

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

November 24, 2009

**PRESENT:**

Morris Sorbello, Chair  
Louella LeClair, Vice Chair  
Jack Beckwith  
Shawn Doyle  
Art Gearsbeck  
Doug Malone

**EXCUSED:**

Art Ospelt

**STAFF/GUESTS:**

Barry Leemann, Leg. Chairman  
Philip Church, County Administrator  
Legs. Santore, Lockwood, Kastler, Potter,  
Beardsley, and Proud  
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director  
Michael Treadwell, Operation Oswego County  
Paul Forestiere, Exec. Dir., Cooperative Extension  
David Turner, Dir. of Comm. Dev., Tourism & Planning  
Steve Share and Kathy Kintz, Centro  
Chuck Parker, Os. Co. Sportsmen's Federation  
David Bottar, Ex. Dir., CNYRPDB  
John DeHollander, Os. Co. Soil & Water Cons. District  
Terry Wilbur, Legislator Elect  
Deb Wise, Sr. Clerk  
Sue Pringle

**MEDIA:**

Aaron Curtis, Pall Times; Carol Thompson, Valley News

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Committee Chair Sorbello called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. **Minutes of October 27, 2009** **Motion to approve as drafted:** Leg. LeClair  
**Second:** Leg. Beckwith  
**Vote:** Unanimous

2. **Resolution – Galloo Power Lines**

Chairman Sorbello stated that this resolution is in regards to the power lines to connect the Galloo Island proposed substation and interconnection with existing transmission lines. Paul Forestiere, of Cooperative Extension stated that there have been several Public Hearings in the northern part of the County by the Public Safety Commission. Mr. Forestiere stated that Cooperative Extension became involved at the request of Phil Church, the County Administrator. It was suggested that the County facilitate meetings between the developer and landowners with Cornell Cooperative Extension as the liaison. The first solution is to run the power lines through agricultural farmland; the second solution is to put the power lines under the water; and third option is to run the power lines through the right-of-way along I-81. Leg. Doyle stated that along the right-of-way is a good idea, but what do you do between Hounsfield in Jefferson County to the I-81 corridor, it really should be put under the water.

**Motion to accept the resolution with Jefferson County:** Leg. Doyle  
**Second:** Leg. Malone.  
**Vote:** Unanimous.

Chairman Sorbello at 2:23 p.m. called a recess for Dona Lee Falciatano's 20 year service award and photo in the Legislative Chambers.

Chairman Sorbello called the meeting back to order at 2:26 p.m.

3. **Bid/RFP Report**

Purchasing Director Fred Maxon gave a brief overview of the bidding process, for the timber sale. Harden Furniture was awarded the winning bid of \$15,235.

#### 4. Community Development, Tourism and Planning

A. Budget Modification – Tourism Co-op Advertising

David Turner, Director of Comm. Dev., Tourism, & Planning stated that this budget modification is revenue for the printing of the new visitors guide. There might be up to \$8,000 of ad revenue for developing and printing of the new book.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. LeClair

**Second:** Leg. Doyle

**Vote:** Unanimous

B. Budget Modification – Community Development Block Grant Program (Uniforms, Etc.)

David Turner, Director of Comm. Dev., Tourism, & Planning stated that this is for Uniforms, Etc. This is a CDBG grant for this Fulton business. They will buy new equipment and hire two new employees.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Second:** Leg. Beckwith

**Vote:** Unanimous

C. Resolution – Bed Tax Receipts

David Turner, Director of Comm. Dev., Tourism, and Planning explained that this is the annual resolution authorizing the collection and disbursement of bed taxes in the County.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. LeClair

**Vote:** Unanimous

D. Budget Modification – Capital Project #25 – NYSERDA Grant

Earlier this year you authorized the chairman to sign documents allowing us to apply to NYSERDA, in regards to lighting and lighting control improvements in two of the county buildings. Awarded \$183,000 from NYSERDA, this authorizes the acceptance and disbursement of the funding.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. LeClair

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

E. Budget Modification – New York State Housing Trust Fund Corp.

This is a project that has suffered a lot of negotiations, in regard to the construction budget; this budget modification is to move funds from various lines for administration, program delivery, etc. and into the basic project line.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. LeClair

