

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE HELD MAY 14, 2009.**

Vice Chairman Proud called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, with the exception of Chairman Leemann, who was excused. The legislators introduced the students that were in attendance for the Oswego County Government Day as the roll was called. The invocation was given by Clerk of the Legislature, Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

Students attending Government Day are listed after their district's legislator.

Kastler: Grace Wallace, Redfield; Brandon Tolhurst, Lacona; Jacob O'Grady, Lacona.  
Potter: Shaylah Nichols, Pulaski; Clarice Thibault, Orwell.  
Doyle: Ruth Clark, Mexico; Annie Forestiere, Pulaski.  
Leemann: Andrew Hale, Williamstown; Mara Mensch, Parish.  
Bryant: Andrew Emmons, Constantia.  
Gearsbeck: Martin Martinek, West Monroe.  
Proud: Chloe Partrick, Mexico; Bailey Groves, Mexico.  
Brown: Jennifer Wells, Central Square.  
Beardsley: Stefanie Rienhardt, Hastings.  
Hayes: Haylie Virginia, Phoenix.  
Lockwood: James Bailey, Fulton.  
Ospelt: Jessica Pruner, Pennellville.  
Gardner: Alden Fox, Oswego; Betsy O'Gorman, Oswego.  
Oldenburg: Mallory Gordon, Oswego.  
Walker: Tyme Baez, Oswego.  
Santore: Johnna Scruton, Oswego.  
Flett: Brook Broadwell, Oswego.  
Kunzwiler: Jhannine Verceles, Oswego.  
Chalifoux: Molly Malone, Oswego.  
Malone: Kyle McCauley, Oswego.  
Beckwith: Natasha Waloven, Hannibal; Hunter Beckwith, Hannibal.  
Vasho: Jeremy Langdon, Fulton; Jenna Hudson, Fulton.  
Sorbello: MacKenzie Grow, Fulton; Myriam Oosterkamp, Fulton.  
Brewer: Amanda Eggleton, Fulton.  
LeClair: Mitchell Towsley, Fulton.

Mara Mensch of Legislative District #4 read the Government Day Proclamation.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 9, 2009 and April 20, 2009 meetings stood approved with no objections and/or corrections.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:**

Vice Chairman Proud invited members of the Health and Human Services Committee forward, as well as Youth Bureau Director, Kathy Fenlon, and Youth Services Specialist Kathy Andolina. A certificate was presented to Ms. Andolina for her 25 years of service to the county. Director Fenlon offered a few words of commendation.

Vice Chairman Proud asked DSS Commissioner Fran Lanigan and Social Welfare Examiner Charlotte Adkins to join the Committee up front. A certificate was presented to Ms. Adkins for her 30 years of dedicated service to the county. Commissioner Lanigan outlined a list of Ms. Adkins many contributions and commended her.

Vice Chairman Proud asked DSS Support Examiner Karen Baker to come forward. Ms. Baker was

presented a certificate for her 25 years of service to the county. Commissioner Lanigan summarized Ms. Baker's accomplishments and thanked her for her dedication.

Vice Chairman Proud asked DSS Support Examiner Bonnie Naioti to come forward. Ms. Naioti was presented a certificate for her 25 years of service to the county. Commissioner Lanigan offered a few comments and thanked Ms. Naioti for her valuable service to the department.

Vice Chairman Proud called the Public Safety Committee forward and asked Probation Director Deborah Meyer and Senior Probation Office Rae Domicolo to join them. A certificate was presented to Ms. Domicolo for her 25 years of service to the county. Director Meyer offered a brief summary of Ms. Domicolo contributions to the department and thanked her..

Vice Chairman Proud invited Cooperative Extension Executive Director Paul A. Forestiere II to give a brief overview of Oswego County Student Government Day. Mr. Forestiere thanked the legislators for their time and support. Director Forestiere acknowledged new Agriculture Agent Valerie Waltert and gave credit to Cindy Walsh, and especially Administrative Assistant Rene Horning for their invaluable assistance with the Government Day program, which provides a first-hand primer on the workings of a democracy and sends the knowledge gained by today's student representatives back to their schools to share with others the knowledge they gained.

Vice Chairman Proud reported on the debate of the mock resolution earlier in the day and commended the students for their energy and participation during the debate, noting that the mock resolution failed with a vote of 13- yes and 22-no.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY:** None

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:**

Leg. Brown reported that a red maple tree was planted and a bronze plaque installed in the Palermo Town Park in remembrance of crime victims. Leg. LeClair also attended the ceremony.

Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett read a letter from Colleen Head of Madison County urging support of US Senate Legislation #889, entitled, "The Federal Milk Marketing and Fruit Act of 2009". Leg. Brown offered her general support of this legislation. Vice Chairman Proud said that the letter would be forwarded to the appropriate committee for further study.

Ted Jerrett also noted that Congressman John McHugh will be holding two public listening sessions on May 15, 2009. The first will be from 10:00 am until noon at the Pulaski Village Offices. The second will be from 2:00 pm through 4:00 pm at the Mayor's Office in Fulton, New York.

It was noted that today is Vice Chairman Proud's birthday.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** None.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Leg. LeClair reported on the Ambassador of Oswego County Program. The next meeting is to be held on May 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Econolodge in Oswego. Leg. Doyle praised the efforts of Leg. LeClair and others involved in the Ambassador program, stressing its importance.

Leg. LeClair also reminded everyone that the County Employee Appreciation Picnic, hosted by the Legislators, which will be held on May 31, 2009 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Fulton War Memorial.

**RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**

Leg. Beckwith offered Resolution No. 82, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DEEDS FOR PROPERTY SOLD BY THE OSWEGO COUNTY

LEGISLATURE, TITLES, TO WHICH WERE ACQUIRED BY THE TAX FORECLOSURES OF 2007.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 83, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2009 TAX PROPERTY AUCTION.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Sorbello moved to table the proposed resolution, entitled, RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO OPPOSE IDA "REFORM" BILLS A3659 AND S1241, and send it back to committee for further review. Leg. Kunzwiler seconded the motion, all in favor.

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 84, entitled, RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO A HOME RULE REQUEST.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote  
YES: 23 NO: 1 ABSENT: 1

YES: KASTLER, POTTER, DOYLE, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, HAYES, LOCKWOOD, OSPELT, GARDNER, OLDENBURG, WALKER, SANTORE, FLETT, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, SORBELLO, BREWER, LECLAIR.

NO: GEARSBECK

ABSENT: LEEMANN.

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 85, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION RELATIVE TO THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 86, entitled, RESOLUTION INCREASING AUTHORIZATION OF CAPITAL PROJECT 124 BRISTOL HILL LANDFILL.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 87, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF LOSS RECOVERY FUNDING TO CAPITAL PROJECT 124 - BRISTOL HILL LANDFILL.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution NO. 88, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 192 - VOLNEY SEWER DISTRICT. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$750,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to CP 192.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 89, entitled, RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY RECLASSIFICATION OF A POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 90, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT NO. 2.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 91, entitled, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ADMINISTRATOR OF OSWEGO COUNTY HOSPICE. This resolution appoints Ms. Lynne Bogart of the County Health Dept. as Hospice Administrator to meet a new State requirement.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 92, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU REALITY CHECK - COLA.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 93, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION - HEALTH DEPARTMENT RURAL HEALTH NETWORK. This modification accepts \$1,500 from the Rural Health Network to be used on a community health assessment

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 94, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION -SOCIAL SERVICES TANF FUNDING. The modification accepts \$16,489 in additional state funding.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 95, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE - STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT. This modification accepts \$190,500 for projects developed locally and approved by the State Homeland Security Office.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 96, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION PROBATION DEPARTMENT - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT. This modification simply moves \$5,500 from Social Security to Personal Services within the program.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

YES: KASTLER, POTTER, DOYLE, BRYANT, GEARSBECK, PROUD, BROWN,

BEARDSLEY, HAYES, LOCKWOOD, OSPELT, GARDNER, OLDENBURG, WALKER, SANTORE, FLETT, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, SORBELLO, BREWER, LECLAIR.

NO: NONE.

ABSENT: LEEMANN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Ted Jerrett announced the calling hours for Chairman Leemann's mother-in-law.

Vice Chairman Proud expressed his gratitude to the legislators and the students participating in Government Day. The Legislature offered Vice Chairman Proud a round of applause for his exceptional contributions, not only for mentoring the Government Day proceedings, but also for his double duty in serving as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of Chairman Leemann.

At 3:21, Leg. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leg. Kunzwiler, all in favor.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING COUNTY ISSUES:**

Jane Anclam, Camden, NY, spoke on her efforts to care for a dog brutalized by people involved in dog fighting. She asked the County to accept responsibility for the care of such animals and to create a position in the budget for administration of such a program. Ms. Anclam presented copies of several news articles involving her concern and stated she expected to hear back from the Legislature.

There were no other speakers.