

First Special & Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2021

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2021 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:01 A.M.

The following County Legislators were present with Legislator Monell, District 4, being absent:

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

There were five people in attendance.

The Clerk asked Legislator Roberts to have a moment of Prayer.
"Dear God, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you have allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year."

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

The Clerk recognized and congratulated Republican Election Commissioner Toombs and Democratic Election Commissioner Wahls on their new terms.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore in Republican Election Commissioner Toombs and Democratic Election Commissioner Wahls for their new terms of January 1, 2021.

The Clerk announced the first order of business for the Legislature was the election of Chair of the Legislature for 2021 for a one-year term. Legislator Hollenbeck nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator

Hollenbeck. On roll call vote, all members present voted Aye, the Clerk cast one ballot, and Legislator Sauerbrey was appointed Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2021.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore Legislator Sauerbrey in as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2021.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Thank you, each and every one of you. I have to say this is the most challenging year of my entire career. Not just because of COVID-19, which certainly has a dynamic of its own, but also because of the energy created around it coming from the State of New York. It has really been a challenge. I am hopeful, however, for 2021 to be a better year that eventually with a vaccine and perhaps changes on how we look at things, things will be better and we can focus on the things that are important and goals we have set. For example, communication system for the entire county, housing in neighborhoods, and jobs. Those are the things we want to get back to and I hope we can do that this year. Again, thank you for your support. I appreciate it very much."

Legislator Mullen spoke. "I just want to say that I do not speak for anyone else, but I would hazard to guess that everyone feels the same way I do. I just want to thank Chair Sauerbrey for her efforts this past year. It took significant leadership and was a difficult decision made in March 2020 when we started the State of Emergency. I was in that meeting up at Social Services and with the proper information, Chair Sauerbrey 'took the bull by the horns' in that meeting and we did the right thing. It was extremely difficult and I just want to express to Chair Sauerbrey, from the bottom of my heart, I know what you have been through this year and I wish I could give you a huge raise because you are woefully underpaid for the work you did this past year in 2020. Every resident in Tioga County owes Chair Sauerbrey, Legislative Clerk Haskell, and the entire staff a great deal of thanks, but that leadership you showed this past year did not go unnoticed, so thank you very much."

Legislator Sullivan spoke. "I concur with everything Legislator Mullen had to say. I also want to recognize the Election Commissioners and their staff. It was a very challenging year for that Department with all the changes in the Election Law and with importance of this past year's election, I know that you and your staff put in a lot of hours into pulling it off. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say thank you so much and thank your staff on our behalf."

The Chair announced the next order of business is nominations for a First Deputy Chair for a one-year term. Legislator Sullivan nominated Legislator Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the

nominations, seconded by Legislator Balliet. On roll call vote, all members present voted Aye, the Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Hollenbeck was appointed First Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2021.

The Chair called for nominations for a Second Deputy Chair for a one-year term. Legislator Sullivan nominated Legislator Weston, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Hollenbeck moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. On roll call vote, all members present voted Aye, the Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Weston was appointed Second Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2021.

County Clerk Andrea Klett swore in Legislators Hollenbeck and Weston as First and Second Deputy Chairs of the Tioga County Legislature for 2021.

Legislator Hollenbeck spoke. "I would also like to thank everyone in the County for all their hard work during this time."

Legislator Weston spoke. "I would also like to say, that the accolades that have been given to some of the people here, I think it is especially important to recognize Legislative Clerk Haskell for the amount of work she has done, above and beyond, with no assistance as far as anyone to support her, which we always had before and finally have again. Cathy, thank you very, very much."

The Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer. Legislator Hollenbeck nominated Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. On roll call vote, all Legislators present voted for Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey to serve as Public Information Officer, the Chair cast one ballot, and Chairwoman Sauerbrey was appointed Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2021.

The Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader. Legislator Sullivan nominated Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Hollenbeck moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. On roll call vote, all Legislators present voted for Legislator Roberts as Republican Majority Leader, the Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Roberts was appointed Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2021.

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

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

Legislator Standinger stated, "I have no disclosures."

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

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

Legislator Balliet stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Hollenbeck stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Mullen stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated, "I have no disclosures."

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-21 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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2-21 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
Community Bank, N.A.	\$30,000,000
Key Bank Corporation	\$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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-21 *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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 4-21 *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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-21 *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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-21 SET SALARY OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$36,675.00 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$11,341.00 and an additional \$25,334.00 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-21 FIX DATES AND TIMES OF
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2021 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-21 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 Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Weston, Balliet, Hollenbeck, Mullen and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-21 APPOINT DIRECTORS
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLVED: That Legislators Dale Weston and Tracy Monell are hereby appointed Directors of the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District for a one-year term on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Ronald E. Dougherty be re-appointed Director at Large for a three-year term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO:	LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 10-21	<i>APPOINT MEMBERS FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD</i>

WHEREAS: The Board terms for Elected Official Representative and Sportsman Member on the Fish & Wildlife Management Board have expired; and

WHEREAS: Dale Weston, Tioga County Legislator, has expressed an interest to continue serving as the Elected Official Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board; and

WHEREAS: William J. Woods, Jr. has expressed an interest to continue serving as the Sportsman Member on the Fish & Wildlife Management Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Dale Weston, Tioga County Legislator, be appointed as the Elected Official Representative on the Fish & Wildlife Management Board for a two-year term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and William J. Woods, Jr. be appointed as the Sportsman Member on the Fish & Wildlife Management Board for a two-year term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21 APPOINT DEPUTY COUNTY AUDITOR
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

WHEREAS: The County is required to appoint a County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor to process and review accounts payable transactions (purchase orders and purchasing card transactions) submitted by County Departments for payment; and

WHEREAS: The terms for these appointments coincide with Legislator Group One; and

WHEREAS: Amy Eiklor was appointed on December 15, 2020 as the Deputy Clerk to the Legislature effective January 4, 2021; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That effective January 4, 2021 the Tioga County Legislature appoints Amy Eiklor as the Deputy County Auditor to act in the absence of the County Auditor for same term as that of County Auditor, effective January 4, 2021.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Amy is with us today, so we welcome you."

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Monell.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Thank you again for your support."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.