

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Erick J. Coolidge, Mark L. Hamilton, and Roger C. Bunn. Also present were Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, Deb Crawford, and George Coxe. Members of the public included Nicholas Lalic, John Kesich, Lori Copp, Julie VanNess, Ron Johnson, Adam Cornell, Hugh Cornell, Max Colegrove, Andrew Nadas; press representatives Natalie Kennedy and Mark Maroney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Tioga County
Marketing
Initiative
Awards

The Tioga County Marketing Initiative Awards (total of \$30,250) were distributed as follows:

- Blossburg State Coal Festival - \$1,500.00
- Deane Center for the Performing Arts - \$3,000.00
- Endless Mountain Music Festival - \$5,000.00
- Hamilton-Gibson Productions - \$1,000.00
- Liberty Blockhouse Festival - \$250.00
- Mansfield Chamber of Commerce - \$500.00
- Mansfield University & Mansfield Chamber of Commerce - \$1,500.00
- Mill Cove, Inc. - \$2,000.00
- Potter-Tioga Maple Producers Assoc. - \$3,000.00
- Tioga County Early Days - \$1,500.00
- Tioga Partnership for Community Health - \$1,000.00
- Tyoga Running Club, Inc. - \$5,000.00
- Wellsboro Foundation - \$5,000.00

Public Comments – (agenda items)

Nicholas Lalic – services provided by Al Kishel, Pat Vaughn

Minutes

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014.

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-2-14

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
RESOLUTION No. R-2-14**

**MAX AARON COLEGROVE
EAGLE SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the accomplishments of Max Aaron Colegrove, of Mansfield Boy Scout Troop 106, who has earned the Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Award is the highest Boy Scout award; and

WHEREAS, Max is an exceptional, young Tioga County citizen. He has taken on a number of leadership roles while in scouting including Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Chaplain's Aide; and

WHEREAS, Max's Eagle project was renovating the Max Colegrove Park in Mansfield which was named in memory of his grandfather. Max organized the project which involved refurbishing the picnic tables, benches and flowerbed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to offer their sincere congratulations to Max Colegrove on his receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Resolved this 25th day of February 2014.

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

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-5-14

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
RESOLUTION No. R-5-14**

**ANDREW NADAS
EAGLE SCOUT**

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the accomplishments of Andrew Nadas, of Mansfield Boy Scout Troop 106, who has earned the Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Award is the highest Boy Scout award; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is an exceptional, young Tioga County citizen. He has taken on a number of leadership roles while in scouting including Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aide and Bugler; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's Eagle project was organizing a vacation bible school for Holy Child Parish in Mansfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wishes to offer their sincere congratulations to Andrew Nadas on his receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Resolved this 25th day of February 2014.

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

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-3-14

**COUNTY OF TIOGA
RESOLUTION No. R-3-14**

Adam Cornell

WHEREAS, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners wish to congratulate Adam Cornell, winner of the 2013 World Karting Association's Gold Cup National championship in Sportsman 2 Lite; and

WHEREAS, Adam began practicing racing go-karts at the age of six and won his first race four days later. In 2009, Adam was old enough to begin road racing and won the World Karting Associations Northeast Division Sprint Series championship. Adam has been competing ever since and overall has 66 career feature wins and 6 championships; and

WHEREAS, a seventh grader at the Rock L. Butler Middle School in Wellsboro, Adam continues to holds a 3.25 GPA, with English and Science being his favorite subjects as well as playing on the school's soccer team; and

WHEREAS, Adam is a member of Boy Scout Troop 2046 and enjoys the challenges of earning different merit badges; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners recognize Adam's success and wish him the best of luck in his racing career.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2014.

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

Hire L. Confer

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Lori Confer, Clerk Typist 2, Residential Services, \$9.93/hr. with benefits.

Promote M. Reid

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Michael Reid to Deputy Warden, Tioga County Prison, \$47,012.81/year.

Resignation C. Benelli

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of Carol Benelli, Fiscal Technician, DHS Fiscal, effective 2/21/14.

Resignation R. Yskamp

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the resignation of Rebecca Yskamp, Caseworker 1, Family Services, DHS, effective 2/24/14.

Termination L. Finkelday

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the termination of Lucas Finkelday, part-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison effective 2/24/14.

