forward with the execution and administration of Shared Services under these governing documents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chief Information Officer to proceed with the execution, renewal, and administration of all Shared Service Agreements effective March 2026, utilizing the 2026 ITCS Catalog of Services, the completed Municipality ITCS Risk Assessments, and the 2026 Master Service Agreement as the guiding documents for service delivery and compliance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That once a municipality has signed the 2026 Catalog of Services and completed the required ITCS Risk Assessment, the Chief Information Officer shall submit a separate resolution to the Tioga County Legislature requesting approval of the Shared Service partnership prior to the final execution of any Master Service Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chief Information Officer is authorized to coordinate with municipalities to finalize service selections, ensure required cybersecurity training and cyber insurance documentation are fulfilled, and implement all compliance obligations as outlined in the Master Service Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chief Information Officer is authorized to initiate and oversee all required project phases described in the 2026 Catalog of Services, including site walkthroughs, project planning, and risk/governance review steps for onboarding municipalities or expanding services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall take effect immediately once approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 134-26 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK READINESS GRANT (ESINET) AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Office of Emergency Services applied for and was awarded a grant of \$689,655 by the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) with no local share to the County; and

WHEREAS: The funding will be utilized for the purpose of supporting the operation of fiber optic, cable-based emergency service IP networks; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the acceptance of this award and hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant (ESINET) for \$689,655; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 budget be appropriated as follows:

FROM: A3360 433060 ESNET State Aid Homeland Security	\$689,655
TO: A3360 540140 ESNET (Contracting Services)	\$344,828
TO: A3360 520130 ESNET (Equipment – Not Car)	\$344,827

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year end until the project is completed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 135-26 *ACCEPTING THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) SHARED SERVICES GRANT FOR MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA) HARDWARE TOKENS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 386-25, titled "SLCGP Shared Services Grant (MFA)," in November 2025, authorizing participation in the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) for Multi-Factor Authentication shared services; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has notified Tioga County by letter dated January 22, 2026, that its application for the Combined FY2022 & FY2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) was approved, providing support for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) hardware tokens to enhance security of county information systems; and

WHEREAS: The project will be administered by the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (NYS OITS), which will coordinate with Tioga County regarding required documentation, implementation, and distribution of MFA hardware tokens; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance of this grant funding and participation in the shared service initiative will strengthen Tioga County's cybersecurity posture by introducing significantly stronger authentication measures for end users across county systems; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby formally accepts the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Shared Services Grant for Multi-Factor Authentication hardware tokens as awarded by DHSES; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chief Information Officer to coordinate with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services to complete all requirements, provide necessary information, and execute all actions needed to receive and deploy the MFA hardware tokens.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 136-26 *AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR NYS WQIP PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE ON GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works intends to build a second salt shed storage building to increase the capacity of the covered salt/sand mixture storage pile; and

WHEREAS: The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$75 million for such projects; and

WHEREAS: The WQIP program is designed to implement projects that improve water quality, enhance flood resiliency, promote flood risk reduction, or protect a drinking water source; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works is proposing the submittal of an application under the WQIP program in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to assist in the aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS: The proposed project is an eligible activity under the WQIP program because the Department of Public Works is eligible to apply for and receive such grant funds; and

WHEREAS: This grant source, administered by the NYSDEC requires a 25% local match; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes said grant application in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon award, the Tioga County Legislature further authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to sign any and all WQIP program grant-related contracts and other paperwork in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the duration of the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 137-26 *AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR
GRANTS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) operates a Traffic Safety Program:
and

WHEREAS: TCPH does not receive State Aid reimbursement for costs of the bike helmets, so TCPH seeks other funding for them; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval for grant applications; and

WHEREAS: Due to many of the grants having short windows of time between announcement of funding and the deadline to submit, causing challenges in getting authorization to apply, TCPH requests advance approval for applying for funding opportunities for bike helmets and supplies; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will follow all other County policies regarding grant applications, including no additional County cost for the grant (i.e. cash match) if awarded; and

WHEREAS: If awarded any of the grants, TCPH will submit a resolution to amend budget and appropriate the funds at that time; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports TCPH in pursuing funding to provide this program to Tioga County residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Public Health is authorized to submit funding applications for bike helmets and supplies toward the Traffic Safety Program to the following agencies in the future:

- Community Foundation for South Central New York
- Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
- Floyd Hooker Foundation
- Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 138-26 *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 \$164,454.24 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 \$164,454.24 for the period of April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Clerk be authorized to collect or withhold from its disbursements in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of \$13,704.52 at a total annum amount of \$164,454.24 .

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 139-26 *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:

Women's Veterans Breakfast - \$1,000 (DWYER)

Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Event -\$1,000 (DWYER)

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, Dwyer Program; noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for each event above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 140-26 STATE AID CASINO REVENUE
RESERVE ALLOCATION

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 234-22 authorized the Tioga County Legislature to annually determine the designated reserve fund or funds to allocate the funds received from State Aid Casino Revenue; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County received \$1,944,007.87 in the A1340 430160 State Aid Casino Revenue & Fees in 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has agreed to fund the Capital Building Reserve-SAC with the total 2025 amount received in State Aid-Casino Revenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes an Interfund Transfer, Modification of the 2025 Budget, and the appropriation from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Operating Fund as follows:

TO:	A9950 593715	TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUND	\$1,944,007.87
TO:	H1340 450310	INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$1,944,007.87

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the SAC Building reserve be funded with Unrestricted Capital Fund Balance as follows:

FROM:	H 390900	FB UNRESTRICTED	\$1,944,007.87
TO:	H 387810	BUILDING RESERVE-SAC	\$1,944,007.87

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 141-26 *AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE 2026 BUDGET HURRELL HARRING GRANT A1174 AND THE ILS GRANT A1173*

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel Office completed its renovation and opening of the Assigned Counsel Resource Center; and

WHEREAS: Funds need to be reclassified in the Hurrell Haring A1174 and ILS A1173 2026 Grant budgets to bring them into balance with the NYS Budgets; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the funds be reclassified and the 2026 Budgets amended as follows:

From: A 1174 520250 AC Renovation \$ 44,283.19

To: A 1174 540620 AC Software \$ 19,540.00
 A 1174 540550 AC Rent \$ 24,743.19

From: A1173 520200 AC Office Equipment \$ 3,061.00

To: A1173 540280 AC Investigations \$ 1,680.00
 A1173 540420 AC Office Supplies \$ 1,381.00

new copiers and that the following funds be transferred and the 2026 budget be modified as follows:

FROM:	H 387805	Capital Hardware Reserve	\$ 6,111.00
TO:	H1010.521130	Equipment (Not Car)	\$6,111.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any reimbursement received on the copier purchase will be transferred back into the Capital Hardware Reserve at the end of 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
	FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 143-26	<i>AMEND 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS FOR WOODCHIPPER</i>
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WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted \$60,000 for the purchase of one woodchipper within the 2026 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works is authorized to procure mechanical equipment based on New York State Office of General Services pricing; and

WHEREAS: On January 12, 2026, the Commissioner of Public Works received a quote for the purchase of a single woodchipper, which was higher than the budgeted amount; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has determined that of the two (2) material spreaders originally budgeted for 2026, only one (1) is operationally necessary at this time, and that the continued use of an existing spreader will

adequately meet departmental needs without adversely impacting public works operations; and

WHEREAS: The purchase of a woodchipper remains an authorized capital purpose within the 2026 Capital Plan, and this resolution does not expand the scope of the approved capital project and results in no fiscal impact on the County, but reallocates the existing appropriations to fully fund the purchase; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to authorize all Capital Expenses and Capital Budget Amendments and Transfers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the amendment of the 2026 Capital Budget and the transfer of funds as follows:

From: H5130 521940	Material Spreader	\$8,000.00
To: H5130 521910	Chipper	\$8,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Rose.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 144-26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 344-25;
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, 465-24, 37-25, 196-25, 294-25 and 344-25 established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby amends Resolution No. 344-25 and establishes the following as the standard workday for

the title below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

Five-day work week, six-hour day:

