



FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Brown, Standinger, Monell and Mullen, Roberts, Flesher

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Safety Officer Holbrook, Personnel Officer Parke, Chief Accountant Douglas, Accountant Schurter, Director of Community Services Morgan

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - Legislator Ciotoli asked for a motion to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes. Legislator Monell made the motion seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried.

- FINANCIAL:
 - Legal and Safety's budgets are tracking well. Safety funds have been used to purchase medical supplies and Labor Law posters.

- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Litigation: There are two matters continuing with discovery and the construction case continues to move forward.
 - 2024 Insurance/Cyber renewal: Thanks to the hard work of Director and Deputy Director of Information Technology and Communication Services and their team the County's cyber insurance premium for 2024 was held flat. The County's insurance premium should be processed today once the resolution to transfer funds passes. However, funds potentially will need to be transferred into this account if there are numerous new vehicles/equipment purchases or a high rate of vehicular incidents.
 - Annual trainings for employees have been mostly completed with only handful with uncompleted trainings.

- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Financial disclosures for Schedule A employees and Tioga County Boards have been disbursed to Schedule A employees and board members with a due date of May 15, 2024.
 - Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Annual Meeting will be held this June. Due to an employee's resignation, there is an open position on the Board to be filled. A decision on a suitable candidate will need to be made by March 31, 2024.
 - Miscellaneous: The In Rem is continuing. There is uncertainty with how the process is going to work but it is moving forward. Mr. McFadden shared the State is considering changing the current law to now allow taxpayers to pay the oldest year's taxes instead of the current policy of applying any payments to the most current year's taxes. The Department of Social Services Legal Office is extremely busy with neglect and termination of parental rights (TPR) petitions. Mr. DeWind is exploring the use of outside counsel for Medicaid claims for surrogate court.

- PERSONNEL:
 - N/A

- RESOLUTIONS: AUTHORIZE LEASE EXTENSION WITH NYSEG FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND EQUIPMENT ON BALLOU ROAD, TOWN OF TIOGA and AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BARTON TO MARY E. MARSHALL were moved into full Legislative Session without further questions.

- PROCLAMATIONS
 - N/A

- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Mr. DeWind requested to enter into an executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 11:04 AM. Legislator Monell made the motion seconded by Legislator Mullen and was unanimously carried. Legislator Monell made the motion to exit the executive session which was seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried at 11:24 AM.

- ADJOURNMENT:
 - Legislator Ciotoli adjourned the Legal & Safety Committee at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Freyvogel

Secretary to the County Attorney