



Tioga County Worksession Minutes **July 21, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

Legislators Present:

Legislator Brown
Legislator Ciotoli
Legislator Hollenbeck (*Arrived at 10:21 a.m.*)
Legislator Roberts (*Arrived at 10:07 a.m.*)
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey
Legislator Standinger
Legislator Weston

Legislators Absent:

Legislator Monell
Legislator Mullen

Guests:

None

Staff Present:

Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Amy Eiklor, Deputy Legislative Clerk
Linda Parke, Personnel Officer

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. with the ***Seventh Special Legislative Meeting*** for Legislature consideration of the following:

- ***Authorize Sale of County Owned Properties Acquired for Delinquent Taxes***
- ***Amend Budget and Transfer Funds – Public Works***
- ***Award Bid Corporate Drive Reconstruction – Public Works***

Legislative Clerk Haskell took roll call. Chair Sauerbrey led in the prayer, pledge, and voting process. Special Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. with regular worksession immediately following.

ARPA Update: Chair Sauerbrey distributed a spreadsheet that detailed the projects and disbursements of Tioga County's ARPA funds. Projects include a truck wash facility, transitional housing, suicide prevention resources, HVAC upgrades, security upgrades, communication towers, an ambulance study, and a records management study, to name a few. There is

currently \$465,606 left in uncategorized ARPA funds. Chair Sauerbrey reported ARPA funds must be designated by 2024 and funds spent by 2026.

Legislator Standinger inquired if the funds were for unrestricted use. Chair Sauerbrey responded that originally, the government stated ARPA funds were to be spent on two specific categories. However, the government changed the requirements and ARPA funds under \$10 million is considered lost income and can be spent without restriction. Tioga County received roughly \$9.4 million in ARPA funds. Chair Sauerbrey will periodically update the Legislature on the progress of ARPA projects.

Approval of Worksession Minutes: On motion of Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Weston, the July 7, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items: Currently we have none.

Other:

- ***Preventing & Responding to Domestic Terrorism:*** Chair Sauerbrey reported New York State's Governor, Kathy Hochul, passed an Executive Order requiring every county in New York to perform a comprehensive review of their domestic terrorism plan. Every county must develop a plan and send it to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Counterterrorism before December 31, 2022. Chair Sauerbrey spoke with Tioga County's Director of Emergency Services, Mike Simmons, who reported he is already in the process of working on the plan. Mr. Simmons will attend a summit in August to obtain more details on what to include and how to construct the plan. Down the road, Mr. Simmons will develop a team to assist in the plan's creation and report back to the Legislature at a later date.

Executive Session: Seven Legislators were in attendance. County Attorney DeWind, Personnel Officer Parke, and Legislative Clerk Haskell remained in attendance. Motion by Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Weston to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried. Executive Session adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Eiklor

Deputy Legislative Clerk