Tenth Regular Meeting
October 13, 2026

The Tenth Regular Meeting of 2026 was held on October 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 Brown to have a moment of prayer.
"Lord, please oversee us today as we conduct the business for Tioga County and make the best decisions for our citizens and taxpayers."

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

There were six people in attendance.

Chair Monell reported we have one Proclamation: ***Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 25-31, 2026)*** that will be noted in the minutes.

COUNTY OF TIOGA
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is a serious, permanent condition that can lead to lifelong health problems including developmental delays, behavioral issues, and difficulty learning; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoned children have increased medical costs, educational needs and increased risk for criminal behavior as adults; and

WHEREAS: A goal of *New York State's Healthy People 2030* is to reduce blood lead levels in children; and

WHEREAS: New York State Public Health Law states that all children must be tested for lead at age one and again at age two to identify lead poisoned children; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health works with medical providers and caregivers to advocate for child lead testing to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in the home; and

WHEREAS: Between 2022-2025 Tioga County Public Health provided case management and environmental health services to over 55 children with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning can be prevented by knowing and eliminating all possible sources of lead children may have access to; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of October 25 – 31, 2026, as

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves and their families about the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

There was no privilege of the floor.

Legislator Cantella made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15 and 24, 2026 seconded by Legislator Brown and carried.

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

Legislator Ciotoli introduced Local Law Introductory No. B of 2026.

County of Tioga

Local Law No. X of the Year 2026

A Local Law to establish the staggered terms of Tioga County Legislators in compliance with NYS Even-Year Election Requirements, and to Amend and Supersede Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

SECTION 1: TERMS OF OFFICE

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law to the contrary, members of the Tioga County Legislature shall continue to be elected to staggered terms in accordance with the schedule set forth herein, including such transitional terms as are necessary to comply with applicable New York State requirements governing the timing of county elections.

SECTION 2: STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE

A. The seven County Legislative Districts shall be divided into two groups as follows:

    1. Group One shall consist of:
        a. The representative from District No 1
        b. The representative from District No 2
        c. The representatives from District No. 4
        d. The representative from District No. 5

2. Group Two shall consist of:
    a. The representative from District No. 3
    b. The representative from District No. 6
    c. The representatives from District No. 7

B. The County Legislators elected from the County Legislative Districts included in Group One shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the general election to be held in the years Two Thousand Twenty-Eight (2028) Two Thousand Thirty-Two (2032) and Two Thousand Thirty-Six (2036).

C. The County Legislators elected from the County Legislative Districts included in Group Two shall be elected for a term of three (3) years at the general election to be held in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Seven (2027) and shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the general elections to be held in Two Thousand Thirty (2030) and Two Thousand Thirty-Four (2034).

D. Subject to reapportionment, if necessary, staggered terms shall be utilized in the general elections following succeeding federal decennial censuses.

SECTION 3: COUNTY ATTORNEY

The term of office of the County Attorney shall coincide with the term of office of the Legislators in Group One.

SECTION 4: LEGISLATIVE CLERK

The term of office of the Legislative Clerk shall coincide with the term of office of the Legislators in Group One.

SECTION 5: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The term of office of the County Administrator shall coincide with the term of office of the Legislators in Group One.

SECTION 6: PUBLIC DEFENDER

The term of office of the Public Defender shall coincide with the term of office of the Legislators in Group One.

SECTION 7: EFFECT ON PRIOR LOCAL LAW

This Local Law shall supersede Local Law No. 1 of 2021 to the extent that the provisions thereof are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 434-26 *ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026*

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on September 24, 2026, following due notice thereof to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. A of 2026; A Local Law providing for the Collection of a Hotel and Motel Tax in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the residents of Tioga County to adopt such Local Law which will be Local Law No. 1 of 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following Local Law be and hereby is adopted:

County of Tioga

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026.

A Local Law providing for the collection of a hotel and motel tax in Tioga County.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

SECTION 1: TITLE.
This local Law shall be known as the "Hotel/Motel Tax Law."

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.
The purpose of this Local Law is to enhance the general economy of Tioga County, its cities, towns, and villages through promotion of tourists, activities, conventions, trade shows, special events, and other directly related and supporting activities.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS.
HOTEL/MOTEL - Any facility or a portion thereof providing lodging on an over-night basis, in exchange for any consideration, and shall include those facilities designated and commonly known as "bed and breakfast" and "tourist" facilities.

OCCUPANCY - The use or possession, or the right to the use or possession of any room in a hotel or motel.

OCCUPANT **-** A person who, for a charge or any consideration uses, possesses, or has the right to use or possess, any room in a hotel or motel under any lease, concession, permit, right, license, agreement, or otherwise.

OPERATOR **-** Any person operating a hotel or motel in Tioga County including but not limited to the owner, proprietor, lessee, sub-lessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other person otherwise operating such hotel or motel.

PERMANENT RESIDENT - A person occupying any room or rooms in a hotel or motel for at least fourteen (14) consecutive days.

PERSON - An individual, partnership, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee, and any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination of the foregoing.

RENT – The consideration received for occupancy valued in money, whether received in money, or otherwise.

RETURN - Any return filed or requested to be filed as herein provided.

ROOM - Any room or rooms of any kind in any part or portion of a hotel or motel, which is available for rent or otherwise let out for the lodging of guests.

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SECTION 4: TAX.
A tax in the amount of four percent (4%) of the per diem rental rate for each room occupied, is hereby assessed on all hotels and motels in Tioga County, provided, however, that such tax shall not be applicable to a permanent resident of a hotel or motel.

SECTION 5: EXEMPTION.
Such tax shall not be imposed on any transaction, by or with any of the following:

(A) The State of New York, or any public corporation (including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state or the dominion of Canada), improvement district or other political subdivision of the State.

(B) The United States of America, insofar as it is immune from taxation;

(C) Any corporation or association, or trust, or community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall include an organization operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, whether or not all of its profits are payable to one or more organizations described in this paragraph.

SECTION 6: REGISTRATION.
Within three (3) days after commencing business or opening, every operator shall file with the Treasurer a registration application in a form prescribed by the Treasurer. Upon approval of the registration application, the Treasurer shall issue to the operator a Certificate of Authority, which shall be conspicuously displayed at the owner's place of business.

SECTION 7: ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION.
(A) The tax imposed by this local law shall be administered and collected by the Treasurer, or other fiscal officers of Tioga County, by such means and in such manner as other taxes which are now collected and administered by such officers or as otherwise may be provided by such local law.

(B) The tax to be collected shall be stated and charged separately from the rent and shown separately on any record thereof, at the time when the occupancy is arranged or contracted for and charged for, and upon every evidence of occupancy or any bill or statement of charge made for said occupancy issued or delivered by the operator. The tax shall be paid by the occupant to the operator or to the person entitled to be paid the rent or charge for the hotel or motel occupied for and on account of the County, and the operator or person entitled to be paid the rent or charge shall be liable for the collection and payment of the tax.

(C) The operator or any officer of any corporate operator shall be personally liable for the tax collected or required to be collected under this local law, and such operator or person entitled to be paid the rent or charge shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from the occupant, or in respect to non-payment of the tax by the occupant, as if the tax were a part of the rent or charge and payable at the same time as the rent or charge; provided, however, that the Treasurer or other fiscal officers, employees or agents specified in this local law, shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax by the operator or by the person entitled to be paid the rent or charge.

(D) The Treasurer may, whenever deemed necessary for the proper enforcement of this local law, provide that the occupant shall file returns and pay directly to the Treasurer, the tax herein imposed.

(E) For the purpose of the proper administration of this local law and to prevent evasion of the tax hereby imposed, it shall be presumed that all rents are subject to tax until the contrary is established, and the burden of proving that a rent for occupancy is not taxable hereunder shall be upon the operator, except that, where by regulation pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section, an occupant is required to file returns and pay directly to the Treasurer the tax herein imposed, the burden of proving that a rent for occupancy is not taxable shall be upon the occupant.

