

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD OCTOBER 15, 2009.**

Chairman Leemann called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present. The invocation was given by Clerk Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Hearing no objections and/or corrections to the minutes of September 10th, 2009, the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Leemann invited members of the Health and Human Services Committee, Commissioner of Social Services Frances Lanigan, and Director of Social Services Kathleen Buchiere to come forward. Leg. Proud presented to Ms. Buchiere a certificate acknowledging her 30 years of dedicated service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Buchiere for her outstanding work and reliability.

Chairman Leemann invited Principal Social Welfare Examiner Roxanne Deyo to join the Health and Humans Services Committee up front. Leg. Proud presented a plaque to Ms. Deyo acknowledging her 31 years of excellent service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Deyo for her excellent work and wished her well in her retirement.

Chairman Leemann invited Social Welfare Examiner Tina Tenney to join the Committee up front. Leg. Proud presented a certificate to Ms. Tenney acknowledging her 25 years of dedicated service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Tenney for her fine work at DSS.

Chairman Leemann invited Senior Case Manager, John Heretyk, to join the Committee up front. Leg. Proud presented a certificate to Mr. Heretyk acknowledging his 25 years of valuable service to Oswego County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Mr. Heretyk's dedication and contributions.

Chairman Leemann invited Leg. Potter and members of the Strategic Planning and Government Committee forward and invited Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Terri Somers to join them up front. Chairman Leemann presented a certificate to Ms. Somers acknowledging her 35 years of outstanding service to Oswego County and to the Legislature in particular. Chairman Leemann offered his personal appreciation for Ms. Somers' dedication to Oswego County. Legs. Sorbello, Kunzwiler, Ospelt and Brewer also praised Ms. Somers. Ms. Somers thanked everyone. Ms. Somers received a round of applause and standing ovation.

Chairman Leemann invited the members of the Economic, Development and Planning Committee forward as well as 4-H Program Educators, Debbie Holiday and Jan Smith and 4-H Member Derek Grindle. The Clerk of the Legislature read a proclamation declaring October, 2009 as Oswego County 4-H Month. Leg. Sorbello offered a few comments. Debbie Holiday introduced 4-H member Derek Grindle, who was accepting the proclamation. Mr. Grindle has been a member of 4-H for 10 years and exemplifies the 4-H motto having overcome obstacles and disabilities to help others in the community. He has also won the "I Dare You Award" award, the highest honor any 4-H member can receive.

Chairman Leemann invited Director of 911 Communications System Mike Allen forward to present an Executive Summary of the Emergency Communications System. Mr. Allen gave an overview of the proposed radio system outlining the capabilities and benefits of the new radio system. Mr. Allen stated that one of the main challenges is in obtaining the appropriate licenses. Currently, the licenses are being coordinated with the FCC; however, due to our geographical location the licenses must also be coordinated with Canada, which could cause delays.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY: None.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS: None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 171, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT - RECOGNIZE CDC GRANT FUNDING AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SWINE FLU RESPONSE. This resolution accepted grant funding in the amount of \$83,810 and authorized the transfer of funds into the appropriate budget lines.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 172, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. This resolution appointed Dr. Christina Liepke to the Oswego County Board of Health for a six year term to expire on December 31, 2015. Leg. Walker asked if she was an Oswego County resident. County Administrator Philip Church responded "yes".

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 173, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FACILITATION OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL. This resolution awarded a professional services contract to Center for Governmental Research for Facilitation of a Community Advisory Council in support of the Department of Social Services' Child Protective Programs for a sum not to exceed \$9,500.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 174, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. This resolution accepted \$55,123 in federal funding to help with transportation costs to support employment.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No.175, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING. This resolution accepted federal and state monies in the amount of \$1,183,000 to be for Family Assistance and Safety Net Assistance programs.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 176, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING. This resolution accepted additional funding for the Nutrition Education Program and modified accounts in Adult and Family Services budget to meet projected expenses.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 177, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING. This resolution approved the establishment of the accounts necessary to accept and disperse a \$61,000 grant for the purpose of purchasing a new bus for rural transit services.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 178, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING. This resolution approved the establishment of accounts necessary to accept and disperse a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The purpose of this grant is to assist low-moderate income households with the installation or repair of septic systems or drinking water wells in target areas. Leg. Brown stated that it was much needed.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 179, entitled, RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO HELP RELIEVE THE CURRENT DAIRY FISCAL CRISIS.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 180, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING - ENERGY CONSERVATION STUDIES. This resolution accepts a \$24,500 grant to study energy conservation at the Legislative Office Building and the Bunner Street Health Complex.

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

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 181, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 26 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY'S MASTER CONTROL SYSTEM. This resolution approved the establishment of Capital Project No. 26 in the amount of \$800,000 to replace the master control and security system in the Correctional Facility. Leg. Kunzwiler asked if this was on State Contract. He was answered in the affirmative.

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

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 182, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SNOWMOBILE PURCHASE. Leg. Malone questioned withdrawing the money from a gas and oil account when it may be needed. County Administrator Philip Church stated that the Sheriff's Department had these items in next year's budget, but financially and because the need is now, as winter begins, it would be better to purchase them this year. Leg. Doyle agreed with the need for the new machines. 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. Beardsley offered Resolution No.183, entitled, RESOLUTION AMENDING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 121-HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT - 2009. This resolution amended Capital Project No. 121 to include the purchase of six Dickey John's (salt spreader controls); 4 Underbody Scrapers, 1 18' van body for service truck and 1 sandscreen for the production of the ice control sand and gravel for a total of \$156,000. A roll call vote was requested.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote
YES: 23 NO: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

NO: GEARSBECK, WALKER.

ABSENT: NONE.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 184, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION ANDREW MICHAUD NURSING HOME. This resolution addresses a retroactive Medicaid Rate Adjustment by New York State for the Andrew Michaud Nursing Home for the period April 1, 2004 through October 21, 2005.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 185, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT. This resolution awarded a contract to provide Third-Party Administration services for the Oswego County Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program to the POMCO Group - EM Risk Management.

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

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 186, entitled, RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTION'S PROPOSED 6210.18 REGULATIONS. This opposes a proposal for audits that would be unnecessarily costly to the Oswego County Board of Elections.

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

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 187, 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 2005 AND 2007. Leg. Walker sought clarification on this resolution. County Treasurer, John Kruk, explained that these properties were bought at auction and this was necessary to give the owners the deeds.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Gardner acknowledged Leg. Beckwith's hard work and perseverance to bring the property tax exemption for cold war veterans to fruition.

Leg. Ospelt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leg. Kunzwiler, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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

There were no others wishing to speak.