



Tioga County Worksession Minutes June 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Legislators Present:

Legislator Ciotoli
Legislator Hollenbeck
Legislator Monell
Legislator Mullen
Legislator Roberts (*Arrived at 10:05 a.m.*)
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey
Legislator Standinger
Legislator Weston

Legislators Absent:

Legislator Brown

Guests:

None

Staff Present:

Peter DeWind, County Attorney
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
Amy Eiklor, Deputy Legislative Clerk
Linda Parke, Personnel Officer (*Departed at 10:30 a.m.*)
Bethany O'Rourke, Former Personnel Officer (*Departed at 10:30 a.m.*)

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Sauerbrey opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the **Sixth Special Legislative Meeting** for Legislature consideration of the following:

- **Award Bid For East Berkshire Road Pavement Overlay**
- **Award Bid for Glen Road Pavement Overlay**

Legislative Clerk Haskell took roll call. Legislator Mullen led in the prayer, pledge, and voting process. Special Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. with regular worksession immediately following.

Executive Session: Eight Legislators were in attendance. County Attorney DeWind, Personnel Officer Parke, Ms. O'Rourke, and Legislative Clerk Haskell remained in attendance. Motion by Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Weston to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried. Executive Session adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

2023 Programming: Chair Sauerbrey reported she had a meeting with District Attorney Kirk Martin, Sheriff Howard, and numerous school superintendents to discuss the possibility of resource officers in schools. District Attorney Martin indicated he would be open to exploring the idea of having one resource officer in every school district throughout Tioga County. Chair Sauerbrey emphasized that this program should not be paid for by Tioga County, but the D.A. would probably need to hire someone to oversee it. Chair Sauerbrey reported the Traffic Diversion program the D.A. administers brought in about \$123,000 last year.

Legislator Ciotoli inquired to County Attorney DeWind if Tioga County would be responsible if something were to occur. County Attorney DeWind replied that detail would have to be worked out in the agreement. Legislator Weston asked about school districts that have multiple schools and how many officers would be available. Legislator Monell replied that schools would ideally like at least one resource officer in each building. County Attorney DeWind stated the officer could also rotate between school buildings. Legislator Monell emphasized Tioga County will not be paying the salaries of school resource officers. District Attorney Martin will do further research on what other counties are doing and present at a later worksession.

Approval of Worksession Minutes: On motion of Legislator Standingr, seconded by Legislator Roberts, the June 9, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved by the Legislators in attendance.

Action Items: Currently we have none.

Other:

- **Veterans' Service Agency Space at 56 Main Street:** Chair Sauerbrey reported Tioga County's Veterans' Service Agency is in need of more office space. The department will be locating to 56 Main Street by next year, but with the addition of an employee and increased workload, Veterans' will need more space sooner. Chair Sauerbrey recently met with Commissioner of Public Works, Gary Hammond, and Director of Veterans' Services, Mike Middaugh. They came up with a plan to move the Veterans' Service Agency to Room 101 at 56 Main Street. Room 101 will be used as offices for Veterans' staff and the vacant classrooms in the basement of 56 Main Street will temporarily be used as interview rooms to allow for more privacy. There will be no permanent electronics, except a phone, or files stored in the basement. Staff will take their tablet to interviews and input information that way. Chair Sauerbrey asked her fellow Legislators if they had any objection to the move. There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Eiklor

Deputy Legislative Clerk