

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order this day at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Shane Nickerson, Sam VanLoon, and Marc Rice. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Jen Cochran, Kera Hackett, Rachel Courtney, Kaye Aumick, Sandra Olson, Josh Zeyn, Lisa Rice, Marti Shabloski Mary Wilson, Joy Childs, Betsy Craig, Chris Perry, Meagan Nowak, Mike Spencer, Ron Stephens, Erin Stadler, Nichole Buck, Rebecca Minihan, Emma Chilen, Danni Logue, and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

Minutes	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026.
Resignation K.Staron	For information, a resignation was received from Kisandra Staron, DHS, effective 5/21/26.
Hire M.Hughes	For information, hired Maureen Hughes, Judicial Line Staff in the Domestic Relations Office, \$15.83/hr. with benefits, effective 6/1/26.
Promote L.West	For information, promoted Lori West to Conference Officer in the Domestic Relations Office, \$19.00/hr. effective 6/15/26.
Transfer M.Personius	For information, transferring Maryann Personius from Human Services to MDIT Coordinator / Special Victims Coordinator in the District Attorney’s Office, \$52,000/yr., effective 6/22/26.
Hire C.English	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Chelsie English, Intern, Planning department, \$15.00/hr., no benefits, effective 5/18/26.
Hire A.Webb	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Aniyah Webb, ACE summer staff, DHS, \$16.00/hr., no benefits, effective 5/26/26.
A.Dunkel	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Anthony Dunkel, ACE summer staff, DHS, \$16.00/hr., no benefits, effective 5/26/26.
Hire A.Meyer	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Aliah Meyer, Intern, DHS, \$15.00/hr., no benefits, effective 6/1/26.
Hire C.White	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Christian White, Independent Living Caseworker, DHS, \$18.00/hr. with benefits, effective 6/8/26 (this position is a 37.5-hour work week).
Hire C.Beard	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Colten Beard, Veteran’s Service Officer, \$16.00/hr. with benefits, effective 6/15/26.
Hire K.Boyce	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of KellyRae Boyce, Caseworker Assistant, DHS, \$16.65/hr. with benefits, effective 6/15/26 (this position is a 37.5-hour work week).
Hire M.Underwood	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the hire of Melissa Underwood, Planning Specialist, \$24.00/hr. with benefits, effective 6/15/26.
Promote S.Doan	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Spencer Doan to full-time Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, \$22.04/hr. with benefits, effective 5/17/26.
Promote B.Reisinger	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the promotion of Blue Reisinger to Operations Manager, Tioga County Prison, \$40,000/yr., effective 5/18/26.
Termination J.Gordon	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the termination of Jessica Gordon, DHS, effective 5/26/26.
SRO for STSD	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to add the following item to the agenda: School Resource Officer request from Southern Tioga School District. A motion was made by Shane Nickerson, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to table for further discussion with the Sheriff and the school.
Dincher& Dincher	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve an invoice from Dincher & Dincher Tree Surgeons for the removal of the elm tree in front of the Chamber of Commerce, \$12,500. Act 13.
Deputy Coroner training	A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve, at the request of the District Attorney, a 3-day training expense for deputy coroners, \$1,500 (\$375 each). Act 13.

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to adopt the following Resolution:

Adopt
Resolution
R-8-26

RESOLUTION R-8-26

A Resolution of the County of Tioga, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the 2026 priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania counties have selected three priority issues that will be the focal point of counties’ proactive agenda for 2026; and

WHEREAS, these priorities showcase counties’ commitment to the core services they provide to the people and communities of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, achieving these three county priorities underscore the critical need to redefine, reinvigorate and emphasize the state-county partnership in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the top priority for Pennsylvania counties in 2026 is increasing the 911 funding and status updates; and

WHEREAS, current 911 funding revenues have not kept pace with the increasing costs of the system, which must support our needs into the future, including planning, development and support of Next Gen 911; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County is funding 40% of our 911 system costs, which are being used for staffing, radio maintenance, and building maintenance; and

WHEREAS, counties are advocating for discussions among policymakers and stakeholders regarding an increase in the surcharge to address the rising annual costs of the 911 system. These costs include expenses related to personnel, cybersecurity, and the long-term capital projects necessary for counties to ensure the system’s reliability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, counties are urging for a modest increase of the 911 surcharge to \$2.20 to ensure the sustainability of the emergency communication services; and

WHEREAS, achieving this priority would ensure all Pennsylvania residents and visitors will continue to have a quick and efficient connection to a 911 operator and services in any situation, regardless of geographic location or time of day; and

