

TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 2, 2024

2:00 PM

- MINUTES
 - Approval of minutes of December 5th, 2023

- FINANCIAL
 - Economic Development
 - Planning
 - Sustainability Management

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Reports
 - Grants
 - Economic/Community Development
 - Land Bank
 - Workforce Development
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 - Misc.

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- PERSONNEL

- RESOLUTIONS
 - A20-Recommend Members to the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission

- PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

- ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING December 5, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barb Roberts, Dale Weston, Keith Flesher, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Elaine Jardine, Cathy Haskell, Peter DeWind

Guests: Kevin Jordan, CCE, Wendy Walsh, Soil & Water

Committee Chair, Legislator Barb Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): Agenda and attachments previously emailed. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of November 7, 2023

Legislator Roberts asked for approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the November 7, 2023 minutes, seconded by Legislator Flesher. All were in favor.

II. FINANCIAL

The 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

A. 2023 Budget – Ms. Tinney has found that there is some money available as we approach the end of the year. After a discussion with Legislative Chair Sauerbrey, it decided that it was okay for Economic Development to assist the Land Bank with a couple of projects. After that, we may be giving-back from all budgets this year.

1. Economic Development

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

2. Planning

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

3. Sustainability Management

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism- Monthly report previously sent.

2. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District– No monthly report.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension–Interim Executive Director, Kevin Jordan. Monthly report previously emailed. Mr. Jordan gave a quick overview of himself and reported there is a search committee in place to fill the CCE Executive Director position. Mr. Jordan reviewed his report, highlighting Organizational Updates, Hilltop Community Farm, 4-H, Beginning Farmer Incubator Program and Campus Connections.
4. Economic Development- Elaine Jardine, Planning Director. In keeping with staff reporting, Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Jardine. Ms. Jardine reported the following:
 - Played a big role in the 2023 Business Expo; arranged, scheduled, facilitated, and moderated the break-out sessions which included Digital Marketing, Electric Vehicles, Doing Business with the Government, Business Funding Resources, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Minority Business Resources. Attendance was good and the sessions went very well. Also attended the Economic Forecast Update and found the whole event to be successful.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey commented that Ms. Jardine did a great job.

Ms. Jardine distributed the Critical Facilities part of the Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Plan and reported the following:

- While going through the normal process of putting together the updated Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Ms. Jardine received a memo from the NYS Division of Homeland Security Emergency Services (DHSES) about new standards from FEMA and some current standards that need to be included in mitigation plans regarding critical facilities.
- Tioga County's critical facilities, buildings and communication towers, are listed in the packet distributed.
- The memo said that counties and municipalities must identify all critical facilities and their locations and the actions they would take to protect these facilities in the 500-year flood plain.
- Ms. Jardine felt this would take a lot of money to retrofit these facilities to protect them from the 500-year flood level.
- Ms. Jardine had a virtual meeting with DHSES and asked for more information. They said what's necessary is documentation in the plan. These actions will not be policed, but they would like to see something more in the plan.
- Looking at 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan, Ms. Jardine saw that we had a paragraph in the plan regarding critical facilities stating the county will pursue funding if available from FEMA, or other sources, only if the value of what we are protecting will be greater than the fix.
- Ms. Jardine wanted to carry this over into the updated plan, but DHSES wanted a step further. They want some kind of vulnerability assessment on our critical facilities. This could be an internal assessment. Ms. Jardine talked to Mr. Simmons and found out the communication towers are all out of the flood plain. However, when talking to Mr. Hammond, he agreed to a DPW staff assessment of what the building vulnerabilities are and putting that in the plan.

- Ms. Jardine has not heard back from DHSES to find out if this was enough. But wanted the committee to be aware, adding that the municipalities will have to do the same.
- The last flood we had was just under the 500-year flood level.
- Digitizing all documents is a good mitigation effort. We are in the process of doing that now in the Clerk's office.
- Ms. Jardine asked if this should go before the full legislature or is presenting to this committee enough. It was decided that presenting to this committee should be enough.
- Ms. Jardine reported the draft plan was delayed because of this, but if we move forward now we will be looking at the beginning of January to complete.
- A 2nd public meeting for public input on the final draft must be held. Then it goes through both FEMA and NY DHSES for review. Looking for approval by summer 2024. Then County Legislature adoption and municipal adoption by all 15 municipalities.
- Ms. Jardine will supply the draft plan to this committee once it is complete. Due to the size of the plan, Ms. Jardine will limit it to the County section.
- The draft plan will also get posted to the website.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – Tioga County as applicant
 - a. CDBG- Racker Neighborhood Depot
 - i. Assisting with paperwork continues.
 - ii. Ground-breaking held November 10th; well attended.
 - b. Restore NY- River House Confectionery and Mercantile
 - i. Assisting with paperwork continues.
 - c. NYS Snowmobile- Countywide Phase 1 & Phase III
 - i. Updated agreement status – Mr. Lanning continues to work on this.
 - d. NYPA- EV charging stations – Recently learned there is a zoning issue. Ms. Tinney will update the committee when more information is received.
 - e. DEC- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is ongoing.
 - f. Restore NY- Tioga Trails
 - i. Assisting with paperwork continues.
 - g. FEMA- Hazard Mitigation Plan update- Ms. Jardine reported on earlier.
2. Active Grants (Tioga County is not applicant)- Provided no assistance to municipalities or Not-for-Profits this month.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego
 - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration – Projects are ongoing.
 - i. Owego Donuts and Beer tour- Ms. Tinney toured this new business owned by Ike and Julie Lovelass; anticipated grand opening on December 17th.
2. Village of Waverly
 - a. NY Forward – The Strategic Investment Plan is almost complete; must be submitted to the State by December 15th. The State will make an announcement in the near future.

- D. Land Bank
 - 1. OACSD Liberty Street potential project discussion continues.
 - 2. 81 North Ave. - NY Main Street Grant not awarded; Ms. Woodburn continues to look at rehabilitation possibilities. The Land Bank will be closing on this property this week.
- E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning continues to work on the following:
 - 1. Talent Supply Table
 - a. Youth Council meeting attended.
 - b. Program Coordinator meeting at Stateline Auto; posted on social media.
 - c. BT BOCES Tour- Assisting on outreach between BT BOCES and Tioga County businesses.
 - d. Working on 2023-2024 Education Workforce Report
 - 2. Participating in Youth Opportunity Now (Y-ON) Strategic Planning.
 - 3. Leadership Tioga Commencement held at the Waterman Distillery; nice event.
- F. Planning – Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:
 - 1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Ms. Jardine reported earlier.
 - a. Outreach made to Mr. Hammond and Mr. Simmons.
 - b. Advancing Plan to Legislative Committee.
- G. Sustainability Management – Dr. Pratt continues to work on the following:
 - 1. Local Solid Waste Management Plan
 - a. Draft Plan with DEC- Waiting for public comment to close on Friday, December 8th, to incorporate in the final plan. Will then send to DEC, once returned, will share with the Legislature.
 - b. Private Waste Hauler Permit Fee – Resolution listed below.
- H. Misc.
 - 1. Farmer Brown Solar PILOT – Challenge continues on what the disbursement breakdown should be; discussion is ongoing.
Ms. Tinney reported the Town of Owego is looking at separating the need for a PILOT in place for the issuance of the building permit. Now, they can't get the building permit until the PILOT is in place. The Town wanted that in place to ensure a decommissioning plan was in place. But the town is now agreeing to the issuance of a building permit only with the caveat the decommissioning plan is in place. Once resolved, construction can begin.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Economic/Community Development
 - 1. Presentations (1)
 - a. Racker Neighborhood Depot- Ms. Tinney presented at the ground-breaking event on November 10th.
 - b. Council on Government
 - i. Land Bank – Ms. Woodburn presented.
 - ii. IDA – Ms. Curtis presented.
- B. Workforce Development
 - 1. Business Leads Fellowship Program- Congratulations to Mr. Lanning, he has been accepted in this year-long program. There will be one visit to Washington D.C. to

participate in group discussions. The rest of the meetings will be virtual. Ms. Tinney stated that this is an honor.

