

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Roger C. Bunn, Erick J. Coolidge, and Mark L. Hamilton. Also present was Derek Williams, Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, Deb Crawford and Max Harrison. Members of the public included Ron Johnson, Kevin Connolly, and press representatives Jason Pryzbycien and Diane Eaton.

Pledge of Allegiance

For information –

- The August 25th Board of Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Ward Township Building (1162 Lower Mountain Road, Canton)
- The grand opening of the new Tioga County Dept. of Emergency Services will be on September 11, 2015. A dedication ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. and tours will be held hourly from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Public Comments – (agenda items):

None

Minutes

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 minutes of July 21, 2015.

Termination
B. Burket

For information, terminated Brian Burket, Clerk in the Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts Office, effective 7/24/15.

Transfer
T. Nobles

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 transfer of Tiffany Nobles from Corrections Officer to Executive Assistant of Records, Tioga County Prison, \$12.00/hour with benefits.

Resignation
S. Parks

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 Shanie Parks, Caseworker 1, Family Services, effective 8/10/15.

Tabled bids for
paving projects

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 table the following bids received for two paving projects (District Justice parking lot in Mansfield and Dept. of Human Services parking lot): Stuart Lisowski: Total \$180,068 (\$43,222 – DJ; \$136,846 – DHS); Glenn Hawbaker: Total \$166,942.80 (\$39,822 – DJ; \$127,120 – DHS).

County aid
applications

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 following County aid applications: Charleston Township, \$7,875.50; Knoxville Borough, \$1,090.50; Putnam Township, \$691.50; Duncan Township, \$663.00; Tioga Township, \$2,809.00; Blossburg Borough, \$2,843.50; Liberty Borough, \$441.00; Elk Township, \$521.00.

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 the following County real estate tax refunds: Debra Kintzley & Troy Young, Westfield Twp., \$20.59; NE Hub Partners, Farmington Twp., \$86.44; Edward Signor & Chester Sherant, Charleston Twp., \$113.94; Larry Edward & Adrienne Fell, Brookfield Twp., \$93.73; Dane Jonathan Kurzejewski, Covington Twp., \$24.54; Jeffrey & Kathleen Wheeler, Jackson Twp., \$130.67; Timothy & Christine Watkins, Jackson Twp., \$75.65; Bruce Barton & Judith Somberger, Delmar Twp., \$29.64; Leon & Doris Johnson, Delmar Twp., \$85.20; M. Arlene Webster, Richmond Twp., \$64.05.

Housing
Authority
Resident Board
member

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 appointment of William R. Myers of Riverside Park, Blossburg, as the Resident Board Member from Tioga County to the Bradford/Tioga Housing Authority and the Tioga County Redevelopment Authority.

Use of Green

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 use of the Green by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4907 and the American Legion Post 84 of Wellsboro on Friday, September 18, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m., for a ceremony to honor the military veterans of the United States during POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Use of Green

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 use of the Green on Saturday, December 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. for the 2015 Dickens of a Christmas tree lighting ceremony and carol sing as well as use of the parking lot all day.

Funding for
parking study

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 funding of \$3,000 towards the Wellsboro parking study. Act 13

Funding for
AAA
volunteers

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 funding of \$1,491 per month (half of the mileage reimbursement cost) to the Area Agency on Aging, for home-delivered meals in Tioga County, until the State budget is adopted. This is being done with the expectation that the County will be reimbursed this cost once the State budget is adopted. Act 13

Change orders
for document
storage bldg.

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 following change orders for air conditioning in the new document storage building:

- Schoonover Plumbing & Heating – provide air conditioning for environmental control - \$31,000, Act 13
- G. R. Noto Electrical – provide additional electric circuit for the air conditioning unit - \$2,008 – Act 13

Purchase
agreement for
St James
complex

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 purchase agreement between Tioga County (seller) and PA Affordable Housing 3, L. P. (buyer), of the St. James Complex, Mansfield, \$100,000.00. This purchase is contingent upon the buyer receiving funding.

