

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: Mark L. Hamilton and Erick J. Coolidge. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, Marc Rice, Josh Zeyn, Sara Rice, Becky Briggs, Christine Perry, Brad Boyce, Peter Folen, Skip Cavanaugh, and press representative Natalie 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 two ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021.
Promote R.Kotch	For information, promoted Rebecca Kotch to Adult Probation Officer Aide, \$16.24/hr. with benefits.
Hire J.Miller	For information, hired Jennifer Miller, Judicial Line Staff, Probation department, \$13.83/hr. with benefits.
Hire L.Lindquist	For information, hired Laurel Lindquist, Court Monitor, \$13.83/hr. with benefits.
Resignation E. delosRios H. Patterson	For information, the following individuals have retired / resigned: Erin de los Rios, Administrative Assistant / Paralegal, District Attorney's Office, effective 5/31/21 Heather Patterson, Family Services, effective 5/21/21
Hire G.Sutley	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Grant Sutley, Field Assessor, Assessment office, \$14.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire J.Ebert	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Jason Ebert, Laborer, \$13.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire M.Jones	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Morgan Jones, Resource Conservationist, Soil Conservation District, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.
Hire T.Wetzel, M.Crippen, J.Frost, M.Miller, C.Edkin	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of the following part-time on-call Corrections Officers, at the rate of \$13.81/hr., no benefits: Tyler Wetzel; Michael Crippen; Jordan Frost; Melissa Miller, and Christopher Edkin.
Transfer M.Shabloski	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the transfer of Marti Shabloski from the Probation department to Administrative Assistant 2, Department of Emergency Services, \$19.06/hr. with benefits.
Promotion A.Brooks	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Adam Brooks, from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$19.02/hr. with benefits.
Termination C.Smith	A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the termination of Cody Smith, part-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, effective 3/31/21.
County real estate tax refunds	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the following County real estate tax refunds: Jay & Wanda Erb, Lawrence Twp., \$98.25; James & Tara Freeman, Shippen Twp., \$28.62; Kevin & Meranda Abma, Sullivan Twp., \$56.33; Buck Valley Farms LLC, Tioga Twp., \$63.76; Leon & Marjorie Tillotson, Union Twp., \$173.25.
Use of Green	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green for the 4 th Annual Children's Business Fair, August 6, 2021.
Use of Green	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green and the courthouse parking lot for the 2021 Relay for Life Event, August 28, 2021.
L.Urbano GAL contract termination	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the termination of Lenore Urbano's Guardian ad Litem contract, effective June 30, 2021, due to her retirement. (A new GAL contract was approved on 4/13/2021 with Trish Hoover Jasper).
Reappointment to Housing Auth. Board	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the reappointment of Alan (Bob) Goodrich and Louise Ficca to the Tioga County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, for five-year terms: May 1, 2021- April 30, 2026.
Adopt Resolution R-8-21	A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to adopt the following Resolution

RESOLUTION
REMEMBER THE USS LIBERTY
R-8-21

Whereas, the USS Liberty AGTR5, a US Navy intelligence gathering ship, was operating in international waters off the Sinai Peninsula on June 8, 1967; and

Whereas, the Israeli/Arab 6-day War was in progress; and

Whereas, the USS Liberty was clearly marked and flying the American flag; and

Whereas, Israeli military forces, strafed, napalmed and torpedoed the USS Liberty at will with only token resistance from Liberty machine guns; and

Whereas, the commanding officer, Captain William L. McGonagle, and the valiant crew attempted to save the ship from total destruction while awaiting US Navy assistance; and

Whereas, the fighter aircraft launched from the USS Enterprise to rescue the Liberty were recalled under orders from Washington; and

Whereas, 34 non-combatant men, military and civilian, lost their lives in the performance of their duty as well as 172 wounded; and

Whereas, the Israeli government labeled this assault on a US Navy ship as an "accident" and "mistaken identity" even though the USS Liberty was clearly marked with hull markings and flying the American flag in a stiff breeze; and

Whereas, the US Navy and National Security Agency intelligence chiefs familiar with this unprovoked attack by an "allied government" have stated unequivocally that Israeli forces had clearly identified the Liberty.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tioga County Commissioners do hereby declare June 8, 2021 as "Remember the USS Liberty Day" and order the flag at the Tioga County Courthouse and other County facilities to be flown at half-mast in memory and support of the officers, crew and their families.

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

W.C.Eshenaur
HVAC at DHS

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to accept a bid from W. C. Eshenaur for HVAC replacement at the main Human Services building. The project is split into 2 sections: north side, \$14,830; south side, \$15,800.

9 agreements –
DHS

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve nine agreements for Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public comment –

Skip Cavanaugh – a pop-up museum at 80 Main Street in Wellsboro is showing Corning Glass Works items
Nat Kennedy – asked if there was any comment to the National Guard flyover zone over a portion of Tioga County. There was no comment.

At 10:25, the meeting was temporarily placed on hold.

At 10:30, the meeting was re-opened.

Open sealed
bids

Sealed bids received for the Patterson building demolition project were opened.

At 10:34, executive session was called.

At 10:44, the board reconvened.

Accept bid –
Lycoming
Supply

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to accept the low bid from Lycoming Supply, \$71,627.

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for June 15, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Mark L. Hamilton

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain

Erick J. Coolidge

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Salary Board was called to order today at 10:25 a.m. with the following members present: Mark L. Hamilton, Erick J. Coolidge, and Kera Hackett. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Marc Rice, Josh Zeyn, Sara Rice, Becky Briggs, Christine Perry, Brad Boyce, Peter Folen, Skip Cavanaugh, and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Minutes A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Kera Hackett and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021.

Create APO Aide, Probation A motion was made by Kera Hackett, seconded by Erick J. Coolidge and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the creation of an Adult Probation Officer Aide in the Probation department, \$16.24/hr. with benefits.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Mark L. Hamilton

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain

Erick J. Coolidge

Kera Hackett