

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 Roger C. Bunn. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, Sara Rice, Deb Crawford, Marc Rice, Frank Levindoski, Betsy Craig, Christine Perry, Matt Russell, Mike Berger, Wendy Hastings, Kevin Clark, and press representative Josh Magnotta.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (agenda items) – None

For information - Commissioner Mark Hamilton, Matt Russell, and Wendy Hastings shared information about recertifications for those in Tioga County whose EMS certifications have expired within the past ten years. Within the next 18 months, their certifications can be reinstated if con-ed credits are taken; no testing necessary. This is a great opportunity for more EMTs to get their certifications back, including those who have moved back into the county. There are approximately 326 expired certificates in Tioga County within the last 10 years.

Minutes A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020.

Retirement R. Basalyga For information, Robert Basalyga, IT Director, retired effective 2/20/2020.

Resignation J. Neal For information, James Neal, Erosion and Sediment Control Technician at the Soil Conservation District, resigned effective 3/20/2020.

Hire A. Robbins A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Adam Robbins, Maintenance Worker 2, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.

Hire J. Taylor A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Joann Taylor, full-time Dispatcher-in-training, Department of Emergency Services, \$13.50/hr. with benefits.

Promotion J. Ingerick A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of John Ingerick, from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$18.46/hr. with benefits.

Promotion V. Losinger A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Virginia Losinger, from Clerk Typist 2 to Clerk Typist 3, Family Services, \$18.57/hr. with benefits.

Use of Green A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a request by the Dept. of Human Services, to use the Green on May 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a community event in recognition of April 2020, Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Issue Proclamation

Tioga County Department of Human Services
Development Disabilities Awareness Month
March 2020

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf has proclaimed March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, people with a developmental disability are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and all are valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, we value what is important to people with disabilities and their families who are striving for everyday lives no different than those of all other citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wolf signed an executive order to increase integrated employment opportunities among people with disabilities in Pennsylvania because it is recognized that individuals with disabilities have the capacity to positively contribute to the development of Pennsylvania's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Wolf administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services launched the Supporting Families Initiative, which provides grants to regional collaboratives to encourage families of individuals with developmental disabilities or autism to have high expectations for full and purposeful lives that include meaningful jobs in the community, friendships, health, safety, and spiritual and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services continues to increase opportunities for competitive, integrated employment across the Commonwealth for those with developmental disabilities who wish to work; and

WHEREAS, educational opportunities for those with developmental disabilities have increased with the implementation of inclusive secondary education certificate programs at Pennsylvania institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services continues to offer opportunities to individuals and family members through a growing complement of training initiatives and services that allow them to increase their knowledge about advocacy, supports, and disability services; and

WHEREAS, early intervention, education, employment, and home and community-based services continue to be vital to enabling citizens with a developmental disability to enjoy the rights of citizenship and to participate in the life of Pennsylvania's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions of people with development disability, we, the Commissioners of Tioga County, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. We encourage all citizens to support Pennsylvanians with a developmental disability and their families in all aspects of Pennsylvania community life.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2020.

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

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Issue
Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

TIOGA COUNTY DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS
PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of April 2020 is recognized as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" across our Commonwealth, an initiative supported by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center celebrating its 48th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, this unique service provides an easy to use one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage and minimizing utility service interruptions while protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania One Call System began with only six utility companies in western Pennsylvania and now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the service annually receives more than 1,000,000 notification requests and transmits more than seven (7) million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, economic development throughout Tioga County and Pennsylvania is growing, and it is important to minimize the damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution, and the loss of utility services; and

WHEREAS, we are thankful for the service provided by Pennsylvania 811 and encourage all residents, engineers, designers, excavators, and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool, or replacing a driveway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tioga County does hereby proclaim April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

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

EADS
Architects –
amendments to
MDJ building
agreements

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve an amendment to current agreements with EADS Architects for the following: New Mansfield MDJ building – additional detainee unisex restroom; add conference room; raise roof 12"; HVAC design change; ceramic tile for floors and ½ walls in restrooms; secure door from waiting area; provide smoke detection in facility; chair railing; flooring in waiting room and public conference rooms; substitute exterior siding; alternative to cast iron downspout boots. Renovations to Elkland MDJ building – provide detainee unisex restroom; secure door from waiting area; provide smoke detection in facility. \$24,700 – Act 13.

MUPSTI
funding

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve funding of \$30,000 to the Mansfield University Public Safety Training Institute (MUPSTI) to be used toward training, supplies, marketing, technology maintenance, etc. Act 13.

NTSWA
dumpsters at
Prison

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve an agreement with Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority for dumpsters at the Tioga County Prison for the term April 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021. Pickup weekly - \$217.00

Core sampling
new MDJ
Mansfield bldg.

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a proposal from Professional Geotechnical Engineering Services for core sampling at the new Mansfield MDJ building site - \$7,000. Act 13.

Prison radio
maintenance
agreement

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to table a three-year maintenance agreement with Capital Area Communications for the radios at the Tioga County Prison.

Eshenaur –
Prison cell
water pin traps

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a proposal from W. C. Eshenaur & Son, Inc. for labor and material to install 14 pin traps in Prison cell water closets, \$8,526.71. Act 13.

North Country
Woodworking
– courthouse
door

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a proposal from North Country Woodworking, Inc. to restore side courthouse door hardware and installation - \$5,520. Act 13.

AEP Energy –
electricity
agreement

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a three-year energy purchase agreement with AEP Energy, for electricity service at county locations in Elkland, Mansfield, and Morris, at a rate of \$0.05843 (per kWh).

MP2 Energy –
electricity
agreement

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve a three-year energy sales agreement with MP2 Energy, for electricity service at county locations in Wellsboro, at a rate of \$0.063740 (per kWh).

MCM – prof.
services
agreement with
911

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approved a five-year agreement with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., to provide professional services for 911 and emergency management planning. Fees are as follows, by project and year:
911 Planning: 2020: \$21,873; 2021: \$22,530; 2022: \$23,205; 2023: \$23,902; 2024: \$24,619
Emergency Management: 2020 (for 200 hours of service/year): \$23,995; Years 2021 – 2024 fee is based on 80 hours of service/year): 2021: \$14,966; 2022: \$15,318; 2023: \$15,686; 2024: \$15,916.

DHS – 10
agreements

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of two ayes and no nays to approve ten agreements for the Department of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment –

Public
Comment

Michael Berger – post office mailing for the Census will go out the week of March 16th to 112 million households; only 9 questions to be answered and can be done via mail, phone, or internet; 200 enumerators have been hired and will canvass those areas that do not respond, to see assistance is needed with the questionnaire; responses affect representation and dollars at the federal and state levels.

Kevin Clark – community garden letter of support

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Mark L. Hamilton

Attest: _____
Derek Williams

Roger C. Bunn