



TIOGA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, August 7, 2025
9:00 am

○ ATTENDANCE

- Legislators
 - Marté Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair
 - Barbara Roberts, Public Works Committee Chair
 - Ray Bunce, Public Works Committee
 - William Standing, Public Works Committee
 - Ron Ciotoli, Public Works Committee
- Staff
 - Gary Hammond, Commissioner
 - Justin Ruggiero, Deputy Commissioner
 - Tammy Hummel, Secretary to the Commissioner
 - Jason Anderson, Project Technician
- Guests
 - Jackson Bailey, County Administrator
 - Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk
 - Laura Schurter, Chief Accountant/Treasury
 - Katie Chandler, Deputy Treasurer

○ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 10, 2025 meeting was made by William Standing, seconded by Ron Ciotoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

○ FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Summary was shared with the committee.

○ OLD BUSINESS

- None

○ NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hammond reported on Buildings and Grounds.
 - Two new shelves were built in the D.A.'s office
 - Work has been ongoing for the air conditioning in all buildings
 - Hedges were cut at 56 Main Street

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- Weeding was performed around the courthouse. Input was requested to determine the course of action on the retaining walls and flowers in that area as it needs replacement pavers. It was determined that the wall be repaired and keep the florals.
- Two barricades were fabricated for highway use.
- Mowing operations are ongoing.
- Tree trimming has been completed at the parking lots of HHS, Court House and 56 Main Street.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Department.
 - Repair of storm damage
 - Ditching being done on Sulphur Springs Road. There is an upcoming resolution to award paving.
 - Pipe changed on Goodrich Road. There is an upcoming resolution to pave.
 - Rebates on West Creek Road. Suit-Kote competed 8.2 miles and did a very satisfactory job.
 - Shoulders also competed on West Creek Road.
 - Minor paving on East River Road (dead end) to repair bad areas.
 - Installed driveway pipes on Gaskill Road.
 - Thank you to the Towns of Owego and Newark Valley. Shoulder projects are truck intensive and both towns loaned us trucks and operators for the day. The county enjoys a good reciprocal relationship with towns within the county and have traded other assets such as the low boy to haul equipment and last year, Owego loaned their Athey and saved the county from having to rent.
- Mr. Ruggiero reported on the Buildings and Grounds Capital Projects.
 - Delphine Street truck wash facility has an engineering walk through today after this meeting.
 - The Court Annex/Clerks roof and Court House roof and exterior improvements projects are scheduled to have stamped drawings near the end of August. There is also a walk through today at the Court House for the exterior improvements needed.
 - Court Annex and Probation rooftop HVAC control work trouble shooting issues still being diagnosed. The Carrier units are under warranty and the "bugs" need to be worked out of them.
 - Court Annex boiler is 15 years old, with a life expectancy of 10 years. It has been unreliable and will need replaced. There is a quote for \$25,000 for a 2nd boiler and it was recommended to keep both systems in place for redundancy.

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- Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building South Wing HVAC project ceiling cassette balancing was performed on Monday, August 4, 2025 with no issues. We are waiting on the visibility of the control system that can be accessed remotely. Once on track, a punch list can be completed and retainage released.
- Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building North Wing HVAC project contract to be awarded to P&J with construction to begin after Labor Day if the upcoming resolution passes to increase the budget for this project to accommodate the construction, material and engineering cost.
- The second heating boiler is installed and operational at the Public Safety Building. The third new heating boiler is being installed. The installation of this unit is more involved as the previous unit configuration is not viable and will require moving some duct work and some additional changes.
- The Public Safety Building control work project scope is being built.
- The Public Safety Building chiller VFD cooling fan has been ordered.
- Mr. Hammond reported on the Highway Capital Projects.
 - Harnick Road Bridge construction is moving forward.
 - East Spencer Road Bridge construction moving forward.
 - Day Hollow Road culvert design is complete with the bid to take place this fall.
 - Glenmary Drive by Thorn Hollow Road is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Straits Corners Road over Pipe Creek is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Brown Road Bridge over East Branch Owego Creek is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Halsey Valley Road Culvert is in the preliminary design phase.
 - The above listed design phase bridge projects are part of the Bridge New York funding.
- Mr. Hammond shared the 2026 Budget with the Public Works Committee.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Research information for a new copier for DPW – lease vs purchase to determine if it would need to be added to the 2026 budget
- PERSONNEL
 - None

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○ RESOLUTIONS

- Amend 2025 Capital Budget, transfer funds 56 Main Street and award 56 Main Street HVAC construction contract
 - Barbara Roberts (aye), Mr. Bunce (aye), Mr. Standing (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye)
- Authorize contract for Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. to perform paving and milling services on Goodrich Road
 - Barbara Roberts (aye), Mr. Bunce (aye), Mr. Standing (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye)
- Award bid for Sulphur Springs Road pavement overlay
 - Barbara Roberts (aye), Mr. Bunce (aye), Mr. Standing (aye), Ron Ciotoli (aye)

○ PROCLAMATIONS

- None

○ EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

○ ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gary Hammond".

Gary Hammond P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works