**Second:** Leg. Beckwith

**Vote:** Unanimous

F. Resolution – Dog Quarantine

Philip Church, County Administrator stated this is a resolution that comes annually, authorizes the Chairman to offer a dog quarantine, if necessary.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Second:** Leg. Doyle

**Vote:** Unanimous

G. Department Updates

Dave Turner stated that the handout gives the Tourism website visitor information and on the back side of the sheet is the current information for the three offices and what is being worked on, trying to keep the committee up to speed as to what is being done in the Department. Mr. Turner also reported the

water chestnut issue; he has contacted the senator's offices regarding special grants for control of noxious weeds. Recently received notification that Senator Schumer is looking into this.

## 5. Operation Oswego County

### A. County of Oswego IDA

Mike Treadwell reported on the PILOT EDF for Stevens Auto Store. This financing will be to acquire and renovate a building for automobile repair and restoration, will retain current two employees and add five new employees.

### B. Annual Report

Mike Treadwell stated that the fiscal year ended on July 31, 2009. The annual report gives the projects funded for the year; compliance issues; property owned by IDA; loans that have been paid in full; debt problems, default on loans. This annual report can be accessed on the IDA website, [www.oswegocountyida.org](http://www.oswegocountyida.org).

### C. Resolution Appointing Member to IDA Board

Morris Sorbello stated that we are looking to appoint a new member to the IDA Board. He asked Mike Treadwell to explain why they are looking for a new board member. Mr. Treadwell stated that in order to be compliant with the Public Authorities Law, he would be resigning as the Secretary/Treasurer to become the CEO. Dave Dano will be the CFO of the IDA. Barry Leemann, Chairman of Legislature stated that they looked at the qualifications for filling this position and it was recommended that Jonathan Daniels, Director of the Port Authority of Oswego, be appointed to the IDA.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

## 6. Budget Reviews

### A. Community Development, Tourism and Planning

Mr. Turner stated that the budget is on Page 122. This is the budget that has been approved by the budget officer. We did work closely with the county administrator to trim this to the level proposed. The budget we developed now has an increase of only 1.5% over the budget from last year.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Beckwith

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

### B. Operation Oswego County

Michael Treadwell, Ex. Director of OOC presented their budget for 2010, which can be found on Page 4. Operating budget remains at \$430,000, this is drawn down on a quarterly basis.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. LeClair

**Vote:** Unanimous

### C. Oswego County Opportunities

Phil Church, County Administrator stated that this is a pass through.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

### D. Oswego County Cooperative Extension

Paul Forestiere of Cooperative Extension stated their budget is on Page 6. We are requesting \$45,000 for appropriation.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. Beckwith

**Vote:** Unanimous

- E. Oswego County Sportsmen's Federation  
Chuck Parker of the Sportsmen's Federation presented the budget. They are asking for \$5,000 for their 2010 budget to be used for youth and conservation issues.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Beckwith

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

- F. Oswego County Soil and Water  
John DeHollander, District Manager, we are asking for an operating budget of \$85,000 for 2010. There is a lack of funding from forestry.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. Beckwith

**Vote:** Unanimous

- G. CNY Regional Planning and Development Board

David Bottar, Executive Director of CNYRPDB we are asking for \$35,000 for our 2010 budget.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Doyle

**Second:** Leg. LeClair

**Vote:** Unanimous

- H. CNY Regional Transportation Authority

Steve Share, Chief Financial Officer, and Kathy Kintz, Oswego Centro were there to present their budget. Mr. Share stated, Frank Kobliski, Ex. Director made cuts in other counties, some routes are being cut, but not in Oswego County. Mr. Share stated that they are again asking for \$90,000 for their 2010 budget, this has been the amount for the last 15 years.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. LeClair

**Second:** Leg. Doyle

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Resolution Appointing Department Head**

Phil Church stated that this resolution will go before the whole Legislature in its organizational meeting of January 7, 2010. This resolution is for the reappointment of David R. Turner as the Director of the Department of Community Development, Tourism, and Planning.

**Motion to approve:** Leg. Beckwith

**Second:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **8. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm:** Leg. Gearsbeck

**Second:** Leg. LeClair

**Vote:** Unanimous