

First Special & Organizational Meeting
January 3, 2023

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2023 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:00 a.m.

The following County Legislators were present with DISTRICT 3 Legislator Barbara Roberts being absent:

DISTRICT 1
Ronald C. Ciotoli

DISTRICT 5
Dennis M. Mullen

DISTRICT 2
Martha C. Sauerbrey

DISTRICT 6
Dale N. Weston

DISTRICT 4
W. Jake Brown
S. Tracy Monell

DISTRICT 7
Legislator Standinger
VACANT

There were 11 people in attendance.

The Clerk asked Legislator Monell to have a moment of Prayer.
“Lord, we thank you for this day that we can come together and have a meeting about the dealings with Tioga County. We pray that you would give us all wisdom as we make decisions regarding the things that pertain to our citizenship. We pray that you would bless this meeting now and keep us all focused on what we need to do.”

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

The Clerk welcomed and congratulated Republican Election Commissioner Layman and Democratic Election Commissioner Wahls on their newly appointed two-year term of office.

County Clerk Klett swore in the Board of Elections Commissioners on their new term of office.

The Clerk also acknowledged and congratulated Coroner Bennett on his newly elected four-year term of office for 2023. Coroner Bennett was unable to attend today’s meeting, however, made previous arrangements with County Clerk Klett and has been sworn-in for his new term.

The Clerk announced the first order of business for the Legislature was the election of Chair of the Legislature for 2023 for a one-year term. Legislator Standinger nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Mullen. Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Mullen. 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 2023.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Sauerbrey as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2023.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Thank you all for your support for this coming year and for the years I have served. I want to ensure you that I am going to keep working hard and stay dedicated to the task at hand. I will do my best to do a good job for all of you and to listen to you all of you. I am excited about 2023 because we have a couple of great projects coming forward. The first one is the security upgrade for 56 Main Street that we will continue working on and the other is the long-awaited interoperable radio communications project that is now underway and will be in fruition throughout this year. So, please pray that all those things work together as this is a huge project and it's a very much needed one for our County to keep us all safe. I look forward to continuing working with all of you and all the great things we are going to accomplish. Thank you, again."

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 Mullen. Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. 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 2023.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Monell as Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2023.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer. Legislator Mullen nominated Legislative Chair Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. 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 2023.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader. Legislator Mullen nominated Legislator Standing, seconded by Legislator Sauerbrey. Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Sauerbrey. 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 2023.

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

Legislator Monell stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated, "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Mullen stated, "I have no disclosures."

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-23 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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standing, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-23 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
Key Bank Corporation	\$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

Legislator Mullen spoke. "The dollar amount increased from last year because of the ARPA funds, according to the County Treasurer, and I am in favor of that. It is good fiscal management."

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-23 *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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 4-23 *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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-23 *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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-23 *SET SALARY OF CHAIR*

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$52,250.00 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$12,384 and an additional \$39,866 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-23 *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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-23 *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 Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standingier, Weston, Brown, and Ciotoli

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Roberts.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Standinger to move into Executive Session to discuss employment of an individual at 9:15 a.m. with County Attorney DeWind and Legislative Clerk Haskell in attendance. Motion carried. Motion by Legislator Monell to adjourn. Executive Session adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.