

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD JUNE 11, 2009.**

Chairman Leemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present. The invocation was given by Clerk of the Leg. Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Chairman Leemann solicited any objections/corrections to the May 14th minutes. There being no objections/corrections offered, the minutes of May 14, 2009 were declared approved.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

Chairman Leemann invited Oswego Town Clerk Theresa Cooper and Parish Town Clerk Kelly Reader to join him up front. Joining Ms. Cooper and Ms. Reader were current and former New Haven Town Clerks Debbie Allen and Linda Beaudoin. A recognition was read by Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett acknowledging Ms. Reader's years of service and her recent selection by the New York State Town Clerks' Association as Town Clerk of the Year for District 5. Chairman Leemann presented the recognition to Ms. Reader and commended her for her years of service and the State Association Award. Chairman Leemann also acknowledged the attendance of Ms. Reader's husband, former county legislator Dave Reader. Clerks Reader, Cooper and Allen thanked the Legislature for the recognition.

Chairman Leemann called the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee forward and invited long time Oswego County Sheriff Reuel Todd to join them. Leg. Santore presented a certificate to Sheriff Todd recognizing his 35 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the County. Sheriff Todd was given a standing ovation. Leg. Santore commended Sheriff Todd. Sheriff Todd thanked the people of Oswego County for the opportunity to serve and the Legislature for their support. "Moe" Todd then listed the former sheriffs he has had the pleasure to serve under.

Chairman Leemann called the Finance and Personnel Committee forward and invited Personnel Director Maureen Sullivan to join them up front. Leg. Ospelt presented a plaque to Ms. Sullivan in recognition of her 35 years of dedicated service and her upcoming retirement. Leg. Ospelt commended Ms. Sullivan and the Legislature gave her a standing ovation. Ms. Sullivan thanked the legislature for the opportunity to serve and her staff for their support.

Chairman Leemann called the Health and Human Services Committee forward and invited DSS Commissioner Frances Lanigan and Social Welfare Examiner Charlotte Adkins to join them. Leg. Proud presented a plaque to Ms. Adkins acknowledging her 30 years of dedicated service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Adkins. Ms. Adkins offered thanks for the chance to serve and added her observation that the Legislature has every right to be proud of their DSS employees, the vast majority of whom are very caring and committed to helping those in need.

Chairman Leemann invited DSS Microfilm Operator Donald Stewart to join them up front. Leg. Proud presented a plaque to Mr. Stewart acknowledging his 28 years of dedicated service and his upcoming retirement. Commissioner Lanigan commended Mr. Stewart and noted his quiet dedication. Mr. Stewart thanked Ms. Lanigan and the Legislature for the kind words and support.

Chairman Leemann invited Oswego County Dairy Princess Gabrielle Glenister and Dairy Ambassador Ian Lowery to come forward. A "June is Dairy Month" Proclamation was read by Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett. Chairman Leemann presented the proclamation to the Dairy Princess. Princess Glenister offered a few remarks stressing the health and economic importance of dairy products to both consumers and our local dairy farm families. Cooperative Extension of was thanked for providing samples of dairy products for this meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY:

Bram Palm, CEO of Fulton Thermal Corporation spoke in support of Resolution No. 97, approving the

issuance of \$10,000,000 in Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Revenue Bonds. Mr. Palm announced plans for a multi-million dollar expansion of Fulton Thermal Corporation in the Richland area, hiring a larger workforce and noting a growing focus on renewable energy products and geothermal heat pumps. Mr. Palm was very complimentary of the ongoing efforts of Mike Treadwell and Oswego County in support of local business and industry.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS: Leg. LeClair declared the recent Employee Appreciation Picnic a huge success and thanked the legislators and all the volunteers for their support. Attendance was estimated at 350. Leg. Doyle thanked Leg. LeClair and the Steering Committee for their hard work on the picnic and also thanked Leg. Leclair for her efforts in promoting the Oswego County Ambassador Program.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 97, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (FULTON THERMAL CORPORATION PROJECT) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000. This supports plans by Fulton Thermal Corporation for a significant expansion in Richland.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Sorbello pulled the proposed resolution entitled, RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO OPPOSE IDA "REFORM" BILLS THAT WOULD RESTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT. Leg. Sorbello explained that our State Senator and four Assemblymen have already expressed opposition to the said legislation as it is currently proposed.

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 98, entitled, RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO MAKE IDA CIVIC FACILITY AUTHORITY PERMANENT. This resolution supports bills A5700 and S2898 which would make permanent the Industrial Development Agency's authority to finance not-for-profit projects.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 99, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING - NATIONAL GRID GRANT. This resolution accepts a \$50,000 grant from National Grid and appropriates the monies to be used for improvements related to the new Senior Nutrition Center in Mexico, NY. Legs. Brown and Proud emphasized the importance of the Senior Nutrition Center.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Leg. Chalifoux abstained.
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 100, entitled, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. SENATE BILL S-889 "FEDERAL MILK MARKETING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009". This resolution is intended to support Oswego County dairy farm families and the many dependent agribusinesses by promoting fairer milk prices paid to dairy farmers. Leg. Brown noted that several other counties have

developed similar resolutions which will be submitted to Washington to aid the local dairy industry.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 101, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING A TELEVISION SHOW. This resolution authorizes the Dept. of Community Development, Tourism, and Planning to enter into an agreement with Adventure Media Productions for the production of a segment of Angling The Great Lakes showcasing Oswego, not only for its fishing but also as a family destination. The \$7,500 needed is already budgeted.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 102, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 193 - ROOF REPLACEMENT -LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING. This resolution authorizes a transfer from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of \$75,000 to replace the original roof of the 1986 addition at the Legislative Office Building. Leg. Walker inquired as to the accuracy of the \$75,000 estimate and whether or not the project would go out for bid. County Administrator Philip Church stated that the Superintendent of Building and Grounds had researched the cost and that the project would be going out to bid.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 103, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 196 - VIDEO SECURITY - COUNTY FACILITIES. This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 196 and authorizes a transfer of \$225,000 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance to install video security at various high priority County facility locations (list attached to resolution). Additional sites (also listed) will be considered depending on how high the bids come in. County Administrator Philip Church explained that should the county's application for Broad Band be approved, this project may be added to that grant, accessing federal stimulus money. He further explained that once the system is in place, authorized individuals would be able to pull up security camera images on their computer screens. After a brief discussion of concerns raised by Leg. Gearsbeck, Leg. Doyle called the question, seconded by Leg. Santore. The motion to call the question was passed with a voice vote with Legs. Malone, Gearsbeck, Walker, Kunzwiler and Vasho in opposition.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Legs. Malone, Gearsbeck and Walker in opposition.
YES: 22 NO: 3 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 104, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SOCIAL SERVICES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) FUNDS. This resolution accepts an allocation of \$46,492 in federal Workforce Investment Act funding to upgrade the technology at the One Stop Center, and to renew the license for the Metrix Distance Learning System.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 105, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION OFFICE FOR THE AGING MEALS PROGRAMS. This resolution authorizes a budget modification to accept and allocate \$30,792 in Federal "Stimulus" funding for both congregate and home delivered senior meals.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 106, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION OSWEGO CITY COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU - AMERICORPS. This resolution accepts a \$236,965 award through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will provide funding to add two full time, 20 part time and 20 summer members to the AmeriCorps program.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 107, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. This resolution reclassifies the position of Quality Assurance Coordinator to a Supervising Public Health Nurse.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 108, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT. This resolution authorizes a transfer of funds from unfilled nursing positions to a fund for temporary part time hiring of nurses to work weekend shifts and “on call”.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 109, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR IMPROVING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF NURSES-HEALTH DEPARTMENT. This resolution provides retention and recruitment incentives to current and new nursing staff.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 110, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION FOR IMPROVING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF NURSES - SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT. This resolution provides retention and recruitment incentives to current and new nursing staff at the Sheriff’s Department.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 111, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT - HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. This resolution accepts \$63,500 in federal Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program funds from the NYS Office of Homeland Security.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 112, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT “APPRAISAL SERVICES” COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE. This resolution awards a professional services contract with George E. Sansoucy P.E., LLC to conduct an

appraisal of the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. Upon inquiry of Leg. Kunzwiler, Chairman Leemann explained that this resolution is offered by the Special Nuclear Tax Status Committee. County Administrator Church noted that this committee can report either to another committee or directly to the legislature. Leg. Vasho noted that the resolution's memorandum should be corrected to reflect the shared cost ratio between the Town, County and Mexico School District as 6% (not 4%), 40% and 54% respectively.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Leg. Doyle abstained.
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

Leg. Potter offered Resolution No. 113, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT. This resolution accepts a \$16,673 grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to help retain Assistant District Attorneys.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 114, 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 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 115, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT SALARIES FOR EXAM ADMINISTRATION. This resolution covers salaries for exam administration due to additional exams held in the first two quarters of 2009.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 116, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION - ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. This resolution transfers funds from the contingent account to cover pay increases resulting from labor negotiations.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Malone asked if proposed department budgets would be available in July. Administrator Church noted that the proposed budgets would be sent to committees in the fall.

At 8:10 PM, Leg. Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Leg. Oldenburg, all in favor.

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

Sandy Rogers of Fulton and Colleen Scott of Granby vented anger toward the Department of Social Services. There were no others wishing to speak.