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## FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE October 15, 2024 10:30 A.M.

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 12, 2024
- **FINANCIAL** 
  - Safety
  - o Law
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Litigation
  - o In Rem
  - NYMIR Risk Management Review
  - NYMIR 2025 Insurance Renewal
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Fourth Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant
  - Service Animal Training
  - o PILOT Agreement with New Energy Equity, LLC as Agent for Project Owner Tioga CSG 1, LLC
  - o Coroner/Deputy Coroner
  - o Remote Work Employees
  - Strategic Plan Goals & Progress
- PERSONNEL
  - None
- **RESOLUTIONS** 
  - REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS & MODIFY 2024 BUDGET TREASURER'S **OFFICE**
  - AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TARGET CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS
  - AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HENRY SCHEIN CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS
- **PROCLAMATIONS**

- o None
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- ADJOURNMENT

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### FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE September 12, 2024 10:30 A.M.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Monell, Flesher, Roberts, and Brown, Standinger, Mullen

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Safety Officer Holbrook Personnel Officer Parke, Chief Accountant Schurter, County Administrator Bailey, Paralegal Humes

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

 Legislator Ciotoli asked for a motion to approve the August 13, 2024, minutes. Legislator Monell made the motion seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried.

#### FINANCIAL:

 Legal and Safety: Safety's budget is tracking well and Legal's budget is tracking well. However, the Legal Fees object line continues to dwindle and could require an influx of funds before the end of the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- o Litigation: the Harris trial is scheduled for this November. The JUUL settlement is ongoing and being handled by Public Health.
- o In Rem: This topic was discussed during the Treasurer's Committee Meeting.
- o Budget: The budget is on track.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

 NYMIR Risk Management Review: The review has been scheduled for October 10, 2024. NYMIR has requested to meet with the County Attorney, Treasurers and Personnel Departments. After this NYMIR will complete building site walkthroughs.



NYMIR 2025 Insurance Renewal: This process has begun with an anticipated submission date of October 14, 2024. Insurance costs have continued to increase due to an overall increase in rates across the board. Legislator Monell suggested the County reach out to other companies for quotes to ensure the County is receiving the best value.

#### PERSONNEL:

 Safety Officer Holbrook will be on vacation from September 13 to September 20, 2024. Department of Social Services Legal Attorney Nicole Pence started this Monday and has acclimated well to the department.

#### LATE FILE RESOLUTIONS:

 REQUEST AND TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS & MODIFY 2024 BUDGET ASSIGNED COUNSEL and AUTHORIZE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR DELINQUENT TAXES were moved into full Legislative Session without further questions.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

- o N/A
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - o N/A

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Legislator Ciotoli adjourned the Legal & Safety Committee at 11:49
 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Freywogel
Secretary to the County Attorney



## Tioga County 2024 LEGAL BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 12							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRĀNFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD <u>A</u> CTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILÄBLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
A1420 Law							
A1420 412706 Shared Services-At A1420 510010 Full Time A1420 510020 Part Time/Temporar A1420 540010 Advertising A1420 540040 Books A1420 540180 Dues A1420 540331 Legal Fees-Adolesc A1420 540330 Mileage Expense A1420 540420 Office Supplies A1420 540480 Postage A1420 540485 Printing/Paper A1420 540485 Printing/Paper A1420 581088 State Retirement F A1420 583088 Social Security Fr A1420 584088 Workers Compensati A1420 586088 Health Insurance F A1420 588988 Eap Fringe	-50,079 223,698 40,233 450 635 1,500 2,400 65,000 2,000 300 825 150 400 1,000 13,971 0 0 76,972	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-50,079 223,698 40,233 450 635 1,500 2,400 65,000 2,000 300 825 150 400 1,000 17,786 15,479 4,385 178 77,381 58	-19,493.04 162,223.96 29,176.59 379.00 26.50 862.00 50,037.05 500.00 350.65 124.07 193.76 425.00 20,927.60 14,207.04 3,676.80 156.60 72,978.80 48.80	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-30,585.96 61,474.04 11,056.41 71.00 635.00 1,473.50 1,538.00 4,612.95 1,500.00 300.00 474.35 25.93 206.24 575.00 -3,141.68 1,271.68 708.34 21.59 4,402.41 8.87	38.9%* 72.5% 84.2% .0% 1.8% 35.9% 92.9% 25.0% .0% 42.5% 82.7% 48.4% 42.5% 117.7%* 91.8% 83.8% 87.9% 94.3% 84.6%
TOTAL Law	379,455	24,323	403,779	336,801.18	10,350.00	56,627.67	86.0%
TOTAL General Fund	379,455	24,323	403,779	336,801.18	10,350.00	56,627.67	86.0%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	-50,079 429,534	0 24,323	-50,079 453,858	-19,493.04 356,294.22	.00 10,350.00	-30,585.96 87,213.63	
GRAND TOTAL	379,455	24,323	403,779	336,801.18	10,350.00	56,627.67	86.0%

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## Tioga County 2024 SAFETY BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 12	<del>.</del>		. <u> </u>		<u>.</u> .		
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE PC BUDGET USE	T /cor
CI Liability Insurance Fund							
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TOTAL 504 Coordinator/Safety	229,845	37,594	267,439	176,583.79	57,976.69	32,878.87 87.	7%
TOTAL Liability Insurance Fund	229,845	37,594	267,439	176,583.79	57,976.69	32,878.87 87.	7%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	0 229,845	0 37,594	0 267,439	-4,490.78 181,074.57	.00 57,976.69	4,490.78 28,388.09	
GRAND TOTAL	229,845	37,594	267,439	176,583.79	57,976.69	32,878.87 87.3	7%

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RESOLUTION NO. -24 REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS &

MODIFY 2024 BUDGET TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS: The Law Department has experienced a significant increase in the legal fees in 2024 which have exceeded their current budget; and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer's Office has available budget in their Expense of County Owned Property org; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of Funds and Budget Modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes a transfer as follows:

From: A1364 540140 Contracting Services \$ 10,000.00

To: A1420 540330 Legal Fees \$10,000.00

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT

AGREEMENT WITH TARGET CONCERNING CLAIMS

RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS: The Action alleges several causes of action against defendant Target based on claims that Target contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Target has offered to settle the claims against it by entering into a national settlement and paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of Plaintiff's ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement but will have an approximate value to Tioga of \$70,234.04 (USD); and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve this matter with respect to Target without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against Teva and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Target and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claim the Defendants Target and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT

AGREEMENT WITH HENRY SCHEIN CONCERNING

CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS: The Action alleges several causes of action against defendant Henry Schein based on claims that Henry Schein contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: Henry Schein has offered to settle the claims against it by entering into a national settlement and paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will vary depending on several factors including the number of Plaintiff's ultimately agreeing to enter into the settlement but will have an approximate value to Tioga of \$4,515.05 (USD); and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve this matter with respect to Henry Schein without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against Teva and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to participate in the proposed settlement with Henry Schein and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature, Martha Sauerbrey, is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney to compromise the claim the Defendants Henry Schein and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.