WHEREAS, counties’ second priority is advocating for adequate county mental health base funding increase to ensure that residents are able to access the care that they need; and

WHEREAS, counties provide community-based mental health services, such as community residential programs, family-based support, outpatient care and crisis intervention, which are critical to the well-being of our constituents and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County has invested in community-based mental health services that coordinate and invest in programs and services that meet the needs and challenges of local communities, including a drop-in center, psychiatric rehabilitation, peer supports crisis intervention, outpatient treatment, and community school-based behavioral health programs; and

WHEREAS, counties’ third priority is assisting counties in conducting timely property reassessments to ensure fair equitable taxation across all communities; and

WHEREAS, timely reassessments are essential to a stable and dependable tax base that adequately funds the critical services counties and local governments provide; and

WHEREAS, because property taxes are the primary source of local revenue for counties, municipalities, and school districts, counties require sufficient funding and appropriate tools to carry out reassessments effectively and promote long-term fiscal stability; and

RESOLVED, that Tioga County stands ready to work with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and counties throughout the commonwealth in support of these priorities for 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these priorities emphasize the important role Tioga County plays in improving our communities and the well-being of our residents; and

RESOLVED, that Tioga County calls upon the General Assembly and the Administration to work together in partnership with counties to jointly determine the most effective ways to continue meeting the needs of Pennsylvanians; and

RESOLVED, collaboration between county government and the commonwealth on these priorities will lead to solutions that improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars, reduce cost, increase local flexibility and assure the quality of services counties provide; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Tioga County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tioga, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 9th day of June 2026.

Tioga County Board of Commissioners

Attest: /s/ Janice Chamberlain /s/ Shane Nickerson /s/ Sam VanLoon /s/ Marc Rice

Issue
Proclamation

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Proclamation by the Governor**

WHEREAS, every day in Pennsylvania, thousands of children face the dangers of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or have been removed from their homes due to such mistreatment, and our Commonwealth recognizes these risks and remains committed to protecting children in every community; and

WHEREAS, our child welfare professionals and service providers take on the challenging tasks of investigating child abuse, assessing safety, and providing services to families to assure that every child has healthy, nurturing care and support as they transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, these professionals have tirelessly safeguarded countless children from harm, often placing themselves in danger and navigating emotionally challenging situations to ensure the protection and well-being of children across our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, child welfare service providers apply culturally responsive and trauma-informed expertise to their vital work in family preservation, foster and other out-of-home care, counseling, behavioral health treatment, independent living skills, and additional complex areas of support; and

WHEREAS, our child welfare professionals develop exceptional skills in working with families who are struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, or facing other hardships; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated service providers have expert knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, laws surrounding child welfare and legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals and service providers play a crucial role in protecting our children, strengthening our families, and preventing future abuse and neglect, and are instrumental in ensuring that every Pennsylvanian has the opportunity to succeed and the freedom to chart their own course; and

WHEREAS, I commend all our devoted professionals and service providers for their exemplary public service and their commitment to creating a better, brighter future for every child across our Commonwealth.

THEREFORE, I Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 1-5, 2026, as **Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week** and June 8-12, 2026, as Child Welfare Service Providers Appreciation Week. I encourage everyone throughout our Commonwealth to support the tireless efforts of these professionals and service providers in protecting the children of our communities.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this nineteenth day of May two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

/s/ Governor John Shapiro

Issue
Proclamation

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

Men’s Health Week

WHEREAS, Men’s Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of preventive health screenings, early detection, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, men have a life expectancy that is approximately six years shorter than that of women and experience higher rates of chronic disease, including diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and

WHEREAS, Men’s Health Month provides an opportunity to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys, while encouraging fathers and caregivers to serve as positive role models through preventive care, healthy living, and help-seeking behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the growing epidemic of “Deaths of Despair,” including deaths related to suicide, substance use disorders, alcohol misuse, and homelessness, underscores the urgent need to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression, mental stress, and emotional distress among boys and men; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of Men’s Health Month is National Men’s Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law on May 31, 1994, and observed annually through the efforts of Men’s Health Network to build healthy empathy, recognition, and understanding of the unique health needs facing men and boys.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Tioga County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 15 – 21, 2026 as Men’s Health Week in Tioga County.

Tioga County Board of Commissioners
/s/ Shane Nickerson /s/ Sam VanLoon /s/ Marc Rice

Issue
Proclamation

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to issue the following Proclamation:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2026

Whereas, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

Whereas, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

Whereas, 2026 marks the 20th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

Whereas, the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the Tioga County Commissioners recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

Whereas, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

Whereas, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

Whereas, recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

Whereas, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

Whereas, where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.

