



Tioga County Worksession Minutes **April 23, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

Legislators Present:

Legislator Aronstam – *arrived at 10:12 a.m.*

Legislator Brown

Legislator Bunce

Legislator Ciotoli

Chair/Legislator Monell

Legislator Rose

Legislator Standinger

Legislators Absent:

Legislator Cantella

Legislator Flesher

Guests:

Matt Freeze, Reporter, Morning Times – *departed at 10:15 a.m.*

Staff present:

Peter DeWind, County Attorney

Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk

Jackson D. Bailey II, County Administrator

Breige Graven, Deputy Legislative Clerk - *departed at 10:15 a.m.*

Linda Parke, Personnel Officer - *departed at 10:15 a.m.*

Marley Norton, Community Development Specialist – *departed at 10:12 a.m.*

Casey Yelverton – Economic Development Specialist – *departed at 10:12 a.m.*

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Monell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with two (2)
Public Hearings on the following CDBG Projects:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project: Fiscal Year 2024 Microenterprise Assistance Program Project #1142ME562-24**
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project: Public Facilities Grant Application – Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga - Tioga Fresh Mobile Café – Project #1142PR131-24**

Legislative Clerk Haskell took roll call and read the legal notices as published in the Tioga County designated newspapers. Public Hearing adjourned at 10:12a.m. with the regular Worksession immediately following.

Approval of Worksession Minutes: On motion of Legislator Brown, seconded by Legislator Rose, the April 9, 2026 minutes were unanimously approved.

Legislative Chair Vacation: Legislative Chair Monell reported that he will be away on vacation from 4/29/26-5/11/26. Deputy Legislative Chair Standinger will lead the May 7, 2026 Worksession in his absence.

Action Items: Currently, there are no action items.

Other: County Administrator Jackson Bailey reported that he met with several town Historians of Tioga County, including County Historian Emma Sedore, regarding the NYS 250th Commemoration Commission Award. It has been decided that a book will be made as the anchor project discussing the history of each municipality. Mr. Bailey further reported that he has also been working with the Tourism Office to create banners and other promotional materials for the commemoration. He believes all will be ready in time for the Fourth of July once the final State funding is pushed through.

Legislator Rose reported that she attended the grand opening of the Tioga County Historical Society's 2026 exhibit season at the museum in Owego. She noted that the reception was very nice and that the displays are interesting and worth visiting.

Executive Session: Legislators Aronstam, Brown, Bunce, Ciotoli, Monell, Rose, and Standinger were in attendance along with Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Administrator Bailey, and County Attorney DeWind. Motion by Legislator Ciotoli, seconded by Legislator Brown, to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, and employment matter of a particular individual at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Legislator Brown, seconded by Legislator Rose to adjourn Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Next Worksession scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Breige Graven

Deputy Legislative Clerk