

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Morning Session
Monday, January 4, 2016
Legislative Chambers, Bath, New York

Pursuant to Section 151 of the County Law and the *Rules of Procedure* of the County Legislature adopted August 23, 1993, the Legislators from the seven districts comprising the towns and cities of Steuben County convened in the Legislative Chambers, Bath, New York, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of organizing the County Legislature of Steuben County for the years 2016 and 2017 and for the transaction of such other business as would properly and lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Legislature, Brenda K. Mori.

The Deputy Clerk called the Roll and all members were present.

Mr. Swackhamer offered the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hauryski.

The Honorable Joseph Latham, County and Family Court Justice, administered the Oaths of Office to all newly-elected members of the Legislature.

The Clerk called for nominations for a Temporary Chairman. Mrs. Ferratella nominated Mr. Swackhamer for Temporary Chairman, seconded by Mr. Van Etten. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Swackhamer was duly elected Temporary Chairman.

Temporary Chairman Swackhamer called for a Republican and Democratic caucus.

Motion to adjourn into caucuses made by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Schu and duly carried.

Temporary Chairman Swackhamer reconvened the Organizational Meeting of the Legislature.

Temporary Chairman Swackhamer called for nominations for Chairman of the Steuben County Legislature for 2016 and 2017. *Mrs. Ferratella nominated Joseph Hauryski, seconded by Mr. Hanna.*

Motion to close nominations for Chairman of the Steuben County Legislature made by Ms. Lattimer, seconded by Mr. Mullen and duly carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-16

Introduced by G. Swackhamer.

Seconded by R. Weaver.

APPOINTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF 2016 AND 2017.

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter and Local Law No. Four of the Year 1981 for the County of Steuben.

WHEREAS, this Steuben County Legislature has, on this 4th day of January 2016, been duly organized and has, in accordance with Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter, duly selected County Legislator **JOSEPH J. HAURYSKI** of Campbell, New York, as Chairman of the Legislature for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, JOSEPH J. HAURYSKI of Campbell, New York, be and the same hereby is appointed Chairman of the Legislature of Steuben County for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016, and within twenty days (s)he shall cause to be filed in the Office of the Steuben County Clerk an Oath of Office as such Chairman; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Clerk, to the above-named appointee, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Personnel Officer.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

Mr. Swackhamer asked Legislator Ferratella and Legislator Hanna to escort Chairman Hauryski to his chair.

The Honorable Joseph Latham administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hauryski for the position of Chairman of the Legislature.

Chairman Hauryski opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. *Mrs. Ferratella nominated Scott J. Van Etten, seconded by Mr. Hanna.*

Motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman of the Steuben County Legislature made by Ms. Lattimer, seconded by Mrs. Lando and duly carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-16

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by B. Schu.

APPOINTING THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF 2016 AND 2017.

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter.

WHEREAS, this Steuben County Legislature has on this 4th day of January 2016, been duly organized and has in accordance with Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter, duly selected County Legislator **SCOTT J. VAN ETTEN** of Corning, New York, as Vice-Chairman of the Legislature for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, SCOTT J. VAN ETTEN of Corning, New York, be and the same hereby is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Legislature of Steuben County for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016, and within twenty days (s)he shall cause to be filed in the Office of the Steuben County Clerk an Oath of Office as such Vice-Chairman; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Clerk, to the above-named appointee, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Personnel Officer.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

The Honorable Joseph Latham administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Van Etten for the position of Vice Chairman of the Legislature.

