

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mark L. Hamilton, Roger C. Bunn and Erick J. Coolidge. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Max Harrison, Deb Crawford, and Frank A. Higgins, Jr. Members of the public included Jim Davis, John Kesich, Nicholas Lalic, Leon Kocher; press representatives Diane Eaton and Cheryl Clarke.

Pledge of Allegiance

For information – the next Board of Commissioners meeting, September 24th, will be held at the Westfield Township Building (528 Mill Street) at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments – (agenda items)
None

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of August 27, 2013.

Hire P. Sutton
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 hire of Peggy Sutton, full-time Social Services Aide 2 – Independent Living Program Worker, Residential Svcs., DHS, \$10.36/hr. with benefits.

Hire P. Bradley
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 hire of Paula Bradley, full-time Cook, Tioga County Prison, \$10.00/hr. with benefits.

Resignation of S. Meyer
A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of Sarah Meyer, Youth Development Counselor, effective 9/10/13.

Purchase 2 radios for Ansonia tower site
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 purchase of 2 base radios for the Ansonia tower site from Motorola Solutions, \$45,154.30; funding from the Act 13 account.

Appt. J. Walker to TCPC
A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the appointment of John Walker to the Tioga County Planning Commission, who will finish out the current term of Richard Tickner who has resigned. Current term will end December 2014.

County real estate tax refund
A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve one County real estate tax refund to Debra Sue Plank et al, Liberty Twp., \$29.60.

Adopt Excessive Force Policy
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 adopt the Tioga County Excessive Force Policy.

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 adopt the following Resolution:

**TIOGA COUNTY EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY
RESOLUTION NO. R-13-49**

Adopt Resolution R-13-49

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

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed Section 104(1) to the Title I 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 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 I 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 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.

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

/s/ Mark Hamilton

Title: Commissioner

/s/ Roger C. Bunn

/s/ Erick J. Coolidge

Date: 9-1-13

Attest: /s/ Janice Chamberlain

Medical provider agreements for Prison Drs.

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 medical provider agreements with Dr. William Keenan, Dr. Matthew Meeker and Dr. Kristine Tofts to provide medical services to inmates at the Tioga County Prison; \$90.00/hr. for on-site medical care; \$28.00/day for on-call services.

Amend Ordinance 2005-01

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to adopt an amendment to Ordinance 2005-01, Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan: Section IV. A. The taxpayer shall apply for the exemption within **30 days** of the time of obtaining a building permit or, if no building permit is required, at the time of commencement of any improvements or new construction and shall comply with all procedures established by the municipal governing body where the property is located.

10 Agreements/Amendments for DHS

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve 10 Agreements/Amendments for DHS. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –

Nicholas Lalic – comprehensive plan; spending of Act 13 \$; Congressman visit to Tioga County – no town mtg
John Kesich – preferential tax assessment plan wording; light bulbs in CH and disposing of fluorescent bulbs; program for County to accept fluorescent bulbs and send out to recycle; award to Mill Cove; 9/11 anniversary; use of manure for methane gas energy; greater effort to reach the public
Leon Kocher – jury selection and residents 70+ years and reimbursement; Act 13 loan to Liberty Borough; SB66 re: property assessments

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain
Asst. Chief Clerk

Mark L. Hamilton

Roger C. Bunn

Erick J. Coolidge