

MINUTES
MARCH 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING
TIOGA COUNTY CLERK
Meeting Date: March 3, 2020

Present: Committee Chair Legislator C. Balliet, Legislator D. Mullen, Legislator W. Standinger, Legislator L. Sullivan, and Legislative Chair Martha Sauerbrey

Staff Present: Andrea Klett, County Clerk; Suellen Griffin, Deputy County Clerk

MINUTES

Motion by Sullivan to accept February's minutes as presented, seconded by Standinger, and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL

The monthly financial reports were accepted as presented.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk presented to the Committee a resolution that would allow the Clerk's Office to collect a mortgage tax administration expense of \$11,620.00 per month for the period of April 2020 to April 2021. The total for the year will be \$139,440.00. This is an increase of \$530.00 per month over last year's administration expense. The Clerk is entitled to withhold this money from its monthly disbursements per New York State Tax Law Section 262 (Article 11). The Clerk noted to the Committee that she would like to recognize the Deputy County Clerk for her excellent work on the increase in the mortgage tax allowance.

OLD BUSINESS

The Clerk updated the Committee on the status of the new work station for the DMV. The purchase order for the equipment was sent to NYS on December 12, 2019. At this point there is no ETA on the equipment. Other Clerks in other counties in NY are experiencing the same issue and have voiced their concerns to the NYS DMV Commissioner's office. Cayuga County has been waiting 5 months, and Oswego County has been waiting as well. The Deputy Commissioner of the DMV informed the Clerks' Association that the issue is with the vendor. The Deputy Clerk offered that the vendor is most likely in China.

The Clerk also provided the Committee with the DMV production report for February. The report showed that Real ID license amendments increased in February while Enhanced License amendments decreased. The Clerk reported to the Committee that activity in the DMV has increased substantially for the end of February and beginning of March for several reasons. Customers are using their income tax returns to buy cars; people are planning vacations and are aware of the Real ID deadline of October 1, 2020; others are registering trailers and boats.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Klett
Tioga County Clerk