

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: Roger C. Bunn, Erick J. Coolidge, and Mark L. Hamilton. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Marc Rice, Kera Hackett, Nancy Clemens, Lisa Rice, Deb Crawford, Betsy Craig, Becky Briggs, Julie Sticklin, Leslie Wishard, Tiffany Cummings, and press representative Nat Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 March 13, 2018.

Hire S. McKay For information, hired Stacy McKay for the Judicial Line Staff in the Domestic Relations Office, \$13.43/hr. with benefits.

Hire T. Young 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 Trevor Young, Maintenance Supervisor, Dept. of Human Services, \$19.00/hr. with benefits.

Hire M. Kilburn 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 Melinda Kilburn, Tax Claim Clerk, \$11.00/hr. with benefits.

Retirement I. Heatley 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 retirement of Irene Heatley, effective 4/2/18.

County tax refund 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 County real estate tax refund to: Koerber Jeana DiGuiseppe & Michael, Gaines Township, \$62.46.

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 issue the following Proclamation:

Proclamation  
National  
Library Week

**National Library Week 2018  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania librarians are organizers and information experts who for centuries have guided people to the best information resources. Librarians provide more than facts. They provide the expertise and services that add meaning to those facts;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with a community and its needs;

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Library Association's PA Forward initiative provides a collective voice for libraries throughout the commonwealth to tell their stories and build capacity for the work they do with and for patrons, fueling growth and opportunity in their local areas;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources, workforce development, and the power of reading and lifelong education;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Tioga County Board of Commissioners proclaim *National Library Week, April 9-13, 2018*. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your local librarians. Because of you and our experts in the library, libraries help move Pennsylvania Forward!

Proclamation  
Child Abuse  
Prevention  
Month

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 issue the following Proclamation:

Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Proclamation  
April 2018

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 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 rearing their children in an safe, nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs success 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/ Roger C. Bunn  
/s/ Erick J. Coolidge  
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton

Proclamation  
National  
Telecommu-  
nicator's Week

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 issue the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Telecommunicator's Week**  
**April 8-14, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Tioga County Communications Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Tioga County Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved** that the Commissioners of Tioga County declare the week of April 8 through April 14, 2018 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Tioga County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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

Resolution  
R-2-18

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 AUTHORIZING  
COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION  
on behalf of the  
LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH  
R-2-18

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Tioga County

THAT an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$720,300 is hereby approved. A copy of the application in all detail is made part of this resolution and marked EXHIBIT A.

The Chairman of the County Commissioners is authorized to sign the application, the required Statement of Assurances, Disclosure Report and Administration Agreement with the Tioga County Housing Authority.

ATTEST: /s/ Janice Chamberlain

TIOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Roger Bunn, Chairman

/s/ Erick Coolidge, Commissioner

/s/ Mark Hamilton, Commissioner

Insinger  
Excavation –  
change order

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 change order #4 from Insinger Excavation, for the Marsh Creek channel realignment/stabilization project. This change order cancels out change orders #2 & #3. Change order #2 was for township hauling permits, which have been waived by the township. Change order #3 was for a construction allowance to repair Hilboldt Road. The township has agreed to make necessary road repairs, up to \$10,000.

DHS – 4  
agreements

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 four agreements for the Department of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –  
None

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Chamberlain

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Roger C. Bunn

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Erick J. Coolidge

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Mark L. Hamilton