

Fourth Regular Meeting
April 14, 2026

The Fourth Regular Meeting of 2026 was held on April 14, 2026 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Monell, and Standinger were present with Legislators Flesher and Rose being absent.

Chair Monell asked Legislator Ciotoli to have a moment of prayer. "Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance today as we make decisions on behalf of the residents of Tioga County. We also ask that you look after our troops as they protect our freedoms."

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

There were 13 people in attendance.

Chair Monell reported we have three Proclamations; **Fair Housing Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Mental Health Awareness Month & Mental Health Awareness Week (May 11-17th)** that will be noted in the minutes:

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: Our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS: More than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS: Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Tioga County as an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Tioga County.

COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services received 1072 reports of alleged abuse/neglect involving 2378 children in 2025 and

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: The effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: Programs like Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lourdes PACT, Catholic Charities, Hillside's Regional Permanency Center, CASA-Trinity, and Liberty Resources offer support and educational services to families so families can help their child achieve his/her full potential within the community; and

WHEREAS: All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and prevention activities within the community, and become involved in supporting parents and families so that children can live in safe, nurturing homes; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, does hereby proclaim April 2026 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to ensure that all children are raised in safe, nurturing families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

Mental Health Awareness Month & Mental Health Awareness Week

WHEREAS: The citizens of Tioga County value the overall health and well-being of all the residents of Tioga County they are proud to support the observance of Mental Health Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: Mental Health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Mental illness is the leading illness-related cause of disability, a major cause of death through suicide, a factor in school failure, a contributor of poor overall health, incarceration, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Mental illness in adults and serious emotional and mental health disorders in children and youth are real and treatable; and

WHEREAS: There is evidence that early intervention, family-centered care for children, and person-centered treatment for adults can result in reduction and management of symptoms such that individuals with mental illness can live full, productive, and meaningful lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Children and youth with mental health challenges, along with their families, deserve access to services and supports that are family driven, youth guided and culturally appropriate; and

WHEREAS: There is an expectation of hope, healing, and recovery for the citizens of Tioga County who experience symptoms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has made a commitment to a community-based system of care that promotes values of acceptance, dignity, and social inclusion for individuals of all ages; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby ask all residents of our county to join in declaring May 2026 as *Mental Health Awareness Month* and May 11th – 17th, 2026 as *Mental Health Awareness Week* in Tioga County.

Chair Monell reported we have three people for privilege of the floor.

Robin Hierl, Town of Owego resident and Village of Waverly property owner spoke. "I am here today to talk about a property we own on Broad Street in the Village of Waverly. My daughters are the owners of the business of that property, and it's called Prestige Dance Company. We have been here since 2020. We have a neighbor that first had an illegal sticker store located next door to our business that turned into a legal dispensary. We were not notified by the Village of Waverly that this was going to be happening and becoming a business that was located right next to a child-based business that was there prior. So, that was the first thing. We kind of had a few issues with the person that runs the daily operations there, but we ignored it because my daughters just wanted to run their business like they had been. Like I said, this is a child-based business so there is where the big concerns come in. This individual will tell you one day that he is the owner of this business but will turn right around and tell you the next day that he is a consultant. But he is there everyday and running the daily operations morning, noon, and night. He started harassing some of the patrons that go there along with my daughters and myself. Of course, we are females and children so you need to remember that so we feel a little more threatened than maybe a male would. So, it started off over parking, which I know sounds absolutely ludicrous, but this is how it happened. He was worried that we were taking up too many parking spots with our patrons and ourselves. But the harassment continued and escalated.

"So, we went to a Village of Waverly Board meeting last month and brought up our concerns. We also had some private meetings with the Village of Waverly mayor and Chief of Police, etc. Unfortunately, to no avail nothing has changed. As a matter of fact, they have gotten worse. He is like taking that almost as a threat to himself so has now targeted us even more. It has even got to the point where vulgar things are being said to my husband about my daughters who own the business that I cannot speak out loud at this meeting. He is trying to provoke fights and arguments saying that he owns the village, owns the police, and various other things like that.

"I did not even know who Andy was and this gentleman by the name of Ketih who runs the operations there and has been harassing us said you need to call Andy. All you can do is call Andy. I did not even know who he was and inappropriately he gave me Andy's phone number, which should never have happened. I should not have had Andy's phone number, but he did that. So, I also reached out to Andy for some help.

"Waverly Park is across the street and our kids from the studio were out there playing just last night and he is literally right next door to us. He does not own the building. It is owned by someone else in the community. My issue is we would like a re-vote or something to go on. We are just not getting any help from Waverly at all. They are kind of stonewalling us and we are still feeling very threatened. I wish my daughters could have been here today, but it was a babysitting issue, so I am kind of speaking

for them and representing them. They are there sometimes at night until 9:00 p.m. and he will say things like park out back like where there are no lights or anything and kind of give a wink. Just a lot of innuendos and insinuations that he is going to do something. He has threatened some other businesses in the area, had problems with other businesses in the area and Waverly Broad Street is starting to become a ghost town. We own another property right on the main drag that we just started doing renovations and unfortunately it is at a standstill at this point because we just do not know what is going on in the Valley and the surrounding areas.

"We are asking and pleading for help. We are trying to contact the OCM. We have one of our parents who was so appalled that she started a petition that got 1,400 signatures saying they just want him relocated and that this individual is out of the picture. Again, he does not own the property. Does not own the business. But yet he is there every day standing outside with the doors open. Our parents and children are smelling marijuana. It is just completely inappropriate. Something needs to be done. The Village never notified us and to me they are responsible for this. They put him there and they could have put him in any location in Waverly. There are tons of vacant places that he could have been put into and instead they literally knew we had a dance studio there that was already up and running with children and they stuck him right there without our knowledge. We had no idea. So, now it is coming to the point where he is saying that he runs the village because he gives them money from taxes or whatever, we have no idea. I am really naïve to this whole thing. But he will just sit there and say I can do anything I want and to be honest it seems like that to us. But we are really feeling threatened. Like I said, we are pleading for anyone's help. We need the OCM to be contacted. If someone gives me an email of someone I can contact, we have several things to corroborate everything I am saying. We have videos, documentation, etc. But we are kind of at our wits end. There is another village meeting tonight and a bunch of the parents are going. We are going and we are speaking again because my daughters are losing some business over this as you can imagine. There have been several outbursts right in front of the studio and it is making people feel uncomfortable. Some of our teenage girls are being winked at as they are crossing the street and he is looking at them up and down. It is turning into a bad situation, and it is escalating. We were hoping that it would de-escalate, but it has not. The complete opposite has happened since we went to the last village meeting. We are just pleading with someone to help us here. My daughters just want to run their business, and they have never had any interaction with the police prior to this. They never had any problems. They just ran their business and were doing something great for the kids in the community. There is not much for them to do around there, and this is a great thing for them and the community to have this dance school."

Kui Zhu Zheng, Village of Waverly property and business owner spoke. "I am a Chinese woman, but I will try and speak, so you guys understand. I have three buildings and one business on Broad Street in Waverly, NY. I also have a business in Owego known as the Kam Fung restaurant. I have lived here for about ten years. I do not know

what is going on with the Hazy Daze store, but he says that everything he says is right. He says be careful of your kids and my kids and I are scared. He has made threatening comments to me and told me I need to leave. I do not understand what I did. I am just a Chinese woman who runs a business, wants safety for myself and my kids, and I am staying in America and I am not leaving. So, I want to say that it is not right that he tells me I must leave. My kids and I are scared to go outside right now. I tried to go to the cops. The cop came and took him. They have security outside every day. Nobody wants to walk down the street. My kids come home from school at 3:20 p.m. and ask me if they can walk on the other side of the street because they are scared. So, what do I do? I am mom. I tried to find people who could help me out there. I just want my family to be safe and not feel scared. Like you guys, I pay taxes and everything. My whole family is scared right now. Nobody is coming to help. I just want my kids to be safe. My kids used to be happy and feel safe outside playing and now every day they stay in the home and do not play outside anymore. That is a bigger problem. I have a four-year-old, fourteen-year-old, and seventeen-year-old. So, what do I do? I do not know. Does this man think that Waverly is his and that everyone has to listen to him? No, right? Thank you."

Robert Hierl, Town of Owego resident and Village of Waverly property owner spoke. "Hello, my name is Robert Hierl and my daughters own Prestige Dance Studio. We have been continually harassed by this man, and I know you said not to reiterate on this, but I just want to make some other points if I may. Waverly, NY voted on Tuesday, December 28th, to opt-out however instead of waiting for a petition to trigger a referendum, the Boad voted to waive the petition requirement. So, basically from my understanding it is the Board of Trustees who voted to allow this dispensary next to us. The fact that this gentleman was a sticker store prior to any legitimate legal dispensary now is appalling to me. They closed all these other dispensaries in Waverly due to taxation and not paying tax and this man did the exact same thing and now used his daughter to circumvent the application process because this man on his own merit I believe would never have gotten a license and now, we are dealing with the brunt of this.

"We have asked Waverly to do something with no guidance whatsoever. He stands outside and winks at your wife and kids. We have video we would like to submit to all the Legislators saying inappropriate things and we should not have to deal with this on a daily basis. I feel like I have to sit outside the dance studio because I am worried about what this man is going to do. He made a seventeen-year-old girl from high school who just turned eighteen that drove to our dance studio feel so uncomfortable and scared by his gestures that she would not even drive home. She called her mom to drive her home and later went to the police department and made a statement to this effect. Nothing has been done. He continues to sit out there and harass everyone unless you are there to buy a bag of weed from him and then he is nice as pie. However, if you park in front of where he feels you should not, you have a problem. We have had nothing but problems with this man. The Board knew there was

a child-based dance studio there. The kids leaving the dance studio are stating that it smells like a skunk out there. A three or five-year-old child has no agenda, and they are simply telling the truth. It is appalling to me that we are even in this position to begin with.

“Andy says he has a meeting with the OCM. We have reached out to him to say we want to express our concerns to him and perhaps be at the meeting with him and we have not heard back yet. We just feel that there is a major conflict of interest because they voted to put this dispensary there and now, we are asking Andy to help us vote to get this business out from the space next door to us. We are not involved in any OCM negotiations as to why we would like this location moved, which we feel is a conflict of interest. But, in fact there has been a relationship with Mr. Thomas and Andy for quite some time. We feel this is a major conflict of interest going on here and we are asking for your help to hear us, let us present the evidence to you, and give us some direction as to where we can get some answers because we are not getting any answers from the police department or the Village of Waverly mayor. We have signed dozens of complaints, and nothing is being done and no one is feeling any safer than two months ago when all this started happening. We would like to present videos and statements to you to show you what is going on here and ask for some guidance on how to resolve the issue. How do we move forward here? Thank you.”

Chair Monell spoke. “Thank you all for your comments. We may or may not have discussion on this. We will let you know.”

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10 and 19, 2026 seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.

