

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order today at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Roger C. Bunn, Erick J. Coolidge, and Mark L. Hamilton. Also present was Derek Williams, Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, and Nancy Clemens. Members of the public included Martha Rusk, Marie Kane and press representatives Nat Kennedy and Cheryl Clarke.

Pledge of Allegiance

For information –

- The 2017 Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- The 1st regular Board of Commissioners meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
- Announced the retirement of Robert Hansen, Penn State Extension District Director, effective 12/31/16.
- In response to a request from the Tax Collector Association, the Board of Commissioners denied a pay increase for tax collectors. Their rate will remain at \$2.25 per bill collected.

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 November 15, 2016.

Hire E. Cochran

For information, hired Eli Cochran, full-time Deputy Sheriff, \$15.00/hr. with benefits.

Hire C. Krick

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 Caleb Krick, part-time Child Care Worker, Residential Treatment, \$10.02/hr., no benefits.

Hire S. Gleckner

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 Shelly Gleckner, Social Services Aide 2 – Case Aide, Family Services, \$10.36/hr., with benefits.

Hire J. Olson

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 Jesse Olson, part-time Hazard Mitigation Planner, Dept. of Emergency Services, \$12.00/hr., no benefits.

Promotion A. Cecce

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 promotion of Alexis Cecce to County Caseworker 2, Ongoing Unit, Family Services, \$16.50/hr. with benefits.

Promotion K. Mulhearn

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 promotion of Kelly Mulhern to County Caseworker 2, Placement Unit, Family Services, \$16.50/hr. with benefits.

Promotion T. Tanner

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 promotion of Trisha Tanner to County Caseworker 2, Service Planning Unit, Family Services, \$16.50/hr. with benefits.

Promotion K. Cavanaugh

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 promotion of Keith Cavanaugh to County Caseworker 2, Service Planning Unit, Family Services, \$16.94/hr. with benefits.

Promotion A. Cole

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 promotion of April Cole to full-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$16.24/hr. with benefits, effective 11/22/16.

Resignation C. Barnes

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 resignation of Cynthia Barnes, Child Care Worker, Residential Treatment, effective 12/15/16.

Resignation D. Christman

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 resignation of Dylan Christman, Caseworker, Family Services, effective 12/16/16.

Resignation C. Daugherty

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 resignation of Chad Daugherty, Residential Treatment, effective 11/14/16.

Resignation J. Fritz

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 resignation of Joshua Fritz, Family Services, effective 11/16/16.

Adopted 2017 budgets

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 2017 budgets: General Fund: \$20,019,902; Retirement: \$44,697,770; Liquid Fuels: \$943,303; Dept. of Human Services: \$15,068,524.

Resolution R-19-16

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:

**TAX LEVY RESOLUTION
R-19-16**

A Resolution of the County of Tioga, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Tioga, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the said County subject to taxation for County purposes for the fiscal year 2017 as follows: Tax rate for general County purposes and debt purposes, 6.75 mills per \$1,000.00.

That any resolution or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution. Passed finally by the Board of County Commissioners, this 13th day of December, 2016.

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

Proclamation

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:

**Tioga County
Human Trafficking Month
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Tioga County recognizes the inherent worth and value in all individuals regardless of gender, age, race, and other diversity considerations; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County has joined neighboring counties along the Route 15 Corridor in forming a Human Trafficking Response Team Protocol; and is partnering with contiguous counties in collaborative efforts to combat traffickers and restore victims; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County will support efforts to raise awareness related to human trafficking, in all forms; and

WHEREAS, this local effort, in combination with endeavors at both the state and national levels, will promote awareness and ignite coordinated movements to eradicate this social injustice; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Tioga County do hereby proclaim the month of January 2017 as

National Human Trafficking Month in the County of Tioga

In honor of National Human Trafficking Month, we are calling on our communities, churches, human service organizations, schools, businesses, and families to educate themselves and others to the reality of human trafficking around the world, in America, and in our backyard. Together we can save lives and restore dignity and freedom. In witness whereof, we have set our hand and seal this 13th day of December, 2016.

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

Agreement with Potter County for dispatching

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 a five-year Inter-County Cooperative Communications Agreement with Potter County, in which Tioga County provides Potter County with E-911 dispatching services for both Wired and Wireless 911 calls. Potter County's cost for this service: 2016: \$72,100; 2017: \$72,263; 2018: \$74,490.88; 2019: \$78,785.60; 2020: \$81,149.20.

Audit Agreement with Z/A

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 an agreement with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC for audit services for the years 2017-2020: 2017: \$55,700; 2018: \$57,370; 2019: \$59,090; 2020: \$60,860.

Agreement with Motorola

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 one-year service agreement with Motorola Solutions for all tower sites, \$109,435.80.

9 Agreements for DHS

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 nine agreements/amendments for the Dept. of Human Services (a listing is attached).

Public Comment –
None

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest: _____
Derek Williams

Roger C. Bunn

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton