

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, Mark L. Hamilton, and Roger C. Bunn. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Marc Rice, Kera Hackett, Sara Rice, Diane Weed, Josh Zeyn, Chris Perry, Betsy Craig, Sandra Olson, Jamie Cook, Joy Childs, Cindy Copp, Shane Nickerson, Bob Goodrich, Chris Eckert, Mark Spencer, Sue Keck, Philip Butler, Mitsie Clark, James Rouse, 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 three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023.
Hire N.Shadle K.Cummings M.Nervegna J.Boyce	For information, the following individuals were hired: Nikki Shadle, temporary Office Staff, Judge Wheeler's Office, \$13.83/hr., no benefits, effective 5/30/23 Kelly Cummings, temporary Line Staff, Mansfield District Court, \$13.83/hr., no benefits, effective 5/31/23 Michael Nervegna, Deputy, Sheriff's Office, \$17.00/hr. with benefits, effective 6/20/23 Jessica Boyce, Deputy, Recorder of Deeds, \$13.00/hr. with benefits
Retirement/ Resignations T.Compton A.Williams M.Nervegna S.Sheaffer M.Gee D.Bigley S.Garrison	For information, the following individuals have retired / resigned: Thad Compton, Juvenile Probation Officer, effective 7/31/23 Ashley Williams, Dispatcher-in-Training, Emergency Services, effective 6/16/23 Michael Nervegna, Deputy, Sheriff's Office, effective 7/5/23 Samantha Sheaffer, Dispatcher-in-Training, Emergency Services, effective 6/30/23 Marsha Gee, Head Nurse, Tioga County Prison, effective 7/14/23 Debra Bigley, Planning Specialist, effective 8/4/23 Samuel Garrison, Drug & Alcohol Case Coordinator, effective 8/4/23
Hire M. Cuninham	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 Malachi Cunningham, part-time Adventure Motorbike Program Specialist, DHS, \$15.00/hr., no benefits.
Hire M. Wilson	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 Mary Wilson, Children & Youth Assistant Administrator, \$67,000/yr. with benefits.
Hire M. Pell	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 Mathew Pell, Resource Conservationist, Conservation District, \$15.45/hr. with benefits.
Hire J.Welfling	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 Jon Welfling, Maintenance Worker 2, \$16.25/hr. with benefits.
Hire M. Steinbrunner	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 Madyson Steinbrunner, Foster Care Caseworker 1, \$17.50/hr. with benefits.
Hire D.Cohick	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 David Cohick, part-time Technical Director, Emergency Services, \$50,000/yr., no benefits.
Hire B. VanOrsdale	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 Brittney VanOrsdale, 911 Dispatcher-in-training, Emergency Services, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire M.Stager	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 Mary Stager, 911 Dispatcher-in-training, Emergency Services, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire G.Wagner	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 Gene Wagner, 911 Dispatcher-in-training, Emergency Services, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire C.Lash	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 Courtney Lash, part-time 911 Dispatcher-in-training, Emergency Services, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire B.Miller	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 Brittany Miller, part-time 911 Dispatcher-in-training, Emergency Services, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Promotion J.Salvesky	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 Jeanette Salesvsky, from Caseworker 1 to Caseworker 2, Foster Care Unit, \$18.94/hr.
Promotion L.Peffer	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 Lloyd Peffer, from Caseworker 2 to Caseworker 3, \$28.79/hr.

Use of Green 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 use of the Green November 4, 2023 for the wedding of Whitney White and Mike Andreula.

HSS proposals 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 funding of the following Human Services and Supports proposals, totaling \$78,375: Area Agency on Aging/Meal on Wheels: \$20,000; Area Agency on Aging/Emergency Services: \$2,000; Family Services Association of NEPA Helpline: \$7,500; Partners in Progress Inc. Camp Partners Transportation: \$6,275; Tioga County Partnership for Community Health/Resource Directory: \$7,000; TREHAB/Housing Services: \$5,000.

County real estate tax refunds 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 following County real estate tax refunds: Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro Borough, \$27,052.73; Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro Borough, \$148.84; Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro Borough, \$371.69; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$10,059.93; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$10,454.38; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$99.22; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$289.40; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$376.23; Green Home Inc., Wellsboro Borough, \$529.23.

Appt to County Industrial Dev. Authority 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 appointment of Thad Compton to the Tioga County Industrial Development Authority, filling a vacancy due to the resignation of Thomas Freeman.

O/D Fatality Review Team 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 request from the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health to become the lead organization for the establishment of an Overdose Fatality Review Team in Tioga County, pursuant to Section 2301-A (1) xviii) of the Administrative Code of 1929. The Partnership will apply to the PA Dept. of Health for designation as lead organization.

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 adopt the following Resolution:

Adopt Resolution R-13-23

**RESOLUTION BY MUNICIPALITY CERTIFYING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH FOR STATE OPERATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
R-13-23**

The Board of Commissioners of Tioga County resolves and certifies that it will provide Endless Mountains Transportation Authority local funds in the amount of \$ 39,580.44 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Further, the Board of Commissioners resolves and certifies that the required amount of local matching funds will be provided no later than the end of the State Fiscal Year, June 30, 2024. The following schedule indicates dates and payments of eligible local matching funds:

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
<u>January 30, 2024</u>	<u>\$ 19,790.22</u>
<u>March 30, 2024</u>	<u>\$ 19,790.22</u>

I, Erick J. Coolidge, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Tioga County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners held the 11th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Erick J. Coolidge, July 11, 2023

Atty M. Wells contract 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 an extension of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Atty. Megan S. Wells, for her role as Solicitor for the Tioga County Dept. of Human Services Children and Youth division, \$125/hr. This is a one-year agreement (July 11, 2023 – July 10, 2024) and will renew automatically.

Frontier Comm Agreement 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 an agreement with Frontier Communications for the removal of poles and transfer of wires between poles, in order to accommodate the Marsh Creek Greenway Trailhead facility - \$14,084.12 Act 13.

Vision Govt agreement 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 an agreement with Vision Government Solutions for the preparation and mailing of final property reassessment notices - \$32,000. Act 13.

DHS – 13 agreements 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 13 agreements for the Department of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –

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- Cindy Copp – cost of MCG Trailhead/Pine Creek Rail Trail Extension/Charleston Street connector
- Marc Rice – DCNR requested to change name of trail from Marsh Creek Greenway to Pine Creek Rail Trail and the facility from Marsh Creek Greenway Trailhead to Patterson Trailhead Facility; cost is approximately \$1.2M for the connector project
- James Rouse – complaints against the Veterans Affairs office; phone calls not answered; claims not filed
- Erick Coolidge – will look into the VA issues; no more accusations will be made without other parties present
- Shawn Clark – submitted signed petitions for a fair reassessment; millages
- Erick Coolidge – the county will propose cyclical (5-6 yr.) reassessments to keep in line with the market; there is a community board in place to observe and have oversight of project

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Chris Eckert – was former township supervisor in Monroe County and they did a reassessment; millage dropped drastically; businesses had been valued extremely low
Cindy Copp – picked up a reassessment informational brochure at a store, was very informative
Joy Childs – should be looking at school directors being voted in
James Rouse – speaking on behalf of Philip Butler who also has been denied VA benefits for 8 years

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for August 15, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton

Roger C. Bunn