

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Erick J. Coolidge, Mark L. Hamilton, and Roger C. Bunn. Also present were Derek Williams, Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, and Max Harrison. Members of the public included John Kesich, Ron Johnson, Deb Rudy, Allison Rudy; press representatives Natalie Kennedy and Cheryl Clarke.

Pledge of Allegiance

For information – Resolution R-11-14, Fair Housing Resolution, was received just prior to this meeting and does not appear on the meeting agenda. Opened up for public discussion. Hearing none, Resolution will be voted on later in this meeting.

Public Comments – (agenda items)
John Kesich – Timber Management agreement

Minutes
3/11/14

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014.

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:

Adopt
Resolution
R-12-14

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
RESOLUTION No. R-12-14
ALLISON RUDY
GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wish to recognize the accomplishments of Allison Rudy, of Girl Scout Troop 40333, who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, which only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn; and

WHEREAS, Allison is an exceptional, young Tioga County citizen. She is involved in many activities at Wellsboro Area High School, including student government, chorus, Tioga County Youth Leadership Program, and is a Lycoming College PA Free Enterprise graduate. She also participated in a mission trip to Jamaica during her sophomore year, ministering to orphans and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, for Allison's Gold Award project, she reached out to the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health (TCPCH), numerous non-profit organizations and other businesses to learn about volunteer opportunities open to individuals. She then developed a volunteer web page on the TCPCH's website to assist community members, specifically teens, in finding volunteer opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to offer their sincere congratulations to Allison Rudy on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Resolved this 8th day of April 2014.

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

Hire S. Trescott

For information, Sheena Trescott hired as part-time Clerk in the Sheriff's Office, \$10.66/hr., no benefits. Effective 5/12/14, Sheena will be promoted to full-time Clerk in the Sheriff's Office, \$10.66/hr. with benefits.

Hire L.
Crawford

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Lori Crawford, Caseworker 1, Service Planning Unit, Family Services, DHS, \$12.25/hr., with benefits.

Hire B. Snyder

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Bruce Snyder, Caseworker 1, Community Services, DHS, \$11.78/hr. with benefits.

Hire C. Lilley

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Charlotte Lilley, Resource Conservationist, Tioga County Conservation District, \$12.00/hr. with benefits, effective 4/23/14.

Promotion
Z. Johnson

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Zara Johnson to Caseworker 1, Ongoing Integrated Unit, Family Services, DHS, \$12.25/hr. with benefits.

Promotion I.
Musser

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Isaac Musser to Caseworker 2, Ongoing Integrated Unit, Family Services, DHS, \$12.65/hr. with benefits.

Promotion S.
Hansen

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Stephanie Hansen to Caseworker 2, Ongoing Integrated Unit, Family Services, \$12.56/hr. with benefits.

Promotion
R. Elder

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Ryan Elder to full-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$15.16/hr. with benefits, effective 3/30/14.

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-9-14

RESOLUTION No. R-9-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, that the Chairperson be authorized and directed to sign the attached Letter of Amendment for Reimbursement Agreement # 033289-C and the County Chief Clerk be authorized and directed to attest and seal the same.

DATE: April 8, 2014

ATTEST: /s/ Derek D. Williams
County Chief Clerk

Tioga County. BY: /s/ Erick J. Coolidge
Chairperson

Approve PA
DOT Reimb.
Adjustment
Amendment for
Bridge #4

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a PA DOT Reimbursement Adjustment for Tioga County Bridge #4, amending the total project cost from \$2,051,700 to \$2,684,900. PA DOT is amending the costs from what was included in the original reimbursement agreement vs. what the project costs are actually now.

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-44-12

Tioga County Courthouse Parking Lot
Resolution R-10-14
Amendment to Resolution R-44-12

WHEREAS, there are a greater number of deed searchers and visitors at the Courthouse on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly difficult for employees of Tioga County to find a parking spot in the lot behind the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the lot is signed for "Employee Parking Only", however, is not being adhered to; and

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Sheriff's department is authorized to patrol the parking lot daily and ticket non-employee vehicles at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket; and

WHEREAS, all employees of the Courthouse, as well as visiting employees from the Department of Human Services and Tioga County Prison, will be issued a parking permit to be displayed in their windshield; and

WHEREAS, County employees who refuse to display a parking permit will be given 3 warning tickets prior to receiving an actual ticket.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the patrolling of the Courthouse parking lot will take effect April 8, 2014.

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Erick J. Coolidge
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton
/s/ Roger C. Bunn

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Issue Child
Abuse
Prevention
Month
Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
April 2014

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community effort that can be affected by the involvement of people throughout the community;

Whereas, child maltreatment often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, and health problems such as heart disease and obesity;

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith based communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, we, the Commissioners of Tioga County, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse.

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

Accept proposals for DHS HSSP

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to accept the following proposals received by the Dept. of Human Services for the 2014/2015 Human Services and Supports Programs: Family Service Assoc. of Wyoming Valley/Help Line; NAMI Tioga/Education and Outreach; TREHAB/Housing Services; Partners in Progress/Camp Partners; Partners in Progress/Highland Chocolates; Area Agency on Aging/Home Delivered Meals, Aging; Tioga County Partnership for Community Health/Addressing Poverty; HAVEN/Healthy Relationship Group Support & Education; Wellspring/MOVE.

Agreement w/ Long Nyquist

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a one-year renewal agreement with Long Nyquist & Associates for government relations services, \$5,000/month.

Change order from G R Noto

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a change order request from G. R. Noto for the Emergency Services facility, \$1,142.00 (funding from Act 13).

Land & Timber Management Agreement for County lands

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a Land and Timber Management Agreement for county lands from Kerry Gyekis (Forester) for sustained forest management for generations to come. Forester shall be compensated 7% of the gross sum received by County from the successful sale of timber and \$2,000.00 for Long Term Management Plan development.

Use of Green for STPR

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green, May 30, 2014, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and the parking lots and Green, May 31, 2014, all day, for the Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally.

10 Agreements for DHS

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve 10 agreements/amendments for Dept. of Human Services (a listing is attached).

Public Comment –
John Kesich – Timber Management Agreement; service members affected by Fukushima; ballot images

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest: _____
Derek Williams
Chief Clerk

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton

Roger C. Bunn