2. Healthcare Careers Expo- Three Tioga County schools attended. Mr. Lanning continues to encourage partnerships.

C. Planning

1. 239 Reviews (1)
 - a. 2023-022 Town of Newark Valley; Site Plan Review (Creek Site Structures); recommended approval.

D. Sustainability Management

1. 2023 YTD
 - a. Paid to Broome County
 - i. HHW= \$11,297.25
 - ii. E-Waste= \$5,445.65
 - b. Towns/County (EWaste)= \$679.68

E. IDA

1. Southern Tier Clean Tech Corridor Initiative – The IDA Board agreed to contribute toward the region-wide implementation plan for clean tech innovation at SUNY Binghamton. This may allow us to participate in any spin off that might come from that.
2. Deluge Media Social Media content- MOU has been signed by all parties and project videos have begun for social media use.

V. PERSONNEL

- a. Community Development Specialist backfill process has begun – Ms. Tinney and Ms. Woodburn will be meeting with Ms. Parke in personnel.

VI. RESOLUTIONS (11)

- L09-Reappoint Michael Baratta to the TCPDC for Two Year Term
- L10-Reappoint Hannah Murray to the TCPDC for Two Year Term
- L11-Appoint Member (B Woodburn) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board
- L12-Reappoint Member (Art Cacciola) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L13 -Reappoint Member (Georgeanne Eckley) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L14-Resolution to Renew SWCD Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordination Services 2024
- L15-Appoint Member (James Marzen) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- L16-Renew Administrative Services Agreement with Tioga County Property Development Corporation
- L22-Private Waste Hauler Permit Fee
- L24-Appoint JWhitmore to the TCPDC Board
- L52-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Laptop and Docking Station for EDP Dept

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward. The vote to support the above resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes

Legislator Weston – yes
Legislator Flesher – yes
Legislator Mullen – yes

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning

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TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2023 12

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
A6422 Economic Development							
A6422 411132 Tax On Hotel/Motel	-30,000	0	-30,000	-61,824.65	.00	31,824.65	206.1%
A6422 412890 Other Gen Gov. Inc	-100,000	0	-100,000	-49,837.20	.00	-50,162.80	49.8%*
A6422 412891 Other General Gov.	0	0	0	-26,894.00	.00	26,894.00	100.0%
A6422 419890 Contribution To Ec	-20,000	0	-20,000	-21,750.00	.00	1,750.00	108.8%
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-25,000	0	-25,000	-25,000.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A6422 437170 State Aid- Adminis	0	0	0	-52,055.16	.00	52,055.16	100.0%
A6422 510010 Full Time	295,458	0	295,458	277,749.07	.00	17,708.93	94.0%
A6422 510020 Part Time/Temporar	12,553	0	12,553	11,974.82	.00	578.18	95.4%
A6422 520090 Computer	0	5,348	5,348	4,389.59	.00	958.41	82.1%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	-100	2,900	2,464.54	.00	435.46	85.0%
A6422 540040 Books	450	100	550	451.43	.00	98.57	82.1%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	965.52	.00	1,034.48	48.3%
A6422 540140 Contracting Servic	0	10,100	10,100	1,250.00	.00	8,850.00	12.4%
A6422 540180 Dues	400	200	600	508.00	.00	92.00	84.7%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	44.86	.00	105.14	29.9%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,320	800	2,120	1,129.84	.00	990.16	53.3%
A6422 540360 Meals/Food	750	0	750	142.18	.00	607.82	19.0%
A6422 540390 Mileage Expense	0	100	100	28.75	.00	71.25	28.8%
A6422 540420 Office Supplies	1,280	0	1,280	725.59	.00	554.41	56.7%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	68.67	.00	311.33	18.1%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,500	-900	600	199.99	.00	400.01	33.3%
A6422 540487 Program Expense-WD	100,000	-900	99,100	2,109.98	.00	96,990.02	2.1%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	20,000	-10,900	9,100	500.00	.00	8,600.00	5.5%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	740	0	740	714.89	.00	25.11	96.6%
A6422 540733 Training/All other	5,000	-3,848	1,152	600.00	.00	552.00	52.1%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	15,206	0	15,206	29,299.15	.00	-14,092.75	192.7%*
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	22,030	0	22,030	22,197.57	.00	-167.80	100.8%*
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	8,944	0	8,944	7,345.24	.00	1,598.46	82.1%
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	384	0	384	323.38	.00	61.06	84.1%
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	56,915	0	56,915	61,332.50	.00	-4,417.59	107.8%*
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	88	0	88	91.24	.00	-3.44	103.9%*
TOTAL Economic Development	373,648	0	373,648	189,245.79	.00	184,402.23	50.6%
TOTAL General Fund	373,648	0	373,648	189,245.79	.00	184,402.23	50.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	-175,000	0	-175,000	-237,361.01	.00	62,361.01	
TOTAL EXPENSES	548,648	0	548,648	426,606.80	.00	122,041.22	



