

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to this evening at 7:00 p.m. in Deerfield Township at the Knoxville Community Center with the following members present: Erick J. Coolidge, Mark L. Hamilton, and Roger C. Bunn. Also present were Janice Chamberlain and Casey Zuchowski. Members of the public included: Christine VanZile, Judy & Doug Persing, Roger Bacon, Alece Howell, Gene Allen, Ron & Sharel Johnson, Deb Crawford, Phil Harding, Douglas Pautz, Tom Baker, Janell & Will Neuhauser, and Diane Kemp; press representatives Natalie Kennedy and Tonya Drake.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments – (agenda items)
None

For information –
. County Aid applications from townships/boroughs are due by August 1, 2014.

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 June 10, 2014.

Hired C. Gausline Hired Carly Gausline as a temporary, full-time License Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, \$9.50/hr., no benefits, effective 7/14/14 through early September 2014.

Reassign: C. Walker W. Kaczynski C. Kriner R. Missel M. Nash
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 reassignment of the following employees from the Detention Center in CORE, to Residential in CORE, due to the closing of the Detention Center, at their current hourly rate:
Carl Walker, Residential Supervisor, \$23.20/hr. with benefits
Wes Kaczynski, Educational Coordinator, \$11.76/hr. with benefits
Chase Kriner, Child Care Worker, \$11.39/hr. with benefits
Rodney Missel, Child Care Worker, \$14.08/hr. with benefits
Michael Nash, Child Care Worker, \$11.33/hr. with benefits

Voluntary demotion T. Dowling 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 voluntary demotion of Tricia Dowling from Youth Development Counselor 1 to Caseworker 1, Residential Services, DHS, \$13.24/hr. with benefits.

Resignation L. Crawford 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 Lori Crawford, Family Services, DHS, effective 6/19/14.

Resignation J. Baker 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 James Baker, ACE (Adventure Challenge Experience) Program Supervisor, DHS, effective 8/15/14.

Resignation B. Strange 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 Brian Strange, part-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, effective 7/5/14.

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 issue the following Proclamation:

Issue Proclamation

**DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP
TIOGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Deerfield Township is a community that strives to preserve the traditions of the past as they encourage the strength and growth of community spirit in the present and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the year 2014 marks the significant occasion of Deerfield Township's two hundredth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, located in Tioga County, Deerfield Township was formed from Delmar Township in 1814, with an area originally of about 150 square miles. Several townships have been formed from the original territory including Westfield, Brookfield, Chatham, Clymer, Osceola and the Borough of Knoxville. In 1879, it regained a part of the territory from which Chatham Township was formed. The area of Academy Corners, located in Deerfield Township, is known as one of the first settlements in Tioga County. Throughout its history, the leaders and citizens of Deerfield Township have helped it to grow and flourish.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners would like to congratulate Deerfield Township on its two hundredth anniversary and offer best wishes for the continuation of its success in the years to come.

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

Tabled bids received for 911 tower and equipment shelter construction
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 and table sealed bids received for the construction of a 180' communications tower and equipment shelter at the new 9-1-1 complex. The following bids were received: Tower 16: \$399,350; Sabre: \$483,927; Patriot Towers: \$298,825; eciWireless: \$206,729.

Data Sharing agreement with Mansfield Univ.

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 a Modified Data Sharing Disclaimer Agreement between the County of Tioga and Mansfield University.

Agreement for appraisal for Lowes

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 Real Estate Appraisal & Marketing Associates to provide an appraisal report for the Lowe's property at 2165 South Main Street, Richmond Township: \$6,500.00.

County real estate tax refunds

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 following County real estate tax refunds: Dayna Clark, Covington Twp., \$49.18; Cummings Lumber Company, Union Twp., \$108.89; Frontier Forest Company, Inc., Union Twp., \$101.48; Cummings Lumber Company, Union Twp., \$165.97; Frontier Forest Company, Inc., Union Twp., \$61.26; Robert D. & Shirley A. Rathbun, Union Twp., \$390.55; Bernard & Ruth Dynes, Gaines Twp., \$43.66; Mary Lou Parker, Gaines Twp., \$48.13; Patricia Seibert & Amy O'Rourke, Gaines Twp., \$387.37; AES Armenia Mtn. Wind LLC, Sullivan Twp., \$45.71; Russell Gerow, Deerfield Twp., \$311.96; Crystal Parker, Elkland Borough, \$30.38; Murray Bandel etal, Jackson Twp., \$125.22; James & Natalie Rice, Jackson Twp., \$108.66; Doris Bell, Shippen Twp., \$49.35; Richard & Nancy Stoving, Wellsboro Borough, \$47.66; Kenneth & Roxanne Chamberlain, Rutland Twp., \$37.29; Robin Bentley, Blossburg Borough, \$25.60; Carol Jones Bond, Blossburg Borough, \$13.60.

Act 13 funding for Area Agency on Aging

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 Act 13 funding, not to exceed \$1,000.00, toward the purchase of a bench to be installed in front of the Wellsboro Senior Center. Wellsboro Borough will prepare the site and install the bench. This is a cost share with the Area Agency on Aging.

Act 13 funding for Area Agency on Aging

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 Act 13 funding, not to exceed \$16,000.00, toward the floor covering and porch replacement at the Mansfield Senior Center. This is a cost share with the Area Agency on Aging.

19 agreements/amendments 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 19 agreements/amendments for Department of Human Services (a listing is attached).

Public Comment –

- Roger Bacon – new weight limit restrictions on Rte. 328 and extra costs incurred for trucking; enforcement of local ordinances by local law enforcement, not state police
- Ron Johnson – any townships using TNT trucking will be affected by new weight restrictions on local roads
- Tonya Drake – funding for 911 complex; data sharing agreement with MU; location of appraiser who will prepare report on Lowes; uses of County Aid money
- Judy Persing – kudos to Scott Zubek in GIS for sharing equipment to track location of sluice pipes in Deerfield Township
- Diane Kemp – comparison of Lowes' assessment to other properties; who is responsible for cleaning rivers
- Phil Harding – cleaning of new bridge in Deerfield Township
- Will Neuhauser – appraisal on Lowes; time remaining on tax deferral agreement with Lowes
- Erick Coolidge – Tioga County District Attorney George Wheeler will be appointed as Tioga County Senior Judge by 6/30/14

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain
Asst. Chief Clerk

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton

Roger C. Bunn