

Office of the County Attorney



FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Monell, Ciotoli, Standinger, Flesher, Brown, Aronstam, Rose, Cantella

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer Roberts, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Chief Accountant Schurter, Safety Officer Holbrook, Personnel Officer Parke, Public Defender Arcesi, County Administrator Bailey, Public Works Commissioner Hammond

Guest(s): N/A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chair Monell asked for a motion to approve February 10, 2026, minutes. Legislator Brown made the motion seconded by Legislator Cantella and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Safety and Legal's budgets are tracking well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Litigation and Claims:** There is no new litigation to report. However, there have been several claims seeking surplus foreclosure funds. A referee process has been suggested to the Court for complex redemption claims.
- **Ethic Board Appointments:** A resolution has been submitted for the appointment for the Chair's nominee.
- **CDL Drug Testing MOU:** The MOU has been sent for review. There are ongoing issues with other municipalities not following federal guidelines and standards for testing. A MOU will protect the County from liability if a municipality chooses to disregard CDL drug testing protocols.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ADA Surveys:** Surveys are in process. Lease spaces are being surveyed, and action items have been identified.
- **Security Upgrades for Public Defender's Office:** There was an incident at this office resulting in the identification of security deficiencies. Ms. Holbrook will work in conjunction with ITCS to address deficiencies.

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- 3rd Assistant County Attorney Vacancy: There continues to be no interest in this position.

RESOLUTIONS: APPOINT MEMBER TO BOARD OF ETHICS; AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE 2026 BUDGET HURRELL HARRING GRANT A1174 AND THE ILS GRANT A1173; APPOINT PART-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE; 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 were moved into full Legislative session without further questions.

PROCLAMATIONS: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Monell adjourned the Finance, Legal and Safety Committee meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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