

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD JULY 9, 2009.**

Chairman Leemann called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of former Legislature Vice Chairman Bruce Soule. The invocation was given by Clerk Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

In the absence of any objections or corrections to the minutes of June 11, 2009, they were approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Leemann called the Health and Human Services Committee forward as well as DSS Commissioner Frances Lanigan and Support Examiner Kimberly Hubbard. Leg. Proud presented Ms. Hubbard a certificate acknowledging her 25 years of dedicated service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Hubbard for her consistently positive attitude and good work ethics.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY:

CSEA President Bill Reed urged support for Resolution No. 120, accepting funding and a plan to improve Child Protective Services. He stressed the need for community support in protecting our children.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Leg. Brown gave a brief report on the Oswego County Fair. Despite the rainy weather, attendance was very good. She also said that the new voting machines were on display and had mixed reviews. Chairman Leemann thanked the legislators who volunteered to work at the fair. Leg. Doyle commended the County's Promotion and Tourism staff for their fine displays and many hours committed to promoting Oswego County at the Fair. He also gave credit to the Oswego Valley ATV Club for their help with parking.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 117, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. Leg. Ospelt moved to amend the resolution in the first resolved by changing the date from June 9, 2015 to July 9, 2015; seconded by Leg. Brown. All in favor. Discussion returned to the amended resolution. Leg. Ospelt spoke in support of recommending Carol N. Alnutt of Oswego, NY, for the position of Director of Personnel. He noted that Ms. Alnutt was selected unanimously by the Search Committee and was also approved unanimously by the Finance and Personnel Committee at its June 30th meeting. Leg. Kunzwiler commended the process and offered his support. Leg. Walker added his support for Ms. Alnutt.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 118, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THREE POSITIONS IN THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT. This resolution reclassified one Personnel Specialist (SG30) to Employee Benefits Administrator (SG40); one Personnel Specialist (SG 30) to Personnel Administrator (SG40); and one Personnel Specialist (SG30) to Personnel Specialist Trainee (SG20), for a two-year term. The reclassification of the positions will result in a savings of \$18,817 (FY2009).

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 119, entitled, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A8765 AND S5922 TO PROVIDE COUNTIES WITH PERMANENT AUTHORITY IN THE IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAX RATES. This resolution urged the State legislature to support Senate Bill S5922 and Assembly Bill A8765 which will empower local governments to increase or decrease sales tax rates above three (3) percent.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 120, entitled, RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET TO ACCEPT FUNDING AND PLAN TO IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. This resolution accepts \$500,000 from the State of New York targeted to improve Child Protective Caseworker caseloads. The resolution also outlines the reorganization of the Department of Social Services, adding staff to lower the caseloads per caseworker. Leg. Proud noted that this is an important first step in the reorganization process. Leg. Kunzwiler voiced support for the plan but offered concern for this action's long-term cost. Leg. Doyle concurred with Leg. Kunzwiler and stressed the need to work with schools and communities to identify potential problems. Chairman Leemann announced that a task force/community advisory board would be established. Leg. Gearsbeck opined that the real problem was DSS management. After a brief discussion, Leg. Ospelt moved to call the question, seconded by Leg. Hayes. The motion to call the question passed with Legs. Malone, Walker, Kunzwiler and Vasho in opposition. A roll call vote was requested on the resolution.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote.
YES: 22 NO: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

NO: GEARSBECK, MALONE, BECKWITH.

ABSENT: NONE.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 121, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ALLOCATION. This resolution accepts \$25,000 to fund Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) who are victims of domestic violence. Leg. Gearsbeck expressed concern that he needed more information on how grant monies are used.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Legs. Gearsbeck and Beckwith in opposition.
YES: 23 NO: 2 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 122, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING. This resolution accepted \$65,000 in Federal Mental Health Funding. A roll call vote was requested.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote
YES: 22 NO: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

NO: GEARSBECK, MALONE, BECKWITH.

ABSENT: NONE.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 123, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING. This resolution accepts \$70,531 in stimulus funding for additional hours and overtime to help meet an increase in Food Stamp applications. A roll call vote was requested.

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

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

NO: GEARSBECK.

ABSENT: NONE.

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 124, 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 FORECLOSURE OF 2007.

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

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 125, entitled, RESOLUTION INCREASING PETTY CASH FUNDS IN THE OSWEGO COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. This resolution authorizes increasing the petty cash funds in the County Clerk's Office to \$600.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 126, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES VOLNEY SEWER PROJECT (B&L,PC). This resolution awards a professional services contract to Barton and Loguidice P.C., Syracuse, New York for a total of \$699,600 for the Volney Sewer Project design, engineering and construction management services. Director of Solid Waste Frank Visser outlined several benefits of the project.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 127, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE SAFETY TRAINING GRANT. This resolution accepts \$16,564 from New York State for mandatory safety training.

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

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 128, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION E-911 LIDAR. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$11,380 to synchronize existing mapping data with that to be received from the new Light Detection and Ranging system.

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

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 129, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE TRAINING GAS-FUELED PROPS. This resolution awards a professional service contract to Kiddie Fire Trainers, Inc. for Fire Training Prop Maintenance Services for a sum not to exceed \$12,000 per scheduled maintenance and service, and \$175 per hour for repairs on an unscheduled/emergency basis.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Sorbello spoke briefly regarding a project proposed by BION involving thousands of cattle and noted that the legislature will be kept informed as more complete information is provided.

Leg. Kunzwiler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leg. Oldenburg, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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

There were none wishing to speak.