

First Regular Meeting January 13, 2026

The First Regular Meeting of 2026 was held on January 13, 2026 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose and Standinger were present.

Chair Monell asked Legislator Aronstam to have a moment of prayer.
"Lord, as this Legislature enters a new year, please give us the wisdom to find the right roads and the strength to follow that path and always ensure that the decisions we make are consistent with your teaching."

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

There were 9 people in attendance.

Chair Monell spoke. "Please remain standing to observe a Moment of Silence for Penelope (Penny) Decker. Penny was an employee of the Department of Social Services since October 23, 2014, and served on the Tioga County Search and Rescue Team since 2024. Penny passed away on December 24, 2025."

Chair Monell asked for a unanimous motion for the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously and carried.

There was a unanimous motion for the adoption of the following recognition resolution, seconded unanimously.

Legislator Standinger read and presented the following resolution to Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services.

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan was hired as a Clinical Social Worker with Tioga County Mental Hygiene September 3, 2002, and was promoted to Senior Social Worker in June 13, 2007, Supervising Clinical Social Worker in November 2008, promoted to Clinical Program Director in August 2010, was Acting Director of Community Services in June 2012, and appointed Director of Community Services in October of 2012.; the position she still holds; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan, obtained and implemented the Electronic Health Records to improve efficiency in all aspects of Mental Hygiene records, billing and client care in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan developed the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition in August of 2013; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan spearheaded the rebuilding of the Tioga County Advocacy, Support & Prevention Coalition (A.S.A.P) formerly known as Allies of Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition in June 2016 at the peak of the Opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan obtained OMH funding and designation for a Mobile Crisis Program in Tioga County in 2025; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan worked tirelessly to obtain and reopen the Waverly Clinic to serve the needs of all Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan developed the Open Access Program at the Owego Clinic to offer walk in services for those with immediate needs thus eliminating barriers to care; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan has consistently listened to the community and has diligently worked to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan has been extremely dedicated, loyal and professional in the performance of her duties and providing sound leadership and guidance for more than 23 years to the Mental Hygiene Department. She has earned the respect of her colleagues throughout Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Lori Morgan will retire on January 29, 2026; 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 Lori Morgan for her 23+ years of dedicated and loyal service to the residents of Tioga County; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to Lori Morgan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Unanimously Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "That's an amazing thing; 23 years of working in the Mental Health field dealing with people. I appreciate what you have done in the time you have been here. Being the Chair of Health & Human Services Committee, you have made what I do much easier. I am sure you have probably used some of those skills on me at times, but no shame in that."

Deputy Director of Community Services Begeal spoke. "I would like to start by saying thank you to Lori for being such a wonderful boss. Lori hired me in 2010, and I have been working by her side ever since. She has been a wealth of knowledge, a wonderful leader, she has always moved the department in a positive direction, and we are going to truly miss her and seeing her every day. I know I am going to miss you. The staff has been blessed to have you as their boss for this many years and I just cannot thank you enough."

Director of Community Services Morgan spoke. "I just want to definitely thank the Legislature for trusting me all these years and supporting me in this important role. I am going to miss the staff. I am going to miss the work that I do, and I just want to express my sincere gratitude for all the opportunities this position has afforded me. I truly mean that. Thank you."

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Flesher made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9 and 18, 2025 seconded by Legislator Brown.

Chair Monell stated all Legislative Committees met this month and the minutes are or will be on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Chair Monell announced the 2026 Legislative Standing Committees have been established and will take effect in February. Following this meeting, Legislative Clerk Haskell will post the Legislative Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR 2026

	Chairman			
Health & Human Services (Mental Hygiene, Public Health, Social Services)	Standinger	Bunce	Rose	Aronstam
Information Technology	Brown	Bunce	Standinger	Aronstam
Administrative Services (County Clerk, Historian, Real Property, Veterans, Elections)	Aronstam	Brown	Standinger	Ciotoli
Economic Development, Planning, Tourism & Agriculture	Ciotoli	Brown	Cantella	Flesher
Public Safety, Probation & DWI	Flesher	Brown	Cantella	Ciotoli
Public Works & Capital Projects	Cantella	Bunce	Rose	Standinger
Personnel	Rose	Bunce	Ciotoli	Flesher
Finance/Legal & Safety	Bunce	All Legislators		
Legislative Worksessions, Legislative Support	Monell	All Legislators		

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26 RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO THE
SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 25-16, the Tioga County Legislature resolved that the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend designees for the Municipal Representative and the Advisory Board Member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said persons; and

WHEREAS: Currently Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, have been serving as the two (2) SHA Commission members; and

WHEREAS: Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, is retiring as of February 2026 and will no longer serve as the Advisory Board Member; and

WHEREAS: Marley Norton, Community Development Specialist of Economic Development and Planning, has recently been hired and is willing to serve as the Advisory Board Member on the SHA Commission; and

WHEREAS: Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Marley Norton, Community Development Specialist, are willing to serve as the two (2) SHA Commission members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend Rebecca Maffei, the Tioga County Tourism Director, continue to serve as the Municipal Representative and Marley Norton, Community Development Specialist, to serve as the Advisory Board Member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said person.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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. 11-26

APPOINT AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER TO THE
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 272-21, the Tioga County Legislature appointed Hannah Murray as a Board Member on the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC)Board of Directors to fill a vacancy; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC Bylaws allowed for this appointment conditioned that Hannah Murray was a public officer of a municipality within Tioga County or a member of a County Agency. That appointment was conditioned upon Hannah Murray holding her position as a Board of Education Member for the Candor Central School District; and

WHEREAS: Hannah Murray no longer holds that position; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC Board of Directors currently has an At-Large Representative position vacancy and the TCPDC Bylaws allow for an At-Large Representative position to be filled by a resident of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Hannah Murray is a resident of Tioga County and is willing and able to serve on the TCPDC Board of Directors as an At-Large Board Member; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Hannah Murray to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board of Directors as an At-Large Board Member for a two-year term of 1/1/26 -12/31/27 conditioned upon her residency in Tioga County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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. 12-26

AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS OF THE
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION (TCPDC), A NEW YORK LAND BANK
TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS
FROM NINE TO SEVEN, AND TO CHANGE BOARD
MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 256-16, the Tioga County Legislature authorized the application and establishment of the Tioga County Property Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS: Per said resolution, the TCPDC Bylaws provide that any amendments regarding the term, or qualification of members of the Board shall require the approval of the Tioga County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The following changes to the Bylaws include:

1. That the number of Board Members shall decrease from nine to seven.
2. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for 2 or 3-year terms.
3. The membership shall consist of:

Three (3) public officers of separate municipalities within Tioga County (or a member of a County Agency) and their membership shall be conditioned upon holding their public office.

