



FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 9, 2024

10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Brown, Standinger, Monell and Mullen, Roberts

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Safety Officer Holbrook, Personnel Officer Parke, Public Defender Cline,

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - Legislator Ciotoli asked for a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, minutes. Legislator Mullen made the motion seconded by Legislator Monell and was unanimously carried.
- FINANCIAL:
 - Legal and Safety's budgets tracked well for 2023. Safety has one outstanding invoice for new hire Department of Transportation screening and Legal has an outstanding litigation settlement that has not been billed to the County yet. 2024 budgets are on track.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Litigation from the bridge maintenance project is moving forward with discover being put together. There has been no new movement on the main litigations.
 - The County's 2024 Insurance Renewal has a three percent (3%) increase from last year's premium. The County received three (3) quotes for cyber insurance. After discussion with Chief Information Officer Loveland the County will be staying with Coalition. This premium remains flat due to the outstanding work of Information Technology and Communication Services.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Resolutions: Public Defender Cline discussed his new hire resolution, the person's outstanding references, and the benefits they will bring to the Public Defender's Office. Indigent Legal Services (ILS) budget for Year

6 was discussed along with possible meeting spaces and the project scope. ILS is a model program for the State with Tioga County as the second county to provide counsel for arraignments during the day.

- Annual trainings have been completed by most employees.
- The Ethics Board has two members with terms expiring in March however these two (2) members have volunteered to be reappointed to Ethics Board per Legislative approval.
- Labor law posters have been previously purchased by Safety with four (4) updates to the poster just this year. Mr. DeWind suggested the option of the County creating their own posters instead of purchasing the posters from a vendor.
- The County was recently served with a new lawsuit against the Treasurer and the County for past In Rem auction proceedings. New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) will not represent the County in this matter. This lawsuit has been filed in Federal Court bypassing New York State Court. Governor Hochul has chosen not to sign the moratorium on IN Rem sales to expire. However, legislation could be passed by March or April stating what the retroactive time frame will be.

- PERSONNEL:

- Mr. DeWind will be taking vacation time at some point in January and February and is working on succession planning.

- RESOLUTIONS:

- AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF YEAR SIX FUNDING FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES AND ACCEPT YEAR SIX FUNDING FOR HURRELL-HARRING GRANT AND AMEND 2024 BUDGET; AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ALLEN TUNNEL CORPORATION DBA ATC TAXES; APPOINT ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE were moved into full Legislative Session without further questions.

- PROCLAMATIONS

- None

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

- ADJOURNMENT:
 - Legislator Ciotoli adjourned the Legal & Safety Committee at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Freyvogel

Secretary to the County Attorney