**LEGAL/SAFETYCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – December 15, 2020**

PRESENT: Legislators Sauerbrey, Balliet, Standinger, Weston, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts and Sullivan, County Attorney Peter DeWind, Treasurer Jim McFadden, Stephanie Jerzak, Chief Accountant, Jackson Bailey, Budget Officer (and County Attorney Secretary Diane Stephens – Minutes)

Meeting convened at 10:55 a.m.

**Minutes** - On motion of Legislator Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Mullen and unanimously carried the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

**YTD budget** - Financials are the same.

**New Business:**

* **Resolution for Thomson Reuters (Westlaw)** This resolution is for an online legal research tool.

 Attorney DeWind stated that we’ve used Lexis Nexis for a number of years. A quote was received from Lexis Nexis and Westlaw. We received a nice deal from Westlaw and the cost is less than Lexis Nexis. Demos were done and the product meets everyone’s need. He reached out to users and all seem to be in agreement with switching products.

* **Resolution for Twin Tiers Drug and Alcohol Testing** This resolution is for CDL drug and alcohol testing.

Attorney DeWind stated that we received quotes from Twin Tiers and Partners in Safety. Partners in Safety is the company that the County has used for many years. Twin Tiers gave a better price and also offers on site testing as well as more conveniently located sites for after hours and post-accident testing.

* **Resolution for Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux**  This resolution is for labor counsel and personnel services (including collective bargaining).

 Attorney DeWind stated that this is a three year contract. The cost for the first year of the contract remains at the current price of $3350 per month, with the usual increase in the second and third years of $50.00 each year. He had some discussion with Mr. Roemer regarding the pricing and billing hourly. They will not bill hourly. We could look to hire another attorney half time or full time for this purpose or go with a different firm. It appears we are paying the same as other surrounding counties for this service.

Attorney DeWind reported that the election case continues for the 22nd Congressional seat. Another portion of the canvas will take place today at 2:00. Tioga County is the only county that did things correctly so we received accolades for that. The House of Representatives is sending two representatives from each party today to the canvas. IT is setting up cameras to accommodate all those attending to be able to observe the process.

Attorney DeWind also reported that an interview is scheduled for tomorrow with a candidate for the Safety Officer position. Another candidate was interviewed and was very good, but declined the offer.

* **Action Items**: None
* **Executive**: None

Meeting adjourned at 11: 09 a.m.