One (1) public officer holding a County Legislature position and their membership shall be conditioned upon holding the public office.

Two (2) at-large representatives.

One (1) representative of the non-profit sector and their membership shall be conditioned upon holding a non-profit sector position; or if a non-profit sector representative cannot be found, the membership may be filled by an at-large representative.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-26 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS
TOWN OF SPENCER

WHEREAS: Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2026 indicate that the Town & County tax roll for parcels #36.00-1-1, account #1247; #36.00-1-2, account #1246 and #36.00-1-3 account #1245 in the Town of Spencer assessed to STATE OF NEW YORK is incorrect in that the school taxes that were paid for these parcels were erroneously relieved; and

WHEREAS: These are correctable errors per Real Property Tax Law 550 paragraph 2 (h); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Return School amount of \$889.98 should be removed from the 2026 Town & County tax bill #1858 and a new bill issued as follows:

36.00-1-1	Original Bill #1858	Corrected Bill #1858
County	0.00	0.00
Townwide	156.04	156.04
Part Town	98.29	98.29
Return School	889.98	0.00
Spencer Fire	23.35	23.35
Total	1167.66	277.68

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Return School amount of \$1943.15 should be removed from the 2026 Town & County tax bill #1859 and a new bill issued as follows:

36.00-1-2	Original Bill #1859	Corrected Bill #1859
County	0.00	0.00
Townwide	340.68	340.68
Part Town	214.60	214.60
Return School	1943.15	0.00
Spencer Fire	50.97	50.97
Total	2549.40	606.25

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Return School amount of \$4395.52 should be removed from the 2026 Town & County tax bill #1860 and a new bill issued as follows:

36.00-1-3	Original Bill #1860	Corrected Bill #1860
County	0.00	0.00
Townwide	770.64	770.64
Part Town	485.44	485.44
Return School	4395.52	0.00
Spencer Fire	115.30	115.30
Total	5766.90	1371.38

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous School tax \$7228.65 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 14-26 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT
TOWN OF OWEGO

WHEREAS: An application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2026 Town & County tax roll indicates that the tax roll for parcel #162.00-2-10.1 in the Town of Owego assessed to Daniel and Janet Hogan is incorrect in the fact that Veterans exemptions were erroneously removed from this property record; and

WHEREAS: This is a correctable error per Real Property Tax Law 550 paragraph 2 (c); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a new 2026 Town & County tax bill for \$3270.63 be issued by the Town of Owego to Daniel and Janet Hogan for parcel #162.00-2-10.1 as follows:

162.00-2-10.1	Original Bill #4429	Corrected Bill #4429	Erroneous Tax
County	2082.81	1945.49	137.32
Townwide	256.29	218.27	38.02
Part Town	492.70	419.62	73.08
Apalachin Fire	687.25	687.25	0.00
Total	3519.05	3270.63	248.42

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous tax amount of \$248.42 be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 15-26 ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT
 VILLAGE OF OWEGO

WHEREAS: Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2026 Town & County taxes has been submitted for the Village of Owego, which indicates that the tax roll for parcel #128.16-1-8.1 in the Village of Owego assessed to Village of Owego is incorrect in that the Village tax was erroneously relieved; and

WHEREAS: The Village tax was already determined to be erroneous by a clerical exemption error per Tioga County Resolution No. 307-25 which declared the Village tax null and void, and as such should not have been re levied; and

WHEREAS: As a result, a Town & County tax bill was generated in the amount of \$23.47 that should not have been generated; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Town & County tax bill be considered null and void; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous tax of \$23.47 be charged back to the appropriate account of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS
TOWN OF CANDOR

WHEREAS: Parcels #333.00-1-3.11, account #3011; #333.00-1-3.31, account #2947 and #333.00-1-3.4 account #3050 in the Town of Candor assessed to STATE OF NEW YORK on the 2026 Town & County tax roll were established as transition assessments for school taxes only for Candor, Ithaca, and Newark Valley School Districts respectively; and as such should have had the School Taxable exemption assigned; and

WHEREAS: Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for these parcels for the 2026 Town & County indicate that the tax roll for these parcels is incorrect in that the School Taxable exemption was not assigned, and therefore erroneous Town & County tax bills were generated; and

WHEREAS: These are correctable errors per Real Property Tax Law 550 paragraph 2 (c); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following Town & County tax bills should be declared null and void:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Bill #</u>
333.00-1-3.11	2933
333.00-1-3.31	2934
333.00-1-3.4	2932

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the following amounts be charged back to the proper accounts of the Tioga County Treasurer's Office:

	County	Candor Town Wide	Candor Part Town
Bill #2933	\$54.31	\$37.84	\$0.21
Bill #2934	\$37.37	\$26.04	\$0.14
Bill #2932	\$37.92	\$26.42	\$0.14
Totals:	\$129.60	\$90.30	\$0.49

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-26 EXECUTE LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT CANDOR HILL ROAD, CANDOR, NEW YORK TO INSTALL POWER LINES FOR THE RADIO TOWER PROJECT

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to enter into an easement agreement, to install power lines for the Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: Motorola Solutions, as part of the installation and upgrade of the Emergency Services Communication Network has approved the use of Candor Tower located at 85 Benton Road, Candor, New York for upgrades to this communication tower; and

WHEREAS: The owner of the property adjacent to the Candor Tower, Robert B. Galberd, has agreed to enter into a lease and easement agreement for a portion of the property to Tioga County for the installation of underground power lines; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or their authorized representative is hereby authorized to sign a lease and easement agreement with Robert B. Galberd for the property located at Candor Hill Road, Candor, New York which lease shall commence based on the date of the fully executed Lease Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-26 **EXTEND TERM OF LEASE WITH THE TIOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 356-93, as amended by Resolution No. 254-95 authorized Tioga County to enter into an agreement with the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for use of vacant land to construct SWCD offices on the County Farm along Route 38 which allowed the Tioga SWCD to relocate from their space within the County Office Building; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 331-05, authorized the County to enter into ten-year lease for this property which is now the office for the Tioga SWCD at 183 Corporate Drive commencing January 01, 2006, through and including December 31, 2015, and further provided for the option of up to four additional ten-year renewals; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 201-07 amended said lease effective August 14, 2007, to provide a small additional space for the construction of a storage building bringing the total parcel to 2.37 acres; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 49-15 authorized the first extension of the 2006 lease commencing January 01, 2016, and running through the end of 2025; and