Chair Monell made the following appointment to the **Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS) Policy Committee:**

Legislator David Cantella – 4/14/26 – TERM OF OFFICE

Chair Monell stated all Legislative Committees met this month and the minutes are or will be on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 160-26 *RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND
STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS RISING
MANDATED COSTS BY ENSURING COUNTY PARITY WITH
INCREASED MUNICIPAL AID*

WHEREAS: New York's 57 counties serve as the primary administrators of state and federally mandated programs—including Medicaid, child welfare, public safety, public health, election administration, and indigent legal defense—delivering services that reach every resident of the State; and

WHEREAS: Counties fund these essential services in partnership with the state and federal government, yet exercise little control over the policies that drive their costs, leaving county property taxpayers as the payers of last resort when state or federal aid is reduced or fails to keep pace with program demands; and

WHEREAS: The Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program provides unrestricted general-purpose aid to New York State's cities (excluding New York City), towns, and villages—currently funded at \$715.2 million annually—and has not included county governments as eligible recipients since 1990; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's SFY 2026-27 Executive Budget proposed to maintain AIM at \$715.2 million and continue \$50 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance – both programs available exclusively to cities, towns, and villages – with no new unrestricted aid for counties; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's 30-day amendments to the SFY 2026-27 Executive Budget proposed an increase of \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance for cities, towns, and villages, and additional unrestricted aid to New York City—representing a significant new investment in other local government partners—while providing no equivalent relief for counties; and

WHEREAS: The Senate one-house budget proposes \$302 million per year in additional AIM funding for New York City over two fiscal years—a total of \$604 million in new municipal assistance—without a corresponding increase in direct aid to counties; and

WHEREAS: The Senate one-house budget further proposes \$250,000 to establish an AIM Redesign Task Force charged with making recommendations on the expansion of AIM to New York City, with no comparable directive to examine or expand aid to county governments; and

WHEREAS: The Assembly one-house budget proposes \$1.5 billion in additional Temporary Municipal Assistance over three years – including \$1 billion for New York City and \$500 million for cities, towns, and villages – again with no parallel investment in county fiscal relief; and

WHEREAS: Increasing state investment in AIM and Temporary Municipal Assistance while counties receive no analogous unrestricted aid creates a growing disparity in the State's partnership with its local government units; and

WHEREAS: Counties are simultaneously absorbing significant and growing cost pressures that are largely outside their control, including: rising assigned counsel costs under County Law Article 18-B; escalating preschool special education expenditures;

costs associated with CPL § 730 competency restoration confinements, which have increased by more than 6,000 percent in some counties between 2019 and 2024; and anticipated cost shifts resulting from federal policy changes to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will increase county administrative costs beginning in October 2026; and

WHEREAS: The number of local governments in fiscal stress, as identified by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)'s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System, is rising, and a dozen counties exceeded the property tax cap in their 2026 budgets—the most in a decade; and

WHEREAS: Counties are constrained by the state-imposed property tax cap, limiting their ability to independently raise revenues to offset growing costs; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has called upon the Governor and Legislature to provide \$100 million in targeted county fiscal relief in the enacted SFY 2026-27 budget, which could be structured through the County Infrastructure Grant Program, relief from assigned counsel costs, relief from preschool special education costs, or support for competency restoration expenses—representing a fraction of the new investment proposed for municipalities and New York City in the current budget cycle; and

WHEREAS: Such relief can be structured in a manner that addresses the most pressing cost drivers facing counties, including but not limited to assigned counsel under Article 18-B, preschool special education, Safety Net, and CPL § 730 competency restoration, or through direct unrestricted aid; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County urges the Governor and the Legislature to provide parity with the proposed increases for other municipalities through direct fiscal relief for county governments in the enacted SFY 2026-27 State Budget, commensurate with the significant new investments in municipalities proposed through the 30-day amendments and one-house budget resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tioga County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, NYSAC, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 161-26 *RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING
NEW YORK STATE FORESTS AND WILDLIFE, AND IN
OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.4408
(MAY) AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.10483
(LUNSFORD)*

WHEREAS: Tioga County, New York is home to approximately 10,556 acres of New York State Forest lands, also defined as reforestation lands, within six of our fifteen municipalities; and

WHEREAS: Environmental Conservation Law Section 9-0501 (1) defines the purpose of these lands as "...for watershed protection, the production of timber and other forest products, and for recreation and kindred purposes"; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is appropriately charged with the stewardship, sustainable forestry certification, and maintenance of these areas; and

WHEREAS: The stated mission of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is to "conserve, improve, and protect New York's natural resources and environment and to prevent, abate and control water, land and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their economic and social well-being"; and

WHEREAS: The over 800,000 acres of New York State controlled forests act as natural air filters, carbon sinks, and climate regulators, absorb carbon dioxide, produce oxygen, mitigate stormwater runoff, and prevent soil erosion, and provide habitats for over 10,000 species of wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Those lands are of great benefit to the residents of New York State through opportunities for recreation and access to activities that promote and improve physical and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes that wild lands and the recreational opportunities they provide support overall economic growth through nature-based tourism and quality of life improvements, which are necessary to attract new residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS: New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and Assembly Bill A.10483 would allow the State to provide leases or easements for siting or connecting renewable energy installations on reforestation areas; and

WHEREAS: The provisions of New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and Assembly Bill A.10483 are directly counter to the State Legislature's purported goals as stated within the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA); and

WHEREAS: The provisions of New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and Assembly Bill A.10483 circumvent community input regarding development siting and bypass local government zoning, approvals, and oversight; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy C. Hochul to oppose New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and New York State Assembly Bill A.10483; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature continues to advocate for responsible siting of renewable energy projects through the protection of prime agricultural lands and reforestation areas and urges the State to prioritize marginal lands such as brownfields and rooftops in its siting process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature continues to advocate for local and county government participation in renewable energy project siting and development; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy C. Hochul, Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Assembly Minority Leader Edward P. Ra, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, and New York State Association of Counties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 162-26 *SET SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NYS CDBG MICROENTERPRISE GRANT APPLICATION*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution No. 43-24 to schedule the first public hearing for the NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Assistance Program to allow for community input regarding the NYS CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program to support microenterprises in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 351-24 Tioga County was awarded and approved to accept grant funds through NYS CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS: The New York State CDBG Program requires that a second public hearing be held during the administrative phase of the grant to provide information to the public regarding the progress of the grant and to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding the program and the County's community development efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature will hold a public hearing for community input in regard to the current Community Development Block Grant project in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827 on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. All interested parties will be heard by the Tioga County Legislature at this hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 163-26 *SET SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
NYS CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATION*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution No. 191-24 to schedule the first public hearing for the NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program Grant to support the purchase and use of a mobile food truck for grant subrecipient Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga to establish life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 63-25 Tioga County was awarded and approved to accept grant funds through NYS CDBG Public Facilities Program Grant; and

WHEREAS: The New York State CDBG Program requires that a second public hearing be held during the administrative phase of the grant to provide information to the public regarding the progress of the grant and to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding the program and the County's community development efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature will hold a public hearing for community input in regard to the current Community Development Block Grant project in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827 on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10:05 A.M. All interested parties will be heard by the Tioga County Legislature at this hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 164-26 *RE-APPOINT DIRECTOR
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

WHEREAS: Mark Kwiatkowski, Pomona Grange Representative to the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District, term expires March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Mark Kwiatkowski has agreed to serve another term; and

WHEREAS: The Pomona Grange has recommended Mark Kwiatkowski, farm operator in Owego, NY, to fill said new term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Mark Kwiatkowski is hereby re-appointed the Pomona Grange Representative to the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District for the term of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 165-26 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT
FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED COUNSEL
AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2026 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$100,000.00 for Aid to Defense for Supplemental Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2026 until expended; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to accept the grant funding for the distribution in said amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 needs to be appropriated and the 2026 budget be amended; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance of grant funding and appropriation of funds require Legislature approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of said distribution in the amount of \$100,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon receipt of the funds through the Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of \$100,000.00, the 2026 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Accounts:	A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
	A1170.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
Expense Accounts:	A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 50,000.00
	A1170.540280 DOCJS	Investigations	\$ 50,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on April 1, 2026 of the grant award of \$100,000.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2027 and beyond until the funds are exhausted.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 166-26 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2026 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$100,000.00 for Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2026 until expended; and

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A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00

Expense Accounts: A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 50,000.00
A1170.540140 DOCJS	Contracting Services	\$ 50,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on April 1, 2026 of the grant award of \$100,000.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2027 and beyond until the funds are exhausted.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 168-26 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
PARK OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF NEW YORK, INC.
FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM MOBILE CRISIS*

WHEREAS: The New York State Office of Mental Hygiene (OMH) has awarded Tioga County Mental Hygiene state aid for the purpose of Mental Health program Mobile Crisis; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has identified specific use of this funding for the Mobile Crisis program in 2026; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene would like to enter into contract with Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. for the promotion of the Mobile Crisis program through billboard advertising; and

WHEREAS: This state aid expires 12/31/2026 and use of these funds will incur no local share increase for these services to be rendered for Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has used the services of Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. in the past and is seeking a new contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this resolution and the authorization of said contract is contingent upon the adoption of Resolution No. 180-26 authorizing the use of Deferred Revenue Account A 269100 DR001 and the appropriation of said funds to A4310 540010 MOBIL Advertising; and be it further

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 a new contract with Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. for \$27,704 for the promotion of the Mental Health Mobile Crisis program through billboard advertising for the period May 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 169-26 *AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DELUGE MEDIA TO CREATE TWO PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Solid Waste would like to hire Deluge Media to produce two educational/outreach videos on waste reduction in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: These professional services will be produced prior to December 31, 2026 for the total cost of \$14,640.00 for the two videos; and

WHEREAS: This contract will include four (4) optional contract extensions not to exceed \$18,000 per year; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the promotional video contract with Deluge Media for \$14,640.00 with the option for four (4) contract extensions not to exceed \$18,000 per year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 170-26 *APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR COURTHOUSE AND COURT ANNEX ROOF REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT*

WHEREAS: The award for construction services to be performed for the Courthouse and Court Annex roof replacement project was awarded to Hale Contracting on Resolution No. 80-26; and

WHEREAS: A change order was submitted due to asbestos abatement services that were unforeseen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for this change order not to exceed \$22,500.00 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620 520914 Courthouse/Court Annex New Roof

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 171-26 *APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR
CANDOR TOWER ELECTRICAL UPGRADE
AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The award for the Candor Tower Electrical Upgrade was awarded to Triple E Power & Light LLC on Resolution No. 304-25; and

WHEREAS: A change order was submitted due to additional work that was unforeseen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize additional funds to be appropriated for this change order not to exceed \$12,852 from Reserve account H 387809; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM: H 387809 Radio Comm System Reserve \$12,852

TO: H3021.540140.E911 PS E-911 Contracting Services \$12,852

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 172-26 *AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HIAWATHA DENTAL AS PART OF THE PROPERTY PURCHASE LOCATED AT 135-147 MAIN ST AND AMEND THE 2026 BUDGET*

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga is in the process of purchasing and intends to be the owner of property located at 135-147 Main St, Owego, NY 13827, Tax Map: 128.08-7-60; and

WHEREAS: Said property is currently subject to an existing lease agreement with Hiawatha Dental, which lease is attached to and incorporated into the sales contract for said property; and

WHEREAS: Upon closing, the County of Tioga will assume the rights and obligations of the landlord under said lease agreement; and

WHEREAS: The term of said lease is 5 years, with rent in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month, and includes a lease termination provision requiring a payment in the amount of \$150,000 per year in liquidated damages under certain conditions as outlined in the lease agreement; and

WHEREAS: Said lease will generate revenue in the amount of \$1,000 per month, or \$12,000 annually, which was not included in the 2026 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has reviewed said lease agreement and determined that assuming said lease is in conjunction with the property purchase and is in the best interest of the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Tioga to assume the existing lease agreement with Hiawatha Dental in accordance with the terms set forth in the lease agreement attached to the property sales contract; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution and authorization to assume said lease is contingent upon the County's completion of the property purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislative Chair is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to assume and effectuate said lease agreement, subject to review and approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislative Chair and/or County Administrator are authorized to execute any and all closing documents and related documents necessary to effectuate the assumption of said lease; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 General Operating Fund Budget be amended as follows:

TO: A1622 424100 RENTAL OF REAL PROPERTY	\$12,000.00
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TO: A1622 540093 BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$12,000.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
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RESOLUTION NO. 173-26	<i>AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S COUNSELING SERVICES AND AMEND THE 2026 BUDGET</i>
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WHEREAS: The County of Tioga is in the process of purchasing and intends to be the owner of property located at 135-147 Main St, Owego, NY 13827, Tax Map: 128.08-7-60; and

WHEREAS: Family and Children's Counseling Services occupies office space at said location and the County wishes to enter into a formal lease agreement for the continued use of office space at this location; and

WHEREAS: Said lease will generate revenue in the amount of \$850 per month, or \$10,200 annually, which was not included in the 2026 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS: The County Legislature has determined that entering into a lease agreement for this space is in the best interest of the County and will allow for continued delivery of important community services while generating lease revenue to the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the execution of a lease agreement between the County of Tioga and Family and Children's Counseling Services for a term of 1 year, renewable annually upon agreement of both parties, with rent in the amount of \$850.00 per month, under the terms and conditions set forth in said lease agreement, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislative Chair and/or the County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this lease agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said lease agreement shall include provisions allowing the County to terminate the lease or assign the lease in the event the County sells, transfers, or no longer occupies the property; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 General Operating Fund Budget be amended as follows:

TO: A1622 424100 RENTAL OF REAL PROPERTY	\$10,200.00
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TO: A1622 540093 BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$10,200.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 174-26 *AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE
TOWN OF OWEGO FOR MOWING SERVICES
DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR IN RELEVY PROCESS*

WHEREAS: The County provides for the relevy of certain unpaid charges, including mowing services, onto the property tax roll in accordance with New York State Law; and

WHEREAS: A mowing charge was incurred by the Town of Owego and was eligible to be relevied onto the tax roll; and

WHEREAS: Due to an administrative error of the Real Property Tax Office, and not the fault of the property owner or the vendor, the charge was not included in the relevy process and therefore was not placed on the tax roll for collection; and

WHEREAS: The services were properly performed, and the vendor is entitled to payment for services rendered; and

WHEREAS: The omission of the relevy was an administrative oversight and not the fault of the property owner or the vendor; and

WHEREAS: In order to ensure the vendor is paid and to correct the administrative error, the County Legislature authorizes payment of the mowing charge from the appropriate County account; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes payment in the amount of \$2,975.00 to the Town of Owego for mowing services that were not included in the relevy due to administrative error; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 General Fund budget be amended and the following transfer be made out of county contingency funds:

FR: A1990 540715 CONTINGENCY TRANSFER	\$2,975.00
TO: A1355 540140 CONTRACTING SERVICES	\$2,975.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 175-26 *AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF ARPA FUNDS
FOR VEHICLE WASH EQUIPMENT TO
RAC INDUSTRIES*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works budgeted for a vehicle wash at 70 Delphine Street; and

WHEREAS: RAC Industries was selected in compliance with the Tioga County Purchasing Policy and General Municipal Law §103, and the Department of Public Works has determined the equipment to be a necessary component of the County vehicle wash facility; and

WHEREAS: RAC Industries, the manufacturer of wash bay curtains, requires payment in full before the equipment is manufactured; and

WHEREAS: RAC Industries has requested payment in full for the wash bay tarp in the amount of \$4,611.87; and

WHEREAS: A pre-payment requires Legislative approval; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature oversees and authorizes the use of any and all American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the purchase and prepayment of vehicle wash equipment from RAC Industries, to be paid from the following account:

FROM: H1620 520994 M7674 Building Construction – ARPA	\$4,611.87
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And be it further

RESOLVED: That this purchase is deemed eligible use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in accordance with U.S. Treasury guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Attorney shall review and approve any agreement or documentation related to this purchase and prepayment prior to the issuance of payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 176-26 *AUTHORIZE USE OF ARPA FUNDS
FOR VEHICLE WASH EQUIPMENT*

WHEREAS: American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” Funds have been granted to Tioga County by the US Treasury in 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has identified equipment that is essential for a vehicle wash facility for Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The first identified requirement is a new heating system that will replace the old radiant heat; and

WHEREAS: The second identified requirement is vehicle wheel guides; and

WHEREAS: The third identified requirement is safety bollards; and

WHEREAS: The fourth identified requirement is pressure washer wand holders; and

WHEREAS: The fifth identified requirement is a vehicle vacuum system; and

WHEREAS: The sixth identified requirement is vehicle floor mat holders; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature oversees and authorizes the use of any and all “ARPA” American Rescue Plan Act funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the following payments totaling \$14,076.89 to be paid out of account H1620.520994.M7674 Building Construction – ARPA:

Heating system:	\$9,403.93
Vehicle Wheel Guides:	\$2,007.99
Safety Bollards:	\$ 356.97
Pressure Washer Wand Holders:	\$ 101.00
Vehicle Vacuum System:	\$2,143.00
Vehicle Floor Mat Holders:	\$ 64.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 177-26 *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 Chief Information Officer has reviewed this request and has recommended the purchase of Verkada security cameras equipment to ensure compatibility with the county's existing security infrastructure, promote standardization, and support centralized management and monitoring; and

WHEREAS: Infnit Technology Solutions has provided a formal quotation for all required camera hardware, mounts, injectors, 10-year licensing, and accessories as detailed in Quote DP29-4AQ8-9HL5-62HN, which lists a subtotal of \$12,531.35, shipping of \$140.70, for a total project cost of \$12,672.05; and

WHEREAS: The total cost of this purchase is below the competitive bidding threshold established by General Municipal Law §103, and the procurement is being made in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policy adopted pursuant to General Municipal Law §104-b; and

WHEREAS: Sufficient funds are available within the appropriated capital account to support this purchase; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the purchase of two Verkada security cameras, including all associated mounts, injectors, 10-Year licensing, accessories, and shipping, from Infnit Technology Solutions, pursuant to Quote DP29-4AQ8-9HL5-62HN for a total authorized cost not to exceed \$12,672.05; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payment for this purchase shall be made from Account **H1620 520994 BG005 Building Construction**; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chief Information Officer is authorized to coordinate the purchase, installation, configuration, and integration of these cameras into the County's existing security infrastructure at 135-147 Main Street, Owego, New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 178-26 OMITTED TAX
TIOGA COUNTY
TOWN OF NEWARK VALLEY
NEWARK VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS: Parcel 64.15-2-10.10 located at 58 Whig Street in the Village of Newark Valley was acquired by the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) in October of 2022 and was moved to the wholly exempt section of the assessment roll at that time; and

WHEREAS: This parcel was acquired from the Land Bank by Kasmarcik and Nedlik in April of 2023 and should have been moved back to the taxable section of the assessment roll at that time but was not; and

WHEREAS: Due to this error Town & County tax bills should have been generated for the parcel but were not; and

WHEREAS: Due to this error tax bills were also not generated for the Village of Newark Valley and the Newark Valley Central School District; and

WHEREAS: Real Property Tax Law §520 makes provisions for levying omitted taxes in this situation, specifically that the current roll year and past roll year taxes be levied on the upcoming roll; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That omitted tax for \$250.91 be levied on this parcel on the 2027 Town & County tax roll as follows:

Tax	Year	Amount
County Tax	2025	74.51
	2026	79.09
County Tax Total		153.60
Townwide Tax	2025	34.41
	2026	35.03
Townwide Tax Total		69.44
Fire District Tax	2025	13.97
	2026	13.90
Fire District Tax Total		27.87
Total Omitted Tax Amount		250.91

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Real Property office will provide the necessary information to the Village of Newark Valley and the Newark Valley Central School District so that they may levy the appropriate omitted tax on their respective tax rolls.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 179-26 *APPORTIONING FORFEITURE OF CRIME PROCEEDS
FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 239-20 established a system for the disposal of property, the order of priority of disbursements and the restrictions on the use of both pre-conviction and post-conviction forfeitures of crime proceeds; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 1349 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules and Section 6-v of the General Municipal Law, all forfeited monies and proceeds from forfeited property must be deposited into an Asset Forfeiture Escrow Fund and are restricted for law enforcement purposes and may not be treated as unrestricted funds; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has received funds from drug forfeiture cases in 2024 and 2025 that were unused at year end and transferred to A 388901 Crime Proceeds Restricted Reserve and A 388905 Crime Proceeds Unrestricted Reserve; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that certain forfeiture proceeds were inadvertently recorded in the Crime Proceeds Unrestricted Reserve rather than the Crime Proceeds Restricted Reserve, and such funds must be reclassified to ensure compliance with Civil Practice Law and Rules §1349, General Municipal Law §6-v, and New York State Comptroller accounting requirements; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds to and from reserve accounts require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of reserve funds in the 2025 fiscal year in the amounts as follows:

FROM:	A 388905 Crime Proceeds Unrestricted Reserve	\$ 31,749.42
TO:	A 388901 Crime Proceeds Restricted Reserve	\$ 31,749.42

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
	FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 180-26	<i>DEFERRED REVENUE</i>
	<i>APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS</i>
	<i>BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026</i>
	<i>MENTAL HYGIENE</i>

WHEREAS: The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) has awarded Tioga County Mental Hygiene \$600,000 total state aid funding distributed in 2023, 2024, and 2025 for the purpose of Mental Health program Mobile Crisis; and

WHEREAS: OMH has extended the use of this funding by Tioga County Mental Hygiene through the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene for year-end budget close out processes, has allocated previous years unused Mobile Crisis state aid funding into deferred revenue awaiting use or to be reclaimed by OMH; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has identified specific use of this funding for the Mobile Crisis program in 2026; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds and budget modification which requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Deferred Revenue Account A-269100 DR001 will be used to fund Mental Hygiene's 2026 Budget; and

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A-269100 DR001	State Aid Mental Health	\$ 68,000
To: A4310 434900 MOBIL	State Aid Mental Health	\$ 68,000
To: A4309 520090 MOBIL	Computers	\$ 5,000
To: A4309 520200 MOBIL	Office Equipment	\$ 3,000
To: A4309 540420 MOBIL	Office Supplies	\$ 5,000
To: A4309 540485 MOBIL	Printing/Paper	\$ 5,000
To: A4310 540010 MOBIL	Advertising	\$ 35,000
To: A4310 540640 MOBIL	Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 5,000
To: A4310 540733 MOBIL	Training/All Other	\$ 10,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That any unused funding at the end of budget year 2026 be returned to Deferred Revenue Account A-269100 DR001.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 181-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional pass-through state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only, for the purpose of administering OMH program Outreach; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene contracts with Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$ 695.00
To: A4320 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 695.00
From: A6510 427700 DP22	Other Revenues	\$ 695.00
To: A6510 540487 DP22	Program Expense	\$ 695.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 182-26 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional pass-through state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only, for the purpose of administering OMH program Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Services; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene contracts with Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$ 455.00
To: A4311 540595	Services Rendered (Other)	\$ 455.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 183-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional pass-through state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only, for the purpose of administering OMH programs Supported Housing, Warm Line, Drop-In Center; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene contracts with Rehabilitation Support Service, Inc. (RSS) for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$ 2,341
To: A4333 540130	Contracts	\$ 2,341

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 184-26 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional pass-through state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only, for the purpose of administering OMH program Family Peer Support Services (Children and Family); and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene contracts with AspireHopeNY, Inc. for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$ 27,262
To: A4320 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 27,262

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 185-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional pass-through state aid funding from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for specific and approved uses only, for the purpose of administering OASAS program Primary Prevention Services; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene contracts with Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES and Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From: A4211 434861	State Aid Council on Alcoholism	\$ 1,896
To: A4211 540590	Services Rendered	\$ 1,896

Legislator Standinger spoke. "It seems like we have a plethora of these resolutions, but it is more housekeeping of the money to appease the Budget Officer and remain in compliance."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 186-26 *APPROPRIATION OF RSP FUNDS AND
AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Rental Supplement Program (RSP) allocation to provide rental supplements to individuals and families, both with and without children, who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 124,850

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 124,850

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$124,850 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standing, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 187-26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 50-26;
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 50-26 appropriated \$850,365 in 2026 for five (5) years from the Office of Children and Family Services to assist in the operation of the Child Advocacy Center starting October 1, 2025; and;

WHEREAS: The actual expenditures for October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 has been determined and;

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall amend Resolution No. 50-26 and that the budget in the following accounts be reduced by the revenue claimed and the expenditure made in 2025:

A6050.436100 CAC26 State-Child Advocacy Center	\$ (54,377.60)
A6050.510010 CAC26 Full Time Expense	\$ (15,239.29)
A6050.581088 CAC26 State Retirement Fringe	\$ (937.69)
A6050.583088 CAC26 Social Security Fringe	\$ (1,134.23)
A6050.584088 CAC26 Workers Comp Fringe	\$ (299.33)
A6050.585588 CAC26 Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ (14.84)
A6050.586088 CAC26 Health Insurance Fringe	\$ (2,773.08)
A6050.588988 CAC26 EAP Fringe	\$ (3.94)
A6050.540140 CAC26 Contracting Services	\$ (26,814.95)
A6050.540191 CAC26 Electric Utility	\$ (889.68)
A6050.540487 CAC26 Program Expense	\$ (105.25)
A6050.540550 CAC26 Rent/Lease	\$ (5,700.00)

A6050.540660 CAC26 Telephone \$ (374.32)

A6050.540733 CAC26 Training/All Other \$ (91.00)

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 188-26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 304-25;
AWARD BID FOR CANDOR TOWER
ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 304-25 awarded the bid for the Candor Tower electrical upgrade to the lowest bidder, Triple E. Power & Light LLC, Vestal, NY at an amount not to exceed \$73,150 from Account H3021.540140.ST22; and

WHEREAS: We would like to appropriate these funds from the H387809 Radio Comm System Reserve; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the amendment of Resolution No. 304-25 for payment from the H387809 Radio Comm System Reserve; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a transfer of funds be made as follows:

FROM: H387809 Radio Comm System Reserve \$73,150

TO: H3021.540140.E911 PS E-911 Contracting Services \$73,150

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 189-26 *AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR
PURCHASE OF LASER PRINTER FOR THE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS: The Personnel Department has a typewriter that is in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer consulted with the Chief Information Officer and was recommended a laser printer to fulfill our needs; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Department's office equipment expense account #A1430 520200 has no funds available at this time; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Personnel Officer be authorized to purchase the laser printer for the Personnel Department and that the following sums be transferred for this purchase:

From:	A1430 540420 Office Supplies	\$289.99
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To:	A1430 520200 Office Equipment	\$289.99
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 190-26 AMEND 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET AND
TRANSFER FUNDS FOR TRAILER
PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the purchase of one (1) drum roller within the 2026 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: The drum roller was purchased at a price point where the surplus funds available can be utilized to procure other equipment in support of the operations performed in public works; and

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

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has determined that a different trailer is needed to transport the drum roller as the existing trailer will not adequately meet departmental needs; and

WHEREAS: The existing trailer will be traded in towards the purchase of the new trailer; and

WHEREAS: On February 20, 2026, the Commissioner of Public Works received a quote for the purchase of one (1) trailer which was higher than the budgeted amount for the Tandem Equipment Trailer line item; and