(F) Where an occupant claims exemption from the tax under the provisions of section five of this local law, the rent shall be deemed taxable hereunder unless the operator shall receive from the occupant claiming such exemption a certificate duly executed by an exempt corporation or association certifying that the occupant is its agent, representative, or employee, together with a certificate executed by the occupant that his occupancy is paid or to be paid by such exempt corporation or association, and is necessary or required in the course of or in connection with the occupant's duties as a representative of such corporation or association. Where deemed necessary, the operator may further require that any occupant claiming exemption from the tax furnish a copy of a certificate issued by the Treasurer certifying that the corporation or association therein named is exempt from the tax under section five of this local law.

SECTION 8: RECORDS TO BE KEPT.
Every operator shall keep records of every occupancy and of all rent paid, charged and due thereon and of the tax payable thereon, in such form as the Treasurer may require. Such records shall be available for inspection and examination at any time upon demand by the Treasurer or the Treasurer's duly authorized agents or employees, and shall be preserved for a period of not less than three (3) years, except that the Treasurer may consent in writing to their destruction within that period or may in writing require that such records be kept and maintained for a specified period in excess of three (3) years.

SECTION 9: RETURNS.
(A) The filing of returns and the payment of the tax shall be paid to the Treasurer on a quarterly basis. Such returns shall be filed within twenty (20) days from the expiration of the period covered thereby. The Treasurer may permit or require returns to be made by other periods and upon such dates as may be specified. If the Treasurer deems it necessary in order to insure the payment of the tax imposed by this local

law, the Treasurer may require returns to be made for shorter periods than those prescribed pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section and upon such dates as may be specified.

(B) The forms of returns shall be prescribed by the Treasurer and shall contain such information as may be deemed for the proper administration of this local law. The Treasurer may require amended returns to be filed within twenty (20) days after notice and to contain the information specified in the notice.

(C) If the return required by this local law is not filed, or a return filed is incorrect or insufficient on its face, the Treasurer shall take the necessary steps to enforce the filing of such return or of a corrected return.

SECTION 10: PAYMENT OF TAX.
(A) Upon the time of filing a return of occupancy and of rents, each operator shall pay to the Treasurer the taxes imposed by this local law upon the rents required to be included in such return, as well as other monies collected by the operator acting or purporting to act under the provisions of this local law.

(B) Where the Treasurer, in his discretion, deems it necessary to protect revenues to be obtained under this local law, the Treasurer may require any operator obligated to collect the tax imposed by this local law to file with the Treasurer's office a bond, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as the Treasurer may fix to secure the payment of any tax and/or penalties and interest due or which may become due from such operator.

(C) In the event the Treasurer determines that an operator is to file such bond, notice shall be given by the Treasurer to such operator to that effect specifying the amount of the bond required.

(D) The operator shall file such bond within five (5) days after the issuance of such notice, unless within five (5), days the operator shall serve upon and deliver to the Treasurer a written request for a hearing before the Treasurer at which the necessity, propriety and amount of the bond shall be determined by the Treasurer. Any determination by the Treasurer upon such hearing shall be final and shall be complied with by the operator within fifteen (15) days after the giving of notices thereof.

(E) In lieu of such bond, securities approved by the Treasurer or cash in such amount as may be prescribed, may be deposited which shall be kept in the custody of the Treasurer who may at any time without notice of the depositor apply them to any tax

and interest and penalties due, and for that purpose the securities may be sold by the Treasurer at public or private sale without notice to the depositor thereof.

SECTION 11: DETERMINATION OF TAX.
If a return required by this local law is not filed, or if a return is incorrect or insufficient, the amount of tax due shall be determined by the Treasurer from such information as may be obtainable and, if necessary, the tax may be estimated on the basis of external indices, such as number of rooms, location, scale of rents, comparable rents, type of accommodations and service, number of employees and/or other factors. Notice of such determination shall finally and irrevocably fix the tax unless the person against whom it is assessed, within thirty (30) days after giving of such notice of such determination, shall apply to the Treasurer for a hearing, or unless the Treasurer of its own motion shall re-determine the same. After such hearing, the Treasurer shall give notice of the determination made to the person against whom the tax is assessed. Any final determination of the amount of any tax payable hereunder, shall be reviewable for error, illegality or unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the Civil Practice Law and Rules if application therefor is made to the Supreme Court within thirty (30) days after the giving of the notice of such final determination, provided, however, that any such proceeding under article seventy-eight of the Civil Practice Law and Rules shall not be instituted unless:

(A) The amount of tax sought to be reviewed, with such interest and penalties thereon as may be provided for by local law or regulation shall be first deposited and there is filed an undertaking, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as a justice of the Supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding; or

(B) At the option of the petitioner, such undertaking may be in a sum sufficient to cover the taxes, interests, and penalties stated in such determination plus the costs and charges which may accrue against such petitioner in the prosecution of the proceeding, in which event the petitioner shall not be required to pay such taxes, interests or penalties as a condition precedent to the application.

SECTION 12: JUDICIAL REVIEW.
(A) Any final determination of the amount of any tax payable hereunder shall be reviewable for error, illegality or unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules if

application therefore is made to the supreme court within thirty days after the giving of the notice of such final determination, provided, however, that any such proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules shall not be instituted unless:

1. The amount of any tax sought to be reviewed, with such interest and penalties thereon as may be provided for, shall be first deposited and there is filed an undertaking, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding; or

2. At the option of the petitioner such undertaking may be in a sum sufficient to cover the taxes, interests and penalties stated in such determination plus the costs and charges which may accrue against it in the prosecution of the proceeding, in which event the petitioner shall not be required to pay such taxes, interest or penalties as a condition precedent to the application.

(B) Where any tax imposed hereunder shall have been erroneously, illegally or unconstitutionally collected and application for the refund thereof duly made to the Treasurer, and he shall have made a determination denying such refund, such determination shall be reviewable by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules, provided, however, that such proceeding is instituted within thirty days after the giving of the notice of such denial, that a final determination of tax due was not previously made, and that an undertaking is filed with the proper fiscal officer or officers in such amount and with such sureties as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding.

SECTION 13: PENALTIES AND INTEREST.

(A) There shall be a penalty for failure to file said return and pay over the tax to the Treasurer on the date due in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the amount of the tax due plus interest at the rate of one percent (1%) of such tax for each month of delay, excepting the first month after such return was required to be filed or such tax became due, shall accrue. The Treasurer, if satisfied the delay was excusable, may remit or waive all or any part of the penalty, but not the interest owed. Such penalties and interest shall be paid and disposed of in the

same manner as other revenues from this local law. Unpaid penalties and interest may be enforced in the same manner as the tax imposed by this local law.

(B) Any operator or occupant and any officer of a corporate operator or occupant failing to file a return required by this local law, or filing or causing to be filed, or making or causing to be made or giving or causing to be given any return, certificate, affidavit, representation, information, testimony, or statement required or authorized by this local law, which is willfully false, and any operator and any officer of a corporate operator willfully failing to file a bond required pursuant to section ten (10) of this local law, failing to file a registration certificate and such data in connection therewith as the Treasurer may by regulation or otherwise require or to display or surrender the certificate of authority as required by this local law or assigning or transferring such certificate of authority and any operator and any officer of a corporate operator willfully failing to charge separately from the rent the tax herein imposed, or willfully failing to state such tax or any evidence of occupancy and on any bill or statement or receipt or rent issued or employed by the operator, or willfully failing or refusing to collect such tax from the occupant, and any operator and any officer of a corporate operator who shall refer or cause reference to be made to this tax in a form or manner other than that required by this local law, and any operator failing to keep the records required by section eight (8) of this local law, shall in addition to the penalties herein or elsewhere prescribed, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishment for which shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollar ($1,000) or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment. Officers of a corporate operator shall be personally liable for the tax collected or required to be collected by such corporation under this local law, and subject to the penalty herein above imposed.

(C) The certificate of the Treasurer to the effect that a tax has not been paid, that a return, bond or registration certificate has not been filed, or that information has not be supplied pursuant to the provisions of this local, shall be presumptive evidence thereof.

SECTION 14: LIMITATION OF TIME.
Except in the case of a willfully false or fraudulent return with intent to evade the tax, no assessment of additional tax shall be made after the expiration of more than three years from the date of the filing of a return, provided, however, that where no return has been filed as provided by law the tax may be assessed at any time.

SECTION 15: RESERVES.
In cases where the occupant or operator has applied for a refund and has instituted a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to review a determination adverse to such occupant or operator on such application for a

refund, the Treasurer shall set aside sufficient monies to meet any decision adverse to the County.

SECTION 16: APPLICATION OF FUNDS.
All revenues resulting from the imposition of the tax under this local law shall be paid into the treasury of Tioga County and shall be credited to and deposited in the general fund of the County, thereafter to be allocated at the discretion of the County Legislature of the County of Tioga for the purposes of tourism and economic development; provided, however, that the County shall be authorized to retain up to a maximum of five percent of such revenue to defer the necessary expenses of the County in administering such tax. The revenue derived from the tax, after deducting the amount provided for administering such tax, shall be allocated to enhance the general economy of Tioga County, its cities, towns, and villages, through promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events, and other directly related and supporting activities.

SECTION 17: REMEDIES EXCLUSIVE.
The remedies provided by sections eleven (11) and twelve (12) of this local law shall be the exclusive remedies available to any person for the review of the tax liability imposed by this local law; and no determination or proposed determination of tax or determination on any application for refund or credit shall be enjoined, contested or reviewed by any action or proceeding, except by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the Civil Practice Law and Rules provided, however, that a taxpayer may proceed by declaratory judgment if suit is instituted within thirty (30) days after a deficiency assessment to the Treasurer prior to the institution of such suit and posts a bond for costs pursuant to section twelve (12) of this local law.

SECTION 18: PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER TAX.
(A) Whenever any operator or other person shall fail to collect and pay over any tax and/or to pay any tax, penalty or interest imposed by this local law as herein provided, or whenever any occupant shall fail to pay any such tax, penalty or interest, the County Attorney shall, upon the request of the Treasurer bring or cause to be brought an action to enforce the payment of the same on behalf of Tioga County in any court of the State of New York or of any other state or of the United States.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the Treasurer, in its discretion, believes that any such operator, occupant or other person is about to cease business, leave the state or remove or dissipate the assets out of which the tax or penalties might be satisfied, and that any such tax or penalty will not be paid when due, the Treasurer may declare such tax or penalty to be immediately due and payable and may issue a warrant, as provided in this section, immediately.

(C) As an additional alternate remedy, the Treasurer may issue a warrant, directed to the Tioga County Sheriff or to the Sheriff of any other county commanding said Sheriff to levy upon and sell the real and personal property of the operator, occupant, or other person liable for the tax, which may be found within the County for the payment of the amount thereof, with any penalties and interest and the cost of executing the warrant, and to return such warrant to the Treasurer and to pay to the Treasurer the money collected by virtue thereof within sixty (60) days after the receipt of such warrant. The sheriff shall, within five (5) days after the receipt of the warrant, file with the County Clerk a copy thereof, and thereupon such Clerk shall enter in the judgment docket the name of the person mentioned in the warrant and the amount of tax, penalties and interest for which the warrant is issued and the date when such copy is filed. Thereupon the amount of such warrant so docketed shall become a lien upon the interest in real and personal property of the person against whom the warrant is issued. The Sheriff shall then proceed upon the warrant, in the same manner, and with like effect, as that provided by in respect to executions issued against property judgments of a court of record and for services in executing the warrant the Sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees, which may be collected in the same manner. In the discretion of the Treasurer, a warrant of like terms, force and effect may be issued and directed to any officer or employee of the Treasurer and in the execution thereof such officer or employee shall have all the powers conferred upon by the Sheriff but shall be entitled to no fee or compensation in excess of the actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty. If a warrant is returned not satisfied in full, the Treasurer may from time-to-time issue new warrants and shall also have the same remedies to enforce the amount due thereunder as if the County has recovered judgment therefore and execution thereon has been returned unsatisfied.

(D) Whenever an operator shall make a sale, transfer, or assignment in bulk of any part of the whole of a hotel, motel, or lease, or of such operator's business assets, otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, the purchaser, transferee or assignee shall at least ten (10) days before taking possession of the subject of the said sale, transfer or assignment, or paying therefor, notify the Treasurer by registered mail of the proposed sale and of the price, terms and conditions thereof whether or not the seller, transferor or assignor, has represented to or informed the purchaser, transferee or assignee that any tax is owed pursuant to this local law, and whether or not the purchaser, transferee or assignee has knowledge that such taxes are owing, and whether any such taxes are in fact owing.

(E) Whenever the purchaser, transferee or assignee shall fail to give notice to the Treasurer as required by sub-section eighteen (18) (d), of this section or whenever the Treasurer shall inform the purchaser, transferee, or assignee that a possible claim for such tax or taxes exists, any sums of money, property or choses in action, or other

consideration, which the purchaser, transferee or assignee is required to transfer over to the seller, transferor or assignor shall be subject to a first priority right and lien of any such taxes theretofore or thereafter determined to be due the seller, transferor or assignor to the County, and the purchaser, transferee or assignee is forbidden to transfer to the seller, transferor or assignor any such sums of money, property or choses in action to the extent of the amount of the County's claim. For failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-section, the purchaser, transferee or assignee, in addition to being subject to the liabilities and remedies imposed under the provisions of article six of the Uniform Commercial Code, shall be personally liable for the payment determined to be due to the County from the seller, transferor or assignor, and such liability may be assessed and enforced in the same manner as the liability for tax under this local law.

SECTION 19: GENERAL POWERS OF THE TREASURER.
In addition to the powers granted to the Treasurer by County Law and this local law, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered:

(A) To make, adopt and amend rules and regulations, and to issue orders, appropriate to the carrying out of this local law and the purposes thereof;

(B) To extend for cause shown the time of filing any return for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days; and for cause shown, to remit or waive penalties but not interest; and to compromise disputed claims in connection with the taxes hereby imposed.

(C) To request information from the tax commissioner of the State of New York or the treasury department of the United States relative to any person; and to afford information to such tax commissioner or such treasury department relative to any person, any other provision of this local law to the contrary not withstanding

(D) To delegate said functions hereunder to any employee or employees of the Treasurer

(E) To prescribe methods for determining the rents for occupancy and to determine the taxable and nontaxable rents

(F) To require any operator within the County to keep detailed records of the nature and type of hotel or motel maintained, nature and type of service rendered, the rooms available and rooms occupied daily, leases or occupancy contracts or arrangements, rents received, charged and accrued, the names and addresses of the occupants, whether or not any occupancy is claimed to be subject to the tax imposed by this local law, and to furnish such information upon request to the Treasurer

(G) To assess, determine, revise and readjust the taxes imposed under this local law

SECTION 20: ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND COMPELLING TESTIMONY.
(A) The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's duly designated and authorized employees or agents, shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits in relation to any matter or proceeding in the exercise of the Treasurer's powers and duties under this local law.

(B) The Treasurer shall have the power to subpoena and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents to secure information pertinent to the performance of his duties hereunder and of the enforcement of this local law, and to examine them in relation thereto, and to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend before the Treasurer or excused from attendance.

(C) A justice of the Supreme Court, either in court or at chambers shall have power summarily to enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers and documents called for by the subpoena of the Treasurer under this local law.

(D) Any person who shall refuse to testify or to produce books or records or who shall testify falsely in any material matter pending before the Treasurer under this local law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishment for which shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(E) The officers who serve the summons or subpoena of the Treasurer and witnesses attending in response thereto shall be entitled to the same fees as are allowed to officers and witnesses in civil cases in courts or record, except as herein otherwise provided.

(F) The County Sheriff, the Sheriff's duly appointed deputies, and any officer or employee of the Treasurer designated to serve process under this local law, are hereby authorized and empowered to serve any summons, subpoena, order, notice, document, instrument, or other process to enforce or carry out this local law.

SECTION 21: REFERENCE TO TAX.
Wherever reference is made in placards or advertisements or in any other publications to this tax such reference shall be substantially in the following form: "Tax on occupancy of hotel or motel rooms"; except that in any bill, receipt, statement or other evidence of memorandum of occupancy or rent charge issued or employed by the operator, the wording "occupancy tax" will suffice.

SECTION 22: RETURNS TO BE SECRET.
(A) Except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for the Treasurer or any officer or employee of the Treasurer to divulge or make known in any manner the rents or other information relating to the business of the taxpayer contained in any return required under this local law. The officers charged with the custody of such returns shall not be required to produce any of them or evidence of anything contained in them in any action or proceeding in any court, except on behalf of the Treasurer in an action or proceeding under the provisions of this local law or on behalf of any party to any action or proceeding under this local law when the returns or facts shown thereby are directly involved in such action or proceeding, in either of which events the court may require the production of, and may admit in evidence, so much of said returns or of the facts shown thereby, as are pertinent to the action or proceeding and no more. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the delivery to a taxpayer or his duly authorized representative or a certified copy of any return filed in connection with his tax nor to prohibit the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular returns and the items thereof, or the inspection by the County Attorney or other legal representatives of the County of the return of any taxpayer who shall bring action to set aside or review the tax based thereon, or against whom an action or proceeding has been instituted for the collection of a tax or penalty. Returns shall be preserved for three (3) years and thereafter until the Treasurer permits them to be destroyed.

(B) Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars ($1,000), or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 23: EFFECTIVE DATE.
This local law shall become effective December 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until November 30, 2029.

SECTION 24: SEVERABILITY.
If any provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this local law and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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 Aronstam.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 435-26 *SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING*
LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. B OF 2026

RESOLVED: That a Public Hearing shall be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:05 A.M. in the Legislative Conference Room of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827 on Local Law Introductory No. B of 2026; A Local Law to establish the staggered terms of Tioga County Legislators in compliance with NYS Even-Year Election Requirements, and to Amend and Supersede Local Law No. 1 of 2021. All persons desiring to present written or oral comments may do so at said time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 436-26 *SET PUBLIC HEARING*
2027 BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the public hearing on the tentative Tioga County Budget for 2027 be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Edward D. Hubbard Auditorium of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827.

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. 437-26 *RE-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: The appointed term for Teresea Leary, FNP on the Board of Health expires 12/31/26; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Health recommends re-appointment and Ms. Leary has agreed to serve for another term; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Teresea Leary, FNP, be re-appointed to the Board of Health for a term of 1/1/27-12/31/32.

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: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 438-26 *DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A. TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2027*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation, d.b.a. the Tioga County Tourism Office, is the not-for-profit corporation that develops and implements a tourism promotion and marketing program for the county; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Tourism Office coordinates with the state in its tourism grants program; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Tourism Grants Program is designed to encourage tourism promotion throughout the regions of New York State; and

WHEREAS: The guidelines for this local assistance program require counties to appoint an official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Tourism Office be and hereby is designated by the Tioga County Legislature as their Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2027 budget year and authorized to make application for and receive grants on behalf of the county pursuant to the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

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: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 439-26 *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 #140.00-1-48.1 in the Town of Owego assessed to Ellen and Robert Balmer is incorrect in the fact that they do not own the parcel; and

WHEREAS: The Balmers had owned parcel 109.00-1-48 and sold part of that parcel per deed 2024-4442 in December of 2024; and

WHEREAS: When parcel 109.00-1-48 was split in the RPSV4 database to create new parcels 109.00-1-48.1 and 48.2, parcel 140.00-1-48.1 was erroneously created as a duplicate of parcel 109.00-1-48.1; and

WHEREAS: A Town and County tax bill was generated for this duplicate parcel as follows:

Tax Line	Tax Amount
County	$719.94
Town Wide	$88.59
Part Town	$170.31
School Relevy	$2,444.05
Owego Fire District	$253.39

And

WHEREAS: This tax bill was not paid, and is now shown as delinquent, which as of October 2026 adds interest of $347.50 and a penalty of $184.81, resulting in a total amount owed of $4,208.59; and

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

RESOLVED: That this tax bill be declared null and void and removed from the delinquent list; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the erroneous delinquent tax amount of $4,208.59 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: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 440-26 *REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES*
TOWN OF BARTON / VILLAGE OF WAVERLY

WHEREAS: New York State accounts for the valuation of utilities located in the public right-of-way by using special franchise assessments, as described in Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Article 6; and

WHEREAS: As outlined in this law, the Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) determines the full market value of these utilities and provides the value to municipalities, where they are used by the Assessor, along with the established level of assessment, to calculate assessed values: and

WHEREAS: Natural gas distribution company Valley Energy, Inc. has submitted applications for property tax refunds for 2024 and 2025 Town & County tax bills for special franchise parcel 555.00-1495 in the Village of Waverly and special franchise parcel 555.00-1553 in the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that the Town of Barton Assessor did not follow the proper procedure in regard to calculating the assessed value of these special franchise parcels on the 2023 and 2024 assessment rolls, which resulted in erroneous excessive assessed values that caused overcharges on both the 2024 and 2025 Town & County tax bills; and

WHEREAS: This is an unlawful entry, correctable per RPTL §550 paragraph 7 (f); which entitles the property owner to a refund of property taxes: and

WHEREAS: The refund amounts are calculated using the corrected assessed value as follows:

Parcel 555.00-1495 – 2024 Town & County

Tax	Erroneous AV	Corrected AV	Tax Rate	Erroneous Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund Amount
County	$2,902,335	$1,741,401	11.823282	$34,315.13	$20,589.08	$13,726.05
Townwide	$2,902,335	$1,741,401	2.711359	$7,869.27	$4,721.56	$3,147.71
Fire District	$2,902,335	$1,741,401	1.055411	$3,063.16	$1,837.89	$1,225.27
Totals				$45,247.56	$27,148.53	$18,099.03

Parcel 555.00-1553 – 2024 Town & County

Tax	Erroneous AV	Corrected AV	Tax Rate	Erroneous Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund Amount
County	$415,706	$249,424	11.823282	$4,915.01	$2,949.01	$1,966.00
Townwide	$415,706	$249,424	2.711359	$1,127.13	$676.28	$450.85
Fire District	$415,706	$249,424	1.055411	$438.74	$263.24	$175.50
Totals				$6,480.88	$3,888.53	$2,592.35

Parcel 555.00-1495 – 2025 Town & County

Tax	Erroneous AV	Corrected AV	Tax Rate	Erroneous Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund Amount
County	$2,902,335	$1,962,818	11.575705	$33,596.57	$22,721.00	$10,875.57
Townwide	$2,902,335	$1,962,818	2.815825	$8,172.47	$5,526.95	$2,645.52
Fire District	$2,902,335	$1,962,818	1.245687	$3,615.40	$2,445.06	$1,170.34
Totals				$45.384.44	$30,693.01	$14,691.43

Parcel 555.00-1553 – 2025 Town & County

Tax	Erroneous AV	Corrected AV	Tax Rate	Erroneous Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund Amount
County	$415,706	$281,710	11.575705	$4,812.09	$3,260.99	$1,551.10
Townwide	$415,706	$281,710	2.815825	$1,170.56	$793.25	$377.31
Fire District	$415,706	$281,710	1.245687	$517.84	$350.92	$166.92
Totals				$6,500.49	$4,405.16	$2,095.33

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: Valley Energy receive a refund of $37,478.13, broken down as follows:

Tax	555.00-1495 2024 T&C	555.00-1553 2024 T&C	555.00-1495 2025 T&C	555.00-1553 2025 T&C	Totals
County	$13,726.05	$1,966.00	$10,875.57	$1,551.10	$28,118.72
Townwide	$3,147.71	$450.85	$2,645.52	$377.31	$6,621.38
Fire District	$1,225.27	$175.50	$1,170.34	$166.92	$2,738.03
					$37,478.13

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the tax refund amount of $37,478.13 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 Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 441-26 *AUTHORIZATION FOR TIOGA COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 48-50 LAKE STREET, OWEGO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT*

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been informed of the proposed redevelopment of the property located at 48-50 Lake Street, Owego, NY 13827, known as the 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS: The Project is being undertaken in cooperation with Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, Tioga County Property Development Corporation, County of Tioga, and other participating agencies; and

WHEREAS: The Project may be funded in whole or in part through grant programs including but not limited to Restore New York, Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), Land Bank Initiative, future local, state, and/or federal grants; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning Department is familiar with this building and project after numerous years of working towards redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning Department has experience managing grant funds and projects such as this; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed agreements including Master Developer Agreement, Financial Agreement, Operating Agreement, and the Inter-Agency Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS: The Project may be completed in multiple phases and for each phase a Phase Addendum will be brought forward for review and approval by the County Attorney; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves participation in the 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute Master Developer Agreement, Financial Agreement, Operating Agreement, Inter-Agency Cooperation Agreement, Phase Addendum(s), grant documents, financing documents, and any other documents necessary to carry out this Project.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 442-26 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 303-26; AWARD CONTRACT TO MARTIN PLUMBING AND HEATING*

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 303-26 authorized a contract with Martin Plumbing & Heating for the installation of an undercarriage rinse system; and

WHEREAS: Martin Plumbing & Heating submitted Proposal/Job No. 16093B, dated June 30, 2026, attached to and incorporated into the contract as Exhibit A to furnish the labor and materials necessary to install one (1) DUUC101000-OTC undercarriage rinse system; and

WHEREAS: The total cost of the work described in the proposal is $29,475.00; and

WHEREAS: The payment terms contained in the proposal require sixty percent (60%) of the contract amount to be paid upon acceptance of the proposal, with the remaining forty percent (40%) due upon completion of the installation; and

WHEREAS: The initial sixty percent (60%) payment equals $17,685.00, and the remaining forty percent (40%) equals $11,790.00; and

WHEREAS: An amendment to Resolution No. 303-26 is necessary to authorize the initial payment and establish the payment schedule associated with the accepted proposal; and

WHEREAS: This amendment is intended to clarify the County's authorization of the proposal's payment terms without increasing the total authorized contract amount or changing the scope of work; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby amends Resolution No. 303-26 to authorize the payment terms contained in Martin Plumbing & Heating Proposal/Job No. 16093B, dated June 30, 2026, attached to and incorporated into the contract as Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED: That an initial payment of $17,685.00, representing sixty percent (60%) of the total contract amount, is authorized to be paid to Martin Plumbing & Heating upon acceptance of the proposal and receipt of the appropriate invoice, in accordance with the payment terms of the accepted proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining payment of $11,790.00, representing forty percent (40%) of the total contract amount, is authorized to be paid upon completion of the installation, confirmation by the Department of Public Works that the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the accepted proposal, and receipt of the final invoice; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the total amount authorized under this contract shall remain $29,475.00, and the initial payment shall be credited toward that total contract amount; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to execute any documents necessary to implement this amendment, and authorizes the Department of Public Works to approve and process payments, in accordance with the contract, this resolution, and applicable County procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all other provisions of Resolution No. 303-26 shall remain in full force and effect.

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 Rose.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 443-26 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 359-26; AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH A NEW HOPE CENTER SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 359-26 on August 11, 2026 authorizing the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to execute the contract with A New Hope Center to provide two advocates for the contract term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services received additional funding through the New York State Office of Victim Services contracts; and

WHEREAS: A New Hope Center is to provide three Advocates to assist the Child Advocacy Center in their mission; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $202,229.62; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the contract with A New Hope Center not to exceed $202,229.62 for the contract term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original $202,229.62 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 Rose.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 444-26 *AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MULTIPLE FOSTER CARE AGENCIES SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with multiple foster care agencies to provide these services at Maximum State-Aid Rates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with the agencies listed below for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Children's Home PKPS
Children's Home of Jeff County
Children's Home of Wyoming Conf.
Elmcrest Children's Center
Glove House-Group Home
Hillside Children's Center
Homespace Corp
House of the Good Shepherd
Lincoln Hall Boys Haven
New Directions Youth & Family Svcs
Northeast Parent and Child Society
Parsons Parent & Children Center
Pathways, Inc.
St. Anne Institute
St. Catherine's Center
The LaSalle School
The William George Agency
Together for Youth
Vanderhayden

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 Cantella.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 445-26 *AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY DENTAL PLAN OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR TIOGA SMILES DENTAL PROGRAM PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has identified the need to enter into a contract with Liberty Dental Plan of New York, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: Liberty Dental Plan of New York, Inc. provides administrative services, provider network management, and claims processing necessary to support the operation of the Tioga Smiles Dental Program; and

WHEREAS: Liberty Dental Plan of New York, Inc. will replace the County's current contracted provider, DentaQuest, effective January 2027; and

WHEREAS: County Policy requires all contracts that exceed or could potentially exceed $10,000 must be authorized by Legislative Resolution with execution authority with the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute agreements with Liberty Dental Plan of New York, Inc. for the Tioga Smiles Dental Program effective upon date of signature of the written agreements through 2028.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "The Dental Van is an excellent program that provides dental health for people at the schools and otherwise and whatever we need to do to keep it going is a good thing 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 Brown.

REFERRED TO: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 446-26 *AUTHORIZE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO ADMINISTER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS*

WHEREAS: Tioga County uses the service of Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York to administer health insurance benefits for Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York has submitted a renewal agreement to administer fully insured benefits for Tioga County employees for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS: These are contractual benefits for Tioga County union employees; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to sign the renewal agreement with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Central New York, subject to review by the County Attorney, to administer health insurance benefits for Tioga County for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Legislator Ciotoli spoke. "This was excellent work by our Personnel staff to get this re-negotiated along with our representative who handles our insurance."

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. 447-26 *RESOLUTION TO ENTER CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR UPDATING THE COUNTY'S DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN*

WHEREAS: The Sustainability Manager submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking professional services to update the County's Debris Management Plan, assist with Municipal Debris Management Site identification and municipal coordination, and provide related training; and

WHEREAS: Two firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP, each outlining their respective scopes of services and associated costs; and

WHEREAS: The proposals were reviewed and ranked by the Sustainability Manager, the Public Works Commissioner, the County Administrator, the Public Health Director, the Economic Development & Planning Director, and the County Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS: They ranked Tetra Tech's proposal as the best; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the contract with Tetra Tech to perform the above services not to exceed $35,980.00 from Solid Waste Appropriation account A8160 540140 – Contracted Services.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 448-26 *AWARD CONTRACT TO FREY & CAMPBELL, INC. TO PERFORM PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING BOILER UPGRADES*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has budgeted for replacing four (4) boilers and installing five (5) mechanical strainer assemblies at the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS: On October 2, 2026, the Department of Public Works received sealed bids from the following contractors:

Frey & Campbell, Inc. – Hammondsport, NY	**$50,900.00**
N.J. Graham, Inc. – Owego, NY	$55,500.00
Postler & Jaeckle Corp. – Binghamton, NY	$56,800.00
Louis N. Picciano & Son, Inc. – Binghamton, NY	$74,550.00

And

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has completed the review of the bids and finds the low bidder Frey & Campbell, Inc. meets all the qualifications of the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to authorize all Capital Expenses; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature award the bid to the low bidder, Frey & Campbell, Inc., not to exceed $50,900.00 to be paid out of the Public Safety Building Renovations account H1620 521913; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon review of the County Attorney to execute the contract with Frey & Campbell, Inc. not to exceed $50,900.00.

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 Bunce.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 449-26 *AWARD CONTRACT TO ROBERT GREEN AUTO & TRUCK, INC. FOR TRUCK PLATFORM INSTALLATION*

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works received a proposal for installation of a steel platform to be installed on a truck, and the proposal is as follows:

Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. $14,215.00

And

WHEREAS: Tioga County has completed the review of the proposal and finds that Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. meets all the qualifications of the proposal specifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes awarding the contract to Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. for installation of a steel platform on a truck not to exceed $14,215.00 to be paid out of the following account:

DM5130 540560 – Repairs $14,215.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon review of the County Attorney to execute the contract with Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. not to exceed $14,215.00.

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. 450-26 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF 2027 NYS PTS GRANT (PTS-2027-TIOGA CO SO-00249-(054) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS & MODIFY 2026 BUDGET SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded a NYS PTS (Police Traffic Services) grant (PTS-2027-Tioga Co-SO-00249-(054) in the amount of $13,200; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute the NYS PTS (Police Traffic Services) grant (PTS-2027-Tioga Co-SO-00249-(054) for $13,200; and be it further

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

FROM:	A3110 445890	Federal Aid – Other Transportation	$13,200
TO:	A3110 510030	Sheriff Overtime	$13,200

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until the project is completed.

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. 451-26 *AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF 2026-2027 NYS STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS STOP DWI*

WHEREAS: The NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Board has awarded a High Visibility Engagement grant of $18,500 to Tioga County STOP-DWI; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute the 2026-2027 NYS STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Grant in the amount of $18,500; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026-2027 NYS STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement grant be appropriated as follows:

FROM: A3315 445890 CRK26 Federal Aid-STOP DWI HVEC $18,500

TO: A3315 540590 CRK26 Services Rendered-STOP DWI $18,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That appropriation be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end until the project is completed.

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 Cantella.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 452-26 *APPROVE SINGLE-SOURCE PURCHASE OF TIOGA THEATER TICKETS PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) facilitates the Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) coalition which provides commitments to children and families in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: TCPH has identified Tioga Theater tickets as an outreach incentive opportunity for children and families; and

WHEREAS: Tioga Theater is the single-source provider of a movie theater in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to approve single-source purchase of tickets for eligible children and families in Tioga County; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature approves the single-source purchases of Tioga Theater movie tickets for eligible children and families in the amount of up to $6,000 per year to be paid from the following accounts:

A4053 540487 STOP	Program Expense
A4053 540487 DFC	Program Expense
A4053 540487 ASAP	Program Expense

Legislator Standinger spoke. "This is a program that helps the people who cannot afford to go, and I think it is money well spent."

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. 453-26 *APPROVE FUNDING*
2027 YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM FUNDING
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board has reviewed 2027 applications for funding which are consistent with guidelines previously presented to the Legislative Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following programs recommended by the Tioga County Youth Board for program year October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 be approved by the Tioga County Legislature in the amounts indicated:

Candor PTSA	$ 7,000
Catholic Charities YESS	$ 6,000
Cornell Cooperate Extension – FRC	$ 1,500
Cornell Cooperative Extension – 4H	$ 5,373
Kali's Klub House 7 Keys to Success	$ 4,000
Lions Camp Badger	$ 1,700
Spencer-VanEtten PAVE	$ 2,475

Ti-Ahwaga Community Players	$ 3,000
Tioga County Council on the Arts	$ 3,000
Tioga Central School Summer Recreation	$ 8,000
Tioga County Child Advocacy Center	$ 1,500
Town of Owego Summer Recreation	$ 6,000
Tioga County Youth Bureau dues (required)	$ 100
Total Youth Development Program Funds	**$49,648**
Lions Camp Badger	$ 8,291
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	$ 8,291
Tioga Central Field Hockey Club	$ 8,291
Waverly Recreation	$ 5,000
Total Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funds	**$29,873**
Candor PTSA	$12,948
Spencer-VanEtten Youth Association	$10,000
Skyline Corral	$ 1,000
Total Youth Team Sports Funds	**$23,948**
GRAND TOTAL	**$103,469**

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 454-26 *AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO POSTLER AND JAECKLE FOR COMPLETED EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE COURT ANNEX ROOFTOP AIR HANDLING UNIT*

WHEREAS: On July 31, 2026, a catastrophic failure occurred in the rooftop air handling unit serving the Probation wing of the Court Annex; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works arranged for Postler and Jaeckle to perform repairs in response to the failure before obtaining the approvals required by the County's emergency procurement and contract authorization procedures; and

WHEREAS: Postler and Jaeckle completed the repairs and submitted an invoice in the amount of $11,618.56; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Public Works has verified that the invoiced repairs were performed satisfactorily and that the County received the benefit of the completed work; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature wishes to address payment for the completed repairs while expressly acknowledging that the required prior authorization procedures were not followed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, subject to the County Attorney's determination that payment is legally permissible, verification of available appropriations, and completion of the County's required claims audit, the Tioga County Legislature authorizes payment to Postler and Jaeckle in an amount not to exceed $11,618.56 for the completed repairs, from:

A1621 540140 – Contracting Services $11,618.56

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Public Works shall provide supporting documentation identifying the circumstances requiring immediate repairs, the work ordered and completed, the basis for determining that the charges are reasonable, and the circumstances surrounding the failure to obtain the required approvals, for inclusion in the payment record; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this authorization is limited to the completed repairs identified above and does not waive or amend the County's procurement or contract authorization procedures, authorize additional work, or excuse the failure to obtain required prior approvals.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 455-26 *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency (TCVSA) conducts multiple community outreach events monthly and at these events provide food, beverages, and supplies to those in attendance as well as information on resources, benefits, and services available to veterans, military, and their families; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limit expenses to $150.00 per event; and

WHEREAS: The TCVSA will be attending the following events during October 2026, with Dwyer & ARPA grant funds being utilized. The event cost will exceed the $150.00 per event limit, and requests to exceed the event limit must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature:

October 29, 2026 – The Waverly VFW Trunk-O-Treat at the Waverly VFW Post 8104 located at 206 Broad St. Waverly, NY. ($375.00)

October 30, 2026 - The Town of Owego, NY Trunk-O-Treat being held at Hickories Park, Owego, NY. ($375.00)

October 25, 2026 - Food Drive with Candor American Legion, Candor, NY to assist with food drive due to the fire at the Spencer Shur Fine grocery store that has worsened food scarcity issues in the Candor/ Spencer area. ($300.00)

Total: $1,050.00 DWYER & ARPA Grant Funds

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency to exceed the per event limit using grant funding as identified, noting that TCVSA will not exceed the total amount mentioned for the above events.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 456-26 *REQUESTING TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BE ALLOWED TO EXCEED FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Public Works will be conducting (4) four successive training sessions on Friday, November 6th, 2026, which will effectively last all day; and

WHEREAS: County Policy – Section III; Subsection H. Purchase of Food, Beverages, and Supplies limits expenses to $150 per event for a permissible required all day training for County employees; and

WHEREAS: Public Works will be providing lunch with the expenses anticipated to exceed the $150 per event limit; and

WHEREAS: Requests to exceed event limits must be made by resolution and require the approval of the County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature allows the Public Works department to exceed the per event limit not to exceed $350 to be paid out of the following account:

A1490.540733 Training/All Other

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
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 457-26 *AMEND RESOLUTION NOS. 224-25 AND 49-24; AUTHORIZE PURCHASES OUTSIDE COUNTY POLICIES PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24 authorized Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) to make purchases outside of County Policies for approved events: and

WHEREAS: TCPH has the need to amend Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24, specifically the list of approved events; and

WHEREAS: There are two types of lists in Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24, one being the programs/events and the other for those that may go over the $150 County Policy threshold due to the number of people involved in the programs/events; and

WHEREAS: The additional program TCPH is seeking to be added to going over the $150 County threshold lists in Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24 are:

- Board of Health

And

WHEREAS: Authorization outside of County Policies requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the amendment of Resolution Nos. 224-25 and 49-24 in regard to the addition of the above-mentioned program's

events to allow TCPH to purchase food/beverages and potentially facility fees and exceed $150 per event.

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, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 458-26 *AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has been notified of approval of funding for the 2026-27 fiscal year for the *Drug Free Communities (DFC)* portions of the County's Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition; and

WHEREAS: TCPH will receive the funds specifically for coordinating the ASAP Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From:

A4053 444863 DFC	Federal Aid – DFC Grant	$125,000

To:

A4053 540487 DFC	Program Expense	$125,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the balance of this funding on 12/31/2026 be carried forward into the 2027 budget in the same budget lines.

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 & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 459-26 *AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for Mental Health Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program specific and approved uses only; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That State Aid Revenue Account A4310 434900 will be used to fund Mental Hygiene's 2026 Budget; and

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and the 2026 Budget be modified as follows:

From:	A4310 434900 AOT	State Aid - Mental Health	$40,000.00
To:	A9950 593715	Transfers to Capital Fund	$40,000.00
From:	H1340 450310	Interfund Transfers	$40,000.00
To:	H4310 520060 AOT	Car/Truck	$40,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer and Budget Officer are hereby authorized and directed to process the corresponding interfund accounting entry as follows:

DR: A9950 593715	Transfers to Capital Fund	$40,000.00
CR: H1340 450310	Interfund Transfers	$40,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That should the delivery of the vehicle not occur in 2026, available funding shall be carried forward into FY2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: The upon completion of the vehicle purchase, any remaining unexpended balance of the $40,000 transferred to the Capital Fund shall be transferred back to the General Fund and credited to the appropriate Mental Hygiene AOT account, to remain available solely for eligible AOT program expenditures in accordance with applicable New York State Office of Mental Hygiene requirements.

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 460-26 *AMEND 2026 BUDGET*
CONTINGENCY TRANSFER REQUEST
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: New York State budget law mandates that counties absorb the full cost of Office of Mental Health (OMH) restoration services for individuals ordered under Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) Article 730; 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, with an expectancy of receiving these services through the end of April 2027; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has depleted the funds within its own budget to absorb this expense; and

WHEREAS: Funds will need to be transferred from the Tioga County Contingency account in order to accommodate these August 2026 through December 2026 expenses; and

WHEREAS: Amending the 2026 Budget and appropriation of Contingency funds require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes a transfer from the Contingency account as follows:

From:	A1990 540715	Contingency Transfer	$ 213,629.31
To:	A4390 540590	Criminal Psychiatric: Services Rendered	$ 213,629.31

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 & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 461-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS*
BUDGET MODIFICATION 2026
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) has awarded Tioga County Mental Hygiene $336,223 total state aid funding distributed in 2026 for the purpose of Mental Health program Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT); and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has identified specific use of some of this funding for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program in 2026; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds and budget modification which requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That State Aid Revenue Account A4310 434900 will be used to fund Mental Hygiene's 2026 Budget; and

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and budget modified as follows:

From:	A4310 434900	State Aid Mental Health	$ 24,000
To:	A4310 434900 AOT	State Aid-OMH AOT	$ 24,000
To:	A4309 520090 AOT	Computers	$ 5,000
To:	A4309 520200 AOT	Office Equipment	$ 3,000
To:	A4309 540420 AOT	Office Supplies	$ 5,000
To:	A4309 540485 AOT	Printing/Paper	$ 5,000
To:	A4310 540640 AOT	Supplies (Not Office)	$ 5,000
To:	A4310 540733 AOT	Training/All Other	$ 1,000

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 & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 462-26 *APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET COUNTY ATTORNEY*

WHEREAS: The County Attorney's Office has identified a necessary need to purchase computer software; and

WHEREAS: There is currently no designated or sufficient budget line item to account for this specific operational expense; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any modification or transfer of funds between accounts; and

WHEREAS: Sufficient unexpended funds are available within the A1420 520090 Computer to cover this expenditure without increasing the overall County budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the creation of a new budget line A1420 540620 be established within the County Attorney's 2026 Fiscal Budget and that the 2026 budget be modified and appropriation of funds be made as follows:

FROM:	A1420 520090	Computer	$79.00
TO:	A1420 540620	Software Expense	$79.00

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 Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 463-26 *MODIFY 2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS SAFETY OFFICE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is needed to modify the 2026 budget and appropriation of funds; and

WHEREAS: The Safety Office has identified a need to purchase two Automatic External Defibrillators, one for the Waverly Mental Health Clinic and one to serve as a backup for existing units, and funds need to be appropriated to pay for said purchase; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 2026 budget be modified and appropriation of funds be made as follows:

FROM:	CI8042 540733	Training/All Other	$1,120.00
TO:	CI8042 520190	Nursing Equipment	$1,120.00

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
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 464-26 *AMEND 2026 BUDGET SOCIAL SERVICES*

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services will exceed the budgeted amounts for A6142 540487 EAA Program Expense due to a DV placement and A6070 540487 Title XX Program Expense due to aftercare services; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available for transfer from expense account A6109 540487 Family Assistance Program Expense; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds between these accounts requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be transferred as follows:

From:	A6109 540487	Family Assistance Program Expense	$50,000.00
To:	A6070 540487	Title XX Program Expense	$35,000.00
To:	A6142 540487	EAA Program Expense	$15,000.00

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 & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 465-26 *TRANSFER OF FUNDS*
2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS: The District Attorney's Office has received 2026 Discovery Reform funds from the Department of Criminal Justice after submission of a Funding Plan; and

WHEREAS: The District Attorney's Office has a need to fund Tioga County Probation for electronic monitoring devices and services for defendants using the Discovery Grant; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Transfer of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the District Attorney's budget be modified and the following sums be transferred according to the Funding Plan from within the District Attorney's budget to Probation's budget to cover the costs of said subscription.

From: A1165 430891 State Aid Grant-Discovery Reform $127,889.00

To: A3142 540140 Contracting Services $5,000.00

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: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 466-26 *AUTHORIZE DONATION OF TIME*
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU

WHEREAS: The Motor Vehicle Bureau has an employee that has a child with serious medical issues and that needs to be available for doctor appointments and treatments and will exhaust all of their benefit time during their child's treatment; and

WHEREAS: The County Clerk is invested in employee retention and is in support of this employee being approved to receive donated time; and

WHEREAS: Joyce Costantini is interested in donating 10 days of her Vacation time to the employee for their use; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Robin Eldridge shall be required to liquidate all of her accrued Sick and Vacation time but then shall have access to the 10 days of vacation donated by Joyce Costantini.

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, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 467-26 *AUTHORIZE TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SOLICIT AND ACCEPT DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF $1,000*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the solicitation and for the receipt of any donation in excess of $1000 per County Policy – Gifts and Donations; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services works with community agencies to provide holiday gifts to children who have involvement with Child Protective and Preventive Services and the Department will be soliciting for holiday gifts for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS: The Department will soliciting and accepting gifts from the following agencies, Catholic Charities, The Punisher's Motorcycle Club, Owego VFW, Best Buy and other agencies and individuals; and

WHEREAS: By partnering with the community, we can ensure that all children in Tioga County have a happy holiday season; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept in-kind donations of holiday gifts with an anticipated value equal to or greater than $1000, for distribution to children served by the Department during the 2026 holiday season, in accordance with the Tioga County Gifts and Donations Policy.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "These funds will be used to provide gifts for indigent people and foster care kids, so it is certainly a worthy cause 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 Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Aronstam.

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 468-26 *APPOINTMENT OF REPUBLICAN ELECTION COMMISSIONER*

WHEREAS: The Chairman of the Republican Party has submitted their recommendation to the Clerk of the Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Kelly Johnson be and hereby is appointed Election Commissioner for the Republican Party from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.

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: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 469-26 *APPOINTMENT OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTION COMMISSIONER*

WHEREAS: The Chairman of the Democratic Party has submitted their recommendation to the Clerk of the Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That James Wahls be and hereby is appointed Election Commissioner for the Democratic Party from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.

Legislator Standinger spoke. "It is nice in this County that we have free and fair elections, and it is a direct result of the two Commissioners we have."

Legislator Rose spoke. "I concur."

Chair Monell spoke. "I agree."

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 AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 470-26 *AUTHORIZE ONE (1) POSITION RECLASSIFICATION MENTAL HYGIENE*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to reclassify any position within a Tioga County department or office; and

WHEREAS: After discussing with the Personnel Officer, the Director of Community Services has determined she can better address staffing needs and succession planning by reclassifying an existing Clinical Social Worker position to a full-time Senior Clinical Social Worker position; and

WHEREAS: Mental Hygiene has determined that funding for this reclassification is already within its budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That effective October 17, 2026, one (1), full-time Clinical Social Worker position ($69,259 CSEA SG XVI) shall be reclassified to one (1) full-time Senior Clinical Social Worker position ($72,362 CSEA SG XVII).

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. 471-26 *AUTHORIZE SALARY REALLOCATION WITHIN CSEA SALARY SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS AND CHIEF PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

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

WHEREAS: On July 31, 2026, the Personnel Department received a position description questionnaire from Suzanna Alston, Ivy Camp, Taylor Clark, Shellianna Decker, Theresa Garrehy, Deborah Henderson, Mykenzie Thetga, Caitlin Whiting, Christina Wilding, Chloe Yetter, Melinda Zimmer and Allison Wales who are currently classified as Public Safety Dispatchers (CSEA salary grade X) and Stephanie Cole who is currently classified as Chief Public Safety Dispatcher (CSEA salary grade XII); and

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

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has made a determination that due to the substantial knowledge base requirements, training requirements, and demanding, high-stress position responsibilities of the Public Safety Dispatcher and Chief Public Safety Dispatcher, there is justification to request salary reallocation for both positions; and

WHEREAS: The following recommendations are made following said desk audit:

CURRENT:	**PROPOSED**
Public Safety Dispatcher	
CSEA SG X $51,106	CSEA SG XII $55,354
Chief Public Safety Dispatcher	
CSEA SG XII $55,354	CSEA SG XIV $61,443
Public Safety Dispatcher (PT)	
"Other" $21.29/hr.	"Other" $23.07/hr.

