

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE HELD ON
AUGUST 12, 2004 AT THE PULASKI COURTHOUSE**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, except Leg. Seager.

Invocation was given by Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature, followed by the salute to the flag. Clerk Jerrett asked for a moment of silence for troops in Iraq.

The minutes of July 15, 2004 were approved as presented, by motion made by Leg. Waters, seconded by Leg. Leemann and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

James Atkinson, Richland Town Supervisor, thanked the Legislature for honoring the request to hold the August meeting at the Pulaski Courthouse and stated that he hopes they will come back each year to meet in the courthouse.

Pulaski Mayor Ed Delaney welcomed everyone.

Shawn Doyle, Town of Richland Historian, came forward to give a historical account of the creation of county seats in Oswego and Pulaski, and stated that the county seats held court for the first time in 1860 and 1870, respectively. He also spoke of the creation and ownership by Oswego County of the Pulaski Courthouse property, and the noteworthy architecture of the building. Mr. