

Fourth Regular Meeting
April 12, 2022

The Fourth Regular Meeting of 2022 was held on April 12, 2022 and was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 P.M. Eight Legislative members were present with Legislator Weston being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked Legislator Hollenbeck to have a moment of prayer. "God Bless the Ukrainian people, as they try to survive the Russian invasion of their Country. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers."

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

There were 13 people in attendance.

Chair Sauerbrey reported we have two Proclamations; **Tioga County Council on the Arts 50th Anniversary** that will be read by Legislator Roberts and presented to Christina Di Stefano, Executive Director, Tioga County Council on the Arts, and **Child Abuse Prevention Month** that will be noted in the minutes.

COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts' vision is to inspire and support a vibrant creative community in and around Tioga County, New York; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts and will be presenting several special programs and events in celebration of its 50th anniversary of serving Tioga County, NY artists and residents; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts provides resources to Tioga County, NY artists; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts promotes Tioga County, NY artists and galleries; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts operates two galleries for the public exhibition and sales of local artist's work and provides studio space; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts presents multiple events annually that bring local art, live music, and literature to the community; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts has added a retail shop to their

location to enhance the Village of Owego Historic Owego Marketplace Shopping District; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts operates Art A La Carte, a program that provides free art supplies to children who attend Summer Meal Sites around the county; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Council on the Arts supports county initiatives by collaborating with municipal and nonprofit organizations for the betterment of the community; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, supports the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Tioga County Council on the Arts in the year 2022.

Legislator Roberts spoke. "Thank you so much for your contribution to our community."

Christina Di Stefano spoke. "Thank you all so much for supporting us and recognizing us today here at the Tioga County Legislature meeting. We are celebrating 50 years at Tioga Arts Council and, thanks in part to the community, the Legislature, artists, creatives, etc., we have been able to not only survive over the years, but thrive. This year we have a lot of events planned. We have a wonderful committee supporting us, some of the people are here today; Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism, and Mary Mack, Tioga Arts Council Board member. Thank you for recognizing us and supporting the arts in our community. We strive to make it a more vibrant and creative place through a series of different events. We hope you will be part of the celebration in the coming year. Thank you so much for his honor and all of your support."

COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services received 1,215 reports of alleged abuse/neglect involving 2,620 children in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: The effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and

civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;
and

WHEREAS: Programs like Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lourdes PACT, Catholic Charities, Hillside's Regional Permanency Center, and Aspire Hope NY offer support and educational services to families so families can help their child achieve his/her full potential within the community; and

WHEREAS: All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and prevention activities within the community, and become involved in supporting parents and families so that children can live in safe, nurturing homes; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, does hereby proclaim April 2022 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to ensure that all children are raised in safe, nurturing families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Chair Sauerbrey presented the State of the County Address for 2021 as follows:

“Good Afternoon. You may read about them in the newspaper or see them plowing snow along our roads, or when you get your license renewed. You will need them when looking for support for a disabled child, have mental health issues, or a Veteran transitioning out of the military. You will meet them when you vote, look for a better job, open a new restaurant or get a rabies shot for your dog. They will be there for you when you need help with heating costs, have an auto accident or the river floods over your street. They keep us safe, protect us from harm, and help bring new business to our communities. These are the public servants paid for by your tax dollars that show up every day with one goal in mind; to provide a better life for you, your family and your community.

“During the last round of COVID-19 in 2021, County agencies provided vaccinations, COVID-19 test kits, PPE, and financial assistance. We stepped up and provided needed support to the community; that is what we do.

“Tioga County Government is the framework that holds up the services, County employees are the boots on the ground that provide the services needed by our community.

“It is no surprise that as we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the after effects are presenting problems. Some of the major issues we are seeing is an uptick in people seeking mental health assistance and a significant increase with juvenile delinquency and adolescent offenders. County agencies are addressing the issues, collaborating with each other and working with schools, addressing the issue of truancy, and creating strategies to address these issues.

“Another problem is employee retention. After the successful shift to remote work for many government agencies in 2020 and 2021, the public sector has begun to weigh the benefits of hybrid work environments and reassess hiring practices. The challenge for government leaders is to be open to new ways of doing business, and still be responsible to the taxpayers. The Legislature has implemented a pilot program to test how remote work could work at the County. We saw an employment issue coming with retirements and we put plans in place but because of the pandemic, today's workforce does not seem interested or ready to come back to work. This is happening across the country. What needs to be done to attract employees in the future is yet to be seen.

“2021 was a year of gains and losses on the Legislature. All nine County Legislators were up for election last year with three legislators deciding not to run again. New to the Legislature are: Jake Brown, replacing Loretta Sullivan in District #4, Ron Ciotoli replacing Cliff Balliet in District #1, and Barbara Roberts replacing Mike Roberts in District #3.

“Sadly, the Legislature and the community lost two former Legislators in 2021; Ron Dougherty who passed away in November and Richard Huttleston who passed away in April. We are grateful for their time and their contributions to the County and we are deeply sorry for their loss.

“Financially, the County is strong. Sales tax collections in 2021 were up 19.2% or \$4 million over 2020 keeping in mind the County shares 25% of these collections with our towns and villages. Sales tax increases are largely across the State. As part of this picture in 2020 and 2021, we cut our county budgets 10% for each year not knowing what the shut down and pandemic would bring. It turned out that despite business restrictions the County did not suffer. The influx of cash from the Federal stimulus checks enabled citizens to shop online and that brought in sales tax revenue. The same is holding true in 2022 with sales tax collections holding strong.

“In 2021, the County paid \$2.7 million in Community College tuition bills, this State mandated education service represented 11% of our County tax levy last year with 1,741 residents benefitting by this program.

“Last fall, the County received the first payment of our American Recovery Funds with the second payment in late April. We will receive a total of \$9.7 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, which was part of the Federal Stimulus Bill to aid public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a complicated process with many rule changes along the way, but we are happy to receive the support from the Federal Government. The Legislature identified projects and we have begun to fund them. Projects that are identified are: Veterans Suicide Prevention, Tioga ASAP Community Organization, Broadband Projects, Tioga County Suicide Prevention, Tioga County Tourism, Neighborhood Depot Project, Tioga County Land Bank, Transitional Housing/Catholic Charities, A New Hope Center, Communications Towers for the Interoperable Radio Communications Project, EMO/Ambulance Study, Cyber Security Upgrades, Orthos Mapping Imaging, Public Safety Building Upgrades, Security Upgrade to 56 Main Street and a Truck Wash Facility. The largest amount of funds, \$4 million dollars, has been designated as a critical funding source of the ongoing \$15 million dollar project to upgrade our Interoperable Radio Communications for the County.

“Tioga County opted to participate in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process created by the Broome County Purchasing Alliance for a group purchase of Medicare Advantage Plans for Medicare eligible retirees. The end result was a change in coverage for January 2022 that provides equal or better coverage and saves Tioga County \$770,000 in premiums in 2022. Because this is a shared service we also qualify for reimbursement from the State for their Shared Services Program.

“We don't know what the future will be, but we are hopeful that things will continue to get better. With the challenges of inflation and continuing supply chain problems, we will spend cautiously. The Legislature will continue to be prudent when it comes to spending and that is an absolute.

“Looking ahead, the County is working on an upgrade in cyber security and expansion of IT services. Employee safety and building safety will be a focus for the future.

“You will see an expansion of services for Veterans and because of election redistricting, voters will need to check in with the Board of Elections for any changes to election districts.

“Staff training within the county will continue in regards to employee development and leadership. When possible, employees will be cross-trained to be more effective in providing services.

“County departments and organizations will continue working with schools to improve workforce for the future. Housing blight and housing needs will continue

to be addressed in a collaborative way with towns and villages in order to make more housing available.

“Civil Service tests are back in person and online applications are available – check our website.

“As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been advised by health officials to remain cautious and monitor your health, keeping in mind – if you are sick stay home. But let’s face it, we are ready for this to be done and over with. Good weather is in front of us and we are looking forward to being outside, celebrating community events and enjoying our families.

