

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. at the Tioga County Courthouse with the following members present: Erick J. Coolidge and Roger C. Bunn. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Marc Rice, Sara Rice, Josh Zeyn, Kaye Aumick, Chris Perry, Betsy Craig, Joy Childs, Greg Freiner, Cindy Copp, Shane Nickerson, Chris Eckert, Steve Hepfer, Duncan Kerr, Kristian Mizdail, Nathaniel Welch, Owen Cummings, Tiffany Welch, and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (agenda items) – None

Minutes

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023.

Adopt Resolution R-11-23

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to adopt the following Resolution:

**WILLIAMSON WARRIOR 4 X 800 RELAY TEAM  
PIAA STATE CHAMPS**

Resolution R-11-23

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the importance of good sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation in the development and education of the youth of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners has a policy of recognizing those outstanding citizens of the county who have unselfishly given of their time and talents to achieve certain goals; and

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to take this special opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Williamson Warrior 4 x 800 Relay Team of Nathaniel Welch, Duncan Kerr, Kristian Mizdail, and Owen Cummings, for bringing home the gold medal at the PIAA State Championships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tioga County Board of Commissioners that the efforts, talents and accomplishments of the Williamson Warrior 4 x 800 Relay Team, as outstanding athletes, scholars and young citizens of Tioga County, be recognized.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

Retirement – D.Cohick

For information:

Resignation A.Wilbur J.Carter C.Hilfiger

Retirement: David Cohick – Director, Emergency Services, effective 7/7/23  
Resignations: Amanda Wilbur, Clerk, Prothonotary’s Office, effective 5/17/23  
Jaden Carter, Deputy, Register Recorder’s Office, effective 5/22/23  
Christa Hilfiger, Children & Youth Assistant Administrator, effective 7/7/23

Hire B.Carson, A.Long, M.Painter

Hire: Blair Carson, Law Clerk, \$60,000/yr. with benefits, effective 5/30/23  
Alyxandra Long, Court Monitor, \$13.83/hr. with benefits, effective 5/30/23  
Maria Painter, Clerk, Prothonotary Office, \$12.50/hr., with benefits, effective 6/19/23\

Employment Declination- M.Clemens

Employment Declination: Madelyn Clemens, DHS  
Termination: Tanya Smith, Foster Caseworker, DHS, effective 5/9/23

Termination – T.Smith

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the re-hire of Adam Brooks, part-time on-call Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$14.31/hr., no benefits.

Hire A.Brooks

Hire M.Bartlow

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Megan Bartlow, part-time on-call Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$13.81/hr., no benefits.

Immigrant Sanctuary Policy

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a Tioga County Immigrant Sanctuary Policy Statement. This will become a part of Tioga County’s policy manual, and will appear on the Tioga County website.

Use of Green

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green for the annual Children’s Business Fair, August 4, 2023.

Use of Green

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green for a wedding on August 6, 2023.

Use of court-house parking lot

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Courthouse parking lot for Wellsboro Comic Con attendees, August 12-13, 2023.

Use of Green

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green for a Walk for Recovery, to celebrate National Recovery Month, on September 9, 2023.

County tax  
refund

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a County real estate tax refund for Brian K. & Kimberly S. Koester, Westfield Township, \$26.55.

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Issue  
Proclamation

**EMS Week Proclamation**

To designate the Week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Tioga County, and encourage the community to join with them in recognizing the value and accomplishments of the members of the EMS team.

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

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Issue  
Proclamation

**Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day Proclamation**

WHEREAS, millions of children receive emergency medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different than the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Emergency Medical Services for Children is to help states and communities prepare for an emergency involving a child through the provision of pediatric-ready emergency departments and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program supports research and improvement science to drive transformation of emergency care systems; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children relies on its established partnership within the EMS community, as well as multidisciplinary teams of healthcare providers across the emergency care continuum to help states and communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children, the tens of thousands of prehospital and hospital-based clinicians and families it serves, and the professional organizations and federal agencies in which it partners are committed to ensure the delivery of high-quality of emergency care children; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services for Children and the dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to improve the delivery of pediatric care across emergency care systems.

Now, therefore, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the date of May 24, 2023, as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) DAY**

as part of National EMS Week in Tioga County and urge all citizens and health care professionals serving the pediatric population to celebrate the EMS Strong theme, **EMS WEEK: Where Emergency Care Begins**, to become familiar with EMSC, its programs and activities in our state and nationally, and to support and participate in educational and outreach programs to increase their knowledge of best pediatric medical care practices.

Dated: June 13, 2023

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

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to adopt the following Resolution:

Adopt  
Resolution  
R-12-23

**Tioga County  
Resolution R-12-23**

A RESOLUTION OF TIOGA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING PENSION TRUSTEES TO THE TIOGA COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the County has established an Employee Retirement Plan; and

WHEREAS, said plan requires the appointment of Trustees to oversee the accounts and administer customary and fiduciary duties; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Chief Clerk of the County are typically appointed as Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of Tioga County, that Erick J. Coolidge and Janice Chamberlain are duly appointed as the Trustees for the Employee Retirement Plan.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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| Attest:                | Tioga County Commissioners |
| /s/ Janice Chamberlain | /s/ Erick J. Coolidge      |
| Chief Clerk            | /s/ Mark L. Hamilton       |
|                        | /s/ Roger C. Bunn          |

Valarm  
renewal

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a one-year subscription and telemetry agreement renewal with Valarm for nine water monitoring systems that are currently in use in Tioga County - \$4,036. Act 13.

Ag Conserv.  
Easement  
purchase

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of an Agriculture Conservation Easement in Perpetuity – between Tioga County and Jeffrey L. and Deborah A. Bowen for 51.70 acres - \$80,135. Funds paid from the Farmland Preservation Account.

DHS – 32  
agreements

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve 32 agreements for the Dept. of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –

Greg Freiner – reassessment; assessed higher per acre than neighbors; acreages of neighbors are incorrect; if information in system is incorrect and not questioned, then this is not a fair reassessment. He will schedule time to talk with Josh Zeyn.

Cindy Copp – status of 1,000 bed addition to rehab center in Westfield Township

Kaye Aumick – Mountain Laurel in Westfield Township is adding to their facility and has applied for land development approval

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for July 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk

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Erick J. Coolidge

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Roger C. Bunn