

First Special & Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2024

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2024 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:01 a.m.

The following County Legislators were present:

DISTRICT 1
Ronald C. Ciotoli

DISTRICT 5
Dennis M. Mullen

DISTRICT 2
Martha C. Sauerbrey

DISTRICT 6
Dale N. Weston

DISTRICT 3
Barbara Roberts

DISTRICT 7
Keith Flesher
William H. Standinger III

DISTRICT 4
W. Jake Brown
S. Tracy Monell

There were 9 people in attendance.

Legislative Clerk Haskell spoke. "Good morning and Happy New Year. Welcome to the First Special and Organizational Meeting of the Tioga County Legislature for 2024."

The Clerk asked Legislator Standinger to have a moment of Prayer. "Lord, we ask for guidance this year as we conduct the business of the citizens of the County of Tioga. We pray that the world gets to be a better place this year and that some of the strife is ended."

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

The Clerk welcomed and congratulated our newly elected and appointed officials for 2024: Legislator Flesher, District 7, for a one-year term; County Sheriff Howard for a four-year term; County Clerk Klett for a four-year term; County Coroner Kline for a four-year term, County Coroner Williams for a four-year term; and Public Defender Cline serving the balance of an unexpired four-year term through December 31, 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Flesher, District 7, for his new one-year term of office.

The Clerk acknowledged that the other elected officials made previous arrangements with County Clerk Klett and have been sworn-in for their newly elected and appointed terms.

The Clerk announced the first order of business for the Legislature was the election of Chair of the Legislature for 2024 for a one-year term. Legislator Ciotoli nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Clerk cast one ballot, and Legislator Sauerbrey was appointed Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2024.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Sauerbrey as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2024.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "I would like to thank the Legislature for your support and say that we have an engaged and strong Legislature and that is critical to running an effective and strong government. I know that working together we can get a lot of the good work done that needs to be done.

"I look forward to a couple of things happening this year. One is the completion of our Interoperable Radio Communications Project and I look forward to seeing those towers installed and having a communications system that improves the emergency systems across the county. I also look forward to stabilizing our workforce by filling vacancies, training our staff, and getting full employment up and running. Lastly, I would hope that other counties across the State would rally to fight to retain our Home Rule rights regarding our elections. The Governor recently signed legislation regarding our Legislative elections that violates our Constitutional protected Home Rule Authority powers by preempting county charters, local laws, local referendums, and forcing short-term changes to the term of an elected official. This is not right, and I hope that we can rally around to save the integrity of local government. Thank you again for your support and it looks like it is going to be a busy year."

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Legislative Chair announced the next order of business is the nomination for Deputy Chair for a one-year term. Legislator Ciotoli nominated Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Brown. With no other nominations, Legislator Roberts moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator

Flesher. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Monell was appointed Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one-year term for 2024.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Monell as Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2024.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer. Legislator Ciotoli nominated Legislative Chair Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Brown. On roll call vote, all Legislators voted for Legislative Chair Sauerbrey to serve as Public Information Officer, the Chair cast one ballot, and Legislative Chair Sauerbrey was appointed Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2024.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader. Legislator Mullen nominated Legislator Standing, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Roberts moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. On roll call vote, all Legislators voted for Legislator Standing to serve as Republican Majority Leader, the Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Standing was appointed Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2024.

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

Legislator Standing stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Weston stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Brown stated, "My only disclosure is that I work at Lockheed Martin."

Legislator Ciotoli stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Flesher stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Monell stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Mullen stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Roberts stated, "I have no disclosures."

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-24 *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 Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-24 *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	\$35,000,000
Chemung Canal Trust Company	\$35,000,000
Community Bank, N.A.	\$35,000,000
M&T Bank	\$35,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$35,000,000
National Bank and Trust Company, N.A.	\$35,000,000
M&T Securities, Inc.	\$35,000,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-24 *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 Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24 *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 Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Brown moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-24 *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 Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-24 *SET SALARY OF CHAIR*

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$54,601.25 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$12,941.28 and an additional \$41,659.97 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-24 *FIX DATES AND TIMES OF
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS*

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2023 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 Legislative Standing Committees which are held during the first full work week of the month.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Flesher.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-24 *ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY*

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Standinger, Weston, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, and Sauerbrey.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.