Join us in our engaging and empowering movement and put an end to abuse.

Therefore, the Tioga County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 15, 22026 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Tioga County and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

Dated on this day of 9th day of June 2026.

Tioga County Board of Commissioners
/s/ Shane Nickerson /s/ Sam VanLoon /s/ Marc Rice

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to adopt the following Ordinance:

Adopt
Ordinance No.
2026-4

COUNTY OF TIOGA
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE No. 2026-4

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF TIOGA, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING TIOGA COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 1-1991, REPEALLING SECTION 3 AND REPLACING IT WITH AN AMENDED
SECTION 3**

WHEREAS, the Local Emergency Planning Commission voted to increase the local hazardous chemical fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Tioga County has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to increase the local hazardous chemical fee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Tioga County has the authority to set the local hazardous chemical fee at \$75.00 by ordinance pursuant to 35 P.S. § 6022.207(b)(2); and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Tioga that:

I. REPEALER/AMENDMENT

Section 3 of the ordinance of the County of Tioga No. 1-1991 is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION 3 – Local Hazardous Chemical Fee

By March 1, 1991, and March 1 of every year thereafter, each owner or operator of a facility located in **Tioga County** shall pay to the County Treasurer a local hazardous chemical **fee of \$75.00** for each hazardous chemical within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.1200(c), or its successor, which is required by Section 312 of SARA, Title III, to be listed on the hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier II) which the owner or operator of the facility submits to the **Tioga County** Local Emergency Planning Committee on or before March 1 of each year.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this amendatory ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as such inconsistency exists. The remaining provisions of Ordinance 1-1991 shall remain in full force and effect.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The within Ordinance shall be effective as of the date of adoption.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Tioga County, Tioga County, Pennsylvania on this 9th day of June, 2026, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest: /s/ Janice Chamberlain

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Shane Nickerson /s/ Sam VanLoon /s/ Marc Rice

Appraisal for
ET Mansfield

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a proposal from Real Estate Appraisal & Marketing Associates, for appraisal of property at 2503 S. Main Street, Mansfield (ET Mansfield) - \$4,800.

Verdin clock maintenance

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approval an annual maintenance agreement for the exterior courthouse clock - \$765.

NTRPDC
appointments

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the following 2026/2027 Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Advisory Committee Appointments:

Economic Development: Kristin Hamilton, Chris Bull, Rachel Hauser

Local Loan Review: Jeff Wilson, Rob Fitzgerald, Ryan Satalin

Rural Area Transportation: Sam VanLoon, Al Quimby, Marc Rice

DHS – 29
agreements

A motion was made by Marc Rice, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve 29 agreements for the Department of Human Services. A listing is attached.

May 2026
A/P, Payroll

For information:

May 2026 Payroll & Benefits: \$1,524,773.36

May 2026 Accounts Payable: \$3,480,639.89

Commissioners News / Public Comment –

Plan the Land public learning session, June 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Straughn Auditorium, Mansfield University

Joy Childs – appraisal for building in Mansfield

Family Services – Community Awareness Day on Green, June 27, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Shane Nickerson

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain

Sam VanLoon

Marc Rice

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Salary Board was called to order this day at 10:37 a.m. with the following members present: Shane Nickerson, Sam VanLoon, Marc Rice, and Kera Hackett. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Jen Cochran, Rachel Courtney, Kaye Aumick, Sandra Olson, Josh Zeyn, Lisa Rice, Marti Shabloski Mary Wilson, Joy Childs, Betsy Craig, Chris Perry, Meagan Nowak, Mike Spencer, Ron Stephens, Erin Stadler, Nichole Buck, Rebecca Minihan, Emma Chilen, Danni Logue, and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Minutes	A motion was made by Kera Hackett, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026.
Reclassify DRO position	A motion was made by Kera Hackett, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to reclassify the Judicial Line Staff position within the Domestic Relations Office to title of Conference Officer.
Update MDIT position	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Marc Rice and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to update the current MDIT Coordinator position in the District Attorney’s Office to MDIT Coordinator/ Special Victims Coordinator, \$52,000/yr. with benefits.
M.Shabloski Salary	A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Kera Hackett and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to approve salary increase for Marti Shabloski, Deputy Director EMA, for assuming additional responsibility as Emergency Management Coordinator - \$76,184.45/yr, effective 6/8/26.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Attest:		_____ Shane Nickerson
	Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk	_____ Sam VanLoon
		_____ Marc Rice
		_____ Kera Hackett