WHEREAS: Tioga SWCD has advised the County of its desire to continue its tenancy for a further ten years; and

WHEREAS: SWCD is not in default of any material provisions of the Lease; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the aforementioned Lease is hereby extended for an additional ten-year period to expire December 31, 2035, unless otherwise extended as approved by the County Attorney with the option of up to two remaining ten-year renewals.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-26

AUTHORIZE LEASE EXTENSION WITH
GUTHRIE LOURDES FOR TIOGA PACT PROGRAM
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS: Guthrie Lourdes, Inc. has been providing services in Broome and Tioga Counties through Healthy Families America and Healthy Families New York, called Tioga PACT (Parents and Children Together) Healthy Families Program since 2007; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Health and Human Services Departments have determined that the program offered by Guthrie Lourdes, Inc. is an evidenced-based program that decreases the demand for publicly funded programs; and

WHEREAS: Guthrie Lourdes, Inc. is in need of space to run the program in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Health and Human Services Departments have provided the space to Guthrie Lourdes, Inc. for the past eighteen (18) years to run this program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby determine that the real property which is the subject of the Lease is not required for public use; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be authorized to sign an extension of the PACT Lease with Guthrie Lourdes, Inc. for the purpose of operating a Tioga PACT Healthy Families Program from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 20-26	AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 USDA COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF)/ CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) GRANT FOR THE TIOGA COUNTY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER PROJECT
WHEREAS:	Tioga County has identified the need to enhance and modernize its emergency radio communications infrastructure in order to improve public safety, emergency response, and intergovernmental coordination; and
WHEREAS:	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through its Community Facilities (CF) Program and Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending (CPF/CDS), has identified Tioga County's Radio Communications Tower Project for an award in the amount of up to \$1,500,000; and
WHEREAS:	Tioga County has received written notification from the USDA requesting completion of the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) and other required documentation within sixty (60) days in order to proceed with the grant award; and
WHEREAS:	Acceptance of said grant will assist Tioga County in completion of the capital improvements associated with the radio communications tower project without imposing additional local tax burden; and
WHEREAS:	The Tioga County Legislature finds that applying for and accepting these funds is in the best interest of the County and its residents and is consistent with the County's public safety and infrastructure objectives; and
WHEREAS:	The acceptance and expenditure of federal grant funds must comply with all applicable provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law, including but not limited to procurement, fiscal oversight, and accounting requirements, as well as all federal grant conditions and reporting requirements; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the application for and acceptance of a USDA Community Project Funding (CPF)/ Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the Radio Communications Tower Project; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Administrator and/or Chair of the Legislature, or their designee(s), are hereby authorized to execute and submit the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424), grant agreements, certifications, assurances, and all other documents necessary to apply for, accept, and administer said grant, subject to review by the County Attorney as to form; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the modification of the 2026 Capital Budget and establishment of any necessary capital project and grant fund accounts by the Treasurer's Office to receive and expend said grant funds in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) guidance, and federal grant requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 Capital Budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

TO: H3021 444397 CDS26 Federal Aid – Capital Projects \$1,500,000.00

TO: H3021 521230 CDS26 Radio & Equipment \$1,500,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That all expenditure of grant funds shall be made in compliance with the Tioga County Procurement Policy, the New York State General Municipal Law, and all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriations be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of 12/31/2026 and be carried forward into the next fiscal year until projects are completed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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

WHEREAS: Tioga County has located throughout it several abandoned, underutilized and/or contaminated or potentially contaminated sites that drain the County's tax base as many of these properties are in poor condition and delinquent in real property taxes; and

WHEREAS: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a grant program that provides funding to assess these deleterious sites both in terms of contamination evaluations and planning for site reuse called the Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Program; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is eligible for \$500,000 through this EPA Program to hire a consultant to conduct the environmental and planning activities; and

WHEREAS: There is no match requirement for this grant program and the application deadline is January 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The EPA requires the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) be named on the federal grant application paperwork, although signatures are not required until the grant is awarded and accepted; and

WHEREAS: The AOR for grant application purposes should be an administrative worker who will manage the grant project if awarded; and

WHEREAS: The County Planning Director will be the staff person who will be managing this grant project and performing associated grant administration if awarded and accepted; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes said grant application in the amount of \$500,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby designates the County Planning Director as the Authorized Organizational Representative for the purposes of the EPA Brownfields Communitywide Assessment Grant only and to sign all grant application paperwork contingent upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-26

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) operates a Child Passenger Safety program; and

WHEREAS: TCPH does not receive State Aid reimbursement for costs of the car seats, so TCPH seeks other funding for them; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires Legislative approval for grant applications; and

WHEREAS: Due to many of the grants having short windows of time between announcement of funding and the deadline to submit, causing challenges in getting authorization to apply, TCPH requests advance approval for applying for funding opportunities for car seats; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will follow all other County policies regarding grant applications, including no additional County cost for the grant (i.e. cash match) if awarded; and

WHEREAS: If awarded any of the grants, TCPH will submit a resolution to amend budget and appropriate the funds at that time; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports TCPH in pursuing funding to provide this program to Tioga County residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County Public Health is authorized to submit funding applications for car seats toward the Child Passenger Safety program to the following agencies in the future:

- Community Foundation for South Central New York
- Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers
- Floyd Hooker Foundation
- Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-26 RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2025 ARPA OPERATING &
CAPITAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" Funds have been granted to Tioga County by the US Treasury in 2021 in the total amount of \$9,362,868; and

WHEREAS: As of 12/31/2025 there is approximately \$885,386.49 in unspent ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined by the US Treasury that ARPA funds granted are to be considered obligated by calendar yearend 2024, and be expended by the end of calendar year 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The following amounts be re-established and carried forward within the 2026 Budget:

Operational Appropriations

A1680 540140 M7674 CONTRACTING SERVICES \$26,928.00
ITCS - Pictometry Int. Eagle View GIS Imagery Flight

Capital Appropriations

H1620 520994 M7674 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION \$435,811.26
PWORKS - New Equipment/Truck Wash Facility

H1620 520927 M7674 COURT ANNEX RENOVATIONS \$203,800.00
PWORKS - Court Annex Renovations

H1680 520620 M7674 SOFTWARE EXPENSE \$15,656.00
ITCS – Freshserv Software/Multi-Factor Auth

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No - None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: Grant Funds and Capital Project expenditures and revenue allocations have been approved via resolution; and

WHEREAS: Prior Year Grant Funds need to be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end 2025 for purchase or completion in 2026; and

WHEREAS: Prior Year Capital Projects need to be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end 2025 for purchase or completion in 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the remaining unencumbered balances of active and approved Grants and Capital Projects be re-established.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-26 AWARD BID FOR PROSPECT HILL TOWER
DRIVEWAY UPGRADE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Office of Emergency Services sought bids for the Prospect Hill Tower Driveway Upgrade, which is associated with the ongoing Radio Tower Project; and

WHEREAS: On December 8, 2025, the Tioga County Office of Emergency Services received sealed bids from the following:

Patriot Towers	\$108,095
Cass Doane Dozing	\$ 45,000
Coleman's Concepts	\$ 55,985
ZMK Construction	\$ 80,000

And

WHEREAS: Funds would need to be transferred as follows:

FROM: H3021.521230.E911 (Radio & Equipment) \$45,000
TO: H3021.540140.E911 (Contracting Services) \$45,000

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the lowest bidder, Cass Doane Dozing, Waverly, NY, not to exceed \$45,000 to be paid from Account H3021.540140.E911.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 26-26

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON
NEW ENERGY EQUITY, LLC AS AGENT FOR PROJECT
OWNER, TIOGA CSG1, LLC PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX
(PILOT) AGREEMENT

WHEREAS: New Energy Equity, LLC, as Agent for Project Owner, Tioga CSG 1, LLC (the "Owner"), has submitted a Notice of Intent to the Town of Newark Valley that it plans to build and operate a "Solar Energy System" with an expected total capacity of approximately 2.54 Megawatts AC; and

WHEREAS: The project location is situated on a portion of the property located on 625 Whig Street, Tax Map Number 53.00-1-43.13 and Whig Street, Tax Map Number 53.00-1-42.10, Town of Newark Valley, County of Tioga, State of New York; and

WHEREAS: The Taxing Jurisdiction is defined as the Town of Newark Valley, the Newark Valley School District, and the County of Tioga; and

WHEREAS: The Taxing Jurisdiction has not opted out of Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 487; and

WHEREAS: The Taxing Jurisdiction has indicated its intent to require Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Agreements with New Energy Equity, LLC, as Agent for Project Owner, Tioga CSG 1, LLC; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to RPTL 487, the Taxing Jurisdiction has agreed to place the project as exempt upon the assessment rolls of the Taxing Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS: New Energy Equity, LLC as Agent for Project Owner, Tioga CSG1, LLC has agreed to make an annual lump sum payment to the Taxing Jurisdiction in lieu of real property taxes for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive fiscal tax years; and

WHEREAS: The annual payment shall be in the aggregate amount of \$1,250 per Megawatt of Capacity and thereafter annual payments shall escalate by two percent (2%) per year; and

WHEREAS: The annual payments for the Taxing Jurisdiction shall be made payable to the Town of Newark Valley, mailed to the Town of Newark Valley, and are due no later than January 31st of each year; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Newark Valley shall be responsible for distributing the annual payments to the County of Tioga; and

WHEREAS: The Taxing Jurisdiction has agreed that the said payments shall be disbursed to the Town of Newark Valley, the Newark Valley School District, and County of Tioga in equal portions; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature agrees to authorize the Legislative Chair to sign the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Agreement between New Energy Equity, LLC, as Agent for Project Owner, Tioga CSG 1, LLC, the Town of Newark Valley, the Newark Valley School District, and County of Tioga.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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. 27-26 AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON
CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
DELUGE MEDIA FOR PROMOTIONAL CONTENT

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning and Sustainability would like to execute a contract with Deluge Media for professional services for public relations/social media; and

WHEREAS: These professional services will be produced monthly from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the total cost of \$11,208.64; and

WHEREAS: The invoice will be assigned as follows:

Tioga County Economic Development: \$2,968.18

Tioga County Planning: \$1,679.55

Tioga County Sustainability: \$6,560.91

Therefore be it

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 28-26 **AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE- AUDITING SERVICES
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to contract for professional services; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga requires the services of an independent certified public accounting firm to perform the annual audit of the County's financial statements and related services; and

WHEREAS: The County's current auditing contract expired on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The County Treasurer solicited and received quotes for professional auditing services for a new contract term; and

WHEREAS: The proposal submitted by Drescher & Malecki LLP represents the best value to the County and is in the County's best interest; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Treasurer's Office to contract with Drescher & Malecki LLP to provide professional auditing services for the County for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, at a cost not to exceed \$266,915 for proposed services.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 29-26 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE- CONSULTING
TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to contract for professional services; and

WHEREAS: County Treasurer Roberts has determined a need to contract with the past Treasurer McFadden for expert guidance and counsel on all matters concerning the duties of the Treasurer and functions of the Treasurer's Office; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes Treasurer Roberts to contract with James P. McFadden for consulting services at the rate of \$125.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000, retroactive to January 2nd, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-26 APPROVE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AND
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
BLACK CREEK INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR THE
SALLYPORT INMATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved contracts between the Tioga County Sheriff's Office and Black Creek Integrated Systems since 2007; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems is a sole source provider of the software and hardware of the Inmate Management System; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems has submitted their annual maintenance agreement, for the SallyPort Inmate Management System, in the amount of \$28,390 which will be paid from account A3150.540620; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved said contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems, as a sole source provider, for the annual maintenance of the SallyPort Inmate Management System, in the amount of \$28,390.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 31-26

APPROVE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AND
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
BLACK CREEK INTEGRATED SYSTEMS FOR THE
LEVEL 1 SERVICE PLAN FOR THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has approved contracts between the Tioga County Sheriff's Office and Black Creek Integrated Systems since 2007; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems is a sole source provider of the software and hardware of the Jail Security System; and

WHEREAS: Black Creek Integrated Systems has submitted their annual maintenance agreement, for the Level 1 Service Plan, for technical support of the Jail Security System, in the amount of \$30,489, which will be paid from account A3150.540620; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved said contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into contract with Black Creek Integrated Systems, as a sole source provider, for the annual maintenance of the Jail Security System, in the amount of \$30,489.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
ITCS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH
DENTRIX ASCEND DENTAL SOFTWARE
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) requires a new software application for program operations, management and billing for the Tioga Smiles Mobile Dental Services Unit (Dental Van) due to limitations of the existing software; and

WHEREAS: TCPH worked with the Tioga County Chief Information Officer to assess the different software vendors and application options; and