And

WHEREAS: Incumbents within the current classifications shall have a continuation of status under civil service laws and rules with the proposed classifications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the classification of Public Safety Dispatcher CSEA Salary Grade X to CSEA Salary Grade XII ($55,354) and Chief Public Safety Dispatcher Salary Grade XII to CSEA Salary Grade XIV ($61,443) effective retroactive to July 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said classification changes will result in an annual salary increase to each current incumbent as follows; Public Safety Dispatcher - $4,248, Chief Public Safety Dispatcher - $6,089 and Public Safety Dispatcher (PT) $1.78/hr. effective retroactive to July 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
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 472-26 *AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-TITLE PAY*
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Article 4 Section E of the current collective bargaining agreement allows for out-of-title pay if an employee performs the duties of a higher pay grade for more than 20 calendar days; and

WHEREAS: Due to the reinstatement of Case Supervisor, Grade A effective close of business on August 21, 2026, there is a need for someone to provide continuity of coverage, and fill those responsibilities for our adult services community; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the payment of out-of-title salary at the acceptable higher pay grade; therefore be it
RESOLVED: That Amber Johnson assumed the duties of the Case Supervisor, Grade B effective August 22, 2026, through October 2, 2026, and is being reinstated to Caseworker effective October 5, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes out-of-title pay for Amber Johnson reflective of a retroactive annual increase of $8,204.00 for the duration from August 22, 2026, through October 2, 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 Brown.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 473-26 *APPROVE SALARY ABOVE HIRING BASE*
DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 211-99 requires Legislative approval for any appointments made above an established base salary amount; and

WHEREAS: There is a vacant Deputy Sheriff position; and

WHEREAS: In order to maintain adequate staffing levels for the Road Patrol Division, the Sheriff has an immediate need to backfill said position; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff has received approval from the Tioga County Law Enforcement Association to hire a new Deputy Sheriff, who has one year of police experience, at an annual salary rate reflecting one year of experience per the current union contract, or $72,271; and

WHEREAS: Alexander Geistdorfer, a potential transfer candidate with 1 year of Police Officer experience, has applied and is eligible and willing to accept a transfer from the Owego Police Department to a Deputy Sheriff vacancy in Tioga County, effective October 17, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Sheriff is hereby authorized to backfill the vacant, full-time Deputy Sheriff position with Alexander Geistdorfer at an annual salary of $72,271 effective October 17, 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 Cantella.

REFERRED TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 474-26 *AUTHORIZE 2027 ANNUAL STIPEND (CORONER'S OFFICE)*

WHEREAS: The Coroner's Office determined in 2025 they were no longer in support of having an individual Coroner be appointed as the Administrative Coroner by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS: In lieu of not having an Administrator Coroner, the County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 35-25 on January 14, 2025 authorizing an annual stipend for Cathy Haskell to continue providing administrative support to the Coroner's Office through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: At the request of the Coroner's Office, the County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 417-25 on November 12, 2025 authorizing Cathy Haskell to continue providing administrative support at the annual stipend of $7,500 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: During the 2027 budget discussions with the Coroner's Office, all four elected Coroners expressed their support for Cathy Haskell continuing to provide administrative support to the Coroner's Office, including the duties and responsibilities outlined below, at the current annual stipend of $7,500 through December 31, 2027:

- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Entering Requisitions, Managing Purchase Orders (Maintenance and Liquidation), Invoice Processing, Check Distribution & Management, as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: Entering General Bills and filing Claims for Payment, as necessary in the County Financial Management Software.
- BUDGET OVERSIGHT: Entering Budget Transfers in the County Financial Management Software, Working with the County Administrator and the four (4) elected coroners to prepare the Annual Budget, Preparation of Budget Reports, as necessary for Legislative Committee Meetings.
- LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE: Drafting Resolutions on behalf of the Coroner's Office as necessary, including but not limited to Budget Amendments and Contract Agreements
- PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION: Acting as Timekeeper for the Department, Tracking and Submitting On-Call Sheets, Tracking and Entering Invoices for Mileage in the County Financial Software.
- SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATION: Administrator for the newly established Cohero Software, auditing payroll records with case records to ensure all cases have been entered into the Cohero Software.
- CORONER MEETINGS: Schedule and attend quarterly meetings with the four (4) elected coroners and County Administrator, prepare meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS: The assignment of these administrative duties does not relieve the Coroner's Office of their elected duties, responsibilities, or departmental expectations established by the County Legislature, including presence at Legislative Committee Meetings, Presentation of Proposed Resolutions, and Presentation of Proposed Annual Budget for the Department; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Legislature hereby authorizes Cathy Haskell to continue providing additional administrative support and performing the duties outlined herein through December 31, 2027, and shall receive an annual stipend of $7,500 for such additional duties, subject to annual review; and be it further

RESOLVED: That should it be determined by the County Legislature, Cathy Haskell, or the Coroner's Office for any reason that the designation is not working as expected, the designation, responsibilities and stipend shall terminate immediately.

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: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 475-26 *CREATE & FUND (1) FULL-TIME FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR POSITION (LEGISLATIVE OFFICE)*

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

WHEREAS: The County Administrator has identified the need for additional administrative capacity to provide purchasing and procurement oversight, assist with operating and capital budget development and monitoring, perform financial and operational analysis, and support the administration of County policies, procedures, and special projects; and

WHEREAS: The Fiscal Services Administrator will have the primary responsibility for administering the County's procurement program, including reviewing purchasing requests for compliance, maintaining procurement records, developing procurement procedures, and creating training and guidance materials; and

WHEREAS: The position will also assist the County Administrator with the development, implementation, and monitoring of operational and capital budgets, the review of departmental budget submissions and financial analyses, assist with the review of resolutions, legislative memoranda, policy development, capital project coordination, grant administration, and other special projects and administrative tasks as assigned; and

WHEREAS: The County Administrator, in conjunction with the Personnel Officer, has determined that the creation of a full-time Fiscal Services Administrator position will provide the additional fiscal, procurement, and administrative capacity necessary to support these functions; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has met with the County Administrator to review the description of work duties for the proposed full-time Fiscal Services Administrator position; and

WHEREAS: Funding for the position is not currently in the County Administrator's budget and will require an increase to the 2026 County Budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The one (1) full-time Fiscal Services Administrator position is hereby created within the Management/Confidential annual salary range of $58,225-$68,225, effective October 14th, 2026, during the 2026 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislative Office full-time headcount shall increase from 4 to 5; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Legislature hereby authorizes the funding of said position effective upon adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended to increase Personal Services and Employee Benefits in the Legislative Office in the amounts set forth below:

TO: A1230 510010 FULL TIME	$15,744.00
TO: A1230 581088 STATE RETIREMENT FRINGE	$1,948.00
TO: A1230 583088 SOCIAL SECURITY FRINGE	$1,204.00
TO: A1230 584088 WORKERS COMPENSATION FRINGE	$246.00
TO: A1230 585588 DISABILITY INSURANCE FRINGE	$12.00
TO: A1230 586088 HEALTH INSURANCE FRINGE	$5,469.00
TO: A1230 588988 EAP FRINGE	$3.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That said increase shall be financed by the appropriation of Unassigned General Fund Balance.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS: $24,626.00

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 476-26 *AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 193-26; 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: Resolution No. 193-26 created (1) temporary, full- time (Seasonal) position at the hourly rate of $16.07 in 2026 and $17.07 in 2027, in accordance with Resolution No. 196-09, effective October 14th, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has identified a need to extend and fill the temporary, full-time Clerk position to provide clerical support within the office due to a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS: The County Treasurer has budget for said position in the approved 2026 budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer shall be allowed to fill said position and extend duration of the position not to exceed beyond March 31, 2027.

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: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 477-26 *RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WORKDAY STATUS FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

WHEREAS: Resolution Nos. 206-09, 127-16, 230-17, 30-18, 59-18, 308-19, 160-19, 229-22, 410-24, 465-24, 37-25, 196-25, 294-25, 344-25, 144-26, 198-26, and 377-26 established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System reporting purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County of Tioga, Location Code 10049, hereby establishes the following as the standard workday for the title below, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:

Appointed Officials

Five-day work week, seven-hour day:

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Coordinator

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.