

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Commissioners was called to order this day at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Marc Rice, Shane Nickerson, and Sam VanLoon. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Jen Cochran, Casey Zuchowski, Kera Hackett, Josh Zeyn, Billie Jo Hall, Kaye Aumick, Rachel Courtney, Saira Olson, Joy Childs, Betsy Craig, Chris Perry, Sandra Olson, Sara Rice, Diane Weed, Tim Cleveland, Cindy Alexander, Ken VanSant, Matt Baker, Belinda Seely, Mary Heston, Bob Goodrich, Dan Styborski, Titus Hummelberger, Jackie Ogden, Pam Hicks, and press representative Natalie Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (agenda items) – None

Minutes A motion was made by Shane Nickerson, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025.

Resignations For information, the following retirement / resignations have been received:
A.Causer Andrea Causer, Intake Caseworker, effective 8/20/25
A.Hoover Andrea Hoover, Head Nurse, Tioga County Prison, effective 9/17/25

Hired For information, the following individuals have been hired:
S.Shedden Samuel C. Shedden, Probation Officer, \$19.29/hr. with benefits, effective 9/5/25
S.Broussard Shana Broussard, Clerk, Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts Office, \$14.50/hr. with benefits, effective 9/8/25
M.Rossetti Michelle Rossetti, Clerk, Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts Office, \$14.50/hr. with benefits, effective 9/22/25

Termination For information, terminated Robert Penzone III, Clerk, Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts Office, effective 8/29/25
R.Penzone III

Status Change A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the status change for Bret Mathers, from part-time no benefits to full-time with benefits-
B.Mathers Training and Operations Coordinator, Dept. of Emergency Services, effective 9/8/25. Rate remains at \$19.00/hr.

Grand Canyon Ken VanSant, Chairman of the Grand Canyon Airport Authority, spoke about the airport and why it’s important
Airport Auth to keep it functioning in the county. Also discussed was the money provided by the County for the airport hangar
discussion construction. Repayments to the county started in 2022 and stopped in January 2025. The Authority is requesting
that the balance due to the County (\$239,000) be considered a grant which does not need to be repaid.

Central Food Pam Hicks from the Central Food Bank of PA addressed the Board, requesting funding that would help the local
Bank of PA county food banks purchase food for those in need. Due to the State budget impasse, there is no funding available.
Funding Once the state budget is passed, any money provided from the county will be reimbursed. A motion was made by
Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to
approve \$6100/month. Act 13.

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

Adopt
Resolution
R-15-25

Resolution of the County of Tioga
R-15-25
Addressing the Consequences of Missed Commonwealth Budget Deadlines

WHEREAS, the counties, school districts, and municipalities of Pennsylvania consistently meet their financial deadlines each year, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and commitment to those they serve; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has missed 15 budget deadlines, creating repeated uncertainty and disruption for counties and taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Tioga County, like other counties across the Commonwealth, has been forced to use all available resources to continue operations during these delays; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Governor and Legislature to enact a balanced budget on schedule places an unfair burden on counties; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania House and Senate recessed as of July 1st, leaving counties to guess the entire 12 months of the Commonwealth budget for 2026. The County of Tioga strongly urges members of both chambers to return to session, and collaborate in good faith to serve the taxpayers and counties they represent; and

WHEREAS, the current cycle of gridlock and inaction is detrimental to the welfare of Pennsylvania residents and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Tioga urges the Governor and the Legislature of Pennsylvania to prioritize their responsibilities, work collaboratively, and finalize a balanced budget without further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor and the Legislature should not adjourn until a balanced budget is enacted, ensuring fiscal stability for counties and protecting taxpayers from undue financial strain.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2025, by the Board of Commissioners of Tioga County.

/s/ Marc Rice /s/ Shane Nickerson /s/ Sam VanLoon

Enterprise Fleet
Mgmt – DHS
vehicles

A motion was made by Shane Nickerson, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve a five-year lease with Enterprise Fleet Management for four Chevrolet Equinox vehicles for Dept. of Human Services, \$570.88/month each. These replace four Chevrolet Traverse vehicles whose leases are expiring.

County real
estate tax
refunds

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the following County real estate tax refunds: Michael R. Ackley, Westfield Twp., \$114.64; James D. & Sherry Lynn Stidfole, Westfield Twp., \$77.10; Shane Davis & Dathan Hernandez, Westfield Twp., \$56.48; Debra & William Elliot, Westfield Twp., \$47.56; Alan & Jessica Hurler, Westfield Twp., \$109.66; Duane & Margery McCutcheon, Westfield Twp., \$91.75; Justin & Amanda Vinluan, Westfield Twp., \$130.82; William Wright, Westfield Twp., \$70.53; Terry & Stelanne VanDusen, Westfield Twp., \$94.65; Ebson & Kristina Paskel, Westfield Twp., \$74.01; Clifford Tubbs c/o George Dempsey, Westfield Twp., \$61.88; Clifford Tubbs c/o George Dempsey, Westfield Twp., \$56.87.

Use of Green

A motion was made by Shane Nickerson, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve use of the Green, Saturday, October 18, 2025, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. for an event to register voters and activities/speakers focusing on engaging in community service opportunities.

Purchase of
voting
equipment

A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve the purchase of 87 Express Poll stands and 25 cases from ES&S - \$19,090 plus shipping. Act 13.

DHS – 14
agreements

A motion was made by Shane Nickerson, seconded by Sam VanLoon and unanimously carried upon vote of three ayes and no nays to approve 14 agreements for the Department of Human Services. A listing is attached.

August A/P,
Payroll

For information of the Board: August 2025 payroll/benefits - \$1,981,345.64
August 2025 accounts payable - \$2,391,848.76

Public Comment –
Joy Childs – asked who was requesting the Green on October 18
Cindy Alexander – asked if the Democrat and Republican parties can be notified of the event on the Green

The next meeting of the Tioga County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for October 14, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Marc Rice

Attest: Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk

Shane Nickerson

Sam VanLoon

The regular meeting of the Tioga County Salary Board was called to order today at 10:40 a.m. with the following members present: Marc Rice, Shane Nickerson, Sam VanLoon, and Kera Hackett. Also present was Janice Chamberlain, Jen Cochran, Casey Zuchowski, Josh Zeyn, Billie Jo Hall, Kaye Aumick, Rachel Courtney, Saira Olson, Joy Childs, Betsy Craig, Chris Perry, Sandra Olson, Sara Rice, Diane Weed, Tim Cleveland, Cindy Alexander, Ken VanSant, Matt Baker, Belinda Seely, Mary Heston, Bob Goodrich, Dan Styborski, Titus Hummelberger, Jackie Ogden, Pam Hicks, 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 August 12, 2025.

911 Dispatcher A motion was made by Kera Hackett, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of four
shift structure ayes and no nays to reclassify full-time 911 Dispatcher hours/shift structure to a 12-hour shift, effective 9/7/25.

B. Hall – rate A motion was made by Sam VanLoon, seconded by Shane Nickerson and unanimously carried upon vote of four
increase ayes and no nays to approve a \$1.00/hr. increase for Billie Jo Hall, Field Assessor, Assessment Office, for receiving her CPE certification, effective 9/22/25.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Marc Rice

Attest: _____
Janice Chamberlain, Chief Clerk

Shane Nickerson

Sam VanLoon

Kera Hackett