



Legislative Support Minutes

March 5, 2020

Legislator Attendance: Eight Legislators were present with Legislator Monell being absent.

Staff Attendance: Legislative Clerk Haskell, Deputy Legislative Clerk Heffernan, County Attorney DeWind, and Personnel Officer O'Rourke

Guest Attendance: Matt Freeze, Morning Times

MINUTES - Approval of February 6, 2020 Legislative Support Minutes:

Legislator Roberts made the motion, seconded by Legislator Sullivan to approve the February 6, 2020 Legislative Support minutes, as written. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL – YTD Budget and Fringe Reports:

Financial reports for February 2020 emailed to all Legislators. Ms. Haskell reported there were no issues of concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **February Legislative Meetings:** Minutes were taken, typed, copied, indexed, and put on disc for the Legislature and Journal of Proceedings for the following meetings:
 - Second Regular Legislative Meeting – Tuesday, February 11, 2020.
 - Public Hearing: CDBG Tioga Mobile Dental Services – Thursday, February 20, 2020
 - Public Hearing: 2020 Agricultural District Inclusions – Thursday, February 20, 2020
 - Third Special Legislative Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2020
- **Sales Tax Extender Bill –**
2/19/2020 - Eight signed, sealed Home Rule Request Forms were mailed to Assemblyman Friend's office in Albany, NY on 2/19/2020, per their instruction, for distribution and processing. Follow-up email sent to Assemblyman Friend, Senator Akshar, Legislators, County Attorney, and County Treasurer on 2/19/2020 advising of such mailing.

3/3/2020 – Contacted Assemblyman Friend's office to follow-up on the mailing to verify forms were received. Assemblyman Friend's Chief of Staff, Scott Esty, informed Ms. Haskell he received notification the day before that the Assembly is possibly interested in pursuing 3-year sales tax extender bills instead of the original 2-year extender bills. Ms. Haskell reported this was the case in 2017 and our current 3-year extender bill expires in November 2020. Mr. Esty indicated he would do further research and contact her with direction on how to proceed. In the event they choose to proceed with a 3-year extender, new Home Rule Request Forms will need to be prepared and another resolution will need to be adopted by the Legislature.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Legislative Office Annual Report** – Prepared and submitted to Chair Sauerbrey on February 10, 2020.
- **Leaders Meeting** – Attended the February 26, 2020 meeting.
- **Board of Ethics Vacancy** – One vacancy as of March 31, 2020, as one board member has declined re-appointment.
- **March Legislative Meeting -**
Meeting agenda and all resolutions for the Third Regular Legislature meeting were reviewed with the Legislature at the March 5, 2020 Legislative Worksession.

The Third Regular Legislature Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with Finance/Legal Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Legislator Mullen will do the prayer, pledge and start the voting process.

Chair Sauerbrey will be presenting the State of the County Address.

There are five proclamations for the March 10, 2020 Legislature meeting, however, only two will be read and presented with the remaining three noted in the meeting minutes, as they have been previously read and presented:

- **Women's History Month: 100th Anniversary of Passage and Ratification of 19th Amendment to US Constitution** – Chair Sauerbrey will read and present at the March 10, 2020 Legislature meeting.
 - **Women Veteran's History Month** – Legislator Balliet will read and present at the March 10, 2020 Legislature meeting.
 - **Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day in Tioga County** – Noted in the minutes.
 - **Rabies Prevention & Awareness Month** – Noted in the minutes.
 - **Public Health Week (4/6 – 4/12/2020)** – Noted in the minutes.
- **Annual Review of County Policies** – Law Department sent an email regarding the annual review of policies and completion of attestation form on the County's Intranet is due by 3/31/2020.
 - **Financial Disclosures** – Law Department sent an email on 3/2/2020 to all Legislators and hard copies were provided at today's meeting. Deadline for submission is 5/15/2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haskell

Legislative Clerk