Fifth Special Meeting July 16, 2020

The Fifth Special Meeting of 2020 was held on July 16, 2020 and was called to order by the Chair at 11:00 a.m. Seven Legislative members participated with Legislators Balliet, Sauerbrey and Standinger present and Legislators Hollenbeck, Mullen, Sullivan, and Weston participating via Zoom call with Legislators Monell and Roberts being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Sullivan to have a moment of prayer. "Dear Lord, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us and to all our residents. We ask that you continue to watch over all of us and guide us in all we do, especially in times of difficulties and challenges."

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

There were two people in attendance.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 155-20	AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 139-20; HOME RULE REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF S.7618-A/A.10713-A: AMEND COUNTY LAW AND TAX LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF TIOGA TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE TO PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPDATING THE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND TELEPHONE SERVICES NEEDED TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF SUCH PROVISIONS UPON EXPIRATION THEREOF

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approved the Home Rule Request in support of Senate Bill S7618 and Assembly Bill A10713 with Resolution No. 139-20 adopted on July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Resolution 139-20 needs to be amended due to technical corrections of the 911 Bill; and

WHEREAS: Said amendment calls for the creation of new Bill numbers; Senate Bill S.7618-A and Assembly Bill A.10713-A; and

WHEREAS: The remainder of Resolution No. 139-20 remains intact as follows, reflecting the new Bill numbers:

WHEREAS: The current County of Tioga Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System is in need of updating; and

WHEREAS: State Legislative authority is needed to amend the current County Law by adding section 337 authorizing and empowering Tioga County Legislature to adopt, amend or repeal local laws to impose an additional surcharge per access line for the costs associated with obtaining, operating and maintaining an enhanced 911 system; and

WHEREAS: State Legislative authority is needed to amend Section 186-g of the Tax Law, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2, as separately amended by chapters 120 and 711 of the laws of 2019, to impose a surcharge on each wireless communications device; and

WHEREAS: The additional imposed surcharges will pay for costs associated with obtaining, operating, and maintaining the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 (E911) emergency telephone system to serve Tioga County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby requests the enactment of Senate Bill number S.7618-A and Assembly Bill number A.10713-A entitled "An Act to amend the County Law and the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Tioga to impose an additional surcharge to pay for the costs associated with updating the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system to serve such county; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen, Sauerbrey, and Standinger.

No-None.

Absent – Legislators Monell and Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.