

First Special & Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2025

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2025 was called to order by the Legislative Clerk at 9:00 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
Raymond Bunce

DISTRICT 3
Barbara Roberts

DISTRICT 7
Keith Flesher
William H. Standinger III

DISTRICT 4
W. Jake Brown
S. Tracy Monell

There were 7 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 2025."

The Clerk asked Legislator Flesher to have a moment of Prayer. "Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us here today and giving us the ability to represent the people of Tioga County. Please continue to bless us and give us wisdom in our decisions and guide us to do a good job for the County."

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

The Clerk welcomed and congratulated our newly elected Legislator Ray Bunce and incumbent Legislators Keith Flesher, Barbara Roberts, and William H. Standinger III on their new three-year term of office for 2025. Additionally, Legislative Clerk Haskell welcomed and congratulated Democratic Election Commissioner James Wahls and Republican Election Commissioner Kelly Johnson on their new two-year term of office for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislators Bunce, Flesher, Roberts, and Standinger for their new three-year term of office for 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Republican Election Commissioner Johnson for her two-year term of office for 2025. Legislative Clerk Haskell reported Democratic Election Commissioner Wahls is unable to attend today's meeting, however, will make arrangements with County Clerk Klett to be sworn in at a later date.

The Clerk announced the first order of business for the Legislature was the election of Chair of the Legislature for 2025 for a one-year term. Legislator Roberts nominated Legislator Sauerbrey, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Roberts. 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 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Sauerbrey as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2025.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "First of all, I would like to thank all of you. This year, I will have been here for twenty years working for the Legislature and it has been a challenging and rewarding experience. We have had many ups and downs, many almost tragic events with a flood, COVID, but we survived it all and worked together as a team and came through those difficult times. I very much appreciate your support over the years, and I also appreciate the support of the community that believed in me and voted for me so I could stand in this position for this many years. I have met some wonderful and exciting people. We have lost four Legislators while serving and that was a big challenge. I encourage all of you to stay healthy. I am very optimistic that with our County Administrator on board we will be running more efficiently. The responsibilities of the Chair of the Legislature will be reduced, but it will still continue to be a teamwork effort as we move the County forward for 2025. Thank you."

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 for 2025. Legislator Ciotoli nominated Legislator Monell, seconded by Legislator Roberts. With no other nominations, Legislator Ciotoli moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Brown. 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 2025.

County Clerk Klett swore in Legislator Monell as Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2025.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2025. Legislator Roberts nominated County Administrator Bailey, seconded by Legislator Mullen. With no other nominations, Legislator Ciotoli moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Brown. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and County Administrator Bailey was appointed Public Information Officer for a one-year term for 2025.

The Legislative Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2025. Legislator Mullen nominated Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Monell. With no other nominations, Legislator Mullen moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Monell. On roll call vote, all members voted Aye, the Legislative Chair cast one ballot, and Legislator Standinger was appointed Republican Majority Leader for a one-year term for 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legislator Standinger stated, "I have no disclosures to make."

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

Legislator Bunce stated, "I have no disclosures."

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

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-25 TRIPS AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED: That the Chair and the Clerk of the County Legislature, the County Attorney, County Administrator 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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

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. 2-25 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 Government Securities, Inc. \$35,000,000

NY Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System \$35,000,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-25 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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 4-25 *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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25 *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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 6-25 SET SALARY OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$56,512 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$13,394 and an additional \$43,118 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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. 7-25 FIX DATES AND TIMES OF
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2025 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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25 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 Flesher, Sauerbrey, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Standinger, Brown, Bunce, and Ciotoli.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Before I close the meeting, I would like to give Ray Bunce an official welcome and we are glad to have you on the team as we move forward.

Legislator Bunce spoke. "Thank you. I am happy to be here. I would like to say thank you for your kindness in introducing me and taking the time to explain how the Legislature works. I appreciate the work you have done ahead of time."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.