

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order this evening at 7:00 p.m. in Blossburg Borough with the following members present: Erick J. Coolidge, Mark L. Hamilton, and Roger C. Bunn. Also present were Derek Williams and Casey Zuchowski. Members of the public included Paul Hosszu, George Lloyd, Tom Young, Joyce Barnes, Jolene Hall, Tom Bogaczyk, Gene Allen, Sharel & Ron Johnson, Shane Nickerson; press representatives Natalie Kennedy and Cheryl Clarke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments – (agenda items)  
None

For information –

- . 2013 Domestic Relations Operating Expense reimbursement to the general fund: \$312,812.67
- . The PA Wilds Great Design Award presented to Blossburg Borough

Minutes A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of May 13, 2014.

Hire T. Thomas A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Tiffany Thomas, Clerk Typist 2, Family Services, DHS, \$9.93/hr. with benefits.

Hire D. Townsend A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Dianna Townsend, Administrative Assistant, Tioga County Soil Conservation District, \$11.00/hr. with benefits, effective 6/5/14.

Promote L. Hinman A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Lindsey Hinman from Caseworker 1, Placement Training Unit to Caseworker 2, Placement Unit, Family Services, \$12.65/hr. with benefits.

Reassign R. Salvadge A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the reassignment of Rebekka Salvadge from Caseworker 1, Ongoing Integrated Training Unit to Caseworker 1, Ongoing Integrated Unit, Family Services, DHS, \$12.25/hr. with benefits.

Termination M. Webster A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the termination of Megan Webster, standby Child Care Worker, Residential Services, DHS, effective 5/22/14.

Resignation T. Edner A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of Timothy Edner, Child Care Worker, Residential Services, DHS, effective 5/29/14.

Resignation D. McCardell A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of David McCardell, Support Services, effective 6/1/14.

Resignation M. Goddard A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of Megan Goddard, Caseworker 1, Residential Services, DHS, effective 5/22/14.

Bid for DHS summer transportation A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to accept a bid from Benedict's Bus Service for the 2014 DHS summer youth programs, \$631.00/day.

NTSD Probation Agreement A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a Northern Tioga School-Based Juvenile Probation Program agreement for 2014-2015; Tioga County share: \$42,287.00.

WASD Probation Agreement A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a Wellsboro Area School District-Based Juvenile Probation Program agreement for 2014-2015; Tioga County share: \$33,185.00.

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to adopt the following Resolution:

**REMEMBER THE USS LIBERTY**  
R-15-14

Adopt Resolution R-15-14 Whereas, the USS Liberty AGTR5, a US Navy intelligence gathering ship, was operating in international waters off the Sinai Peninsula on June 8, 1967; and

Whereas, the Israeli/Arab 6-day War was in progress; and

Whereas, the USS Liberty was clearly marked and flying the American flag; and

Whereas, Israeli military forces, strafed, napalmed and torpedoed the USS Liberty at will with only token resistance from Liberty machine guns; and

Whereas, the commanding officer, Captain William L. McGonagle, and the valiant crew attempted to save the ship from total destruction while awaiting US Navy assistance; and

Whereas, the fighter aircraft launched from the USS Enterprise to rescue the Liberty were recalled under orders from Washington; and

Whereas, 34 non-combatant men, military and civilian, lost their lives in the performance of their duty as well as 172 wounded; and

Whereas, the Israeli government labeled this assault on a US Navy ship as an "accident" and "mistaken identity" even though the USS Liberty was clearly marked with hull markings and flying the American flag in a stiff breeze; and

Whereas, the US Navy and National Security Agency intelligence chiefs familiar with this unprovoked attack by an "allied government" have stated unequivocally that Israeli forces had clearly identified the Liberty.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tioga County Commissioners do hereby declare June 8, 2014 as "Remember the USS Liberty Day" and order the flag at the Tioga County Courthouse and other County facilities to be flown at half-mast in memory and support of the officers, crew and their families.

Tioga County Board of Commissioners  
/s/ Erick J. Coolidge  
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton  
/s/ Roger C. Bunn

DHS HSSP allocation

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the Tioga County Department of Human Services 2014/2015 Human Services and Supports Program allocation of \$55,975.00.

Act 13 funds for new server

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve Act 13 funding for the purchase of a new server to support the load created by additional surveillance cameras at the courthouse, \$10,861.58.

County real estate tax refunds

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve two County real estate tax refunds: Partners in Progress, Wellsboro Borough, \$719.32; Robert Knickerbocker & Charlene Siciliano, Lawrence Township, \$76.14.

25 Agreements/Amendments for DHS

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve 25 Agreements/Amendments for the Department of Human Services (a listing is attached).

Public Comment –

- Paul Hosszu – access to state parks/state forests
- Tom Bogaczyk – conversion of vehicles to natural gas

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derek Williams  
Chief Clerk

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Erick J. Coolidge

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Mark L. Hamilton

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Roger C. Bunn