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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Steuben County Legislative Meeting
January 5, 2026 -- 9:00 A.M.
Legislative Chambers - Bath, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in accordance with the resolution duly adopted by the Steuben County Legislature on the 24th day of November 2025, the **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** for the Years 2026 and 2027 of the County Legislature is to be held on **Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Legislative Chambers in the Village of Bath, New York, for the purpose of conducting such official business as may be duly and regularly brought before the Legislature, in pursuance of Section 151 of the County Law of the State of New York.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by the Clerk of the Legislature.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Administration of Oath of Office to newly-elected County Legislators by the Honorable Chauncey J. Watches.
6. Call for nominations for election of a **Temporary Chair**, and election of Temporary Chair of the Legislature.
7. Executive Session pursuant to Public Officers' Law §105(1)(f) – “Matters leading to the appointment of a particular person”
8. Nominations for the **Chair** of the Legislature of the County of Steuben for 2026-2027.
9. **Election of Chair** and **ADOPTION** of official resolution of appointment. (Item 1 under Proposed Resolutions)
10. Administration of the official Oath of Office to the duly elected Chair. (Honorable Chauncey J. Watches)
11. Nominations for the **Vice Chair** of the Legislature of the County of Steuben for 2026-2027.
12. **Election of Vice Chair** and **ADOPTION** of official resolution of appointment. (Item 2 under Proposed Resolutions)
13. Administration of the official Oath of Office to the duly elected Vice Chair. (Honorable Chauncey J. Watches)
14. Chair's acceptance speech.
15. Caucuses of the Political Parties. (Election of Majority and Minority Leaders)

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. [Appointing the Chair of the Steuben County Legislature for a Two-Year Term of 2026 and 2027.](#)
2. [Appointing the Vice Chair of the Steuben County Legislature for a Two-Year Term of 2026 and 2027.](#)
3. [Receiving and Filing the Designation of the Majority Leader of the Steuben County Legislature.](#)
4. [Receiving and Filing the Designation of the Minority Leader of the Steuben County Legislature.](#)
5. [Recognizing the Authority of the Chair of the Legislature of the County of Steuben to Appoint Standing and Special Committees for the Years 2026 and 2027.](#)
6. [Regulating the Publication of Certain Official Matters.](#)
7. [Designation of Official Newspaper by the Republican Members of the Legislature. \(Majority Leader\)](#)
8. [Designation of Official Newspaper by the Democratic Members of the Legislature. \(Minority Leader\)](#)

9. Other relevant and urgent County matters which necessarily need the action of the County Legislature at this stated meeting, SUBJECT to 15 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, or UNANIMOUS vote of the members of the Legislature if less than 15 members are present, to entertain such matters.

FINAL BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. Announcements.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Adjournment.

DATED: December 23, 2025
Village of Bath, New York.

Yours, etc.

ROCHELLE L. CASSELBURY
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE