**LEGAL/SAFETYCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – May 14, 2019**

PRESENT: Chair Monell, Legislators Sauerbrey, Sullivan, Standinger, Weston, Mullen, Hollenbeck, Roberts and Balliet, County Attorney Peter DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Budget Officer Hollenbeck.

Meeting convened at 10:35 a.m.

**Minutes** - On motion of Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Weston the Minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by those present.

**Financial** - Year to Date Budget Report – Tracking well. There may be the need to increase the legal fees line item.

**New Business:**

**Resolution to hire 2nd Asst. County Attorney** – Mari Townsend will start in this position as of May 25, 2019.

**Resolution to correct census boundary lines between Broome and Tioga –** Attorney DeWindpresented a brief overview of where the boundary lines will be corrected so that residents in those areas will be correctly counted as living in Tioga County in the next census.

**OSHA Mandated Hearing Test –** This test was previously administered by Public Health. Safety Officer Ed Solomon has worked on the options for administering the test. The options are to have Guthrie do them out-of-house or to have the Safety Officer do them in-house, with results being sent to Guthrie for interpretation. The Safety Officer would have to be trained by Guthrie to do the test. The cost for in-house is approximately $1195 per year and the cost for out-of-house is $1470 per year Legislator Weston stated that he thought the best option was the out-of-house option because if the in-house option was picked, a subsequent turnover in the Safety office would mean the new Safety officer would have to be trained to perform the test. Legislator Sullivan asked what the term of the contract (one year or more multiple years) will be with Guthrie. Attorney DeWind will look into this. It was also stated that the Safety Officer maintains the record of these tests and that it is the responsibility of the Safety Officer and the Commissioner of Public Works to make sure the employees receive this test.

**Shopping Bag options –** A statewide ban on single use plastic bags will go into effect March 2020. The County has the option of putting a $.05 tax per bag on paper bags. 40% of this tax would go to the County, with the remaining amount going to the Environmental Protection Fund. The Legislators were in agreement that they did not want to put a tax on paper bags.

**Financial Disclosures** - Due May 15, 2015.

**Other matters**:

The CAP Court Plan was received from Josh Shapiro of the OCA. The plan has caused some concern with the District Attorney, Public Defender and Magistrates. A meeting will be set up to discuss the problems. Originally the tentative implementation date for this plan was July but because of these problems it doesn’t look like this will take place by then.

ILS Grant Contract – Attorney DeWind has spoken with Joanne Macri at the Office of Indigent Legal Services and the contract has been sent to the Attorney General. This grant reimburses salaries in the Public Defender’s office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.