“I am optimistic that things are going to get better. So let’s get involved and help things along!

“Let’s help our communities and volunteer for a community project, attend a fundraiser for a non-profit or join the fire department. Fly your American flag, talk to your neighbors, or clean up your neighborhood. If we invest our time in our communities, they will come back to life again.

“It’s time to come out of the darkness and go into the light.”

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Monell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15 and 24, 2022, seconded by Legislator Mullen and carried.

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

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 112-22 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE
TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS: Section 344 of the Public Health Law requires that members of the Board of Health shall serve six (6) year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS: Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, resigned from the Board of Health 3/17/2022; and

WHEREAS: The appointed term for Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, on the Board of Health expires 12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS: Teresea Leary, FNP, has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Erica Haray-Butcher, MS; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Teresea Leary, FNP, be appointed to the Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, for a term of 4/12/2022-12/31/2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 113-22 EXTENSION OF ELC COVID
ENHANCED DETECTION GRANT
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Resolution #246-20 authorized the creation and fill of two (2) temporary, full time Public Health Educators through June 30, 2022 via the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhanced Detection grant that was appropriated via Resolution #160-20; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has received additional funding and extension of the ELC Enhanced Detection grant through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS: TCPH continues to have need for the funded Covid-related temporary positions through the extended period; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has determined that having the two (2) temporary, full-time Public Health Educators would help with said duties; therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Department be authorized to extend the two (2) temporary, full-time Public Health Educator positions from June 30, 2022 through March 31, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$21.67.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Mullen.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 114-22 *AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION
POWER GRANT APPLICATION*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has an opportunity to apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative to bring dark fiber to northern Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Southern Tier Network (STN) has agreed to partner in this project and construct, own, and operate the approximate 20 mile route along the TCIDA railroad from the Village of Owego to Route 79 in Richford; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has allocated \$750,000 to broadband expansion from the ARPA funding, of which there is \$450,000 unallocated; and

WHEREAS: The ARC POWER program requires a 50% match and Tioga County has this \$450,000 available as match for this broadband expansion project; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes said grant application to the ARC POWER Initiative, including a \$450,000 match, to expand STN dark fiber from the Village of Owego to Richford in an amount not to exceed \$900,000; and further authorizes the Chair of the County Legislature to sign any and all grant related paperwork upon review of the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Mullen.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 115-22 *AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNS TO ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC
WASTE FROM TIOGA COUNTY RESIDENTS*

WHEREAS: In January of 2015, New York State banned consumers from disposing of certain types of electronic waste in landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, in the trash, or at curbside for trash pickup; and

WHEREAS: Due to this ban, Tioga County's only drop off for residents is through the County's Household Hazardous Waste program which is located at the Broome County Landfill; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Solid Waste will pay for the recycling costs for acceptable household electronic waste brought to the Town either during their cleanup event or at an agreed upon permanent drop off location; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair or their designee to enter the said agreement for the year 2022 upon its approval by the County Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Roberts moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED: ED&P COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 116-22 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FUNDS AND MODIFY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution #231-21 to create the Education Workforce Coordinator position that will be funded by way of grant funds and Resolution #33-22 to authorize the appointment of Sean Lanning to the position of Education Workforce Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP is to provide the Education Workforce Coordinator with salary, fringe benefits, administrative services, office space and equipment necessary for the performance of the Workforce Development Program (WDP); and

WHEREAS: The Hooker Foundation (HF) will be providing the funds for this position by way of a grant in the amount of \$100,000 annually over three (3) years to offset all expenses associated with the newly created position and it's program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Salaries have been appropriated in the 2022 budget in the amount of \$47,009.00 the remaining funds will need to be appropriated to the TCEDP budget; and

WHEREAS: The annual amount requested to be paid by the Hooker Foundation for the calendar year 2022 is not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

To: A6422 422800 Grant-Non State Federal (HF)	\$100,000.00
From: A6422 540487 Program Expense (WDP)	\$ 52,991.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the acceptance of up to \$100,000.00 annually from the Hooker Foundation to provide for the cost of salary, fringe benefits, office space and equipment for the

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Mullen.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 118-22 AMENDING RESOLUTION 102-22 RESOLVED AND APPORTIONING FORFEITURE OF CRIME PROCEEDS FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS: Resolution 102-22 needs to be amended to correct the reserve account numbers in the RESOLVED, which incorrectly read from A388901 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds and A388905 Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted; and

WHEREAS: Resolution 239-20 established a system for the disposal of property, the order of priority of disbursements and the restrictions on the use of both pre-conviction and post-conviction forfeitures of crime proceeds; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has received \$1,000.00 from the Dustin Dunbar drug forfeiture case; and

WHEREAS: It is agreed the funds shall be divided between the agencies involved in the investigation in accordance with Section 1349 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules; and

WHEREAS: Distribution details are as follows:

Tioga County District Attorney's Office (15%)	\$150.00
Tioga County Sheriff's Department (5%)	\$ 50.00
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)	\$320.00
Tioga County Sheriff's Department (75%)	\$360.00

Tioga County District Attorney's Office (25%)	\$120.00
	\$1,000.00

And;

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

RESOLVED: That the account numbers in resolution 102-22 be amended as follows:

FROM: A388905	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$18,095.19
A388901	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 680.57

And be it further

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

FROM: A1165-426250	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$ 150.00
A1165-426260	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 440.00
A3110-426250	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds	\$ 50.00
A3110-426260	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds Restricted	\$ 360.00
TO: A1165-540335	Asset Forfeiture Expense	\$ 150.00
A1165-540336	Asset Forfeiture Expense-Restricted	\$ 440.00
A3110-540335	Asset Forfeiture Expense	\$ 50.00
A3110-540336	Asset Forfeiture Expense-Restricted	\$ 360.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 119-22 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
 BUDGET MODIFICATION
 MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene (TCMH) has been allocated pass through state aid funding for The Dwyer Program; funding is to provide services including non-clinical interventions, outreach, suicide prevention, and peer-to-peer counseling for Veterans suffering from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and any Veteran looking to reintegrate into civilian society. The Dwyer Program is available to all Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, National Guard, Army Reserve, and their families; and

WHEREAS: TCMH intends to contract with Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA), to provide these services to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: TCMH and TCVSA will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and Budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310-434900 State Aid-Mental Health	\$100,000.00
To: A4320-540590 Services Rendered	\$100,000.00
From: A6510-427700-DP22 Other Unclassified Revenue DP	\$100,000.00
To: A6510-540487-DP22 Program Expense DP	\$100,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 121-22 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2022 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a grant through the Regional Youth Justice Team in the amount of \$10,000 to decrease youth's progression in the Juvenile Justice System; 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: Administration \$ 10,000

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 10,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 122-22 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
BUDGET MODIFICATION
TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) applied for a New York State Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center two-year "CARES UP" grant to set-up and implement a model national program called the Expiration Term of Service – Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP) in collaboration with the counties of Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler and Tompkins Counties; and

WHEREAS: TCVSA was notified that it had received the two-year grant in a total of \$70,000 (\$40,000 year one, \$30,000 year two) to implement the ETS-SP community based program throughout the six counties in order to assist transitioning service members and veterans (TSMs/Vs) as they shift from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS: TCVSA will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and Budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6510-437100-ETSSP	State Aid-Veterans Services	\$70,000.00
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To: A6510-540487-ETSSP	Program Expense ETSSP	\$70,000.00
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And be it further

RESOLVED: Available funds on 12/31/2022 of the original \$70,000 will be carried forward into the New Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 123-22 AUTHORITY SALARY INCREASE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for salary increases within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services requested the Personnel Department review the salary of the Director of Social Services, in comparison to other salaries of Management/Confidential employees in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer conducted the review and determined that an increase was warranted based on factors including job duties, level of responsibility, tenure, and performance evaluation results; and

