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# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2025, 10:00 AM

## **DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT & LABOR RELATIONS**

#### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

- Tioga County Corrections Association, Inc. On-Going, expires 12/31/2025
- Tioga County Law Enforcement Association, Inc. On-Going, expires 12/31/2025

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

• 2026 Revision Proposals – December Legislative Committee Meetings

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & BUDGETING

#### **BUDGET OFFICER**

- 2026 Budget
  - o 12/04/25 Worksession Final Adjustments
  - o 12/09/25 Adoption of Budget & Salary Schedules
    - Submission of Tax Cap to NYS Comptroller's Office
    - Roll from Level (4) Tentative to Level (5) Adopted

#### **ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION**

#### **LEADERS' MEETING**

Next: Tuesday January 27th, 2026: 56 Main – Disciplinary Practices w/ Roemer

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/COMMUNICATION**

 Press Event Tuesday, November 25, 9:30 AM – Tioga County Rural Ministry, 146 Central Ave, Owego

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- 56 Main North Wing HVAC Upgrade
- Radio Communications Tower Upgrade (Spencer Tower Standing)

#### MISC

Tioga County Chamber of Commerce/2025 Leadership Tioga

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday November 11, 2025

### Tioga County Celebrates Major Milestone at Spencer Radio Communications Tower Site

**Spencer, NY** — Today, the Tioga County Emergency Management Office (EMO), in partnership with the Tioga County Legislature, celebrated a significant step forward in strengthening the County's emergency communications infrastructure. District 6 Tioga County Legislator Ray Bunce, County Administrator Jackson D. Bailey II, EMO Director Corinne Cornelius, and Deputy EMO Director Will Ellis visited the construction site of the newly built radio communications tower in the Town of Spencer to mark the standing of the structure and to publicly recognize this important achievement for Tioga County.

"Today we're not just building a tower — we're strengthening the backbone of emergency communication for all our first responders and Tioga County citizens," said County Administrator Jackson D. Bailey II.

Once fully operational, the facility will provide enhanced radio coverage across previously underserved portions of the County, especially in rural terrain, and will also support emergency responders, including fire, EMS, law enforcement, and public works, with more reliable and interoperable communications, and strengthen the County's ability to coordinate large-scale incident responses such as weather events, mutual aid operations, broadband outages, and other emergencies.

EMO Director Corinne Cornelius added, "This project demonstrates our continued commitment to investing in long-term resilience. Modern, dependable radio communications are essential to protecting lives and property."

District 6 Legislator Ray Bunce praised the cross-departmental collaboration: "This milestone would not have been possible without the joint efforts of the County

executive team, EMO staff, the Legislature, and our local community stakeholders. We're proud to see this structure rising today in Spencer."

County Administrator Bailey also praised the Emergency Management Offices efforts in facilitating the project, "Corinne and her team have navigated major engineering design approvals and proposals, planning board reviews, grant funding applications, and procurement thresholds per state guidance. Today represents the payoff of their hard work," he said.

With the tower now standing, the County will proceed with antenna installation and connection of radio equipment, integration with backup power and redundant communications links, system testing and calibration with first-responder agencies and formal activation and public-safety use in the coming months.

Pictured (left to right): County Administrator, Jackson D. Bailey II; Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Will Ellis; District 6 Legislator, Ray Bunce, Director of Emergency Management, Corinne Cornelius.

#### ### End of Release

