

*First Special & Organizational Meeting*  
January 3, 2012

The First Special and Organizational Meeting of 2012 was called to order by the Clerk at 9: 06 A.M.

The following County Legislators were present:

DISTRICT 1

Richard L. Huttleston

DISTRICT 5

Andrew J. Quinlan

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

There were 18 people in attendance.

The Clerk asked Legislator Monell to have a moment of Prayer. "Lord, we thank you for this day you have given to us. We thank you for the opportunity we each have to serve the people of Tioga County. We pray that you will continue to bless us as we do this job. Lord, help us to do the things that are right for the people of this County and to represent them well. We pray that you will bless the remainder of this day and the remainder of this meeting."

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

County Clerk Robert Woodburn swore all nine Legislators in for new terms.

County Clerk Robert Woodburn swore in Sheriff Gary Howard for term of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

The Clerk announced that the first order of business was the election of a Chair. Legislator Huttleston nominated Legislator Weston, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Huttleston 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 Weston was appointed Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for a one year term.

County Clerk Robert Woodburn swore Legislator Dale Weston in as Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2012.

Chair Weston spoke. "As my first formal action of the initial session of the Tioga County Legislature 2012, I would like to welcome Bill Standinger, newly elected representative of the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

"Thank you to all of you here today for attending this Organizational Meeting. And, thank you fellow Legislators, for my nomination to the position of Chairperson.

"My message to the Tioga County Legislators regarding our task for 2012 will be brief in its statement, but difficult and time-consuming in its accomplishment. I believe that we Legislators will likely have to operate out of our normal comfort zones when addressing the challenging issues confronting us this year.

"Although they are too complex to be elaborated upon at this time, a highlighting of a few of these issues follows:

1. Providing important services to the County with the limited revenue imposed by the 2% Property Tax Cap.
2. Finding a buyer for the Barton Transfer Station who will provide quality service.
3. Evaluating the impact of the Reassessment Law as it applies to approximately 800 – 900 properties affected by the 2011 flooding, and arriving at a decision that addresses the homeowner's plight, but also considers the implications for the rest of Tioga County taxpayers.
4. Devising a means of dealing with the potential loss of part of anticipated State revenue as compensation for 25% of costs incurred in flood cleanup, to supplement FEMA contributions.
5. Engaging Legislators through their service on a Budget Committee who are willing to spend the necessary time to address the difficult reduction of County expenditures while preserving essential services and meeting State mandates.

"2012 looks be a very challenging year!

Thank you.”

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

County Clerk Robert Woodburn swore Legislator Sauerbrey in as Deputy Chair of the Tioga County Legislature for 2012.

The Chair called for nominations for County Attorney. Legislator Roberts nominated Judith M. Quigley, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Judith M. Quigley as County Attorney, and the Chair cast one ballot and Judith M. Quigley was declared appointed County Attorney of Tioga County for a four year term of 1/3/12-12/31/15.

The Chair called for nominations for Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature. Legislator Roberts nominated Maureen L. Dougherty, seconded by Legislator Sauerbrey. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Maureen L. Dougherty as Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature and the Chair cast one ballot and Maureen L. Dougherty was declared appointed Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature for a four year term from 1/3/12-12/31/15.

The Chair called for nominations for Budget Officer. Legislator Monell nominated Clarence (Chuck) Shager, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for Clarence (Chuck) Shager as Budget Officer, and the Chair cast one ballot and Clarence (Chuck) Shager was declared appointed Budget Officer of Tioga County for a four year term of 1/3/12-12/31/15.

The Chair called for nomination for Public Defender. Legislator Huttleston nominated George Awad, seconded by Legislator Sauerbrey. Legislator Monell moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Roberts. On roll call vote all Legislators voted for George Awad as Public Defender, and the Chair cast one ballot and George Awad was declared

appointed Public Defender of Tioga County for a four year term of 1/3/12-12/31/15.

County Clerk Robert Woodburn swore in Judith M. Quigley as County Attorney, Maureen L. Dougherty as Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature, Clarence (Chuck) Shager as Budget Officer, and George Awad as Public Defender.

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

The Chair called for nominations for Republican Majority Leader. Legislator Sauerbrey nominated Legislator Michael Roberts, seconded by Legislator Sullivan. Legislator Sullivan moved to close the nominations, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. 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 Weston asked if there were any disclosures to be made.

Legislator Hollenbeck stated. "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Huttleston stated. "I own my own appraisal business but, I do no County-owned properties or any properties that the County is involved with.

Legislator Monell stated. "I have no disclosures."

Legislator/Chair Weston stated. "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Quinlan stated. "I have lived in the County for 50 years and I think everybody knows me."

Legislator Roberts stated. "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Sauerbrey stated. "I am employed by the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce and we receive no taxpayer dollars for our organization."

Legislator Standinger stated. "I have no disclosures."

Legislator Sullivan stated. "My husband and I have a heating business and we do no business with Tioga County."

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1-12 *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, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2-12 *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	\$25,000,000
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Chemung Canal Trust Company	\$25,000,000
Citizens Bank, N.A.	\$25,000,000
Community Bank, N.A.	\$25,000,000
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	\$25,000,000
M&T Bank	\$25,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$25,000,000
National Bank and Trust Company, N.A.	\$25,000,000

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 3-12 *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, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 4-12 *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, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck.

No – Legislator Huttleston.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-12 *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, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck.

No – Legislator Huttleston.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 6-12 *SET SALARY OF CHAIR*

RESOLVED: That the salary of the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be set at \$30,400 per year, which includes the salary received as County Legislator of \$9,400 and an additional \$21,000 to serve as Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 7-12 *FIX DATES AND TIMES OF  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE  
MEETINGS*



RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature during 2012 shall meet regularly in the Edward D. Hubbard Auditorium of the 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 2012 Legislative meetings shall be held at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 8-12 *APPOINTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE CORONER*

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Coroners have selected an Administrative Coroner for 2012; and

WHEREAS: Such Administrative Coroner will perform the supervisory duties of managing their budget, paying the bills, and various office functions of the Coroner's office; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Coroner will have no supervisory authority over the other Coroners; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That W. Stewart Bennett, Tioga County Coroner, has been selected by the four duly elected County Coroners to be designated as the Administrative Coroner for 2012 and be given a stipend of \$3,000.00 as set forth in the County budget.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – Legislator Sauerbrey.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-12                    *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 of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Ronald E. Dougherty be hereby reappointed Director at Large for a three year term of January 3, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 10-12 *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 Monell, Quinlan, Weston, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standing, Sullivan, Hollenbeck, Huttleston.

No – None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.