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, Christa Hilfiger, Betsy Craig, Kera Hackett, Sara Rice, Penny Whipple, Jane Wetherbee, Marie Seymour, Frank Levindoski, Deb Crawford, Deb Bigley, Chris Eckert, William West, Terry Rose, Terry Browning, Joy Childs, Barbara Brace, Roberta Hamblin, Juanita Berguson, John Berguson, Jr., and press representative Nat Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

For information: National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 16, 2022 The United States Air Force's 75th birthday is September 18, 2022

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 August 16, 2022.

Resignations: B.O'Connor E.Coolidge I.Cook M.Wilson S.Matczak For information, the following retirement/resignations were received:

Brittany O'Connor – Deputy Sheriff, effective 8/22/22

Erik Coolidge – Warden, Tioga County Prison, effective 9/16/22

Isabell Cook – Corrections Officer, Tioga County Prison, effective 9/21/22

Melissa Wilson – Children & Youth, effective 9/23/22

Sapphire Matczak – Caseworker, Children & Youth, effective 9/30/22

Promotion T. Nobles

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 Tiffany Nobles to Operations Manager, Tioga County Prison, \$40,000/year.

FLP Board reappointments

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 reappointments of Sam Wilson and P. William Plummer to the Farmland Preservation Board for three-year terms, expiring 10/21/2025.

FLP Board resignation

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 accept the resignation of Lindsey Pickering from the Farmland Preservation Board, whose term expires 10/21/2023.

County real estate tax refunds

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 following County real estate tax refunds: Bruce D. & Margaret K. Hughes, Jackson Twp., \$122.84; Marilyn V. Kanach, Jackson Twp., \$115.96; Timothy E. & Lynette M. Wales, Jackson Twp., \$335.53; Timothy E. & Lynette M. Wales, Jackson Twp., \$314.38; Timothy E. & Lynette M. Wales, Jackson Twp., \$157.71; Timothy E. & Lynette Wales, Jackson Twp., \$260.69; Bruce & Susan F. Toothaker, Blossburg Borough, \$62.67; Homer & Gail Knepp, Chatham Twp., \$58.55; Bryan & Chelsea R. Miles, Chatham Twp., \$179.55; Michael Butko & Tammy Hsiung, Clymer Twp., \$264.47; Carolyn S. Stermer, Clymer Twp., \$37.41; Rhianon Magana, Covington Twp., \$388.43; James L. & Lynne D. Hatch, Covington Twp., \$97.04; Candace M. Freeman, Gaines Twp., \$208.57; Joseph Dennison & Kali Leach, Gaines Twp., \$1.59; Sandra L. & Robert T. Skolny, Hamilton Twp., \$366.39; Crane Girls Property, Inc., Lawrence Twp., \$328.84; Christopher & Margaux Lash, Liberty Twp., \$133.99; Estate of Daniel Brockway, c/o Donald Blackwell, Esq., Lawrence Twp., \$207.45; Richard L. & Deborah A. & Richard M. Longbothum, Mansfield Borough, \$122.86; Michael A. & Christina J. Cannon, Middlebury Twp., \$123.71; Terry W. & Patti L. Davis, Morris Twp., \$88.35; Eleanor Trask Revocable Trust, Richmond Twp., \$134.44; Krista & Tyler Wheeler, Shippen Twp., \$276.69; Jacob A. Fiamingo, Sullivan Twp., \$98.50; Tyoga Container Company, Inc., Tioga Borough, \$237.64; Raymond Michael White, Tioga Borough, \$76.73; Joseph W. Keeney, Jr. & Laura E McGough, Union Twp., \$112.73; Dennis C. & Mary Ann Porter, Union Twp., \$75.21; 727 Land Group LLC, Wellsboro Borough, \$74.71; Vineyard Church of Wellsboro, Wellsboro Borough, \$448.59; Edward J. Jr. & Robin K. Presor, Westfield Borough, \$77.19.

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:

Proclamation

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Tioga County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes, and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Tioga County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Tioga County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who make immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Date: 9/13/2022 TIOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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:

Resolution R-15-22

County of Tioga, PA Resolution No. R-15-22

RESOLUTION OF THE TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ("COUNTY")
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL
PROGRAM ("RACP") GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR
THE PURPOSE OF THE TYOGA CONTAINER EXPANSION PROJECT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH
OF TIOGA, TIOGA COUNTY; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN OTHER
DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Budget notified the County that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has authorized the release of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) in RACP funds (the "Grant") for office construction associated with the Tyoga Container Expansion Project ("The Project") located in the borough of Tioga, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, and has requested the County prepare and submit a formal and complete RACP application on behalf of the sub applicant, Tyoga Container (the "Sub applicant"), to the Office of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Project will benefit the County and the community and therefore, the County supports the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to act as the public applicant as part of the Grant approval process and administration; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Subapplicant have agreed to enter into a Cooperation Agreement substantially similar to the Cooperation Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County that the County supports the Grant to the Subapplicant in the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of completing the Project and agrees to serve as the public applicant for the Grant and to administer the Grant funds, in accordance with all statutory and program requirements, to effectuate the construction of the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the Grant application and the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Subapplicant and to execute any other documents necessary to effectuate receipt of the Grant for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperation Agreement substantially in the form of the Cooperation Agreement attached hereto, as may be revised, provided that any such revision is found to be satisfactory to the County and the County Solicitor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the County is hereby authorized to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution No R-15-22.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September 2022.

County of Tioga

Attest: /s/ Janice Chamberlain /s/ Roger C. Bunn /s/ Erick J. Coolidge /s/ Mark L. Hamilton Chief Clerk Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Silvertip – change order

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 change order to a current contract with Silvertip, Inc. for the Highland Chocolates building renovation/addition project, to provide and install two sump pumps, \$18,783.63.

Lease agreement with PIP, Inc. dba Highland Chocolates 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 lease agreement between Tioga County and Partners in Progress, Inc. d/b/a Highland Chocolates, for real estate at 1873 Shumway Hill Road, Wellsboro, for a term of nine months (July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023). There is no monthly rent.

Johnson Controls – addl Prison cameras

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 proposal from Johnson Controls for five additional security cameras at the Tioga County Prison - \$6,355. Act 13.

Telemental Heath Svcs – rate increase 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 an amendment to the current Telemental Health Services agreement with Insight Medical Group, for Adult Psychiatry coverage for Tioga County Prison inmates, seven hours per week, \$203.96/hour.

Larson Design Group – engineering services 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 one-year engineering services proposal with Larson Design Group, to provide general engineering services for County-owned dam inspections, County road/parking lot projects, and minor County bridge repairs.

 $\begin{array}{c} DHS-32\\ agreements \end{array}$

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 32 agreements for the Dept. of Human Services. A listing is attached.

Public Comment Public Comment -

John & Juanita Berguson – petition signatures collected in order to have question placed on the November 2022 ballot; remove voting machines

Roberta Hamblin – petition to place question on ballot; Lycoming County approved the request but then rescinded their decision

Roger Bunn – petition was reviewed with counsel and State; County will not place the question on the ballot; the petition did not meet the required number of signatures needed; many of who signed were either not Tioga County residents or a registered voter in the County

Angelina Barton (IONU Media) – Lawrenceville Borough drinking water issues; Conservation District plan regarding DEP enforcement

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for October 11, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

		Roger C. Bunn
Attest:	Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk	Erick J. Coolidge
		Mark L. Hamilton

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Salary Board was called to order today at 10:40 a.m. with the following members present: Roger C. Bunn, Erick J. Coolidge, Mark L. Hamilton, and Kera Hackett. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Casey Zuchowski, Christa Hilfiger, Betsy Craig, Sara Rice, Penny Whipple, Deb Bigley, Chris Eckert, Terry Browning, and press representative Nat Kennedy.

Minutes

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022.

Reclassify position

A motion was made by Erick J. Coolidge, seconded by Mark L. Hamilton and unanimously carried upon vote of four ayes and no nays to approve the reclassification of the Office Manager position to Operations Manager, at the Tioga County Prison, \$40,000/year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Roger C. Bunn

Attest:

Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk

Erick J. Coolidge

Mark L. Hamilton