Assistant EMS Coordinator PT

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Rose.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 145-26 *AUTHORIZE OUT OF TITLE PAY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS: Article 4 Section E of the current collective bargaining agreement allows for out-of-title pay if an employee performs the duties of a higher pay grade for more than 20 calendar days; and

WHEREAS: Chad Post, Probation Supervisor 1 (CSEA SG XVI), was forced to take an unexpected medical leave of absence as of November 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The medical leave of absence is undetermined; and

WHEREAS: At the request of the Probation Director, Heather Stanton, Senior Probation Officer/Probation Officer 2 (CSEA SG XIII) carried out the duties of the Probation Supervisor 1 from December 1, 2025, until she was promoted provisional on January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the payment of out-of-title salary at the applicable higher pay grade; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes out-of-title pay for Heather Stanton reflective of a retroactive annual increase of \$10,781.00 for the duration from December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes out-of-title pay for Heather Stanton reflective of a retroactive annual increase of \$11,158.00 for the duration from January 1, 2026, through January 23, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: The retroactive out-of-title pay will be reflected in 2026 payroll #6.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 146-26 APPOINT PART-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature supports the reclassification of one full-time Assistant Public Defender position into two part-time Assistant Public Defender positions by Resolution No. 107-26 dated February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Public Defender has recruited and identified a satisfactory candidate to fill one of the positions; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Dina M. Foerster has approximately 2 years of relevant legal experience including extensive experience in every stage of representation of indigent criminal defendants and is well qualified by reason of substantial experience and judgment to fill the position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Defender is hereby authorized to appoint Dina Foerster to the position of Part-Time Assistant Public Defender, with a start date of March 23, 2026, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$42,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Ms. Foerster shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if Ms. Foerster fails to pass the County mandated criminal background check; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void in the event that State grant funding for the position is no longer available.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Cantella.

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
	FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 147-26	<i>CREATE AND FILL ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (JAIL) POSITION MENTAL HYGIENE</i>
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WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for creation of new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff currently has a contracted social worker to provide required mental health services in the Tioga County Jail; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sheriff desires to replace the contracted mental health social worker position with a county social worker position; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Mental Hygiene is willing to partner with the Tioga County Sheriff to provide one full-time social worker to provide mental health services at the Tioga County Jail; and

WHEREAS: This new position would be funded from the Tioga County Jail's existing 2026 budget contract line previously budgeted to contract with CBH for the same position.

WHEREAS: Funding for this position shall be provided through an interdepartmental charge from the Tioga County Jail to the Department of Mental Hygiene, utilizing funds previously appropriated for contracted mental health services in the Jail's 2026 adopted budget; 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 (Jail) at a rate of \$72,362 (CSEA SG XVII) effective April 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the authorized full-time headcount within the Department of Mental Hygiene shall increase by one from 46 to 47; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this action represents a reallocation of existing appropriations and does not result in an increase to the County's total 2026 operating budget; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding would be appropriated through an interdepartmental charge from the Department of Mental Hygiene to the Tioga County Sheriff budget line A3150 540370 Medical Expense; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the following amounts be appropriated in the 2026 budget:

From: A4310 422800	Health Services – Other Gov't	\$74,475.79
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,321.06
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 3,648.33
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 4,155.56
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 924.84
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 51.05
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$11,362.94
A4310 588988	EAP Fringe	\$ 12.01

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
 FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 148-26 *AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN IT SPECIALIST
 POSITION IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
 COMMUNICATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS: The Information Technology and Communication Services (ITCS) Department plays a critical role in supporting Tioga County's technology infrastructure and in the delivery of shared services across multiple departments and partner agencies; and

WHEREAS: The increasing demand for secure, reliable, and efficient technology solutions requires additional technical expertise to maintain and expand systems essential to county operations and intergovernmental collaborations; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer has identified the need to establish a new IT Specialist position to strengthen departmental capacity, enhance the County's cybersecurity posture, and ensure continuity of services for Tioga County and its shared service partners; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the creation of any new position within Tioga County government; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: Funding for the IT Specialist position will be made available through the defunding of the Network Administrator position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of IT Specialist position within the Information Technology and Communication Services Department; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chief Information Officer is hereby authorized to recruit IT Specialist position within the Management/Confidential annual salary range of \$50,487 to \$60,487, effective March 15, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 149-26 *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
PART-TIME SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
PUBLIC HEALTH*

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: Resolution No. 141-23 authorized the creation of the part-time Speech Language Pathologist; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has identified a candidate who is qualified and willing to accept the appointment for said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Jennifer Lazarou be appointed to the title of Speech Language Pathologist on a part-time basis (up to 17 hours per week) at an hourly rate of \$47.02, effective March 11, 2026.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "It has been very difficult to provide services with the schedule of the families that need them. This is a way to provide the services outside of normal office hours, so I think it is a good thing."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 150-26 *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES I
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 108-26 authorized the creation of the full-time Director of Weights and Measures I; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has identified a candidate who is qualified and willing to accept the appointment for said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Director is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Tristan Reigelman to the position of Director of Weights & Measures I, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$46,719 effective March 23, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if Mr. Reigelman fails to pass the County mandated criminal background check.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "Weights and Measures is a service we have to provide and it has been lacking in the past with a part-time employee. Since we have a new Public Health Director, she has reviewed the position and made the determination this is the better way to handle it. I am certainly in favor of that."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
 FINANCE COMMITTEE
 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 151-26 *AUTHORIZE PER-ELECTION STIPENDS FOR CERTAIN ELECTION INSPECTOR DUTIES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Board of Elections has historically paid additional stipends to election inspectors for taking on roles or responsibilities beyond that of a basic election inspector; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Elections would like to continue this standard practice indefinitely; and

WHEREAS: Authority rests with the County Legislature to prescribe the salaries of election inspectors; and

WHEREAS: These stipends are already planned for in the Budget and do not require additional appropriations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That election inspectors who assume responsibility for the positions or duties listed below shall be paid, per election worked, an additional stipend of the respective amounts herein provided, until such amounts shall be further modified by resolution:

Poll Site Chair (3-district poll site):	\$40.00
Poll Site Chair (1- or 2-district poll site):	\$30.00
Machine Inspector:	\$25.00
Return of Election Materials to BOE on Election Night:	\$18.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Flesher moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Rose.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 152-26 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 193-18, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 45-23; AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 255-23; AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 296-23; AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 366-23; AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 148-24 ADOPTION OF TIOGA COUNTY TITLE VI PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLAN, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN, DATA COLLECTION PLAN, ADA TRANSITION PLAN AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING PLAN*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature adopted the Tioga County Title VI Plan, Environmental Justice Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan, Data Collection Plan, ADA Transition Plan, and Employee Training Plan by way of Resolution No. 193-18 on August 17, 2018, and amended the Plan by way of Resolution No. 45-23 on January 10, 2023, and Resolution No. 255-23 on June 13, 2023, and Resolution No. 296-23 on July 11, 2023 and Resolution No. 366-23 on September 12, 2023, and Resolution No. 148-24 on April 09, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Title VI Plan requires an annual review of Title VI for necessary updated data, documentation, including demographic data mapping of ethnicity by area; and

WHEREAS: The Title VI Plan, Title VI Data Collection and Analysis Policy, the Tioga County Public Participation Plan, the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, and Attachment 7 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan warrants revisions and updated information; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall amend Resolution No. 193-18, as amended by Resolution No. 45-23, as amended by Resolution No. 255-23, as amended by Resolution No. 296-23, as amended by Resolution No. 366-23, as amended by Resolution No. 148-24 only for the following revisions to the Tioga County Title VI Plan:

- Title VI Plan-Reporting: "Transportation" the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services replaced with the Director of Administrative Services Department of Social Services.

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 – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 154-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
MODIFICATION OF 2025 BUDGET
TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY*

WHEREAS: The TCVSA has received notification from the New York State Department of Mental Health that the "CARES UP" Grant has increased the grant by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the 2025 calendar year.

