Sullivan County

County Legislature

Meeting Agenda - Final - Revised

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chair Nadia Rajsz
Vice Chair Luis Alvarez
Legislator Matt McPhillips
Legislator Brian McPhillips
Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Legislator Catherine Scott
Legislator Joseph Perrello
Legislator Amanda Ward
Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Thursday, November 5, 2026 **10:50 AM** **Government Center**

Special Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Legislators

Special Meeting Notice for November 5, 2026 **ID-8842**

Attachments: Special Meeting Notice Nov 5

Resolutions

Authorize Engagement letter with Harris Beach Murtha Cullina, PLLC **ID-8848**

Adjournment or Close

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Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8842 **Agenda Date:** 11/5/2026 **Agenda #:**

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

TO: **County Legislature**
M. McPhillips, B. McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Perrello, Ward, and Bernardo

FROM: Nadia Rajsz, Chair

RE: **Special Meeting of the Legislature:**
Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 10:50am

DATE: November 2, 2026

Please take notice that there will be a Special Meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature on **Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 10:50am.** The purpose of the meeting is to hire outside counsel for Sullivan County and the Sullivan County Manager.

NR:am

Cc: County Manager Joshua Potosek

Deputy County Manager Michelle Bowers

County Attorney Robert H. Freehill

Security, Media and bulletin boards

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Narrative of Resolution:
Authorize Engagement letter with Harris Beach Murtha Cullina, PLLC

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: unknown

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY NADIA RAJSZ,CHAIR OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE, LUIS ALVAREZ, DISTRICT 6 LEGISLATOR, NICHOLAS SALOMONE, DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR, JOSEPH PERRELLO, DISTRICT 7 LEGISLATOR, BRIAN MCPHILLIPS, DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR, AND AMANDA WARD, DISTRICT 8 LEGISLATOR TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE AND OR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH HARRIS BEACH MURTHA CULLINA PLLC, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A LITIGATION MATTER

WHEREAS, the County and the County Manager are parties to a litigation matter; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has determined that the engagement of outside counsel for both the County and the County Manager is reasonable and necessary to advise and represent the County and the County Manager independently in connection with the litigation matter; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, has determined that the law firm of Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC is best positioned to provide legal services and represent local interests during anticipated proceedings based on the Firm's prior litigation and appellate experience and expertise; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has determined that the law firm of Mackey Catania & Whalen, LLP is best positioned to provide legal services and represent his interests during anticipated proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC requires the County and the County Manager to execute an Engagement Letter for legal services in connection with the litigation matter; and

WHEREAS, Mackey Catania & Whalen, LLP requires that the County Manager to execute an Engagement Letter for legal services in connection with the litigation matter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Engagement Letters, the Firms shall bill the County for legal services at an

hourly rate in accordance with the Firm's standard terms of engagement for legal services, the terms of which are set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature and or the County Manager to sign the Engagement Letters with the Firms, effective October 30, 2026, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payments to the Firm shall be in accordance with the Engagement Letter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County shall not be obligated to pay expenses beyond those fully covered by the Engagement Letter unless appropriate authorizations are secured from the County Legislature.