

*Ninth Regular Meeting*  
September 16, 2025

The Ninth Regular Meeting of 2025 was held on September 16, 2025 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, and Standingger were present.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Bunce to have a moment of prayer. "Lord, we ask you for your wisdom to make the decisions that are necessary; not only at this level of government but in all levels of government."

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

There were 31 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Stuart L. Yetter, Jr., Town of Newark Valley Supervisor, who passed away on September 5, 2025. Mr. Yetter served as the Town of Newark Valley Supervisor since 1999. As Town Supervisor, Mr. Yetter served as a member of the Countywide Shared Services Panel and a board member of the Tioga County Property Development Corporation. He will be greatly missed.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have three Proclamations: **Employee Recognition & Appreciation Week (September 15-19, 2025)** that will be read and presented by Steven Palinosky, Employee Recognition Committee member; **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Tioga County** and **National Recovery Month in Tioga County** that will be noted in the minutes.

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Steve Palinosky, and I will be reading today's Employee Recognition proclamation. First, on behalf of the Employee Recognition Committee, I would like to thank the Legislature for their continued support of this program. I would also like to thank Department Heads, supervisors, coworkers, and friends of our honorees who have joined us today.

"I would like to remind everyone of our Employee Recognition events over this week and next week. This week we will be giving out pins and attachments for 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service. Yesterday, we had the ceremony here at 56 Main Street and then in the afternoon at Public Works. Today, we will be at the Sheriff's Office at 2:30 p.m. and on Thursday at Health & Human Services Building at 11:30 a.m. Concurrently with these ceremonies, Country Boys Kitchen will be onsite to provide lunch for all employees. Finally, we will honor those whose names we read today at

our Employee Recognition luncheon at Waterman’s Café and Tasting Barn on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

“Before we get to the proclamation, I would like to invite our Legislative Chair, Martha Sauerbrey, to offer some remarks.”

Martha Sauerbrey spoke. “Good afternoon. Our Employee Recognition Committee has done an amazing job in the last twenty years I have been here. It gives us an opportunity to honor our employees, thank them for the job they do, and appreciate the work they do for the community and to make our County a better place. All of you are a part of that. This is the time that we have an opportunity to say a big thank you. So, thank you for your service and thank you to all the employees in the County because you are a great group of people.”

Steve Palinosky spoke. “Thank you, Chair Sauerbrey. Now, on to the proclamation. When I read your name, I would like to invite those who are in attendance to come forward for your official copy of the proclamation.”

**County of Tioga  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The mission and services of Tioga County depend heavily on the tireless contributions of its dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature wishes to recognize the efforts of all Tioga County employees; and

WHEREAS: The Employee Recognition Committee was created to provide a mechanism to show our appreciation for the Employees of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Those employees who have served for more than 25 years have shown a steadfast commitment to serving the well-being of the residents of Tioga County, and should be recognized by those whom they have served; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature would like to especially recognize the following employees who have attained 25-35 years since last year’s ceremonies:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Department</u>               | <u>Years</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Julie Whipple   | Department of Social Services   | 35           |
| Elaine Jardine  | Economic Development & Planning | 30           |
| Lisa Schumacher | Public Health                   | 25           |
| Judy Dunbar     | Department of Social Services   | 25           |
| Bryon Bennett   | Public Works                    | 25           |
| David Ayers     | Information Technology          | 25           |

NOW THEREFORE, THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE does hereby proclaim and designate the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the County of Tioga, New York, and call upon our citizens to join in recognizing these dedicated employees.

Steve Palinosky spoke. "Again, I would like to thank the Legislature and everyone who came to support our honorees. Thank you."

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

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

WHEREAS: Suicide is the fourteenth leading cause of death in New York State; and

WHEREAS: Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 15-24, second leading cause of death for ages 25-34, fourth leading cause of death for ages 35-44, fifth leading cause of death for ages 44-54, ninth leading cause of death for ages 55-64, and nineteenth leading cause of death for ages 65+; and

WHEREAS: Suicide claimed the lives of over 1,717 New Yorkers in 2023; and

WHEREAS: The total deaths to suicide reflected a total of 31,352 years of potential life lost before the age of 65; and

WHEREAS: More than four times as many people died by suicide in 2021 than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS: Stigma works against Suicide Prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help; and

WHEREAS: Most suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene and Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition's mission is to increase awareness, provide education, training, resources and coordinate community services to the public; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as:

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Prevention, treatment and recovery efforts improve the community's welfare and provide renewed outlook on life for those who, along with their family and friends, struggle with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS: 21.2 million adults have a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS: 48.4 million people aged 12 and older, or 16.8% of the population in the United States, have a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS; 13.5% of young adults aged 18-25 had both substance use and mental health disorder in the past year; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 1 in 3 adults had either a substance use disorder or mental illness in the past year and 45.8% of young adults 18-25 had either a substance use disorder or mental illness.

WHEREAS: Substance use negatively affects children, families and loved ones and takes a great toll on our society economically and in terms of safety; and

WHEREAS: Studies have indicated that people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors and community members to have negative opinions of them; and

WHEREAS: Fear and stigma continue to be barriers to seeking help for an addiction; and

WHEREAS: CASA - Trinity provides prevention, education, advocacy, early intervention and referral services for individuals, friends or family members who are living with an addiction; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene remains eager and prepared to provide treatment for Tioga County citizens who choose to work toward recovery for a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS: Such education and raising awareness is essential in overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS: To help achieve this goal, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene invite all Tioga County residents to participate in the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month now known as National Recovery Month; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as:

### **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN TIOGA COUNTY**

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have one person for privilege of the floor.

Kermit Bossard, Town of Spencer resident spoke. "My name is Kermit Bossard and I am representing the Spencer Food Cupboard, Spencer, NY. I was here last month and I kind of apologize for coming back again, but I need to add a couple of things and maybe correct a couple of things.

"There is a fact and there is no changing or denying that hunger is real right here in Tioga County. It's not like Gaza or South Sudan, that's starvation. What I am saying is hunger. I think you can ask a lot of people here in Tioga County, ask the Health Department, they recognize that people are hungry and that is why we have 10-12 food pantries in the county and distribute all that food. It is also a fact and there is no getting around it, that the current federal administration's decisions are making matters worse. Benefits are being cut, and people are feeling it. The federal government is passing some of those responsibilities down to the States who also have their own budget problems in New York State. This all makes it harder on families who are trying to balance their budget and have to decide whether to pay for prescriptions, electricity, food, or rent and then what is getting cut each month. Food is sometimes the one that is getting cut, which is why we have the food pantries out there to help people. It is harder to see because we do not see it every day on the street, but it's there. The federal decisions are also making it harder for food pantries

to operate because they have cut some of the programs out of USDA, so we are getting less food and less money to operate the pantries. This is not my opinion; it is just fact and that is the way it works.

“Now, about budgets. I heard last month that we came in late in the budget process. Maybe yes, but budgets are made to be modified all year long. I have worked with budgets for a long time. I had four fiscal years that I was working with plus the grants that come in and the grants that go out. It is a mess. I recognize that, but that is an excuse. I dealt with that all year long and you modify, change, add, subtract, and you deal with it all year long. Coming to you in August is kind of a budgetary hiccup, as I call it; it is not something that cannot be changed. And I did come last year, so you had a year to work on this. You had a year to modify things and work food pantries into the budget. It should not take that long to figure out how to do this. I cannot speak for the other pantries in Tioga County, but I was asked how much budget you need. Well, I would ask for \$5,000 just for the Spencer Food Cupboard. Now, if you add the rest of the pantries in Tioga County it gets up a little bit more. But my ask is for one line budget for the Spencer Food Cupboard and that is for food. It is not for utilities, personnel, or anything else. It is for food. If you want a receipt to show that, I would be glad to provide it. By the way, our neighboring counties are doing what I am asking. Chemung County is providing \$30,000 for food for their food pantries. Steuben County is providing \$75,000. Tompkins County is providing \$175,000 and I will say some of this allocation is going to pay local farmers for produce, which is what the federal government cut out of the budget by the way, so it is not all going to pantries, but it is going for produce that goes to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier who sends it out to the pantries. So, it is coming back to us one way or another. Broome County provides \$60,000. It is all around us. We are not doing anything, and we should.

“So, I am probably not going to keep coming back again to ask. In a couple of months, I am going to be 84 years old, and I think it’s time I quit. I think I represented the need fairly well. I think it is up to you to make that decision to help pantries out where you can. If you need some guidance on how to do it, people over at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier can assist, as this is where I would funnel the money in through, so they can distribute it back out to all the pantries in Tioga County. If you have any questions about the need, the number of people being assisted, etc., you should ask. That’s all you have to do; just ask. Thank you very much.”

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12 and 21, 2025, seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.



A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

#### SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program (Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935) has been extended from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Tioga County participated in this pilot program by way of Local Law No. 3 of 2021 with a sunset date of December 31, 2023 and Local Law No. 1 of 2024 with a sunset date of December 31, 2025. It is the intent of this Local Law to authorize Tioga County to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old individuals to participate in the extension of the NYSDEC Youth Deer Hunting pilot program in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935 for the fall 2026 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

The enacted 2025-2026 New York State Budget extended the pilot program allowing counties to opt-in by way of Local Law to provide an opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to continue to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2028 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Tioga County is passing this Local Law, as hunting is a valued tradition for many families and this continued opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

#### SECTION 2: PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL §11-0935, Tioga County elects to participate in the extended pilot program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2028 and beyond as long as the State law continues to be extended.

#### SECTION 3: STATE REQUIREMENTS TO ADHERE ONCE AUTHORIZED

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- A. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older,

- with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- B. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
  - C. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
  - D. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters, as well as their adult supervisors, shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
  - E. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
  - F. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.

#### SECTION 4: LOCAL LAW FILING REQUIREMENTS

A copy of this Local Law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the New York State Department of State.

#### SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, effect, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect January 1, 2026 in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule and will remain in effect pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §11-0935.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "I just want to say that as a hunter safety instructor the youth are very safety conscious, more so than the older hunters. I think this is a good thing because getting them out in the woods and learning how to hunt with a mentor is a good thing. Safety is always a good thing when it comes to hunting."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 306-25 ESTABLISH EQUALIZATION RATES

RESOLVED: That under the provisions of Section 804 of the Real Property Tax Law, equalization rates for the purpose of apportioning 2025 County taxes among the several Towns are hereby established as follows:

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Town of Barton        | 56.20 |
| Town of Berkshire     | 65.00 |
| Town of Candor        | 61.50 |
| Town of Newark Valley | 42.50 |
| Town of Nichols       | 17.38 |
| Town of Owego         | 52.25 |
| Town of Richford      | 70.00 |
| Town of Spencer       | 70.00 |
| Town of Tioga         | 4.30  |

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 307-25      *ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT*  
*VILLAGE OF OWEGO*

WHEREAS: Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2025 Village taxes, submitted by Town of Owego Assessor on behalf of the Village of Owego, indicates that parcel # 128.16-1-8.1 in the Village of Owego assessed to Village of Owego is erroneous in that the parcel should have been coded with an exemption code; and

WHEREAS: The parcel was correctly coded in Roll Section 8 Wholly Exempt, an exemption code was erroneously not applied to the parcel; and

WHEREAS: As a result, a Village tax bill was generated in the amount of \$20.69 that should not have been generated; and

WHEREAS: This meets the criteria of a Clerical Error per RPTL 550 paragraph 2 (c); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Village of Owego should be informed that the tax bill be considered null and void; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous tax be charged back to the Village of Owego.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 308-25                      *DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A.  
TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED  
TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2026*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation, d.b.a. the Tioga County Tourism Office, is the not-for-profit corporation that develops and implements a tourism promotion and marketing program for the county; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Tourism Office coordinates with the state in its tourism grants program; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Tourism Grants Program is designed to encourage tourism promotion throughout the regions of New York State; and

WHEREAS: The guidelines for this local assistance program require counties to appoint an official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Tourism Office be and hereby is designated by the Tioga County Legislature as their Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2026 budget year and authorized to make application for and receive grants on behalf of the county pursuant to the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 309-25 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TCIDA)*

WHEREAS: Pursuant to §856(2) of the General Municipal Law the members of the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) serve at the pleasure of the Legislature without a term until they either resign or are replaced by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Mari Townsend has resigned from the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors effective February 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) Board of Directors desires to fill this vacant position; and

WHEREAS: Barbara J. Case has expressed a desire to serve on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Mari Townsend for her loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Barbara J. Case to replace Mari Townsend's position on the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors effective September 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 310-25 *APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD*

WHEREAS: David Astorina resigned from the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) Board as of March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC Board is looking to fill this vacant position that expired December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Ray Bunce is willing and able to serve in this position on the TCPDC Board; and

WHEREAS: Ray Bunce's appointment as a TCPDC Board Member is conditioned by his holding office as a Tioga County Legislator for which his term expires on 12/31/2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Ray Bunce to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board to fill the vacant position for the term of 9/16/25 – 12/31/26.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, and Aronstam.

No – None.

Absent – None.

Abstention – Legislator Bunce.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 311-25      *RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING  
MEMBER TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD*

WHEREAS: Tina Lounsbury's appointment to the Community Services Board will expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Tina Lounsbury'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 Tina Lounsbury be reappointed to the Community Services Board for term starting December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 312-25      *FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR NYSDEC MUNICIPAL  
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING (MWRR)  
PROGRAM*

WHEREAS: The State of New York announced a grant from the NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program to support counties and local governments with their recycling and waste reduction program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Through this grant Solid Waste would be partially reimbursed for their eligible costs of the Sustainability Manager position and recycling and waste reduction educational and outreach program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Sustainability Manager to apply and administer said grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair or their designee to sign the application for said grant upon approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 313-25      *AWARD RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES AND  
NEGOTIATIONS TO DELTA ENGINEERS FOR  
DAY HOLLOW ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County was awarded funding through NYSDOT to replace a large culvert on Day Hollow Road in the Town of Owego; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for right-of-way services and negotiations for this project from Delta Engineers, Endwell, NY; and

WHEREAS: The proposal for these services is \$27,920; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the proposal for right-of-way services and negotiations for the Day Hollow Road Culvert Replacement to Delta Engineers not to exceed \$27,920 to be paid out of the following account: Culverts - H5110 520003 H2302.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 314-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR SUIT-KOTE CORPORATION TO PERFORM PAVING SERVICES ON THE EAST PORTION OF EAST RIVER DRIVE*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works is authorized to procure services based on New York State (NYS) Office of General Services (OGS) bids and from other bids in the neighboring counties where applicable; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Department of Transportation has allotted financial resources specifically to perform road services to County roads; and

WHEREAS: Suit-Kote Corporation has offered the Department of Public Works to pave a portion of East River Drive at a cost lower than the Deputy Commissioner's estimate based on the active OGS bids (Award #23334) as well as the current County commodity bids; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into contract with Suit-Kote Corporation not to exceed \$34,277.32 to be paid out of Paving Projects 2025 Account H51 10.540001.H2501.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 315-25 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR PROBATION HVAC

WHEREAS: The award for Probation Wing Court Annex was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 207-24; 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 \$1,538.75 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520927 – Court Annex

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
 RESOLUTION NO. 316-25 APPROVE SECOND CHANGE ORDER FOR 56 MAIN STREET SOUTH WING HVAC

WHEREAS: The award for construction services to be performed for the 56 Main Street South Wing HVAC Upgrade project was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 206-24; 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 \$3,566.75 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 – Renovations 56 Main St

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monelli.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 317-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 235-25;  
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 235-25 adopted on June 19, 2025 authorized a contract for consultant services in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has budgeted for the expenses associated with the salaries of full-time employees; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for the expenses associated with consultant services in Resolution No. 235-25; and

WHEREAS: The account listed in Resolution No. 235-25 was incorrect and the transfer of funds should have been to A1490.540140 and not A1490.510020; and

WHEREAS: Budget amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 235-25 be amended and the funding transferred as follows:

|       |              |                      |         |
|-------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| From: | A1490.510010 | Full Time            | \$3,000 |
| To:   | A1490.540140 | Contracting Services | \$3,000 |

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 318-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 291-19;  
AUTHORIZE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH  
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CHANGE ORDER #8  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 291-19 authorized the Director of Emergency Services to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for a P25 Phase 1 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System at an amount not to exceed \$9,620,000; and

WHEREAS: Change Order #1 separated the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) from the Radio Tower Project at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 23-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order #2 for additional tower sites, equipment and conversion to a P25 Phase 2 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System for a cost not to exceed \$3,100,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 152-22, the Legislature authorized Change Order # 3 to include adding Owego Police to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD); adding Digital Evidence Module for Owego; adding Pictometry for Mapping; adding Rapid Notification Module; and Data Transfer Costs for a cost not to exceed \$133,020.84; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 20-23 and Resolution No. 123-24, the Legislature authorized the County to enter into a lease with Motorola Solutions at an amount not to exceed \$4,044,973.15; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 444-23, the Legislature authorized Change Order #4 to include the additional cost of building 4 new tower sites, refurbishing one county owned site, adding our equipment to PA State Police site and additional enhancements to radio and telephone equipment that has changed since the original contract of 2019 for an additional cost not to exceed \$5,650,000; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 199-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #5 to include a shelter and generator for the Ballou Road tower site at a cost not to exceed \$619,642.08 with Motorola Solutions; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 294-24, the Legislature authorized Change Order #6 to add the Aware for 911 product line at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. 248-25, the Legislature authorized Change Order #7 to add tower lighting to the Babcock Farms tower site in Nichols, at an additional cost of \$60,827 to the County (which will be deducted from the (\$316,716) Motorola credit); Remove the cost of a shelter for the Round Top site for a credit to the project of (\$290,391); Correct Change Order #4 to correct the size of the shelters; Change the size of the propane tank at Hanson, Babcock, Spencer, Prospect, and Ballou Road towers; Prospect Tower – The County, not Motorola, will replace damaged fence rail pipe and will be responsible for deforestation within the compound and 10' outside the compound for a credit of (\$26,325); and Adjust the project completion date from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Change Order #8 is being enacted to authorize structural modifications to the Carmichael Tower to allow the addition of RF and microwave antennas at a cost of \$80,717; and burial of electrical conduit and line and rebuilding of the driveway at the Pegasus Site at a cost of \$358,432. Utilizing the remaining credit from Change Order #7 of (\$255,889) brings the total county cost to \$183,260; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby authorizes an amended agreement, by way of Change Order #8 with Motorola Solutions, 500 West Monroe Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60661, to add RF and microwave antennas and burial of electrical conduit and line; and rebuilding of the driveway at the Pegasus Site at a cost not to exceed \$183,260 for Change Order #8; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to execute Motorola's Change Order #8, after review and approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 319-25      *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF  
2026 NYS PTS GRANT  
(PTS-2026-TIOGA CO SO-00269-(054))  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS &  
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded a NYS PTS (Police Traffic Services) grant (PTS-2026-Tioga Co-SO-00269-(054)) in the amount of \$13,200; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorize the acceptance of this award; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM: A3110.445890 Federal Aid – Other Transportation           \$13,200

TO:     A3110.510030 Sheriff Overtime                                 \$13,200

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 – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:                                 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 320-25                    AUTHORIZE 2025-2026 CONTRACTS WITH  
SADD SCHOOL ASSOCIATES  
STOP DWI

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the STOP DWI Program to arrange five contracts with SADD School Associates which are defined as independent contractors not entitled to county employee benefits; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire to contract with the following five SADD School Associates for the school year 2025-2026; Aria French to serve the Candor School District; Matthew Cicchetti to serve the Newark Valley School District; Cynthia Tebo to serve the Owego Apalachin School District; Kimberly Alpert to serve the Spencer Van Etten School District, and; Janice Barto to serve the Tioga Central School District; and

WHEREAS: Each SADD School Associate will be compensated \$100 each month for the ten months of the school year, but will not exceed \$1,000 for the year; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Attorney has approved the agreement that defines the rights and responsibilities of all the parties involved and outlines the compensation to be paid to the STOP DWI School Associates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That these contracts for SADD School Associates be authorized for the 2025-2026 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

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: This agreement will expire December 31, 2025 and the Sheriff's Office would like to extend it an additional year at a cost not to exceed \$910,345; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the agreement with CBH Medical to provide comprehensive medical and mental health services for the inmates at the Tioga County Jail be extended for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the execution of this agreement with CBH Medical to provide such services.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 322-25      *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
ACCUMEDIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC. FOR  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS FOR  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Accumedic Computer Systems Inc. for the purpose of utilizing an Electronic Health Records Software System; and

WHEREAS: Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc. has been utilized by Tioga County Mental Hygiene for more than ten years and this is a contract renewal; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene budgeted in 2025 for this contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a 5-year contract with Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc., on behalf of Mental Hygiene, for \$233,000 plus transaction-based fees of billing claims, remittance, eligibility and telereminder services.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 323-25 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH  
A NEW HOPE CENTER  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with A New Hope Center to provide three Advocates, funded through the New York State Office of Victim Services, to assist the Child Advocacy Center in their mission; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$159,993.26; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with A New Hope Center for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$159,993.26 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 324-25      *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, 2025, for the total cost for the two videos will be \$13,140; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair of Tioga County or their designee to enter into these agreements with Deluge Media as approved by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 325-25      *MODIFY SNOWMOBILE GRANT PROGRAM  
BUDGET FOR 30% AWARD DISBURSEMENT TO  
SNOWMOBILE CLUBS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County serves as a Local Sponsor to request state funding advances for costs incurred in performing the work required in the development and maintenance of a snowmobile trail system according to the provisions of Section 27.17 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Law of New York State completed by the Tioga County Snowmobile Clubs; and

WHEREAS: Requests for funding advances are made to the NYS OPRHP via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning Department based on detailed labor and materials in the development and maintenance of the Countywide snowmobile trail system solely within the boundaries of Tioga County as approved by OPRHP; and

WHEREAS: The snowmobile clubs included in this program are named: Tioga Ridge Runners, Ridge Riders of Whitney Point, Spencer-VanEtten Snowmobile Club, Dryden-Caroline Drifters and Candor Valley Riders; and

WHEREAS: The 2024-2025 Snowmobile 30% Award request of \$15,551.41 was made June 27, 2025, and has been received by the County on July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 191-10 the Tioga County Legislature authorized the receipt of an annual six percent (6%) administrative fee from total funds received and documented. The fee is paid at the time of the final thirty percent (30%) award payment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The 30% Award received July 18, 2025, \$3,569.01 is the administrative fee to be received by the County for services provided prior to distribution of the award, leaving \$11,982.40 to be paid out to the Snowmobile Clubs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Snowmobile Grant Program budget be modified and funds be appropriated to reflect the 2024-2025 30% grant award to the following accounts:

|       |       |                                   |             |
|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| From: | A7180 | 439890 State Aid-Snowmobile Grant | \$11,982.40 |
| To:   | A7180 | 540590 Services Rendered          | \$11,982.40 |

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 326-25      *APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED BY ED&P STAFF*

WHEREAS: A resolution is required by County policy to disclose matching cash and/or in-kind contributions from the County for grant applications written for the County and/or by the County on behalf of a municipality or entity; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning staff provided technical assistance for the following:

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Source</u>     | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u>                |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Village of Owego    | NY SWIMS Round II | \$100,000.00  | Marvin Park Pool Improvements |

And

WHEREAS: There is no further obligation by the County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the technical assistance provided as noted above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 327-25 *MODIFY 2025 BUDGET AND TRANSFER FUNDS  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2025 budget and transfer funds between object of expenses; and

WHEREAS: Monies need to be transferred to cover the cost of equipment for the Radio Tower Project; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2025 budget be modified and transfer of funds be made as follows:

|                          |                     |             |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| FROM: A3415.540140.IO20F | Contracted Services | \$11,888.62 |
| TO: A3415.520130.IO20F   | Equipment (not car) | \$11,888.62 |
| FROM: A3415.540140.IO21F | Contracted Services | \$11,068.23 |
| TO: A3415.520130.IO21F   | Equipment (not car) | \$11,068.23 |

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 328-25      *AUTHORIZE GRANT RENEWAL  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered in an effort to reduce substance abuse among youth; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene needs authorization to receive Federal funding for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant in partnership with Tioga County Public Health, Tioga County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (TC ASAP) Community Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene was originally awarded said grant in 2018 and was awarded a five-year extension renewed annually from 09/30/2023 through 09/30/2028; and

WHEREAS: This grant year is 09/30/2025 through 09/29/2026 and the said funds need to be appropriated annually; and

WHEREAS: The Department deems it to be in the best interest of the community and youth of Tioga County to renew this grant funding; and

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

RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

|                    |                             |           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| From: A4213 444863 | Federal Aid DFC Grant       | \$125,000 |
| To: A4213 540590   | Services Rendered DFC Grant | \$125,000 |

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 will be carried forward into the New Year 2026.



RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

|                         |                       |           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| From: A4213.444863 STOP | Federal Aid DFC Grant | \$ 60,000 |
| To: A4213.540590 STOP   | Services Rendered     | \$ 60,000 |

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 will be carried forward into the New Year 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 330-25      *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
BUDGET MODIFICATION  
MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment, Family Peer Support Services, Outreach, Health Home Care Management, Warm Line, Drop-In Center, Psychosocial Club, and Supported Housing; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with Catholic Charities, AspireHopeNY, Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency, and Rehabilitative Support Services to provide these services 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 modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

|                    |                           |             |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| From: A4310 434900 | State Aid-Mental Health   | \$14,130.00 |
| To: A4311 540595   | Services Rendered (Other) | \$ 357.00   |
| To: A4320 540590   | Services Rendered         | \$ 2,542.00 |
| To: A4321 540130   | Contracts                 | \$ 433.00   |
| To: A4321 540590   | Services Rendered         | \$ 111.00   |
| To: A4333 540130   | Contracts                 | \$ 9,972.00 |
| To: A4333 540140   | Contracting Services      | \$ 715.00   |

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 331-25 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has an approved allocation of \$165,385 for SFY 2025-2026 for Family-Centered Case Management Services; and

WHEREAS: The Family-Centered Case Management Services is to provide a range of case management services for TANF eligible families who are having difficulty stabilizing their households and transitioning toward greater financial security; and

WHEREAS: Two Employment Specialists tied to the Family-Centered Case Management Services allocation are required for said duties; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Social Services Admin | \$ 165,385 |
| To: A6010.510010 Full Time Expense                    | \$ 86,382  |
| To: A6010.581088 State Retirement Fringe              | \$ 8,676   |
| To: A6010.538088 Social Security Fringe               | \$ 6,609   |
| To: A6010.584088 Workers Compensation Fringe          | \$ 2,504   |
| To: A6010.585588 Disability Insurance Fringe          | \$ 125     |
| To: A6010.586088 Health Insurance Fringe              | \$ 55,883  |
| To: A6010.588988 EAP Fringe                           | \$ 34      |
| To: A6010.540420 Office Supplies                      | \$ 500     |
| To: A6010.540487 Program Expense                      | \$ 3,747   |
| To: A6010.540660 Telephone                            | \$ 925     |

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$165,385 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 332-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) applied for a grant from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation with authorization from Legislative Resolution No. 184-25; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has been awarded the grant and will receive the funds specifically for Traffic Safety Car Seat program; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:  
A4053.422800 MFT Public Health: Local Grants \$ 2,500

To:  
A4053.540487 MFT Public Health: Program Expense \$ 2,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 333-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the *Drug Free Communities (DFC)* portions of the County's Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition via pass-through from Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

|                  |                                   |           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| From:            |                                   |           |
| A4053 422800 DFC | Health Services-Other Governments | \$125,000 |
| To:              |                                   |           |
| A4053 540487 DFC | Program Expense                   | \$125,000 |

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 334-25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the *Sober Truth On Preventing underage drinking (STOP)* portion of the County's Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition via pass-through from Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

|                   |                                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| From:             |                                   |           |
| A4053 422800 STOP | Health Services-Other Governments | \$ 60,000 |
| To:               |                                   |           |
| A4053 540487 STOP | Program Expense                   | \$ 60,000 |

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2025 be carried forward into the 2026 budget in the same budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 335-25 TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 306-24 authorized the Chair of the Legislature to purchase workers' compensation specific excess Insurance from Smith Brothers for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The audit of the 1/1/2024-1/1/2025 coverage period from Midwest Employer's Casualty was completed; and

WHEREAS: An annual adjustment is due to the difference in the audited, actual payrolls compared to the original budget estimates that were submitted; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for budget modifications and transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available in one of the Expense accounts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following sum be transferred:

|                     |                       |             |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| From: \$1720.540101 | Compensation Awards   | \$31,159.00 |
| To: \$1722.540270   | Insurance – Liability | \$31,159.00 |

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ITCS COMMITTEE  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 336-25      *TRANSFER RESERVE FUNDS TO PURCHASE COPIER AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT (20 COURT ST)*

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services Support Collection Unit has determined there is a need for a new copier in their office at 20 Court Street due to poor print quality of their current copier and the need for constant maintenance calls; and

WHEREAS: TOPP Business Solutions has provided a quote based on Sourcewell Contract 030321-RCH for a RICOH Mon Copier with ADF offering the NYS contract purchase price of \$7,856.00; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing the copier outright instead of entering a 60-month lease for a total of \$10,701.60 results in savings of \$2,845.60; and

WHEREAS: Purchases through a valid New York State contract are exempt from the requirement to obtain three competitive quotes in accordance with applicable procurement regulations; and

WHEREAS: The purchase is eligible for a reimbursement of approximately 65%; and

WHEREAS: Amending of the budget, the appropriation of Capital funds, and utilization of Capital Reserve funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Department of Social Services Support Collection Unit to proceed with direct procurement and implementation of a new copier and that the following funds be transferred and the 2025 budget be modified as follows:

|       |               |                          |            |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| FROM: | H 387805      | Capital Hardware Reserve | \$7,856.00 |
| TO:   | H 6010 521130 | Equipment (Not Car)      | \$7,856.00 |

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 2025.



RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Norton shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective April 4, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 338-25      *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT:  
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

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

WHEREAS: The position of Chief Information Officer has been vacant since June 13, 2025, due to a prior announced resignation; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and after interviewing a number of candidates, the committee has identified a well-qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature provisionally appoints Brandon Clark to the title of Chief Information Officer at an annual salary of \$98,249 effective September 20, 2025, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Mr. Clark shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective March 20, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 339-25 *AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE AND  
ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE CLERK*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature recognizes the exceptional performance and dedication of Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Office without the assistance of a Deputy Legislative Clerk for over one year; and

WHEREAS: During this period, Mrs. Haskell successfully maintained the efficiency, accuracy, and continuity of legislative operations, ensuring that the needs of the Legislature, the public, and County departments were met in a timely and professional manner; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature wishes to acknowledge and compensate Mrs. Haskell for both her ongoing contributions and the additional workload undertaken during this time; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes a permanent increase of \$6,000.00 to the annual base salary of Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, effective the first full payroll period following the adoption of this resolution, with no retroactive adjustment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes a one-time payment of \$4,000.00 to Mrs. Haskell in recognition of the successful completion of the tasks and responsibilities of the Legislative Office without a Deputy for over one year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make said salary adjustment and one-time payment from the appropriate budget lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 340-25 *AUTHORIZE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR  
DIRECTOR OF ASSETS AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT,  
MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title salary increase within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The County Clerk requested a review for the 2026 salary range of the title Director of Assets and Records Management (Management/Confidential); and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer, after reviewing all submitted and researched data, has made a determination that due to the extensive knowledge base required to accession, store, deaccession, and properly destroy records per the New York State retention schedule for the records of all Tioga County Departments (excluding the Sheriff's Department, ITCs, and the Department of Social Services) while strictly adhering to confidentiality requirements; the knowledge and organization necessary to create and maintain a database of all non-capital assets owned by Tioga County there is justification to request a salary adjustment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the appropriate Management/Confidential salary range for the Director of Assets and Records Management be \$54,294 - \$64,294; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 annual salary of the current incumbent in the Director of Assets and Records Management title, Janis Hopkins, shall be increased by \$4,095 effective the first full 2026 pay period.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 341-25 *CREATE AND FILL SENIOR RECORDING CLERK AND  
ABOLISH ONE (1) RECORDING CLERK  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to create and abolish positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the department needs, the County Clerk has determined that there is a need for a "senior level" Recording Clerk position for 2026; and

WHEREAS: On August 19, 2025, the Personnel Department received a new position duties statement from the County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS: After a review of the New Position Duties Statement, the Personnel Officer has determined that the appropriate classification for the new position shall be Senior Recording Clerk (CSEA SG VI); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) full-time Senior Recording Clerk (\$38,859-\$39,859 CSEA SG VI) shall be created effective January 1, 2026, and filled in accordance with payroll procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon the appointment of the Senior Recording Clerk (SG VI), one (1) full-time Recording Clerk (CSEA SG V) position will be abolished.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 342-25 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 169-25;  
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY FULL-TIME CLERK  
(SEASONAL) POSITION  
TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 169-25 created (1) temporary, full-time Clerk (Seasonal) position at the hourly rate of \$15.50 in accordance with Resolution No. 196-09, effective April 19, 2025 through October 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has identified a need to extend and refill the temporary, full-time Clerk position to provide clerical support within the office due to a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer has budget for said position in the approved 2025 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer shall be allowed to refill said position and extend the duration of the position not to exceed beyond December 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 343-25      *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 170-25;  
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) Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions for 2025; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 170-25, created and filled three (3) temporary, full-time Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions effective April 15, 2025, through December 1, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$15.77 (equivalent to CSEA Grade 7), not to exceed \$30,000; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has identified a need to increase the approved budgeted amount of \$30,000 to \$40,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to increase the budgeted amount not to exceed \$40,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

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 and 294-25 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 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, seven-hour day:**

Administrative Coordinator for Tioga County IDA and  
Property Development Corporation

Assistant EMS Coordinator PT

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell made a motion to bring forth seven (7) late-file resolutions for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 345-25      *RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS*

WHEREAS: Affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS: Building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS: Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS: These top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS: Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Legislator Standinger spoke. “The State government is pushing forth mandates that are harmful to us, especially in the rural areas. It gets cold up here in the winter and if your power goes out and you do not have natural gas as an alternative you could be in big trouble. Albany does not always think about that since it is ruled by downstate folks pretty much.”

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 346-25      *AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALVOGEN, INC., AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., APOTEX INC., HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS USA INC., INDIVIOR INC., MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., AND ZYDUS PHARMACEUTICALS (USA), INC. CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies for their role in contributing to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. have offered to settle claims against them by entering into a national settlement and paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of Plaintiff's ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve claims with respect to Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceutical USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against them and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Inc., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. and the County Treasurer is authorized to submit such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claims against the Defendants and distribute the proceeds between the participating parties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 347-25      *AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT AND  
DIRECT SETTLEMENT SHARING AGREEMENT  
CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID  
CRISIS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies for their role in contributing to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Claims concerning Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family have been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings and there is now an offer to settle the various claims against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family by entering into a comprehensive Purdue Settlement under which Tioga County will participate in the Purdue Direct Settlement and enter into a settlement sharing agreement with New York State and other participating New York State Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of entities ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to compromise its claims and resolve this matter with respect to Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against them and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Purdue Pharma and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claim the Defendants Purdue Pharma and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 348-25      *AUTHORIZE SALE OF COUNTY  
OWNED PROPERTIES ACQUIRED  
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County is the owner of numerous properties that it has acquired for delinquent taxes, which are surplus to the County needs; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Tioga County Legislature to place the properties back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following properties be sold at a public auction, conducted by Manasse Auctioneers.

Village of Waverly

166.16-2-13; Brougham William K

166.12-3-8; Comstock Thomas E

166.18-2-28; Estate Fravel Teresa

166.18-1-18; Estate Smith Ethel

166.19-1-40; Wittig Russell

Town of Barton

145.00-2-30; Searles Patricia Belva

Town of Berkshire

16.00-2-8; Rupert Willis C

Town of Candor

70.00-1-30; Conaway James L

38.00-1-23; Jones Gerald R

61.00-1-14.20; Middaugh Michael F

38.00-1-43; Newby Wanda

Village of Newark Valley

64.15-2-33; Ridgway Roxann Lynn

64.15-1-10; Underwood Ronald M

Town of Newark Valley

64.00-1-42; Fitzgerald Brian

75.18-1-24.12; Shrauger Robert

Town of Nichols

159.00-2-31; Bennett, William

157.00-4-3.30; Butler James

168.00-3-20; Whitman Harry D

168.00-3-21; Whitman Harry D

Village of Owego117.20-2-6; Ochu Martins O117.19-2-62; Owego Holdings 2021 LLC129.05-1-10; Owego Holdings 2021 LLCTown of Owego130.00-2-66.112; 4280 W 434, LLC153.07-1-36; Bell David131.19-1-26; Depuysselier Laverne153.06-2-13; Schweitzer Christine A107.00-1-6.212; Warren Benjamin143.13-1-20; County of TiogaTown of Richford12.00-1-28.41; Brown Reginald12.00-1-21.11; Wert Daniel12.00-1-21.90; Wert DanielTown of Tioga148.08-1-23; Major Lynn W

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 349-25

*AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY  
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CANDOR TO JOSEPH ROSE*

WHEREAS: Property located in the Town of Candor transferred to Tioga County, identified as Tax Map number 38.00-1-3, parcel number 739 owes 2023, 2024 and 2025 taxes and is past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by Joseph Rose who has made an offer to purchase back their property for \$17,358.76 "as is", thereby placing the properties back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$17,358.76 and recording costs of \$195.00, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property transferred to Tioga County, located in the, Town of Candor, identified on the Town of Candor Tax Map as number 38.00-1-3 parcel number 739 to Joseph Rose or assigns.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 350-25 *AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF RICHFORD TO MONUMENT PROPERTY GROUP LLC*

WHEREAS: Property located in the Town of Richford, transferred to Tioga County, identified as Tax Map number 15.00-2-10, parcel number 609 owes 2023, 2024, and 2025 taxes and is past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by Monument Property Group LLC, which has made an offer to purchase back his property for \$8,453.34 "as is", thereby placing the property back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$8,453.34 and recording costs of \$195.00, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property transferred to Tioga County, located in the Town of Richford, identified on the Town of Richford Tax Map as number 15.00-2-10 parcel number 609 to Monument Property Group LLC or assigns.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 351-25      *RESCIND AND REPLACE RESOLUTION NO. 302-25;  
RESOLUTION OF THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IMPOSING GENERAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE  
TAXES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION  
1210 OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE  
NEW YORK TAX LAW*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 302-25 adopted on August 21, 2025 is hereby rescinded and replaced in its entirety; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the enactment by the County Legislature of the County of Tioga is as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 231-15, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Tioga on October 13, 2015, shall expire and be deemed repealed on December 1, 2025; provided however, that all provisions of such Resolution No. 231-15 in respect to the imposition, exemption, assessment, payment, payment over, determination, collection, and credit or refund of tax, interest and penalty imposed thereunder, the filing of forms and returns, the preservation of records for the purposes of such tax, the disposition of revenues, and any civil and criminal penalties applicable to the violation of the provisions of such Resolution No. 231-15 shall continue in full force and effect with respect to all such tax accrued for periods prior to December 1, 2025 in the same manner as if such provisions were not so repealed.

SECTION 2. Imposition of general sales and compensating use taxes. There are hereby imposed and there shall be paid within this County all of the sales and compensating use taxes described in Article Twenty-Eight of the New York Tax Law as authorized by subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of such law, at the rate of three percent.

SECTION 3. In addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by section two of this Resolution at the rate of three percent, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid in this County such sales and compensating use taxes at the additional rate of one percent, for the period commencing December 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2027.

SECTION 4. Local options. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this enactment or other law:

- (a) Motor fuel and diesel motor fuel described in subdivision (m) of section eleven hundred eleven of the Tax Law shall not be taxed at a rate of cents per gallon.
- (b) The clothing and footwear exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (c) The residential solar energy systems equipment, installation service, and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (ee) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (d) The commercial solar energy systems equipment, installation service, and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (ii) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (e) The commercial fuel cell electricity generating systems equipment, installation service, and gas and electricity exemptions described in subdivision (kk) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the Tax Law shall not apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment.
- (f) Residential energy sources and services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of the Tax Law shall be subject to the three percent sales and compensating use tax imposed by Section 2 of this resolution but shall be exempt from the one percent additional rate imposed by Section 3 of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Taxes in addition to others. The taxes imposed by this enactment are in addition to any and all other taxes authorized or imposed under any other provision of law.

SECTION 6. The taxes imposed by this enactment shall be administered and collected by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law. The provisions of Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law and any provision of the Tax Law or other law that applies to such articles, relating or applicable to the taxes imposed by this enactment, including the applicable definitions, transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds, credits and administrative provisions, so far as those provisions can be made applicable to the taxes imposed by this enactment, shall apply to the taxes imposed by this enactment with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this enactment and had expressly referred to the taxes imposed by this enactment, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the taxes imposed by this enactment.

SECTION 7. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately; provided however: Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on September 1, 1968. Section 4(b) of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on June 1, 2005; Section 4(f) of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on March 1, 1994.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Bunce, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Aronstam, and Brown.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.