



TIOGA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 8, 2026
9:00 am

○ ATTENDANCE

➤ Legislators

- Tracy Monell, Legislative Chair
- David Cantella, Public Works Committee Chair
- William Standinger, Public Works Committee
- Ron Ciotoli, Public Works Committee
- Ray Bunce, Public Works Committee

➤ Staff

- Gary Hammond, Commissioner
- Justin Ruggiero, Deputy Commissioner
- Tammy Hummel, Secretary to the Commissioner
- Jason Anderson, Project Technician

➤ Guests

- Jackson Bailey, County Administrator
- Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
- Jo Ellen Rose, District 2 Legislator
- Brian Melanson, WBNG Reporter

○ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for December 4th, 2025, meeting was made by Ron Ciotoli, seconded by Ray Bunce. All in favor. Motion carried.

○ FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Summary was shared with the committee.

○ OLD BUSINESS

- None

○ NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hammond reported on Buildings and Grounds
 - Snow removal was done at all buildings and walkways multiple times.
 - The work on the North Wing HVAC project at 56 Main Street continues.
 - The remodel of the Legislative Offices at 56 Main Street also continues.
 - Ceiling fans were replaced at the Highway garage.
 - The Dental van was moved from Tioga School to H.H.S.

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- The first and second floor hallways were painted at H.H.S. utilizing (ATI).
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Department.
 - Snow removal operations on County roadways continues.
 - Patch paving is ongoing on the roads.
 - The Highway Department cut down trees with Tri-County Tree Service on West River Drive.
 - Tree trimming is ongoing on County roads.
 - The Highway Department hauled sand to mix with salt.
 - All the trucks have been washed.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Buildings and Grounds Capital Projects.
 - The Court Annex/Clerks and Courthouse roof project had been posted online with a bid opening on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026. DPW is waiting on concurrence from the engineering firm to award the contract.
 - The Ronald E. Dougherty Office Building North Wing HVAC upgrade project is continuing with isolated ductwork concerns that will result in a change order. With the changes, the schedule is still projected to have minimal delays.
 - The Public Safety Building New Utility Roll-up Door design is complete.
 - The Car Wash Facility is still in the design phase. The engineering firm has submitted a proposal that exceeds expectations regarding cost.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Capital Projects.
 - Day Hollow Road Culvert is back in design phase due to the additional scope of work; right of way paperwork is still being signed.
 - Glenmary Drive by Thorn Hollow Road is in final design phase.
 - Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek is in preliminary design phase.
 - Brown Road Bridge over East Branch Owego Creek is in preliminary design phase.
 - Halsey Valley Road Culvert is in preliminary design phase.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Mr. Standinger mentioned that Probation is looking to acquire another vehicle so Mr. Hammond said he would contact them to discuss their needs.
 - A question was raised about bridge timelines and Mr. Hammond outlined a brief synopsis of the process and time expectations for bridge flagging, design and repair/construction for the edification of new Committee members and guests.
 - A concern was raised regarding speed limits in the county and Mr. Hammond reviewed the process of getting a speed limit changed.

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- PERSONNEL
 - None

- RESOLUTIONS
 - Approve Change Order for 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Construction Project
 - Ray Bunce (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye), William Standinger (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - 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 for Bridge NY Funds
 - Ray Bunce (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye), William Standinger (aye), David Cantella (aye)
 - Approve Second Change Order for 56 Main Street North Wing HVAC Construction Project
 - Ray Bunce (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye), William Standinger (aye), David Cantella (aye)

- PROCLAMATIONS
 - None

- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A request to enter an executive session regarding personnel was made by Mr. Tracy Monell. A motion to enter an executive session was made by Mr. Ciotoli at 9:37 am and seconded by Mr. Bunce. A motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mr. Ciotoli at 9:42 am and seconded by Mr. Bunce.

- ADJOURNMENT
 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Hammond".

Gary Hammond, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works