Tax collector agreement w/ Roseville Boro

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 an agreement between Tioga County and the Borough of Roseville, appointing the County as tax collector for the period 8/11/15 – 12/31/17.

Deputy tax collectors for Roseville Boro

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 appointment of Joshua Zeyn, Kenneth Raymond, Michelle English, Barbara Wilson and Tina McGarry as deputy tax collectors for Roseville Borough.

Agreement w/ EADS 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 an agreement with EADS Architects to provide engineering services to perform field visits and complete a repair plan for the human service building, resulting from a ceiling collapse. Cost not to exceed \$10,000. Act 13.

2015 Small Communities Program 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 2015 Small Communities Program Administration Agreement between Tioga County and the Tioga County Housing Authority, designating the Authority as the agent for the execution of the Small Communities Program, and overseeing the grant expenditures and program activities. A \$239,013 Small Communities Entitlement Grant for fiscal year 2015 will be applied for through the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development.

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 adopt the following Resolution:

TIOGA COUNTY EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY
RESOLUTION NO. R-13-15

Adopt Resolution R-13-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TIOGA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING POLICY PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed Section 104(1) to the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act stating that no CDBG funds may be obligated or expended by any unit of general local government that fails to adopt and enforce a policy of prohibiting the use of excessive force by local law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; or fails to adopt and enforce a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, the COUNTY of TIOGA has received a Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act;

AND WHEREAS, the failure to enforce such policies may cause the COUNTY to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1 It is the POLICY of TIOGA COUNTY that excessive force by local law enforcement agencies shall not be used against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY boundaries.

SECTION 2 It is the POLICY of TIOGA COUNTY to enforce applicable state and local laws against the physical barring of an entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3 The TIOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will coordinate with the TIOGA COUNTY Sheriff to implement this Resolution by amending applicable Sheriff's Office procedures.

PASSED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF TIOGA, PENNSYLVANIA.

/s/ Roger C. Bunn
/s/ Erick J. Coolidge
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton
Date: 8/11/2015 Attest: /s/ Janice Chamberlain

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:

RESOLUTION R-14-15

Adopt Resolution R-14-15

A RESOLUTION authorizing the receipt of 911 subscriber and consumer fees for local use as provided by 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1 of Chapter 53 (911 Emergency Communication Services) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Act of June 29, 2015 (P.L. 36, No. 12), amending Chapter 53 (911 Emergency Communications Services) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, provides for the establishment, administration, and funding of 911 systems in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1 establishes a fund in the State Treasury to be known as the 911 Fund, consisting of fees and consumer charges collected by providers of 911 communications services and sellers of prepaid wireless telecommunications service; and

WHEREAS, 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1 at subsection (h) requires the governing body of each county, to be eligible to receive funds from the 911 Fund, to adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of the funds; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County has determined that it wishes to receive funds from the 911 Fund established pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1 and hereby presents the following Resolution No. R-14-15 for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners enacts Resolution No. R-14-15 as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of Tioga County, finding that it is in the best interests of Tioga County, hereby enacts this Resolution authorizing receipt of funds from the 911 Fund established pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1.

Section 2. The fees collected pursuant to this Resolution shall be used by Tioga County for the provision of 911 services in the County, as described in Chapter 53 (911 Emergency Communications Services) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners of Tioga County directs the Chief Clerk to notify the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency of the enactment of this resolution by Tioga County, as required by 35 Pa.C.S. §5306.1(h).

Adopted this 11th day of August 2015 by the Tioga County Board of Commissioners.

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

35 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 35 agreements/amendments for the Dept. of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –
Deb Crawford – explained the base acre value
Kevin Connolly – asked the Board for permission for Deane Center visitors to use the courthouse parking lot for evening and weekend events

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Attest: _____
Derek Williams

Roger C. Bunn

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton