

*First Special & Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2019*

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2019 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:03 A.M.

The following County Legislators were present:

DISTRICT 1
Clifford Balliet

DISTRICT 5
Dennis M. Mullen

DISTRICT 2
Martha C. Sauerbrey

DISTRICT 6
Dale N. Weston

DISTRICT 3
Michael Roberts

DISTRICT 7
William H. Standinger, III
Ed Hollenbeck

DISTRICT 4
Loretta A. Sullivan
Tracy Monell (*arrived at 9:07 a.m.*)

There were 16 people in attendance.

The Clerk asked Legislator Sullivan to have a moment of Prayer. "Heavenly Father this is the first Legislative meeting of the New Year. We want to take a moment and thank you for your guidance in the course of our duties in 2018 and we humbly ask that you guide this Legislative body and all those who are being sworn in today to be with us throughout the New Year and provide guidance so that we perform our duties in a manner that best serves our residents."

Legislator Sullivan led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore in Legislators Balliet, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, and Sullivan, Election Commissioners Bernadette Toombs and James Wahls.

The Clerk announced that the first order of business was the election of a Chair. Legislator Hollenbeck nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. On roll call vote all members voted Aye and the Clerk cast one ballot and Legislator Sauerbrey was appointed Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one year term.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore Legislator Sauerbrey in as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2019.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "First of all I want to thank the entire Legislature for their support and for appointing me as Chair of the Legislature. I want to thank also all of the Department Heads and all the employees of Tioga County, they are doing a great job in providing services to the residents. I just want to share that I will continue my commitment to do this job, that I will be on call 24-7 in any case of flooding or any kind of other issues that come up and I will continue to do that.

"We have survived quite a few challenges in the last few years and I suspect we will have more as we move forward. With the change in the State Legislature, I think that we are going to see some more progressive things come down the road and so we may be challenged in how we handle that and our decisions moving forward. Again, we have a great team here, everyone has a lot of talent. Thank you."

The Chair announced the next order of business is nominations for a First Deputy Chair. Legislator Sullivan nominated Legislator Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye and the Chair cast one ballot and Legislator Hollenbeck was appointed First Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term.

The Chair called for nominations for a Second Deputy Chair. Legislator Standinger nominated Legislator Weston, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye and the Chair cast one ballot and Legislator Weston was appointed Second Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore in Legislators Hollenbeck and Weston as First and Second Deputy Chairs of the Tioga County Legislature for 2019.

The Chair called for nominations for County Attorney. Legislator Sullivan nominated Peter Dewind, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Peter Dewind as County Attorney and the Chair cast one ballot and Peter Dewind was appointed County Attorney for a three-year term.

Legislator Mullen spoke. "Peter has done a fantastic job and we were extremely lucky to find Peter after Judy retired. Thank you for the hard work and continuing to work hard for the County. Thank you for the hard work and it has been noted."

The Chair called for nominations for Legislative Clerk. Legislator Sullivan nominated Maureen Dougherty, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Standing. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Maureen Dougherty as Legislative Clerk and the Chair cast one ballot and Maureen Dougherty was appointed Legislative Clerk for a three-year term.

The Chair called for nominations for Budget Officer. Legislator Sullivan nominated Rita Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Monell. Legislator Hollenbeck moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Monell. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Rita Hollenbeck as Budget Officer and the Chair cast one ballot and Rita Hollenbeck was appointed Budget Officer for a three-year term.

The Chair called for nominations for Public Defender. Legislator Standing nominated George Awad, seconded by Legislator Weston. Legislator Hollenbeck moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for George Awad as Public Defender and the Chair cast one ballot and George Awad was appointed Public Defender for a three-year term.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore in Peter Dewind, County Attorney, Maureen Dougherty, Legislative Clerk, Rita Hollenbeck, Budget Officer, and George Awa0028d, Public Defender for three-year terms.

The Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer. Legislator Sullivan nominated Douglas Barton, seconded by Legislator Standing. Legislator Weston moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Douglas Barton as Public Information Officer, and the Chair cast one ballot and Douglas Barton was appointed Public Information Officer for a one year term.

The Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader. Legislator Sullivan nominated Legislator Michael Roberts, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. Legislator Weston moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Legislator Michael Roberts as Republican Majority Leader, and the Chair cast one ballot and Legislator Michael Roberts was appointed Republican Majority Leader for a one year term.

Chair Sauerbrey asked if there were any disclosures to be made.

Legislator Sullivan stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Weston stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Balliet stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Hollenbeck stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Monell stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Mullen stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Roberts stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Standinger stated, "I have nothing to disclose."

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1-19 *TRIPS AUTHORIZED*

RESOLVED: That the Chair and the Clerk of the County Legislature, the County Attorney, and County Legislators be, and they hereby are, authorized to make such trips as their duties may require and that their actual and necessary expenses for travel, meals and lodging incurred on such trips be a County charge.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2-19 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to the powers vested in this Legislature by Section 212 of the County Law, as amended, the following Banks within New York State be, and they hereby are designated as depositories for the deposit of all monies received by the County Treasurer, to an amount not to exceed the sum set opposite the name of each Bank as follows:

JP Morgan Chase Bank	\$30,000,000
Chemung Canal Trust Company	\$30,000,000
Citizens Bank, N.A.	\$30,000,000
Community Bank, N.A.	\$30,000,000
First Niagara Bank, N.A.	\$30,000,000
M&T Bank	\$30,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$30,000,000
National Bank and Trust Company, N.A.	\$30,000,000
M&T Securities, Inc.	\$30,000,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Weston.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 3-19 *DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS*

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Courier and the Morning Times are hereby designated official newspapers for the publication of all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Press and Sun Bulletin, a daily newspaper, is hereby designated as the official newspaper for purposes of publishing all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published at such times that there is insufficient time to publish in the above two newspapers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 4-19 *DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER FOR
REPUBLICAN PARTY*

RESOLVED: That the Morning Times is hereby designated as the newspaper published in the County of Tioga for the Republican Party to publish the Election notices issued by the Secretary of State, and to publish the official canvass pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Weston.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-19 *DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER FOR
DEMOCRATIC PARTY*

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Courier is hereby designated as the newspaper published in the County of Tioga for the Democratic Party to publish the Election notices issued by the Secretary of State, and to publish the official canvass pursuant to County Law §214, Subd. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standing.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Hollenbeck moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 6-19 *SET SALARY OF CHAIR*

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$35,956 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$11,119 and an additional \$24,837 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standingier.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Mullen.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 7-19 *FIX DATES AND TIMES OF
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
MEETINGS*

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2019 shall meet regularly in the Edward D. Hubbard Auditorium of the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York at 12:00 P.M. on the Tuesday following Committees which are held during the first full work week of the month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the, March, June, September and December 2019 Legislative meetings shall be held at 6:00 P.M.

Legislator Sullivan spoke. “In order to be as available to the public as possible we have always set aside at least these four dates throughout the year to hold our monthly regular meetings in the evening. In the 10 years that I have been on the Legislature, that has not increased attendance whatsoever. I would more be in favor of holding these meetings at our normal daytime hours, however in the event of large issues of which during my 10 years there were two, one was the Barton Transfer Station and its closure, and the other was the problems with the bus transportation system thanks to New York State, which we ended up no longer being able to afford, I would rather see that in those events no matter what time of year it is that we conduct meetings associated with those items in the evening. For that reason, I am not in favor of approving this resolution.”

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Weston, Balliet, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standinger.

No – Legislators Sullivan, Hollenbeck and Monell.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Standinger.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-19 *APPOINT COUNTY AUDITOR
AND DEPUTY COUNTY AUDITOR*

WHEREAS: The County is required to appoint a County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor to process and review the Purchase Orders submitted by County Departments for payment of a variety of bills; and

WHEREAS: The terms for these appointments coincide with Legislator Group One and are due for reappointment as of January 1, 2019; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Maureen L. Dougherty, be and hereby is appointed County Auditor for a three (3) year term, commencing January 2, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cathy Haskell be and hereby is appointed Deputy Tioga County Auditor, to act in the absence of the County Auditor, said term to be the same as that of the County Auditor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-19 ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS: General Municipal Law §104-b requires an annual review of Tioga County's procurement policy and procedures; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature affirms its annual review of its Procurement Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Roberts and Standinger.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 A.M.