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FOR 2023 12

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GRAND TOTAL	373,648	0	373,648	189,245.79	.00	184,402.23	50.6%

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A General Fund							
A8020 Planning							
A8020 449020 ARC23 Federal Aid-P	0	-25,000	-25,000	-19,570.40	.00	-5,429.60	78.3%*
A8020 510010 Full Time	156,482	0	156,482	150,465.03	.00	6,016.97	96.2%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	73.14	.00	126.86	36.6%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	131.00	.00	469.00	21.8%
A8020 540140 Contracting Serv	22,000	1,300	23,300	14,251.25	.00	9,048.75	61.2%
A8020 540140 ARC23 Contracting S	0	50,000	50,000	39,140.80	.00	10,859.20	78.3%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	100	900	826.00	.00	74.00	91.8%
A8020 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	71.20	.00	128.80	35.6%
A8020 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A8020 540360 Meals/Food	190	0	190	.00	.00	190.00	.0%
A8020 540390 Mileage Expense	600	0	600	547.25	.00	52.75	91.2%
A8020 540420 Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A8020 540480 Postage	900	0	900	34.95	.00	865.05	3.9%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	-1,300	3,575	1,175.20	.00	2,399.80	32.9%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	312.12	.00	287.88	52.0%
A8020 540733 Training/All Other	1,200	-100	1,100	50.00	.00	1,050.00	4.5%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	11,872	0	11,872	12,612.33	.00	-739.95	106.2%*
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	10,535	0	10,535	11,359.09	.00	-824.28	107.8%*
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	2,449	0	2,449	2,546.70	.00	-98.02	104.0%*
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	136	0	136	135.98	.00	-.26	100.2%*
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	44,033	0	44,033	45,092.08	.00	-1,058.61	102.4%*
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	29	0	29	31.98	.00	-2.86	109.8%*
TOTAL Planning	260,401	25,000	285,401	259,285.70	.00	26,115.48	90.8%
TOTAL General Fund	260,401	25,000	285,401	259,285.70	.00	26,115.48	90.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-25,000	-25,000	-19,570.40	.00	-5,429.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES	260,401	50,000	310,401	278,856.10	.00	31,545.08	



