

TIOGA COUNTY CLERK

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 2020

DEPOSITORIES

TIOGA COUNTY CLERK

CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST

Motor Vehicle Account

Sales Tax Account

Exchange Account

M & T BANK

Miscellaneous Court Account

TIOGA STATE BANK

Fee Account

Mortgage Tax Account

Transfer Tax Account

eAccount

I. RECORDINGS

Deeds, Mortgages, Miscellaneous Recordings

Total Recordings Fees Retained by Tioga County 2020 \$238,807.17

II. MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS

Passport Applications & Photos, UCC Filings, Copies & Certified Copies, Transcripts of Judgment, Liens, and other Miscellaneous Filings such as Building & Loans, Affidavits, DBA's, Survey Maps

Total Misc. Filing Fees Retained by Tioga County 2020 \$74,928.79

III. COURT FEES

Index Numbers, Notes of Issue, RJI's, Notices of Appeal, Motions, Stipulations of Discontinuance

Total Court Fees Retained by Tioga County 2020 \$18,174.00

Total Court Fees Forwarded to New York State 2020 \$166,426.00

IV. REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

Total Real Estate Transfer Tax Allowance Tioga County 2020 \$1,385.00

Total Real Estate Transfer Tax Forwarded to NYS 2020 \$482,675.00

V. MORTGAGE TAX

Total Mortgage Tax to Tioga County Towns 2020	\$697,132.66
Total Mortgage Tax Forwarded to SONYMA 2020	\$247,373.08

VI. COUNTY CLERK FEE

Mortgage Tax Administration Allowance 2020	\$137,850.00
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VII. FINES – COURT COSTS

Fines/STOP DWI, NYS Surcharges, SCAR, Miscellaneous Fines

Fines Retained by Tioga County 2020	\$11,699.81
Fines Forwarded to New York State 2020	\$16,624.84

VIII. MOTOR VEHICLE

Fees and Sales Tax Retained by Tioga County 2020	\$306,332.59
Auto Use Fee and Portion of Online Transactions 2020	\$350,418.18

IX. SURCHARGE

Fees Collected on Court and Land Transactions

Retained by Tioga County 2020	\$5,312.00
Forwarded to New York State Cultural Education Fund	\$100,928.00

X. EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

Fees Retained by Tioga County 2020	\$11,142.00
Fees Forwarded to NYS Div. of Equalization & Assessment	\$114,028.00

XI. NYS NOTARY FEES

Notary Fees Retained by Tioga County 2020 **\$1,220.00**

Notary Fees Forwarded to New York State 2020 **\$2,440.00**

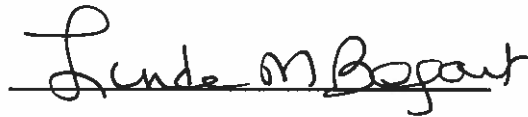
I, Andrea L. Klett, being duly sworn, state that I am the Clerk of the County of Tioga and that the foregoing statement is in all respect a full and true statement as required by Section 201 of the County Law and all monies received each day by said Clerk, or my assistants, for fees, perquisites, and emoluments for all services rendered by me or said assistants in their official capacity, for the year 2020.



Andrea L. Klett

Tioga County Clerk

Sworn to before me this 26 day of Feb, 2021



LINDA M BOGART
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 04BO5057427
Qualified in Tioga County
My Commission Expires Mar. 25, 2022

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2020 started off as a normal year. But, as we all know, it didn't stay normal for long. As the Covid-19 pandemic spread to the United States, office procedures had to change rapidly to ensure the safety of our customers and employees. I am very proud to say that the staff in the Clerk's Office and in the DMV went above and beyond the call of duty to adapt and continued to provide excellent and safe customer service to the constituents of Tioga County.

On March 18, 2020, per State mandate, County offices closed to the public. At that time, the Clerk's Office staff split into two crews so that staff could safely work on land recordings and court filings that came in through the mail, by electronic means, or through a drop box that was placed in the lobby of 16 Court Street. The DMV was shut down completely on order of the NYS Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, with no staff being allowed to report to the office.

Early in April, DMV offices were allowed to be staffed at 50%. The drop box at 16 Court Street was then opened up to also allow for DMV transactions. The DMV staff also split into two crews so that dealer work, mail, and drop box transactions could be processed.

The full staff of the Clerk's Office returned to work together on May 18th. The public was still unable to come into the office so the drop box was continued. Fortunately, the Clerk's Office had already established electronic recording and filing for land records and court documents.

As of June 1st the drop box for DMV transactions had become so popular that it had to be moved to the hallway outside the DMV office at 56 Main Street. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk manned the drop box in the hall until early in July when Motor Vehicles offices were finally able to open to the public.

The Clerk's Office was also able to reopen to the public in early July. The Recording Clerks all followed procedures that kept customers socially distanced and common surfaces sanitized. The DMV office, with the

invaluable aid of the IT Department, put an appointment system into place that controlled customer flow to ensure everyone's safety.

Despite the pandemic, compared to 2019, the Clerk's Office revenue was actually up by 2.04%. This can be attributed, at least in part, to the drop in interest rates that caused more people to refinance, buy a new home, or take out a home equity line of credit.

Unfortunately, the DMV did not fare so well. The County's 12.7% take on all transactions and sales tax retention was down by 16% when compared to 2019. Tioga County Auto Use Fees, which we collect whenever a resident of the county registers a vehicle, were down by 5.8%. I believe that the drop box helped to mitigate this impact.

Overall, I am so proud of the employees of the Clerk's Office and the Motor Vehicles Department and very grateful for how all offices came together to help each other adjust to this horrible pandemic. I cannot wait to see how we all help Tioga County rebound!