Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego, NY 13827

# Legislative Support Minutes

January 9, 2020

*Legislator Attendance:* Seven Legislators were present with Legislators Monell and Mullen being absent.

**Staff Attendance:** County Attorney DeWind, Personnel Officer O'Rourke, Chief Accountant/Budget Officer Hollenbeck, Public Defender Awad, Commissioner of Public Works Hammond, Sustainability Manager Pratt, Public Health Director of Administrative Services McCann

Guest Attendance: Matt Freeze, Morning Times

# Approval of Minutes:

Motion for approval of December 5, 2019 Legislative Support minutes. Legislator Standinger made the motion, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck with Legislators Monell and Mullen being absent. Motion carried.

# December 2019 Highlights:

The Twelfth Legislative meeting was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Minutes were taken, typed, copied, indexed and put on disc for the Legislature and the Journal.

Year-end processes complete, including the compilation of the 2019 Journal of Proceedings, and is posted to the County website, printed, and prepared for microfilming.

# Financials:

YTD Budget and Employee Fringe Reports were emailed to all Legislators with today's agenda.

# January 14, 2020 Legislature Meeting:

Meeting agenda and all resolutions for the January Legislature meeting were reviewed with the Legislators at the January 9, 2020 Legislative Worksession. One late-file resolution will be presented at the Finance/Legal Committee on January 14, 2020 for Legislature consideration regarding change in mileage rate reimbursement for 2020 and every year thereafter.

Legislator Hollenbeck will do the prayer, pledge and start the voting process.

There is one Recognition Resolution that will just be noted in the minutes, as the retiree is not attending the Legislature meeting.



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#### **Board of Ethics Appointments:**

Three board member terms will be expiring as of March 31, 2020. Only two of the three board members are interested in re-appointment, therefore, the Legislature will need to find a replacement for Gwen Isham (Candor, NY).

#### Legislator Fund:

To date, seven Legislators have contributed. The purpose of this fund is to eliminate multiple collections throughout the year for purchase of flowers, memorial contributions, etc. as deemed appropriate by the Legislature.

#### Two-Year Sales Tax Extender Bill:

Initiated discussion with Assemblyman Friend's office on January 7, 2020 regarding the process and timeframe, as the County's current sales tax extender expires on November 30, 2020. The Assemblyman's Office is researching how the Bill should be prepared (i.e., several counties lumped into one or individual Bills per County). Process to begin in February 2020 with adopted resolution postmarked no later than September 2, 2020 to avoid waiver process. It is important to note that during the conversation with the Assemblyman's Office that it is very likely the Governor will wait to the final week prior to signing the Bills. Additional information will be provided to the Legislature, as it becomes known.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haskell

Legislative Clerk