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LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA **THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026**

MINUTES

- Approval of July 9, 2026 minutes

FINANCIAL

- 2026 Year to Date Budget Report
- 2026 County Auditor Accounts Payable Update
- AP Munis Workflow Rejection Report
- 2027 Legislative Budget Presentation

OLD BUSINESS

- July 2026 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- IRS 2026 Mid-Year Mileage Rate Increase – effective 7/1/26
- Legislative Clerk Vacation – August 12 – 18, 2026
- August 2026 Legislative Meeting

PERSONNEL

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- H22-Resolution Calling for a Two-Year Delay of Federal SNAP Administrative and Benefit Cost Shifts Enacted Under H.R. 1 and Calling on New York State to Hold Counties Harmless if the Federal Government Fails to Act

PROCLAMATIONS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

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Legislative Support Minutes

July 9, 2026

1:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Legislators: Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Cantella, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Rose, and Standinger were present.

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, Deputy Legislative Clerk Graven, County Administrator Bailey, and County Attorney DeWind.

Guests:

Matt Freeze, Morning Times Reporter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislator Brown made the motion, seconded by Legislator Flesher to approve the June 4, 2026 Legislative Support minutes, as written. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

2026 YTD Budget Report: Legislative Clerk Haskell reported 49.2% utilization noting no budgetary issues or concerns.

2026 YTD Capital Budget Report: Legislative Clerk Haskell reported 100% utilization due to the recent purchase of the new Legislative Office copier.

County Auditor Accounts Payable Report: Legislative Clerk Haskell reported the following accounts payable report for June, Q2, and YTD. This report is included in today's committee agenda packet.

Month	AP Invoices	AP Total	P-Card Transactions	P-Card Total
June	698	\$1,725,663.13	229	\$55,569.48
Q2	2,304	\$9,446,712.94	645	\$144,965.76
YTD	4,518	\$18,608,694.56	1,264	\$267,545.61
2 Rejected AP Invoices	Rejected invoices due to wrong dollar amount and wrong object code.			

OLD BUSINESS

June 2026 Meetings:

Minutes were taken, typed, copied, recorded, distributed, and indexed for the Legislature and Journal of Proceedings for the following Legislature meetings in June 2026:

- Sixth Regular Legislature Meeting – June 9, 2026

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The Legislative Clerk attended the following meetings in June 2026:

- Legislative Standing Committee Meetings – June 2 and 4, 2026
 - Legislative Worksessions – June 4 and 18, 2026
- Finance, Legal & Safety Committee – June 9, 2026
- Sixth Regular Legislature Meeting – June 9, 2026
 - Executive Team Meeting – June 11, 2026
- Policy Review Committee Meeting – June 11, 2026
 - Quarterly Coroner's Meeting – June 18, 2026
- CCOB Executive Committee Meeting – June 25, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

2027 Budget Discussion: Legislative Clerk Haskell reported she has reviewed the current Legislative Office budget and does not foresee any issue with the zero-based directive for the 2027 budget. With the recent purchase of a new copier, Ms. Haskell will decrease the leased services budget line and increase the training budget line based on attendance at the last couple of NYSAC Conferences.

Strategic Plan Update: The Legislative Clerk has one (1) 2027-2028 long-term goal of creating and hiring an additional Legislative position that she recommended stay in the Strategic Plan for future Legislature consideration.

Remote Work Update: The Legislative Clerk is the only authorized staff person to work remotely, and this is on an as needed basis beyond the regular workday.

2026 Fall NYSAC Seminar: On June 23, 2026, NYSAC offered an exclusive 48-hour advance registration period for Legislative Clerks to reserve hotel accommodations and register Legislators and staff for the 2026 Fall NYSAC Seminar scheduled for September 28-30, 2026 in Syracuse, NY. Due to the high demand for hotel accommodations, rooms typically sell out quickly. Email notification was sent to all Legislators and County Administrator Bailey on the same day of this opportunity. To date, Chair Monell and County Administrator Bailey indicated their interest in attending.

UPDATE: During today's meeting, Legislator Aronstam expressed an interest in attending. Legislative Clerk Haskell will make the necessary hotel reservation and conference registration on his behalf. However, because the NYSAC hotel block has since sold out, Legislator Aronstam has chosen to withdraw his interest to attend currently.

Legislative Clerk Vacation: Legislative Clerk Haskell reported she will be out of the office from Wednesday, August 12th through Monday, August 17, 2026.

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July Legislature Meeting:

- **Prayer, Pledge, Voting:** Legislator Rose will lead us in the prayer, pledge and voting process for the July 14, 2026 Legislature meeting.
- **Moment of Silence:** Chair Monell will ask for a Moment of Silence for County employee Willetta "Willie" Ryder who passed away unexpectedly on June 16, 2026.
- **Chair Appointments:** Chair Monell will appoint Legislator Ray Bunce at the July 14, 2026 Legislature Meeting as the 2026 Legislative Representative on the Management/Confidential Salary Committee.

Resolutions: All resolutions presented by the Departments at their respective Legislative Standing Committees were reviewed for Legislature consideration at the July 14, 2026 Legislature meeting.

- **Late-File Resolutions:** Ms. Haskell reported she is unaware of any late-file resolutions at this time.

UPDATE: Following today's meeting, Ms. Haskell received four (4) late-file resolutions from the Department of Public Works. These resolutions all pertain to authorizing contracts for the truck wash at 70 Delphine Street.

PERSONNEL

- None.

RESOLUTIONS

- None.

PROCLAMATIONS

- None

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haskell

Legislative Clerk



TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 08

ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
A1010 510010 Full Time	302,384	0	302,384	166,558.19	.00	135,825.81	55.1%
A1010 510050 All Other(On Call,	9,894	0	9,894	16,061.82	.00	-6,168.17	162.3%
A1010 520070 Chairs	500	0	500	192.87	.00	307.13	38.6%
A1010 540010 Advertising	700	0	700	311.62	.00	388.38	44.5%
A1010 540180 Dues	300	0	300	300.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A1010 540210 Garbage Disposal	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A1010 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A1010 540340 Literature	595	0	595	166.17	.00	428.83	27.9%
A1010 540390 Mileage Expense	2,850	0	2,850	1,329.75	1,218.80	301.45	89.4%
A1010 540420 Office Supplies	700	0	700	416.52	21.00	262.48	62.5%
A1010 540480 Postage	215	0	215	38.73	.00	176.27	18.0%
A1010 540485 Printing/Paper	1,250	0	1,250	726.29	520.00	3.71	99.7%
A1010 540520 Recording/Microfil	500	0	500	475.00	.00	25.00	95.0%
A1010 540640 Supplies (Not Offi	400	0	400	220.00	.00	180.00	55.0%
A1010 540660 Telephone	605	0	605	64.94	.00	540.06	10.7%
A1010 540732 Training/County Re	8,950	0	8,950	1,515.74	.00	7,434.26	16.9%
A1010 581088 State Retirement F	44,489	0	44,489	24,007.86	.00	20,481.14	54.0%
A1010 583088 Social Security Fr	23,889	0	23,889	13,427.80	.00	10,461.20	56.2%
A1010 584088 Workers Compensati	5,634	0	5,634	7,838.95	.00	-2,204.95	139.1%
A1010 585588 Disability Insuran	270	0	270	62.16	.00	207.84	23.0%
A1010 586088 Health Insurance F	89,921	0	89,921	67,549.39	.00	22,371.61	75.1%
A1010 588988 Eap Fringe	72	0	72	99.93	.00	-27.93	138.8%
TOTAL General Fund	495,218	0	495,218	301,363.73	1,759.80	192,094.12	61.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	495,218	0	495,218	301,363.73	1,759.80	192,094.12	

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COUNTY AUDITOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE UPDATE – JULY 2026

MONTH/ QUARTER	AP INVOICES	AP INVOICE TOTALS	P-CARD TRANSACTIONS	P-CARD TOTAL
July	761	\$1,972,562.74	203	\$50,490.69
YTD	5,279	\$20,581,257.30	1,467	\$318,036.30

Budget Notes

Org	Obj	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	Difference	Notes
A1010 - Legislative Board	510010 - Fulltime	\$302,384.00	\$297,548.00	(\$4,836.00)	
	510020 - Part Time/Temporary	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	510050 - All Other-On Call,Cloth,Stipe,	\$9,893.65	\$7,500.00	(\$2,393.65)	Budget line will need to be increased to reflect Legislative Clerk's M/C Vacation Sell-Back of 10 days for payout in 2027, per County policy.
	520070 - Chairs	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
	540010 - Advertising	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	
	540140 - Contracting Services	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	540180 - Dues	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
	540210 - Garbage Disposal	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
	540320 - Leased/Service Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	Decrease line by \$1,000 due to purchase of new copier. Offset increases of \$900.00 to 540732 (Training) and \$100 to 540520 (Recording/Microfilm).
		\$0.00		\$0.00	
	540340 - Literature	\$595.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	
	540390 - Mileage Expense	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	
	540420 - Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	
	540480 - Postage	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	
	540485 - Printing/Paper	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	
	540520 - Recording/Microfilm	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00	Increase line by \$100.00 to offset decrease from 540320 (Leased Services)
	540640 - Supplies (Not Office)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	
	540660 - Telephone	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	
	540732 - Training/County Required	\$8,950.00	\$9,850.00	\$900.00	Increase line by \$900 to offset decrease from 540320 Leased Services.
	540733 - Training/All Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	

Org	Obj	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	Difference	Notes
A1010 - Legislative Board	581088 - State Retirement Fringe	\$44,489.00	\$22,863.00	(\$21,626.00)	
	583088 - Social Security Fringe	\$23,889.00	\$23,889.00	\$0.00	
	584088 - Workers Compensation Fringe	\$5,634.00	\$1,735.00	(\$3,899.00)	
	585088 - Unemployment Insurance Fringe	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	585588 - Disability Insurance Fringe	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	
	586088 - Health Insurance Fringe	\$89,921.00	\$36,516.00	(\$53,405.00)	
	588988 - EAP Fringe	\$72.00	\$19.00	(\$53.00)	
	Org Total:	\$495,217.65	\$409,005.00	(\$86,212.65)	
	Grand total for all Orgs:	\$495,217.65	\$409,005.00	(\$86,212.65)	

REFERRED TO:

LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -26

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A TWO-YEAR DELAY
OF THE FEDERAL SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE AND
BENEFIT COST SHIFTS ENACTED UNDER H.R. 1
AND CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE TO HOLD
COUNTIES HARMLESS IF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT FAILS TO ACT

WHEREAS: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a vital source of food security for New Yorkers, serving approximately 2.7 million individuals in 1.5 million households, or roughly one in seven residents statewide, and delivering an estimated \$7.8 billion in federally funded benefits into local communities and economies; and

WHEREAS: New York is one of only ten states in which counties are required by state law to administer SNAP and to share in its administrative costs, meaning that changes to the federal cost structure fall directly on county property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, reduces the federal share of SNAP administrative costs from 50 percent to 25 percent effective October 1, 2026, and under current New York State law the resulting increase in the non-federal share is borne entirely by counties and the City of New York; and

WHEREAS: This administrative cost shift is estimated at \$168 million annually statewide, including approximately \$57 million for the 57 counties outside of New York City, and is projected to grow as H.R. 1 imposes new verification, tracking, and reporting requirements and expanded work requirements that increase county workloads and staffing needs; and

WHEREAS: The estimated annual administrative cost shift to Tioga County alone is \$353,500; and

WHEREAS: H.R. 1 further establishes, for the first time, a state cost-sharing requirement for SNAP benefits themselves tied to payment error rates, effective October 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS: Prior to H.R. 1's SNAP changes, eligibility and verification were already bureaucratically dense and thorough, and new requirements add multiple layers of new data analysis and conformity, verifications, additional staff reviews, training and computer system upgrades to capture the new federal mandates with inadequate time to implement such expansive changes; and

WHEREAS: New York's payment error rate currently exceeds 10 percent, and would be subject to the highest penalty tier, creating an estimated \$1.1 billion in additional annual exposure that the State may seek to shift in whole or in part to counties; and

WHEREAS: New York is not unique in having elevated error rates, with 40 states having error rates high enough that they would be subject to federal fiscal penalties; and

WHEREAS: Elevated SNAP payment error rates do not equate to fraud, waste, or abuse and usually stem from minor paperwork errors or changes related to earned income, payment levels, or a delayed filing of certain data; and

WHEREAS: Taken together, administrative and benefit cost shifts are projected to exceed \$1.3 billion in new annual SNAP costs for New York State and the 62 counties, representing one of the largest unfunded intergovernmental cost transfers in recent memory; and

WHEREAS: Counties are among the units of government least equipped to absorb these costs, operating under New York State's property tax cap with limited revenue-raising authority, fixed mandated obligations, and no ability to run deficits, such that a cost shift of this magnitude can be met only by raising property taxes, reducing services, or both; and

WHEREAS: If these cost shifts take effect without delay or relief, Tioga County residents face the prospect of higher property taxes, reductions to essential county services, and increased strain on the Department of Social Services at the very moment demand for food assistance is rising, while food-insecure households risk delays and disruptions in the benefits on which they rely; and

WHEREAS: A delay in implementation would give Congress and New York State the time necessary to develop a responsible funding solution and would protect county taxpayers and SNAP recipients from an abrupt and unbudgeted fiscal shock; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby calls upon the United States Congress to enact a two-year delay of the SNAP administrative cost shift, postponing its effective date from Federal Fiscal Year 2027 to Federal Fiscal Year 2029; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in the event the federal government fails to delay these cost shifts, Tioga County calls upon the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Legislature to hold counties harmless by appropriating state funds to cover the administrative and benefit cost shifts, recognizing that counties are the units of government least equipped to absorb them and that the obligation to share these costs exists only as a matter of state law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the New York State Congressional Delegation representing Tioga County, to the United States Senators for New York, to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly representing Tioga County, to the Governor of the State of New York, and to the New York State Association of Counties.