WHEREAS: The appropriate annual increase for the incumbent is determined to be \$8,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Elizabeth Myers', Director of Social Services, 2022 annual salary be increased from \$72,066 to \$80,066 retroactive to March 10, 2022, the date the request for review was received by Personnel.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 124-22 *AUTHORIZE SALARY REALLOCATION WITHIN
CSEA SALARY SCHEDULE
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title's salary reallocation; and

WHEREAS: On February 25, 2022, the Personnel Department received position description questionnaire from Kim Thomas, Dental Hygienist (CSEA SG VIII, \$40,114-\$41,114); and

WHEREAS: A desk audit occurred and involved the review of work tasks performed by the employee as well as current salary allocation; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has made a determination that due to the specific college degree and licensing requirements of the minimum qualifications there is justification to request a salary reallocation of the Dental Hygienist title within the CSEA Salary Schedule; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the title of Dental Hygienist shall be reallocated from CSEA Salary Grade VIII to CSEA Salary Grade IX (\$42,329-\$43,329) effective retroactive to February 25, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2022 annual salary of Ms. Thomas increase by \$2,215 to \$42,829 retroactive to February 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 125-22 *AUTHORIZE CREATION AND FILLING OF TEMPORARY POSITION – ACTING DIRECTOR OF COUNTY DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES*

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

WHEREAS: Due to an announced resignation, the position of County Director of Real Property Tax Services (M/C \$57,689 - \$67,689) will become vacant effective at the close of business on April 15, 2022, prior to the end of the outgoing Director's term; and

WHEREAS: An internal candidate exists who, at the direction of the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS), will be eligible for a qualification review within six (6) months to determine his eligibility as County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and

WHEREAS: According to NYS ORPTS, said candidate can be appointed as acting County Director of Real Property Tax Services for the six (6) month duration; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has reviewed and approves of creating the classification of Acting County Director of Real Property Tax Services for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the position of Acting County Director of Real Property Tax Services shall be created and filled by Steven Palinosky effective April 18, 2022 for a duration not to exceed December 31, 2022, at an annual salary of \$65,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: That following the qualification review by the NYS ORPTS, and by no later than December 2022, Steven Palinosky shall be further considered for appointment to the title of County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That while serving as the Acting County Director of Real Property Tax Services, Mr. Palinosky shall be granted a leave of absence from his current title, Office Specialist III, and shall be allowed to return to this position in the event NYS ORPTS finds him ineligible to be appointed to the title of County Director of Real Property Tax Services.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 126-22

*AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL
TWO (2) POSITIONS:
ASSISTANT FIRE COORDINATOR (PT)
EMERGENCY SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of positions; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services has identified a need to create additional part-time positions to assist with mutual aid programs and related projects; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Emergency Services submitted a New Position Duties Statement to create the additional positions and the Personnel Officer has determined the appropriate classifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to create two (2) Assistant Fire Coordinator (PT) positions and fill said positions with the appointment of Steve Solomon and Michael Roden effective April 25, 2022, at an annual rate of \$5,200.00, per person; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Department of Emergency Services authorized part-time headcount shall increase from 10 to 12.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 127-22 CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY, FULL-TIME
CLERK (SEASONAL) POSITION
TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the creation of any new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has a need to hire a temporary, full-time Clerk to work during the summer season to provide clerical support within the office; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer appropriately budgeted for said position in the approved 2022 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) temporary, full-time Clerk (Seasonal) position is created at the hourly rate of \$14.20 in accordance with Resolution 196-09, effective May 23, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Treasurer shall be allowed to fill said position for a duration not to exceed beyond August 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standinger moved to withdraw the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Roberts.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -22 CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY POSITION
(PUBLIC WORKS)

WHEREAS: The Public Works Department is in need of additional auto mechanic assistance due to an unexpected leave of absence; and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated the additional help will be needed through July 29, 2022; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one temporary full-time position of Automotive Mechanic II be created with authorization to fill effective April 25, 2022 – July 29, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the wage for this temporary position shall be \$18.96/hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO WITHDRAW

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPROVED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 128-22 APPOINTMENT OF REPUBLICAN
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS BOARD

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

WHEREAS: The position of Deputy Commissioner of Elections Board (Republican) has been vacant since February 28, 2022, due to promotion; and

WHEREAS: The Republican Election Commissioner has selected a candidate to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Kelly Johnson shall be appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Elections effective April 25, 2022, at an annual management/confidential salary of \$41,235.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 129-22 APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME
ELECTION WORKER (DEMOCRATIC)

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 Election Worker (Part-Time, Democratic) has been vacant since November 29, 2021, due to resignation; and

WHEREAS: Authorization to backfill the vacancy was approved on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Democratic Election Commissioner has selected a candidate to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Joan Davis shall be appointed as an Election Worker (PT) effective May 11, 2022, at the rate of \$13.85/hr.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 130-22 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION CLERK PT

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: Two positions for Election Clerk PT, one Republican and one Democrat, were approved by the County Legislature to be added to the Board of Elections authorized part-time employee head count, effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The Election Clerk positions have been vacant since January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The Election Commissioners have selected candidates to fill said vacancies; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Kristine Fitzgerald and Margaret Head shall be appointed as Election Clerks PT, effective April 25, 2022, at the rate of \$17.00/hr.

Legislator Ciotoli spoke. "Kristine Fitzgerald, one of the candidates named in this resolution, has declined employment at this time."

Legislator Ciotoli made a motion to amend the resolution by removing this candidate's name, seconded by Legislator Monell to read as follows:

"4th WHEREAS: The Democratic Election Commissioner has selected a candidate to fill his vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Margaret Head shall be appointed as Election Clerk PT, effective April 25, 2022, at the rate of \$17.00/hr."

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 131-22 *AUTHORIZE VACATION TIME ADVANCE
FOR LISA BAKER
PROBATION DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS: Lisa Baker has been a dedicated employee of Tioga County for 18 years; and

WHEREAS: Lisa Baker's leave accruals may not cover her entire scheduled medical leave of absence due to prior unforeseen medical absences; and

WHEREAS: Lisa Baker has requested an advance of her earned vacation time to cover the remaining portion of her leave; and

WHEREAS: Lisa Baker's anniversary date with Tioga County is May 12th, upon which her vacation time would normally become available; and

WHEREAS: Similar requests have been reviewed on a case by case basis with some approved in the past; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature believes the circumstances surrounding this request merit approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Legislature authorizes 49 hours of vacation time be advanced to Lisa Baker for use as needed in her May 12th (payroll period April 25th-May 6th) and May 26th (payroll period May 9th-May 20th) paychecks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That advanced vacation hours used shall immediately be deducted from Lisa Baker's balance on May 12, 2022 when her earned time is made available.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Roberts.

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 133-22 *AMEND RESOLUTION 107-22*
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: Resolution 107-22 authorized the creation of two Highway Worker (Seasonal) positions within the Public Works Department from April 1 through October 7, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$13.20 (minimum wage); and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has not received any applications and is concerned that the hourly wage rate will cause an inability to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works considers these positions to be entry level involving manual labor and equivalent to the title of Laborer listed in CSEA Grade 9 (\$14.43) which has no minimum qualifications associated with it; therefore be it

RESOLVED: Resolution 107-22 be amended to reflect the 2022 hourly rate for Highway Worker (Seasonal) as \$14.43.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Standing moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Monell.

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 134-22 *AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL*
AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC II;
TEMPORARILY INCREASE FULL-TIME HEADCOUNT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS: The Public Works Department is in need of additional Automotive Mechanic II due to an unexpected leave of absence lasting through July 29, 2022, and resulting in a change in work assignments; and

WHEREAS: In an attempt to better attract and retain an applicant to this position, the Commissioner of Public Works would like to temporarily increase his authorized full-time headcount to offer the employee benefits; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one full-time permanent Automotive Mechanic II position shall be created effective April 25, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$18.96 (CSEA Grade 4); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the authorized full-time headcount for the Public Works Department shall increase from 38 to 39 through July 29, 2022, and shall revert back to 38 as of July 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Brown, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Weston.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 P.M.