WHEREAS: The purchase of a trailer remains an authorized capital purchase within the 2026 Capital Plan whereupon this resolution does not expand the scope of the approved capital project nor result in any 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 521921	Roller	\$39,500.00
To: H5130 521907	Tandem Equipment Trailer	\$39,500.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 191-26 AMEND 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET AND
TRANSFER FUNDS FOR TRAILER II

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the purchase of one (1) single axle heavy duty truck within the 2026 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS: The single axle heavy duty truck was purchased at a price point where the surplus funds available can be utilized to procure other equipment in support of the operations performed in public works; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has determined that a different trailer is needed to transport construction equipment as the existing trailer will not adequately meet departmental needs; and

WHEREAS: On March 2, 2026, the Commissioner of Public Works received a quote for the purchase of one (1) trailer which was higher than the budgeted amount for the Tandem Equipment Trailer line item; and

WHEREAS: The purchase of a trailer remains an authorized capital purchase within the 2026 Capital Plan whereupon this resolution does not expand the scope of the approved capital project nor result in any 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 520935	Single Axle Heavy Duty Truck	\$15,000.00
To: H5130 521907	Tandem Equipment Trailer	\$15,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 192-26 AMEND 2025 BUDGET & FUND CAPITAL RESERVES FOR EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE & SOFTWARE

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes the importance of Capital Infrastructure especially as it related to Equipment and Computer Hardware & Software and has established Capital Equipment, Capital Software, and Capital Hardware Reserve Funds pursuant to General Municipal Law §6 for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements and equipment; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature also recognizes the need for the continued maintenance and upgrades of County infrastructure via the utilization of established Capital Reserves; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature wishes to fund the Capital Equipment, Capital Software, and Capital Hardware Reserves with Unrestricted General Fund Balance in compliance with the County General Fund Policy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That \$5,500,000.00 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Fund via an interfund transfer as follows:

FR: A9950 593715 TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUND	\$5,500,000.00
TO: H1340 450310 INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$5,500,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That following the interfund transfer, the transferred funds shall be recorded as Unrestricted Capital Fund Balance and appropriated therefrom to the Capital Equipment, Capital Software & Capital Hardware Reserve funds as follows:

FR: H 390900 FUND BALANCE UNRESTRICTED	\$5,500,000.00
TO: H 387805 CAPITAL HARDWARE RESERVE	\$ 500,000.00

TO: H 387807 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND \$5,000,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 193-26 *CREATE & FUND (1) TEMPORARY,
FULL-TIME CLERK (SEASONAL) POSITION
(TREASURER OFFICE)*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has a need to hire a temporary, full-time Clerk to work during the summer season to provide clerical support within the office; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer appropriately budgeted for said position in the approved 2026 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) temporary, full-time Clerk (Seasonal) position is created at the hourly rate of \$16.07, in accordance with Resolution No. 196-09, effective April 18th, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer shall be allowed to fill said position for a duration not to exceed beyond October 2nd, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 194-26 *CREATE AND FILL THREE (3)
HIGHWAY WORKER (SEASONAL) POSITIONS –
PUBLIC WORKS*

WHEREAS: There will be a need for the Highway Department to employ three (3) temporary full-time Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions for 2026; and
WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted money to cover expenditures of such employment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to create and fill three (3) temporary full-time Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions effective April 15, 2026 through December 1, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$16.32 (equivalent to CSEA Grade 7), not to exceed \$40,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 195-26 *AUTHORIZATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
IT SUPPORT SPECIALIST FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY &
COMMUNICATION SERVICES*

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

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer has identified a qualified candidate to fill the IT Support Specialist position, with responsibilities consistent with the vacancy posting including Tier 2 support, system maintenance, network assistance, and participation in cybersecurity and administrative functions; and

WHEREAS: The salary range for said position has been identified as \$50,487 to \$60,487; and

WHEREAS: The Department further recommends the promotion of Software Support Liaison Joseph Monroe, who has consistently demonstrated exceptional technical proficiency, professionalism, and dedication to county operations; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Monroe has repeatedly exceeded expectations of his current role, providing advanced problem solving, supporting mission-critical systems, and serving as a reliable resource to both staff and leadership, thereby strengthening the efficiency and stability of countywide services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chief Information Officer is authorized to provisionally appoint Joseph Monroe to the title of IT Support Specialist, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$50,487 effective April 18, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

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. 196-26 2026 STAFFING CHANGES
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Public Health requested a staffing change as part of the 2026 Budget process; and

WHEREAS: The request was approved by the Legislature and funds included in the approved 2026 Budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following staffing changes be effective January 1, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Title</u> <u>/ Salary</u>	<u>New Title</u> <u>/ Salary</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Impact</u>
Vacant/ Unfunded	Office Specialist 1 \$32,411	Office Specialist 2 \$34,253 Funded	\$34,253

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, and Monell.

No – None.

Absent – Legislators Flesher and Rose.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 197-26 APPOINT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
MENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: The position of Director of Community Services became vacant upon the resignation of the previous incumbent on January 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has identified a qualified candidate and has submitted its recommendation for approval to the Tioga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: The Health & Human Services Committee has met and approved of the selected candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Sarah Begeal be appointed to the position of Director of Community Services effective April 18, 2026, at an annual salary of \$112,984; and be it further

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

Chair Monell spoke. "I just want to say this is well-deserved. This is a good appointment in my opinion."

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The applicant and appointee has been an employee of that department for a number of years, and she has done an excellent job. I am glad to see that we are hiring from within."