WHEREAS: Any increase in grant funding must be approved by the Legislature. The TCVSA request that the Legislature approve and accept the increased grant funding; and

WHEREAS: TCVSA will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and Budget Modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6510 437100 ETSSP State Aid-Veterans Services \$5,000.00

To: A6510 540487 ETSSP Program Expense ETSSP \$5,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/2025 of the original \$5,000 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Cantella moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Rose.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 155-26 *AMEND 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND
TRANSFER FUNDS HARNICK ROAD BRIDGE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the recipient of funding through New York State Department of Transportation consisting of Federal and non-Federal funds for a project, Harnick Road over Apalachin Creek, PIN 9754.90; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 81-25 appropriated \$46,560 the non-Federal portion of Marchiselli funding approved in Supplemental Agreement #2 with the NYSDOT executed on July 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The approved total non-Federal portion of funding has been increased to a maximum of \$278,400; and

WHEREAS: The project was completed in November 2025, and is programmed to have estimated remaining costs of \$24,000 including all phases of the project, in which 80% of Federal Funds and 15% of State Funds will be reimbursed to Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of Funds and Budget Modification require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget for the state revenue account be revised as follows:

H5110 435020 H2102	SA-Harnick Rd Bridge	\$210,550.00
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And be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining balance at year end be carried forward into the next budget year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 156-26 *AMEND 2025 BUDGET AND
AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION FROM
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County entered into a Software as a Service agreement with Tyler Technologies as of September 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Exhibit B Invoicing and Payment Policy of said agreement requires that the Software Service be paid annually; and

WHEREAS: During the budget process for 2025, the invoice for the Tyler SaaS payment in the amount of \$42,289.00 was overlooked due to confusion about which Department would pay the 2025 invoice; and

WHEREAS: Year-end processing has eliminated the availability of contingent funds in the 2025 budget and Legislative approval is required to appropriate monies from Unassigned General Fund Balance A390900; and

WHEREAS: The County Clerk is requesting that the amount of the 2025 invoice, \$42,289.00, less available 2025 funds in the amount of \$8,830.00 in the A1410 540620 Software line, to be appropriated from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Clerk's budget line A1410 540620 Software; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the following 2025 budget modification, and appropriation of funds from Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Software line in the County Clerk budget.

FROM:	A 390900 Fund Balance	\$33,459.00
TO:	A1410 540620 Software	\$33,459.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
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RESOLUTION NO. 157-26	<i>CREATE & FUND (1) FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PAYROLL COORDINATOR POSITION (TREASURER'S OFFICE)</i>
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WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation and funding of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Due to numerous changes within the Treasurer's Office the Treasurer has reviewed work assignments, staffing structure, as well as future succession training needs within the department regarding the administration of payroll; and

WHEREAS: In order to address said issues, the Treasurer, in conjunction with the Personnel Officer, has determined that creating an Assistant Payroll Coordinator will help in those efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has met with the Treasurer's Office to review the description of work duties for the proposed full-time Assistant Payroll Coordinator position; and

WHEREAS: Funding for the position is not currently available in the Treasurer's Office budget, therefore, will require an increase to the budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Assistant Payroll Coordinator position is created within the Management/Confidential annual salary range of \$49,000-\$59,000, effective March 11th, 2026, during the 2026 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer's Office full-time headcount shall increase from 8 to 9; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the funding of said position effective upon adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended to increase Personal Services and Employee Benefits in the Treasurer's Department in the amounts set forth below:

TO: A1325 510010 FULL TIME	\$59,000.00
TO: A1325 581088 STATE RETIREMENT FRINGE	\$8,443.00
TO: A1325 583088 SOCIAL SECURITY FRINGE	\$4,531.00
TO: A1325 584088 WORKERS COMPENSATION FRINGE	\$1,068.00
TO: A1325 585588 DISABILITY INSURANCE FRINGE	\$53.00
TO: A1325 586088 HEALTH INSURANCE FRINGE	\$23,700.00
TO: A1325 588988 EAP FRINGE	\$12.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That said increase shall be financed by the appropriation of unassigned General Fund Balance.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION **\$96,807.00**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.