WHEREAS: TCPH and the Chief Information Officer have identified Dentrix Ascend software as the best fit for the Dental Van; and

WHEREAS: The software application does not reside on Tioga County networks; and

WHEREAS: An agreement is required to lease the application; and

WHEREAS: Funding for Dental Van software is included in the TCPH 2026 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Director is authorized to execute an agreement between Tioga County Public Health and Dentrix Ascend to replace the existing software application used in the TCPH Dental program contingent upon the review and approval of the Tioga County Chief Information Officer and County Attorney.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The dental van has been in place for several years and this is going to allow them to improve their delivery of services. It is certainly a worthy endeavor in my opinion."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 33-26

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Industrial Medicine Associates to provide substance abuse assessments and monitoring program for Social Service recipients or applicants; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at the rates not to exceed \$330.00 per assessment and monitoring, \$50.00 no show fee and \$52.00 per urine drug screen; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Industrial Medicine Associates at the agreed upon rates for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 34-26

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
OF BROOME COUNTY, INC.
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Family and Children's Society of Broome County, Inc. to provide clinical services to victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse and their families; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Family and Children's Society of Broome County, Inc. for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 35-26

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GLOVE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Glove House to provide Preventive Services to eligible families in the Waverly School District; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 not to exceed \$85,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Glove House for the provision of Preventive Services for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION NO. 36-26 **AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH A NEW HOPE CENTER
SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with A New Hope Center to provide mandated Domestic Violence Services to residents of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 not to exceed \$42,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with A New Hope Center for the provision of mandated Domestic Violence Service for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION NO. 37-26 **AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 323-25;
CONTRACT WITH A NEW HOPE CENTER
SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services was authorized by way of Resolution No. 323-25 to contract 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 contract was previously approved October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$159,993.26; and

WHEREAS: The approved funding through the New York State Office of Victim Services was revoked and reinstated at prior year levels; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to amend the contract for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 not to exceed \$150,000.00; 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 in the amount of \$150,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 38-26 ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH
EVOLUTION CONSULTING, LLC FOR
CDL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

WHEREAS: Federal law requires random drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers performing "safety sensitive" tasks; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has coordinated with towns and villages within Tioga County to have testing done by an outside agency; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has obtained three quotes for random drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers performing "safety sensitive" tasks.

WHEREAS: The proposal from Evolution Consulting, LLC, to perform this service is the most cost effective; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Tioga County Safety Officer to enter into a one-year contract for 2026 with Evolution Consulting, LLC to perform this service at the rates indicated:

Complete DOT/Non-DOT Random Testing Program:

- Random Selection of Employees Calculated Quarterly (50% for drug, 10% for alcohol)
- All Random Drug & Alcohol Tests performed quarterly on-site
- Record Management
- DOT Audit Assistance
- Regulatory Updates
- MIS Reports
- Collection Site Management
- Supervisor Training
- Laboratory and MRO Set-up with own Laboratory Account
- Online Access to Reporting 24 hours a day
- Assistance with Mediation Between MRO and DER

Additional Charges: Pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, follow-up, or return to duty tests:

Fees

- 5 Panel Oral \$ 65.00 (non-DOT)
- 5 Panel Urine \$ 55.00 (DOT/non-DOT)
- Post Accident \$150.00 within normal business hours, +\$0.70 per mile.
- Post Accident \$150.00 outside of normal business hours, +\$0.70 per mile.
- Training \$150.00 (as Required).
- Drug and Alcohol Policy \$250.00.
- Employee no show fee \$40.00 after 1/2 hour wait
- Alcohol BAC \$32.00
- Additional charges for clinic pass-through fees will apply
- Fee includes lab collection fees and MRO review
- Yearly Data Protection Service Fee- \$250.00 Due at contract signing and annually during the term of the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 39-26 AUTHORIZE RENEWAL WITH
LIFETIME BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC. TO ADMINISTER
FLEXIBLE SPENDING AND HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT
ACCOUNT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS: Tioga County currently uses the services of Lifetime Benefit Solutions, Inc. to administer Tioga County's flexible-spending and health reimbursement account programs; and

WHEREAS: The Flexible-Spending program is a negotiated benefit for all Tioga County unionized employees; and

WHEREAS: The Health Reimbursement Account is a negotiated benefit for CSEA union employees; and

WHEREAS: Both the employees and the County can save tax dollars on money channeled through the flexible spending program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of Legislature is hereby authorized, if needed, to sign a renewal agreement with Lifetime Benefit Solutions, Inc., subject to review by the County Attorney, for the services stated above for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Tioga County will continue with the flexible spending card for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 40-26

AWARD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION
FOR A NEW HOPE CENTER FOR THE USE OF OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga solicited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the use of opioid settlement funds in accordance with Chapter 822 of the Laws of 2021, establishing the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: Said RFP sought proposals for opioid abatement activities consistent with the National Opioid Settlement agreements, Attorney General guidance, and the Exhibit E-1 Approved Abatement Uses; and

WHEREAS: Proposals were received by December 12, 2025, and reviewed by the County's Opioid Advisory Committee in accordance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Advisory Committee has recommended awarding funding to A New Hope Center for the project entitled "Reversing Influences – From Victimization to Substance Use Disorders and Substance Use Disorders to Victimization to Survival," which constitutes opioid abatement activities; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds that the proposed services directly support opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and/or harm reduction and are consistent with the purposes of the Opioid Settlement Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with A New Hope Center in an amount not to exceed \$105,125 for the provision of opioid abatement services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funding shall be paid from New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, consisting of:

- \$0.00 of restricted opioid settlement funds, and
- \$105,125.00 of unrestricted opioid settlement funds, as permitted under settlement agreements and Attorney General guidance

And be it further

RESOLVED: That opioid settlement funds awarded herein shall not supplant existing federal, state, or local funding for opioid-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payments under this contract shall be made on a reimbursement basis subject to contract terms, performance, and reporting requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes required reporting and compliance with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the New York State Attorney General, and all opioid settlement reporting and audit requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County budget be modified and funds be appropriated allowed as follows:

From: A 389901 Other Restricted - Opioid	\$105,125.00
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To: A1340 540140 Contracting Services	\$105,125.00
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Legislator Standinger spoke. "This comment pertains to this resolution and the following four resolutions regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds. This money is the result of a lawsuit that was taken against the misuse of opioid drugs in relation to illness that ended up addicting a lot of people, so distributing these funds, I approve of all the venues who will be receiving these funds."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 41-26 **AWARD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION
FOR CASA TRINITY FOR THE USE OF OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga solicited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the use of opioid settlement funds in accordance with Chapter 822 of the Laws of 2021, establishing the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: Said RFP sought proposals for opioid abatement activities consistent with the National Opioid Settlement agreements, Attorney General guidance, and the Exhibit E-1 Approved Abatement Uses; and

WHEREAS: Proposals were received by December 12, 2025, and reviewed by the County's Opioid Advisory Committee in accordance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Advisory Committee has recommended awarding funding to CASA Trinity for the project entitled "*Support the Non-Medical Transportation Program for Underserved Populations with Substance Use Disorder in Tioga County*," which constitutes opioid abatement activities; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds that the proposed services directly support opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and/or harm reduction and are consistent with the purposes of the Opioid Settlement Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with CASA Trinity in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the provision of opioid abatement services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funding shall be paid from New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, consisting of:

- \$0.00 of restricted opioid settlement funds, and
- \$50,000.00 of unrestricted opioid settlement funds, as permitted under settlement agreements and Attorney General guidance

And be it further

RESOLVED: That opioid settlement funds awarded herein shall not supplant existing federal, state, or local funding for opioid-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payments under this contract shall be made on a reimbursement basis subject to contract terms, performance, and reporting requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes required reporting and compliance with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the New York State Attorney General, and all opioid settlement reporting and audit requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County budget be modified and funds be appropriated allowed as follows:

From: A 389901 Other Restricted - Opioid \$50,000.00

To: A1340 540140 Contracting Services \$50,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 42-26

AWARD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION
FOR HEAHEA, LLC FOR THE USE OF OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga solicited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the use of opioid settlement funds in accordance with Chapter 822 of the Laws of 2021, establishing the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: Said RFP sought proposals for opioid abatement activities consistent with the National Opioid Settlement agreements, Attorney General guidance, and the Exhibit E-1 Approved Abatement Uses; and

WHEREAS: Proposals were received by December 12, 2025, and reviewed by the County's Opioid Advisory Committee in accordance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Advisory Committee has recommended awarding funding to HeaHea, LLC. for the project entitled "*Tioga Youth Integrated Prevention Services*," which constitutes opioid abatement activities; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds that the proposed services directly support opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and/or harm reduction and are consistent with the purposes of the Opioid Settlement Fund; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with HeaHea, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the provision of opioid abatement services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funding shall be paid from New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, consisting of:

- \$115,000.00 of restricted opioid settlement funds, and
- \$35,000.00 of unrestricted opioid settlement funds, as permitted under settlement agreements and Attorney General guidance

And be it further

RESOLVED: That opioid settlement funds awarded herein shall not supplant existing federal, state, or local funding for opioid-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payments under this contract shall be made on a reimbursement basis subject to contract terms, performance, and reporting requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes required reporting and compliance with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the New York State Attorney General, and all opioid settlement reporting and audit requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County budget be modified and funds be appropriated allowed as follows:

From: A 389901 Other Restricted - Opioid \$150,000.00

To: A1340 540140 Contracting Services \$150,000.00

Legislator Standinger spoke. "This is a local business that is providing services and I visited the place and I endorse what they do."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 43-26 AWARD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION
FOR PARTNERSHIP TO END ADDICTION FOR THE USE
OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS INCLUDING TRANSFER
OF FUNDS AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga solicited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the use of opioid settlement funds in accordance with Chapter 822 of the Laws of 2021, establishing the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: Said RFP sought proposals for opioid abatement activities consistent with the National Opioid Settlement agreements, Attorney General guidance, and the Exhibit E-1 Approved Abatement Uses; and

WHEREAS: Proposals were received by December 12, 2025, and reviewed by the County's Opioid Advisory Committee in accordance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Advisory Committee has recommended awarding funding to Partnership to End Addiction for the project entitled "Tioga County Prevention & Stigma Reduction Initiative," which constitutes opioid abatement activities; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds that the proposed services directly support opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and/or harm reduction and are consistent with the purposes of the Opioid Settlement Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with Partnership to End Addiction in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the provision of opioid abatement services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funding shall be paid from New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, consisting of:

- \$80,000.00 of restricted opioid settlement funds, and
- \$20,000.00 of unrestricted opioid settlement funds, as permitted under settlement agreements and Attorney General guidance

And be it further

RESOLVED: That opioid settlement funds awarded herein shall not supplant existing federal, state, or local funding for opioid-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payments under this contract shall be made on a reimbursement basis subject to contract terms, performance, and reporting requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes required reporting and compliance with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the New York State Attorney General, and all opioid settlement reporting and audit requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County budget be modified and funds be appropriated allowed as follows:

From: A 389901 Other Restricted - Opioid	\$100,000.00
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To: A1340 540140 Contracting Services	\$100,000.00
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ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 44-26

AWARD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION
FOR TIoga OPPORTUNITIES INC FOR THE USE OF
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS INCLUDING TRANSFER OF
FUNDS AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga solicited Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the use of opioid settlement funds in accordance with Chapter 822 of the Laws of 2021, establishing the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: Said RFP sought proposals for opioid abatement activities consistent with the National Opioid Settlement agreements, Attorney General guidance, and the Exhibit E-1 Approved Abatement Uses; and

WHEREAS: Proposals were received by December 12, 2025, and reviewed by the County's Opioid Advisory Committee in accordance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Advisory Committee has recommended awarding funding to Tioga Opportunities, Inc. for the project entitled "Social Care Navigator/Care Manager for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Care Navigation," which constitutes opioid abatement activities; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature finds that the proposed services directly support opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and/or harm reduction and are consistent with the purposes of the Opioid Settlement Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a contract with Tioga Opportunities, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the provision of opioid abatement services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said funding shall be paid from New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, consisting of:

- \$25,000.00 of restricted opioid settlement funds, and
- \$0.00 of unrestricted opioid settlement funds, as permitted under settlement agreements and Attorney General guidance

And be it further

RESOLVED: That opioid settlement funds awarded herein shall not supplant existing federal, state, or local funding for opioid-related services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That payments under this contract shall be made on a reimbursement basis subject to contract terms, performance, and reporting requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature authorizes required reporting and compliance with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the New York State Attorney General, and all opioid settlement reporting and audit requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County budget be modified and funds be appropriated allowed as follows:

From: A 389901 Other Restricted - Opioid	\$25,000.00
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To: A1340 540140 Contracting Services	\$25,000.00
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Legislator Standinger spoke. "We are monitoring the usage of these funds and there are thresholds that they must uphold in order to prevent fraud. I am confident that we are going be able to do that. The money will be used properly. This statement pertains to all five resolutions regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 45-26 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR
56 MAIN STREET NORTH WING HVAC
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS: The award for construction services to be performed for the 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Upgrade project was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 282-25; 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 \$2,090.00 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 – Renovations 56 Main St

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 46-26 APPROVE SECOND CHANGE ORDER FOR
56 MAIN STREET NORTH WING HVAC
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS: The award for construction services to be performed for the 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Upgrade project was awarded to Postler & Jaeckle Corporation on Resolution No. 282-25; 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 \$21,811.00 to be paid out of the following account:

H1620.520911 – Renovations 56 Main St

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 47-26

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING
OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT,
WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR
STATE-AID OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGE NY
FUNDS

WHEREAS: A project for the Harnick Road over Apalachin Creek (BIN 2218720) bridge rehabilitation in the Town of Owego, County of Tioga, PIN 9754.90 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal Funds and 20% non-Federal Funds; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga will design, let, and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering/Design, Right-of-Way Incidentals, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction/Construction Support/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Tioga to pay 100% of the cost of the Construction/Construction Support/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal-aid, State-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$1,628,000 is hereby appropriated from account H5110.540004.H2102 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Tioga shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal-aid, State-aid, or Bridge NY funding awarded to the County of Tioga; and it is further

RESOLVED: That in the event the Project costs not covered by Federal-aid, State-aid, or Bridge NY funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Tioga County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the Responsible Local Official of the County of Tioga; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Tioga all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal-aid and/or State-aid with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's funding of the Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-aid and State-aid

eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 48-26

RESTRICTED-OPIOID DR104
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2025
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: The Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has awarded the Local Government Unit (LGU) for Tioga County with dollars for the LGU to procure at its discretion based on the allowable use of funds per Settlement and Statute, funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: The funding is specifically designated for the purpose of Opioid Abatement; and

WHEREAS: Previously Resolution No. 131-25 was passed by the Tioga County Legislature on 3/11/2025 for the use of this Abatement Funding; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 131-25 created a position at the Child Advocacy Center, a collaboration between Mental Hygiene and the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS: The position was advertised, unfilled and funding never spent in 2025; and

WHEREAS: The position is continuously advertised and budgeted for 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be returned to Restricted-Opioid DR104 for future allowable use of Opioid Settlement Funding and the 2025 budget modified as follows:

From: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,016.52
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 5,265.40
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 3,743.94
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 923.23
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 52.43
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$14,426.64
A4310 588988	EAP Fringe	\$ 12.25

To: A 389902 Other Restricted-Opioid DR104 \$78,440.41

And be it further

RESOLVED: That upon filling the position, the funding for the first two years will be appropriated from A 389902 Other Restricted-Opioid DR104 as follows with actual transfers based on final numbers:

From: A 389902 Other Restricted-Opioid DR104 \$220,645.59

To: A4310 510010 ABATE	Full Time Salary	\$146,894.00
A4310 581088 ABATE	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 21,005.84
A4310 583088 ABATE	Social Security Fringe	\$ 11,237.39
A4310 584088 ABATE	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 2,642.62
A4310 585588 ABATE	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 127.06
A4310 586088 ABATE	Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 42,011.68
A4310 588988 ABATE	EAP Fringe	\$ 33.50

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 49-26 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program has awarded the Tioga County Department of Social Services an additional Year 4 funds to assist in the implementation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:	A6050.436100 State Aid: Administration	\$113,191.79
To:	A6050.520090 Computer	\$650.00
To:	A6050.520210 Other Furniture	\$2,761.05
To:	A6050.540140 Contracting Expenses	\$96,780.24
To:	A6050.540487 Program Expense	\$3,000.50
To:	A6050.540733 Training/All Other	\$10,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 50-26

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services has an approved \$850,365 for five (5) years from the Office of Children and Family Services to assist in the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and;

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.436100 CAC26 State-Child Advocacy Center	\$ 850,365.00
To: A6050.510010 CAC26 Full Time Expense	\$ 316,709.00
To: A6050.581088 CAC26 State Retirement Fringe	\$ 23,110.00
To: A6050.583088 CAC26 Social Security Fringe	\$ 21,750.00
To: A6050.584088 CAC26 Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 7,341.00
To: A6050.585588 CAC26 Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 543.00
To: A6050.586088 CAC26 Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 82,923.00
To: A6050.588988 CAC26 EAP Fringe	\$ 272.00
To: A6050.540140 CAC26 Contracting Services	\$ 232,270.00
To: A6050.540180 CAC26 Dues	\$ 2,440.00
To: A6050.540191 CAC26 Electric Utility	\$ 24,000.00
To: A6050.540420 CAC26 Office Supplies	\$ 2,026.00
To: A6050.540487 CAC26 Program Expense	\$ 6,481.00
To: A6050.540550 CAC26 Rent/Lease	\$ 114,000.00
To: A6050.540640 CAC26 Supplies (Not Office)	\$ 3,000.00
To: A6050.540660 CAC26 Telephone	\$ 8,000.00
To: A6050.540733 CAC26 Training/All Other	\$ 5,500.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$850,365 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 51-26

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND AMEND 2026 BUDGET SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga has received Federal 5311 funds granted by the Federal Transit Administration and the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS: Federal Transit Administration and New York State Department of Transportation have granted these funds to be used to support mobility management services; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has a contract with Rural Health Network of South Central New York to provide these services: and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

A 5630.430900 State Aid-Transportation	\$ 80,026.00
A 5630.440900 Federal Aid-Transportation	\$ 640,204.00
A 5630.540140 Contracting Services	\$ 720,230.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$720,230.00 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 52-26

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Code Blue allocation to implement emergency measures for the homeless during inclement winter weather; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 5,000

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 5,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
FINANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: Tioga County is required to pay the full costs for Criminal Court Ordered Psychiatric Care for persons assigned Criminal Psychiatric services by Tioga County Courts; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has received notice by New York State Office of Mental Health that a Tioga County resident was assigned these services, along with the required documentation and payment amount; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has determined the amount of additional funding needed for these already incurred mandated expenses within its own budget, yet this will require a budget modification and transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds and budget amendments require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Mental Hygiene 2025 budget be modified, and funds be transferred as follows:

From: A4310 510010 Salary Full Time \$ 25,412.34

To: A4390 540590 Criminal Psychiatric: Services Rendered \$ 25,412.34

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 54-26

AMEND 2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS;
PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) received five-year funding through 2027 specifically for strengthening our Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce; and

WHEREAS: The funding is intended to allow for the recruitment and retention of Public Health employees following the challenging impacts on Public Health workers during and after the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The fourth year of the funding has been approved by the New York State Department of Health, and requires amending of budget and appropriation of funds; and

WHEREAS: Amending 2026 Budget and Appropriating Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:

A4011 444010-SPHIW Public Health: Federal Aid-SPHIW \$ 98,365

To:

A4011 510050-SPHIW Public Health: All Other – SPHIW \$ 82,830

A4011 583088-SPHIW Public Health: Social Security Fringe \$ 6,336

A4011 540487-SPHIW Public Health: Program Expense-SPHIW \$ 9,199

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$98,365 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 55-26

**AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature authorized the funding of the vacant Director of Social Services position effective December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services would like to backfill the Director of Social Services position from within her department to continue the agency's operating efficiency; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Sarah Moore shall be provisionally appointed to the Director of Social Services retroactive to January 10, 2026, pending successful appointment from a civil service eligible list at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$77,705.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning was authorized to create the Administrative Coordinator position via Resolution #291-25; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning reviewed applications, conducted interviews and identified a qualified candidate with prior relevant work experience; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Economic Development and Planning is hereby authorized to provisionally appoint Lisa Williams to the position of Administrative Coordinator, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$46,000.00 effective February 7, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: Article 41.05 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law states that to be eligible for state aid, each local government shall have a Director who shall be its chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS: Under Article 41.09 of New York State Mental Hygiene Law, Tioga County is required to have either an Acting or Permanent Director of Community Services (DCS) appointed by the Tioga County Community Services Board (CSB); and

WHEREAS: The Inter-Office Coordinating Council (IOCC) is mandated by Mental Hygiene Law section 5.05(b) to coordinate the work and functions of the three NYS state agencies: the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The IOCC must be informed of resignations and appointments of both Acting and Permanent County Directors of Community Services to insure appropriate management of and maintain communication with the Local Government Unit; and

WHEREAS: The permanent DCS has informed the CSB and the County Legislature of her resignation effective January 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County CSB notified the IOCC of the permanent DCS' resignation and submitted the required documentation regarding the appointment of Sarah Begeal as Acting DCS on January 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS: As of January 30, 2026, Sarah Begeal will carry out the full powers and responsibilities of the Acting DCS contingent upon the IOCC's acknowledgement of receiving said documentation; and

WHEREAS: The CSB has an undetermined length of time to appoint a permanent DCS, and therefore it is not possible to determine the length of time that Sarah Begeal will fulfill the role of Acting DCS; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Sarah Begeal be temporarily appointed to the position of Director of Community Service with an annual salary of \$112,984 as Interim Director of Community Services.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "We are required to have someone in this role to satisfy the requirements of the office. My thoughts are that Sarah Begeal, who spoke earlier, is certainly up to the task. I wish her luck in this pursuit."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 58-26 AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The full-time position of Deputy Clerk to the Legislature has been vacant since June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Clerk of the Legislature has recruited for a replacement and after interviewing, a qualified candidate has been identified who is willing and eligible for appointment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to appoint Breige Graven to the title of Deputy Clerk to the Legislature with a start date of January 26, 2026, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$50,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution will be null and void if Ms. Graven fails to pass the County mandated criminal background check.

Chair Monell spoke. "This has been a while coming but thank goodness we finally have someone for this position."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 59-26 APPPOINT COUNTY AUDITOR AND
DEPUTY COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS: The County is required to appoint a County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor to process and review the Accounts Payable transactions through Purchase Orders and Purchase Cards submitted by County Departments for payment of a variety of bills; and

WHEREAS: The term of these appointments coincides with Legislator Group One and are due for re-appointment as of January 1, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Cathy Haskell be and hereby is appointed County Auditor for a three-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Breige Graven be and hereby is appointed Deputy County Auditor, to act in the absence of the County Auditor, said term to be January 26, 2026 – December 31, 2028.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The people in these positions keep us honest and keep the departments honest and I am glad they are doing it."

Chair Monell spoke. "They do a good job."

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 60-26 APPOINTMENT OF
VOTING MACHINE TECHNICIAN (PT)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to any position not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or part of the Management/ Confidential listing; and

WHEREAS: The position of the Republican Voting Machine Technician (PT) has been vacant since November 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Authorization to backfill the vacancy was approved on December 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Election Commissioners have selected a candidate to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Daniel Cacciaglia be appointed as Republican Voting Machine Technician (PT) effective January 26, 2026 at the 2026 rate of \$24.45/hr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 61-26 AUTHORIZE CREATION & FILLING OF
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROBATION (GROUP A)
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation and appointment of any Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Probation would like to create a new full-time Deputy Director of Probation (Group A) to better meet the current needs of the Department and address future succession planning; and

WHEREAS: The Probation Director submitted a New Position Duties Statement to the Personnel Officer on November 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that the creation of a new Management/Confidential full-time Deputy Director of Probation (Group A) position be created with a salary range of \$71,000 - \$81,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Probation (Group A) is hereby authorized to create said position, and appoint Frederick Kiechle, provisionally, pending successful completion of civil service requirements, retroactive January 10, 2026, with an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$77,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the headcount for the Probation Department will now be 17 full-time and 2 part-time employees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

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
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 62-26 AUTHORIZE BACKFILL
PART-TIME ASSISTANT EMS COORDINATOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Emergency Services has a need to backfill an Assistant EMS Coordinator (PT) position, which has been vacant since April 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Emergency Services Director has identified a qualified candidate who has been found to meet the qualifications of the Assistant EMS Coordinator (PT) classification; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the appointment of Scott Gurney to fill the vacant 10 hr./wk. Assistant EMS Coordinator (PT) position effective January 26, 2026, at an annual salary of \$12,226.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion to bring forth one (1) late-file resolution for Legislature consideration, seconded by Legislator Brown. Motion carried.

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 461-25 authorized the submission of a renewal application to NYS Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Assistance Program and authorized Chair of the Legislature signature on grant related documents; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 461-25 requires an amendment due to CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program renewal application requiring additional funds for program administration and delivery; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 461-25 is amended by modifying renewal grant application amount of \$200,000 to \$218,750; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes said grant renewal application in the amount of \$218,750 and upon award authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contract and other paperwork contingent upon review by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.