



FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 14, 2026

10:30 A.M.

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 10, 2026
  
- FINANCIAL
  - Safety
  - Law
  
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Litigation and Claims
  - Ethics Board Appointments
  
- NEW BUSINESS
  - County Vehicles
  - Hearing Conservation Testing
  
- PERSONNEL
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant County Attorney Vacancy
  
- RESOLUTIONS
  - AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2026 BUDGET
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- PROCLAMATIONS
  - Fair Housing Month
  
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - Litigation Matter(s)
  
- ADJOURNMENT

# Office of the County Attorney



## FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2026

10:30 A.M.

### ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Monell, Ciotoli, Standinger, Flesher, Brown, Aronstam, Rose, Cantella

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer Roberts, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Chief Accountant Schurter, Safety Officer Holbrook, Personnel Officer Parke, Public Defender Arcesi, County Administrator Bailey, Public Works Commissioner Hammond

Guest(s): N/A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chair Monell asked for a motion to approve February 10, 2026, minutes. Legislator Brown made the motion seconded by Legislator Cantella and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Safety and Legal's budgets are tracking well.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Litigation and Claims: There is no new litigation to report. However, there have been several claims seeking surplus foreclosure funds. A referee process has been suggested to the Court for complex redemption claims.
- Ethic Board Appointments: A resolution has been submitted for the appointment for the Chair's nominee.
- CDL Drug Testing MOU: The MOU has been sent for review. There are ongoing issues with other municipalities not following federal guidelines and standards for testing. A MOU will protect the County from liability if a municipality chooses to disregard CDL drug testing protocols.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ADA Surveys: Surveys are in process. Lease spaces are being surveyed, and action items have been identified.
- Security Upgrades for Public Defender's Office: There was an incident at this office resulting in the identification of security deficiencies. Ms. Holbrook will work in conjunction with ITCS to address deficiencies.

### PERSONNEL

TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego, NY 13827



Peter J. DeWind County Attorney ☎ 607 687 8253 📠 607 223 7003 🌐 www.TiogaCountyNY.com

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant County Attorney Vacancy: There continues to be no interest in this position.

RESOLUTIONS: APPOINT MEMBER TO BOARD OF ETHICS; AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE 2026 BUDGET HURRELL HARRING GRANT A1174 AND THE ILS GRANT A1173; APPOINT PART-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE; AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 193-18, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 45-23; AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 255-23 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 296-23 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 366-23 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 148-24 ADOPTION OF TIOGA COUNTY TITLE VI PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLAN, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN, DATA COLLECTION PLAN, ADA TRANSITION PLAN AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING PLAN were moved into full Legislative session without further questions.

PROCLAMATIONS: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Monell adjourned the Finance, Legal and Safety Committee meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Freyvogel*

Paralegal to the County Attorney



# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County 2026 SAFETY BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 12

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>CI Liability Insurance Fund</b>							
<b>CI8042 504 Coordinator/Safety</b>							
CI8042 424010 Interest And Earn	0	0	0	-989.61	.00	989.61	100.0%
CI8042 510010 Fulltime	63,188	0	63,188	13,690.37	.00	49,497.63	21.7%
CI8042 540070 Car Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
CI8042 540140 Contracting Servi	164,500	0	164,500	19,893.88	143,006.12	1,600.00	99.0%
CI8042 540140 M7674 Contracting	0	14,763	14,763	11,991.03	2,772.25	.00	100.0%
CI8042 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
CI8042 540340 Literature	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
CI8042 540410 Nursing Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	367.00	.00	1,633.00	18.4%
CI8042 540420 Office Supplies	400	0	400	119.22	.00	280.78	29.8%
CI8042 540480 Postage	75	0	75	.00	.00	75.00	.0%
CI8042 540640 Supplies (Not Off	600	0	600	166.94	.00	433.06	27.8%
CI8042 540733 Training/All othe	2,500	0	2,500	160.50	.00	2,339.50	6.4%
CI8042 581088 State Retirement	9,040	0	9,040	2,593.62	.00	6,446.38	28.7%
CI8042 583088 Social Security F	4,854	0	4,854	1,017.12	.00	3,836.88	21.0%
CI8042 584088 Workers Compensat	1,145	0	1,145	284.34	.00	860.66	24.8%
CI8042 585588 Disability Insura	55	0	55	13.32	.00	41.68	24.2%
CI8042 586088 Health Insurance	18,101	0	18,101	7,093.56	.00	11,007.44	39.2%
CI8042 588988 Eap Fringe	15	0	15	3.54	.00	11.46	23.6%
<b>TOTAL 504 Coordinator/Safety</b>	<b>267,723</b>	<b>14,763</b>	<b>282,486</b>	<b>56,404.83</b>	<b>145,778.37</b>	<b>80,303.08</b>	<b>71.6%</b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-989.61</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>989.61</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>267,723</b>	<b>14,763</b>	<b>282,486</b>	<b>57,394.44</b>	<b>145,778.37</b>	<b>79,313.47</b>	
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# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County 2026 LEGAL BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 12

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REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -26 AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT  
FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMEND ASSIGNED  
COUNSEL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER'S 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$100,000.00 for Aid to Defense for Supplemental Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2026 until expended; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to accept the grant funding for the distribution in said amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Said funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 needs to be appropriated and the 2026 budget be amended; and

WHEREAS: Acceptance of grant funding and appropriation of funds require Legislature approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby accepts the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of said distribution in the amount of \$100,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon receipt of the funds through the Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant of \$100,000.00, the 2026 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Accounts:	A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
	A1170.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
Expense Accounts:	A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 50,000.00
	A1170.540280 DOCJS	Investigations	\$ 50,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on April 1, 2026 of the grant award of \$100,000.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2027 and beyond until the funds are exhausted.

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LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

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WHEREAS: Tioga County has been notified by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services of a grant award notice for \$100,000.00 for Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform for the time period beginning April 1, 2026 until expended; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for Tioga County to accept the grant funding for the distribution in said amount of \$100,000.00; and

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Revenue Accounts: A1170.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
A1172.430250 DOCJS	State Aid DOCJS	\$ 50,000.00
Expense Accounts: A1172.540330 DOCJS	Legal Fees	\$ 50,000.00
A1170.540140 DOCJS	Contracting Services	\$ 50,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on April 1, 2026 of the grant award of \$100,000.00 allocated in each of these budget lines be carried forward into the New Year 2027 and beyond until the funds are exhausted.

**COUNTY OF TIOGA  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: Our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS: More than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS: Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Tioga County as an inclusive community committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Tioga County.

Dated: April 14, 2026

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TRACY MONELL, CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE