Tompkins County Public Information Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Attendance

Voting Members:	Linda Holzbaur, Paul Boyer, Patty Poist, Kate Supron
Non-Voting Members:	Monika Salvage, Dan Wakeman
Guests:	Kay Wagner

Meeting started at 1 pm.

Reports

Name	Topic & Activity	Action Steps
Monika Salvage	- Reviewed recent activities of the Communications and Public Information Office, focusing on additional workload and communications support related to the legislature's budget negotiations and upcoming elections. - Board members agreed to draft a letter in support of a proposal, under consideration by the Legislature, to hire an additional staff position for the Communications office in 2027. Patty Poist agreed to lead this effort.	- PIAB: Draft and send recommendation letter to Legislature in support of additional communications staff as outlined in the 2027 recommended budget.
PIAB	- General discussion related to state law regulating the publication of legal notices in a newspaper of record. - Board discussed the value of placing ads in papers other than the Ithaca Journal, which is the current newspaper of record for Tompkins County but has limited readership. - It was noted that while publication in the Journal is mandated, the County is not barred from placing additional notices in publications other than the newspaper of record. Monika reported that in 2025, the county spent $17,000 for publication of legal notices, which was less than the amount budgeted. - Board members agreed to research and draft recommendations for the legislature to 1) encourage publication of legal notices in local newspapers beyond the newspaper of record and 2) propose criteria for determining where these notices should be placed.	- PIAB: Draft recommendation letter for the Legislature about newspaper of record.

Meeting ended at 2 pm.