

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: Roger C. Bunn, Erick J. Coolidge, and Mark L. Hamilton. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Marc Rice, Kera Hackett, Betsy Craig, Becky Briggs, Amy Perry, Josh Zeyn, Julie Sticklin, and press representative Nat 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 three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of May 8, 2018.

Hire B. Poland 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 Bobbilynn Poland, Caseworker 1, Family Services, \$14.75/hr. with benefits.

Hire M. Robinson 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 Mark Robinson, Caseworker 1, Family Services, \$14.75/hr. with benefits.

Hire H. Geiser 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 Heather Geiser, Caseworker 1, Family Services, \$14.75/hr. with benefits.

Hire K. Losito 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 Kayla Losito, part-time Youth Support Specialist, Residential Treatment, \$10.02/hr., no benefits.

Hire M. Taylor 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 Mark Taylor, part-time Youth Support Specialist, Residential Treatment, \$10.02/hr., no benefits.

Hire E. Torres 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 Emily Torres, part-time Youth Support Specialist, Residential Treatment, \$10.02/hr., no benefits.

Hire E. Neiswonger 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 Eric Neiswonger, full-time Dispatcher-in-training, Dept. of Emergency Services, \$13.50/hr. with benefits.

Hire E. Rodriguez 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 Evan Rodriguez, full-time Dispatcher-in-training, Dept. of Emergency Services, \$13.50/hr. with benefits.

Hire K. Ruppert 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 Kathy Ruppert, Custodian, \$10.00/hr. with benefits.

Resignation B. Johnson 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 Brandi Johnson, Judicial Line Staff, effective 5/15/18.

Resignation J. Shumway 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 Jane Shumway, 911 Dispatcher, effective 5/16/18.

Resignation D. Suhr 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 David Suhr, part-time Corrections Officer, effective 5/14/18.

Accept bid from Dalrymple Gravel 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 bid from Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. for paving projects at the courthouse, bridge approaches, and around the Soil Conservation building - \$146,440.

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:

Adopt
Resolution
R-6-18

RESOLUTION

REMEMBER THE USS LIBERTY

R-6-18

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, 2018 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/ Roger C. Bunn
/s/ Erick J. Coolidge
/s/ Mark L. Hamilton

Retainer agreement for class action suit

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 Retainer Agreement between the County of Tioga and Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky, P.C., as counsel for the purpose of filing a class action lawsuit on behalf of the County against those drug manufacturing companies that manufactured, promoted, distributed, and sold opioids nationally, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Tioga County. There is no cost to the County.

Tax abatement Herald Ford, Inc (Dollar General)

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 tax abatement for Herald Ford, Inc. (Dollar General – Westfield, PA).

DHS agreement

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 following agreement for the Dept. of Human Services:
PIP – 2017/2018 Amendment #1 to the Purchase of Service Agreement for Recreation/Leisure Time Activities and Vendor for Public Transportation (ID Funded)

Public Comment –
None

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain

Roger C. Bunn

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton