

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2009.**

Chairman Leemann called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present with the exception of Legs. Kunzwiler and Brewer. (Leg. Kunzwiler arrived later, at 3:04.) The invocation was given by Clerk of the Legislature, Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES: Hearing no objections/corrections, the minutes of October 15, 2009 were approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Leemann called the Health and Human Services Committee forward and invited DSS Commissioner Frances Lanigan and Case Supervisor Judith Reitz to join them. Leg. Proud presented Ms. Reitz a certificate acknowledging her 35 years of faithful service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Reitz for her contributions and dedication.

Chairman Leemann invited Case Worker Laurie Bishop forward. Leg. Proud presented a plaque to Ms. Bishop acknowledging her 29 years of excellent service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan commended Ms. Bishop and wished her well in her retirement.

Chairman Leemann called the Economic Development and Planning Committee forward and invited Planning Director Dave Turner and Public Information Coordinator Janet Clerkin to join them. Leg. Sorbello presented a certificate to Ms. Clerkin acknowledging her 25 years of outstanding service to the County. Director Turner commended Ms. Clerkin for her dedication, positive attitude and effectiveness.

Chairman Leemann read a brief statement in honor of Veteran's Day. Chairman Leemann invited Veterans' Director Donna Kestner, Legs. Santore and LeClair, Battle of the Bulge Veteran Fred Lockwood and Miles Becker on behalf of Battle of the Bulge Veteran John Canale to come forward. A Recognition of Veterans was read. In special honor of local veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Leg. Santore read a summary of the battle, noting that there were a number of local veterans of that conflict, including his father, Carmen Santore; father of Leg. LeClair, Charles Griswold; Fred Lockwood and John Canale. Mr. Lockwood, Ms. Kestner and Miles Becker added their thanks on behalf of all veterans.

Chairman Leemann called the Health and Human Services Committee and Youth Bureau Director Kathy Fenlon forward and invited Oswego County Opportunities representatives Kathleen Knopp and Amy Baldwin to join them. A proclamation was read recognizing November 2009 as Runaway Prevention Month. Director Fenlon and Kathleen Knopp commented on the importance of prevention.

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Paul Forestiere presented a brief overview of Cooperative Extension's annual report especially noting agricultural marketing innovation successes and a number of national awards and recognitions earned by our local 4-H program and members.

Chairman Leemann asked that the newly elected legislators who were present stand up and be recognized.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY: None.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Leg. Walker commented on his recent acquittal on charges of obstruction of justice.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Leg. Sorbello gave a brief explanation of the status of Vicom. Leg. Doyle spoke briefly on the proposed windmills on Galloo Island.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 188, entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2010. The date was

set for December 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 189, entitled, RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO'S INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) OF THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE. References in the original resolution were corrected to reflect that is was being offered by the Public Safety Committee.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 190, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATE FOR RELEVY OF 2009 UNPAID VILLAGE TAXES. The date is November 30, 2009.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 191, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATE FOR RELEVY OF 2009/2010 UNPAID SCHOOL TAXES. The date is November 30, 2009.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote.
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 192, entitled, RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 193, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL HOURS LINE. This resolution transferred \$1000 from a salary line into an additional hour's line to offset a temporary vacancy.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 194, entitled, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS WITH SERONO, INC. ON CERTAIN TERMS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER OF *COUNTY OF OSWEGO V. ABBOT LABS, ET AL*. This authorized the Chairman to execute settlement documents upon receipt of funds of \$4,000 from Serono, Inc.

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

Leg. Potter offered Resolution No. 195, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM. This resolution transferred \$400,000 to meet obligations of the Assigned Counsel Program for the year 2009.

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

Leg. Potter offered Resolution No. 196, entitled, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE ADD THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO TO THE INDEX OF TAX DISTRICTS FILING A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLAIM AGAINST THE PROCEEDS OF FIRE INSURANCE. This relates to tax delinquent properties.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 197, entitled, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT LAKES HARBOR COALITION AND AUTHORIZING THE MEMBERSHIP THERETO.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 198, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT - HOME LOAN REPAY. This increases revenue and expense lines for the Home Loan Repayment Program in order to accept and disburse the program funds.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 199, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21-BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS. This created Capital Project No. 27-Workplace Violence Prevention to comply with Central New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health (CNYCOSH) recommendations. Leg. Walker asked if the work would be done in house. County Administrator Phil Church said "yes" and offered additional explanation.

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

Leg. Proud offered resolution No. 200, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT - INCREASE PERSONNEL SERVICE LINE. This provided for a part time employee to work additional hours on documentation for dually eligible patients from 2006 & 2007 required by the Inspector Generals Office no later than December 31, 2009.

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

Leg. Kunzwiler entered the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 201, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL WIA/ARRA STIMULUS FUNDING. This accepts a supplemental allocation of \$172,671.75 to serve dislocated workers. Leg. Brown noted the grant was awarded due to workers exceeding targeted performance levels.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 202, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - GREEN JOB CORPS PROGRAM GRANT. This accepts a grant of \$300,000 to operate a Green Job Corps Program.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Clerk Ted Jerrett reminded the legislators that the United Way information was in their mailboxes.

ADJOURNMENT: At 3:15 p.m moved by Leg. Walker, seconded by Leg. Oldenburg, all in favor.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING COUNTY ISSUES:

Sharon Martin of Granby expressed concern that some DSS workers' caseloads preclude thorough work.