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-4-14

**County of Tioga
Resolution No. R-4-14**

WHEREAS, it is illegal to use public resources for political and partisan purposes; and

WHEREAS, public sector employee unions engage in and spend money on political and partisan activity, including direct campaign contributions to candidates for local, state and national office, get out the vote efforts, issue advocacy, contributions to third-party political and partisan organizations, endorsements of candidates, as well as fundraising for campaign contributions to union political action committees (PAC); and

WHEREAS, public sector employee unions – and only public sector employee unions – are permitted to collectively bargain to use taxpayer-funded payroll services to automatically deduct union fees, dues and campaign contribution from employees' paychecks; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer resources are spent when union fees, dues and campaign contributions are automatically withheld from employees' paychecks, bundled together, and remitted to public sector employee unions; and

WHEREAS, the automatic deduction of union dues violates the accountability between an organization and its members by eliminating the ability of members to withhold dues; and

WHEREAS, it is not an undue burden on public sector employee unions to collect their own union fees, dues and campaign contributions directly from members without taxpayer subsidies; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners believes it is a conflict of interest for county commissioners to use public resources to collect any monies that are used for political or partisan purposes; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the use of public resources for political and partisan purposes, without exception, promotes a consistent position of government neutrality by giving favor for no one; and

WHEREAS, ending the taxpayer-funded collection, bundling and remittance of union fees, dues, and campaign contributions will not otherwise alter or hinder the relationship between public employees and their unions or the abilities and rights of unions to participate in political and partisan activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the County Commissioners of Tioga County, Pennsylvania encourages the Governor and General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to prohibit the collection and public sector employee union fees, membership dues and campaign contributions by government as a matter for collective bargaining with public sector employee unions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the County's website and submitted to the elected state senators and representatives of the county in the General Assembly, to the Governor of Pennsylvania, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

COUNTY OF TIOGA /s/ Erick J. Coolidge
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton
Attest: /s/ Derek Williams /s/ Roger C. Bunn

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, being the Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tioga, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular and lawful meeting of said Board held on the 25th day of February, 2014, as the same appears on the minutes of said Board in its Minute Book Volume.

WITNESS my hand this 25th day of February 2014. /s/ Derek Williams, Chief Clerk

Approve advertising request – DHS

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a request from the Dept. of Human Services to advertise a public notice for the 2014/2015 Human Services and Supports Program advertising and hearing.

Agreement w/ Susquehanna Group Adv.

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve an agreement with Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. to perform accounting services for Tioga County, 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014, \$42,500.

Agreement w/ Inventive Software Sys

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve an agreement with Patricia Vaughan of Inventive Software Systems, LLC to provide consultation to various departments for AccuFund, reporting, and fixed assets, 1/1/14 – 12/31/14, \$10,000 (this is a continuation of support provided previously under Mr. Al Kishel, CPA).

Agreement w/ Inventive Software Sys

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve an agreement with Patricia Vaughan of Inventive Software Services, LLC to provide consultation for cost allocation and AccuFund for the Dept. of Human Services, 1/1/14 – 12/31/14, \$6,000 (this is a continuation of support provided previously under Mr. Al Kishel, CPA).

Accept bid from Sabre for tower

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to accept a bid from Sabre Industries, Inc. for a 180' self-support tower at the new 911 complex, \$49,286 (will be paid from Act 13 account).

Accept bid from Sabre for shelter

A motion was made by Roger C. Bunn, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to accept a bid from Sabre Industries, Inc. for an equipment shelter, \$65,590 (will be paid from Act 13 account)

1 Amendment for DHS

A motion was made by Mark L. Hamilton, seconded by Roger C. Bunn and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve one Amendment for the Dept. of Human Services: Therapy Source, Inc. – Amendment #1 to the 2013/2014 Infants, Toddlers & Families Medicaid Waiver for the provision of EI services (waiver funded).

Public Comment –

Commissioner Coolidge – gave update on HR 3370 – Homeowner's Flood Insurance Affordability Act

Nicholas Lalic – Senior Citizen lunches

John Kesich – answers to his email to the Commissioners re: 2011 election

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain
Asst. Chief Clerk

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton

Roger C. Bunn