Chairman Hauryski stated thank you for your confidence in re-electing me as your Chairman for another two-year term. I will do my best to service in this capacity. Sometimes it is a struggle and sometimes it is very interesting. Overall, I am very proud and pleased with the Legislature that I have had an opportunity to work with and I look forward to another two years. As always, the tax cap will impact

our funding decisions as we prepare our 2016 budget, and we will have to comply with the property tax initiative and the efficiency plan that we submitted. I have to be honest with you, with the recent announcement by Kraft-Heinz to close the milk plant in my district, it got me thinking about what we do, or do not do, as a Legislature in spurring economic development in the County. It is because of this that I am going to make the role of this Legislature in economic development a top priority. In the very near future, I hope to convene a meeting with our partners in this effort, namely Jamie Johnson of the IDA Board, Marcia Weber from the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board, Steve Manning of the Southern Tier Network, Dr. Katherine Douglas, of Corning Community College and Betsy Hale, Three Rivers Development. I would like to hear from the Legislature as to your thoughts and ideas on what we as a Legislature can do to make a difference in economic development. I invite you to join me for this discussion.

Chairman Hauryski stated one idea that has been suggested to me was that the Legislature have a staff person that can directly support our economic development partners. After giving that some thought, I decided what better representative than the County Manager and his deputy. This assignment will work in concern with our partners that I have previously mentioned. In the coming year I would like to see the AdHoc Municipal Coordination Committee continue to move forward with how we can help towns get to 100 percent assessment. Additionally, I would like to have them take a look at all the departments' use of shared services, how they are being used, and efficiencies realized. The AdHoc Committee on Office Space will continue its oversight on the new office building, and they still need to come up with a plan for what to do with the old courthouse in Hornell, as well as the courthouse in Corning. What do we do with the offices currently occupying those buildings? The office space on Liberty Street will need a determination as to what we are going to do with it.

Chairman Hauryski stated with fiber being installed to this building, I am asking each standing committee to ask how the departments are able to use it and how it is benefitting them. Along with that, I would like to ask how the departments can utilize GIS technology. Let's use this technology to our advantage. Here are a few possible goals that will need to be taken up by the appropriate standing committees:

- ❖ Review and rewrite our Ethics Local Law.
- ❖ Evaluate and select options for increased volume of waste at the Landfill.
- ❖ Plan and conduct strategic planning sessions for the Legislature.
- ❖ Establish regular communication of County activities to partner towns and municipalities.

Finally, I am asking that each standing committee come up with one or more goals of their own that they feel can benefit our operation. Each department will again be asked to provide a list of their goals that can be achieved this year to the County Manager. I want to thank all County employees for their work and dedication in serving the residents of Steuben County. Keep up the good work!

RESOLUTION NO. 003-16

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by G. Roush.

RECEIVING AND FILING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, Legislator **GARY D. SWACKHAMER** be and the same hereby is designated Majority Leader of the Steuben County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, the aforesaid designation of **GARY D. SWACKHAMER** of Hornell, New York, be and the same hereby is accepted for filing, said designation to be for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above designee.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-16

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by H. Lando.

RECEIVING AND FILING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, Legislator **RANDOLPH J. WEAVER** be and the same hereby is designated Minority Leader of the Steuben County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, the aforesaid designation of **RANDOLPH J. WEAVER** of Hornell, New York, be and the same hereby is accepted for filing, said designation to be for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above designee.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-16

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by G. Swackhamer.

RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF STEUBEN TO APPOINT STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR THE YEARS 2016 AND 2017.

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Steuben County Charter and the Rules of Procedure of the Steuben County Legislature.

RESOLVED, this Legislature does hereby recognize the authority of the Chairman of the Legislature of Steuben County to appoint such designated members of this Legislature as he shall select to the various standing and special committee positions for the years 2016 and 2017, which have heretofore been established and set up by the Steuben County Legislature and said committees shall each consist of the same number of members as prescribed in the "Rules of Procedure" of the Steuben County Legislature until such committee is abolished or changed by a majority vote of the Legislature membership pursuant to the "Rules of Procedure"; and be it further

RESOLVED, members of a special committee shall serve for the period specified in the resolution or until the committee is discharged and in no event for a longer period than the term for which the members were elected as legislators; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of this Legislature, within thirty (30) days of his election to the Chairmanship, shall duly submit and file in the Office of the Clerk of this Legislature the committees' roster appointed for the years 2016 and 2017; and the Clerk of the Legislature shall duly and properly furnish to each member of this Legislature a complete list of the said committees' roster.

Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-16

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by C. Ferratella.

REGULATING THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIAL MATTERS.

Pursuant to Section 2.09 of the Steuben County Charter.

WHEREAS, *The Leader* of Corning, New York, and *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York, have a circulation covering the entire County, but there are occasions when publications are limited to one newspaper in a given area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, whenever this Legislature does not designate the particular newspaper or newspapers for the publication of a certain matter in a specific resolution, this resolution shall govern the officer or officers having the publication in charge for the years 2016 and 2017;

1. Where the matter is of county-wide interest as hereinafter enumerated, the same shall be published in *The Leader* of Corning, New York, and *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York, and such other newspaper as may be deemed advisable:

- a. Notice of hearing on a proposed local law;
- b. Local Law as finally adopted;
- c. Notice of submission to bid for purchase of supplies or equipment;
- d. Notice of submission to bid for public works and services;
- e. Notice of hearing on proposed amendments to civil service rules;
- f. Notice of civil service examinations; and
- g. Such other notice or statement of countywide interest required by law to be published.

2. Where the matter is of local effect as hereinafter enumerated, the same shall be published in either *The Leader* of Corning, New York, or *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York, and such other newspaper published in the area as may be deemed advisable:

- a. Notice of submission to bid on parcels of land offered for sale, as tax title and welfare owned;
- b. Notice of closing of any county highway;
- c. Proclamation of a term of court with a grand jury;
- d. Legalizing act of the Legislature; and
- e. Such other notices or statements of similar nature required by law to be published in a limited area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all county offices and departments and each of the above-named newspapers.

Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-16

Introduced by G. Swackhamer.

Seconded by G. Roush.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER BY THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Pursuant to Section 214, subdivision 1 of the County Law, we, the Republican members of the Steuben County Legislature, hereby designate the following official newspaper for the years 2016 and 2017:

Concurrent resolutions, tax sale notices and tax redemption notices - *The Leader* of Corning, New York.
Election notices - *The Leader* of Corning, New York.

Official election canvas - *The Leader* of Corning, New York.

The above-named designations are filed with the Clerk of this Legislature this 4th day of January 2016; and the Clerk is directed to forward certified copies to the Secretary of State at Albany, New York; the Steuben County Clerk; the Commissioner of Finance; the Steuben County Board of Elections; and the above-named newspaper.

Dated: January 4, 2016

/s/ Eric T. Booth

/s/ Aaron I. Mullen

/s/ Dan C. Farrand

/s/ Robert V. Nichols

/s/ Carol A. Ferratella

/s/ Gary B. Roush

/s/ Kelly H. Fitzpatrick

/s/ Brian C. Schu, Esq.

/s/ K. Michael Hanna

/s/ Gary D. Swackhamer

/s/ Joseph J. Hauryski

/s/ Scott J. VanEtten

/s/ Robin K. Lattimer

Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-16

Introduced by R. Weaver.

Seconded by H. Lando.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER BY THE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Pursuant to Section 214, subdivision 1 of the County Law, we, the Democratic members of the Steuben County Legislature, hereby designate the following official newspaper for the years 2016 and 2017:

Concurrent resolutions, tax sale notices and tax redemption notices - *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York.
Election notices - *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York.
Official election canvas - *The Evening Tribune* of Hornell, New York.

The above-named designations are filed with the Clerk of this Legislature this 4th day of January 2016; and the Clerk is directed to forward certified copies to the Secretary of State at Albany, New York; the Steuben County Clerk; the Commissioner of Finance; the Steuben County Board of Elections; and the above-named newspaper.

Dated: January 4, 2016

/s/ Hilda T. Lando

/s/ Steven P. Maio

/s/ John V. Malter

/s/ Randolph J. Weaver

Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.

Chairman Hauryski reminded the Legislature that the Public Safety & Corrections and Public Works Committees will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. respectively. He also distributed the 2016 committee assignments. He asked that the Chairs of the committees meet with him immediately following this morning's meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Roush, seconded by Mr. Schu and duly carried.