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GRAND TOTAL	260,401	25,000	285,401	259,285.70	.00	26,115.48	90.8%
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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
A General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL	
A8160 Refuse & Garbage								
A8160 439892	Solid Waste State		-30,000	-8,500.00	.00	-21,500.00	28.3%*	
A8160 510010	Fulltime		64,227	61,757.40	.00	2,469.60	96.2%	
A8160 520130	Equipment (Not Car		0	2,351.93	.00	.00	100.0%	
A8160 520280	Tools Large/ Power	2,352	2,129	2,128.94	.00	.00	100.0%	
A8160 540010	Advertising	3,500	11,000	7,752.52	1,956.00	1,291.48	88.3%	
A8160 540180	Dues		175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%	
A8160 540270	Insurance-Liabilit		1,355	.00	.00	1,355.00	.0%	
A8160 540320	Leased/Service Equ	2,000	2,000	430.29	.00	1,569.71	21.5%	
A8160 540390	Mileage Expense		167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%	
A8160 540420	Office Supplies		2,000	930.68	.00	1,069.32	46.5%	
A8160 540444	Permits, Fees, Ins		100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%	
A8160 540480	Postage		200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%	
A8160 540487	Program Exp-Enforc	500	500	51.00	.00	449.00	10.2%	
A8160 542140	Contracting Servic	-5,500	94,500	25,333.93	6,915.00	62,251.07	34.1%	
A8160 542261	Household Hazardou		75,000	23,733.98	.00	51,266.02	31.6%	
A8160 542485	Printing/Paper		1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
A8160 542640	Supplies (Not Offi	-631	10,369	7,546.57	.00	2,822.58	72.8%	
A8160 542680	Tires		3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%	
A8160 581088	State Retirement F		7,587	6,895.98	.00	691.02	90.9%	
A8160 583088	Social Security Fr		4,396	4,735.50	.00	-339.50	107.7%*	
A8160 584088	Workers Compensati		1,411	1,273.22	.00	137.78	90.2%	
A8160 585588	Disability Insuran		113	67.86	.00	45.14	60.1%	
A8160 586088	Health Insurance F		9,585	11,159.98	.00	-1,574.98	116.4%*	
A8160 588988	EAP Fringe		115	15.86	.00	99.14	13.8%	
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage			260,331	147,665.64	8,871.00	108,144.13	59.1%	
TOTAL General Fund			260,331	147,665.64	8,871.00	108,144.13	59.1%	
TOTAL REVENUES			-30,000	-8,500.00	.00	-21,500.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			290,331	294,681	8,871.00	129,644.13		



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GRAND TOTAL	260,331	4,350	264,681	147,665.64	8,871.00	108,144.13	59.1%

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Tioga County Tourism December 2023

DRI Wayfinding Sign Project

Sign plan and content are being updated and finalized. Fabrication and installation is still planned for 2023, but may not occur until 2024 due to weather and setbacks with the contractor.

Online Services Grant

The Online Services grant through the USDA has been extended until September of 2024. TCT has approximately \$29,000 in reimbursable funds to contract with an online marketing specialist to work one-on-one with TC businesses. We are developing a program that will allow approximately 17 businesses and organizations to participate in an eight-week customized program. Participation requirements and promotional material is being created. The first round of the program is anticipated to start in mid-January.

Tioga Antique Trail Campaign

TCT is working with Mediabrush marketing to create a comprehensive campaign to promote the Tioga Antiques Trail. This campaign will begin in mid-December and run through the first quarter of 2024. It will include digital advertising, streaming commercials, videos and a new landing page on experiencetioga.com.

EOAC Mural

TCT is working with Tioga Arts Council and Early Owego Antique Center to use funds to update the "You are Here" Owego mural on Main Street. Currently, the project organizers are finalizing Request for Quotes to be sent out to secure contractors and artists. Completion of the project is projected for June of 2024.

Holiday Events at the Experience Tioga Visitor Center

TCT hosted Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Visitor Center for Holiday Showcase and Lights on the River. Both events brought a lot of people to the visitor center as well as a lot of holiday cheer! The visitor center is open during peak holiday hours.

Light Up Tioga Driving Tour

The Light Up Tioga Driving Tour will begin December 8th and run through Christmas Eve. We have 20 homes and stops along the route. We will be promoting this event through local advertising and social media ads.



