



Tioga County Worksession Minutes November 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Legislators Present:

Legislator Balliet
Legislator Hollenbeck
Legislator Monell
Legislator Mullen
Legislator Roberts
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey
Legislator Standinger (*Arrived at 10:05 a.m.*)
Legislator Weston

Legislators Absent:

Legislator Sullivan

Guests:

None

Staff Present:

Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Clerk of Legislature
Amy Eiklor, Deputy Clerk of Legislature
Jackson Bailey, Budget Officer
Stephanie Jerzak, Chief Accountant
Rich Perkins, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (*Departed at 10:03 a.m.*)
Jeremy Loveland (*Arrived at 10:06 a.m. & Departed at 10:20 a.m.*)

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. with the **Sixth Special Legislative Meeting** for Legislature consideration of the following resolution:

- **Approve Sole Source Purchase of Boiler at HHS Building**

After the prayer and pledge, the Legislators in attendance voted in favor of the resolution and the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. with Worksession immediately following.

2022 Budget Discussion – Budget Officer Jackson Bailey: Budget Officer, Jackson Bailey, distributed a Budget Update Worksheet and reported the following:

- The Budget is currently set to level 5, Adopted

- After the December 9, 2021 Legislative Worksession, budget modifications will no longer be allowed
- The 2022 Final Budget will be adopted at the December 14, 2021 Legislative Meeting

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Update: Chair Sauerbrey reported some departments requested ARPA funds this year in order to pay, and move forward, with certain projects. For example, IT would like to utilize the funds to upgrade telephones. Resolutions to move forward with ARPA funds are being drafted for consideration at the December 14, 2021 Legislative Meeting.

Chair Sauerbrey stated Mr. Bailey created forms for potential fund recipients to complete. She reported the forms make it abundantly clear that the funds are a one-time deal and it is up to the recipient to adhere to reporting guidelines, if required.

Approval of Worksession Minutes: On motion of Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck and unanimously carried, the November 4, 2021 Legislative Worksession minutes were approved.

Action Items: Currently, there are no action items.

Other:

- **Senate Bill S2031 Discussion:** Legislative Clerk, Cathy Haskell, reported Governor Hochul signed Legislation on Tioga County's 911 Surcharge Bill. The Bill authorizes Tioga County to impose an additional surcharge to pay for the costs associated with updating the services needed to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system. It also authorizes an additional surcharge at the rate of one dollar per retail sale.

Tioga County must pass a Local Law increasing the surcharge from thirty cents to one dollar. Ms. Haskell suggested proceeding in January after the three new Legislators are sworn in. Tioga County must give cell phone carriers a forty-five day notice of the additional surcharge in order to accommodate adding the extra fee to customer bills.

Ms. Haskell researched who has to notify carriers of the increased fee and it was determined that Tioga County has been responsible for doing so. Although, Ms. Haskell received a call from an AT&T representative who was already aware of the Bill's passage. The representative reported AT&T has staff in Albany researching potential fee increases and the other major cell phone carriers may too. Ms. Haskell stated the Treasurer's Office may be able to provide a list of carriers that are currently paying the thirty cent surcharge.

Ms. Haskell proposed holding a Special Meeting to introduce the Local Law at the January 6, 2022 Legislative Worksession and adopt the Resolution to set the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing would then be held at the Legislature's Regular Meeting on January 11, 2022. Finally, the Local Law would be adopted at a Special Meeting before the January 20, 2022 Legislative Worksession. Forty-five days after that would bring the

effective date into March 2022. There were no objections from the Legislators on the proposed timeline.

- **December 9, 2021 Worksession Discussion:** Ms. Haskell reported she would like to review the January 3, 2022 Organizational Meeting Agenda at the December 9, 2021 Legislative Worksession. Ms. Haskell stated she would like to invite the three incoming Legislators to the December 9 meeting so they can get a sense of how the Organizational Meeting will work. Standing Committee appointments will take place at the Organizational Meeting in order to accommodate the three new Legislators. Chair Sauerbrey has spoken with some of the incoming Legislators in order to gauge interest and knowledge about what Standing Committees they may fit best with.

Chair Sauerbrey reported the time of the December 9, 2021 Legislative Worksession has been changed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a retirement celebration for the three outgoing Legislators on that day after the Legislative Worksession. There were no objections to the time change. The December 9, 2021 Worksession will begin at 2:00 p.m.

- **EMT Training:** Legislator Standinger reported he is taking an EMT course, which requires ride-along trainings. Legislator Standinger reported he has been training with the Candor Emergency Squad, which has only two ambulances. Legislator Standinger recently went out on a call, but there was not enough manpower to provide assistance. As a result, Spencer EMS had to take care of the patient. Legislator Standinger wanted to emphasize the need for EMT and ambulance services.

Executive Session: With no confidential matters to discuss, an Executive Session was not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

***Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. ***

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Eiklor

Deputy Legislative Clerk