Serving Tioga County Farmers, Families & Youth for 100+ Years

Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County

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🌐 tioga.cce.cornell.edu

December 2023 CCE Tioga Highlights Prepared for Tioga County Legislature Update

Organizational Updates:

- Recruitment in on-going for a new Executive Director. As reported in the November report, a Search Committee is coordinating that effort on behalf of the Board of Directors. Applications are currently being accepted with a detailed position description found at tioga.cce.cornell.edu under the heading JOIN OUR TEAM.
- The following positions are open with active recruitment and/or interviewing process underway: Ag Development Specialist, Finance Manager, 4-H Educator, Energy Team Leader. A Community Horticulture/Farm Facilities Manager was recently hired through an open search process.

Hilltop Community Farm:

- We received notice recently that the Park Foundation has awarded CCE Tioga \$25,000. This funding will support the Incubator Farmer program in 2024.
- The NYS DASNY application referenced in last month's report was submitted on December 15th. As a reminder the infrastructure improvements grant for non-profits was submitted for three primary improvements. They include renovating the first floor of the garage area into a handicap accessible classroom style space. A paved parking area and loop to make the immediate area near the office more accessible and easier for vehicle flow in and out of the driveways. A commercial cooler to support the Incubator Farmer program.
 - Following is a link to a recent article published in the Cornell Chronicle regarding an ongoing research project looking at rice production in colder climates. The other link is the youtube video profiling the project on social media with portions of it filmed at Hilltop Community Farm. As previously reported, one of the rice trials is being tested at the farm.
<https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2023/12/rice-can-help-nys-farms-profit-climate-change-flooding>
<https://youtu.be/OzIoZeX42U>

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- 4-Hers were mailed their fair premium and auction checks throughout the month of November and December. These are going out a bit later than normal this year as a result of not being fully staffed. As noted earlier in this report, recruitment and interviews to fill a full-time 4-H educator position are currently underway.

Beginning Farmer Incubator Program

- CCE Tioga Ag staff are continuing the recruitment process for the next cohort of incubator farmers for 2024.

Campus Connections

- The State-wide Cooperative Extension system is currently organizing its annual state legislative visits for January 2024. Executive Directors from around the state travel to Albany and provide updates to state legislators on key programs and accomplishments and outline the value that state 224 funding provides.

Respectfully submitted by

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Ten Largest Employers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Industry Type</i>	<i>2023 Employees</i>
Lockheed Martin	Manufacturing	2,497
Tioga County Government	Government	416
Tioga Downs Casino	Gaming	415
Waverly Central School District	Education	383
Owego Apalachin School District	Education	361
Best Buy Regional Distribution Center	Distribution Warehouse	274
Crown Cork & Seal	Mfg./Distribution	262
Leprino Foods	Food Processing	235
Upstate Shredding	Recycling	217
Elderwood	Nursing Facility	184

Ten Largest Taxpayers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Industry Type</i>	<i>2023 Tax</i>
Central NY Oil & Gas/Stagecoach	Natural Gas Storage	\$ 5,856,348.32
Lockheed Martin	Manufacturing	\$ 2,462,484.19
NYSEG	Utility	\$ 2,378,680.52
Tioga Downs	Gaming	\$ 1,561,667.36
Millennium Pipeline Co., LLC	Utility	\$ 1,486,294.45
Nichols Distribution (Best Buy)	Distribution Center	\$ 524,241.18
Veolia	Utility	\$ 483,048.95
Norfolk Southern	Railroad	\$ 375,093.14
Crown Cork & Seal	Manufacturing	\$ 367,296.02
FedEx	Truck Terminal	\$ 232,263.92

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24

RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO THE
SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA
COMMISSION

WHEREAS: Per Resolution 25-16, the Tioga County Legislature resolved that the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend designees for the Municipal Representative and also the Advisory Board Member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said persons; and

WHEREAS: Currently Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, have been serving as the two (2) SHA Commission members; and

WHEREAS: Rebecca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, are willing to serve as the two (2) SHA Commission members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend Rebecca Maffei, the Tioga County Tourism Director, continue to serve as the Municipal Representative and Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director, continue to serve as the Advisory Board member on the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission for the term of office of the County Legislative Chair who appoints said person.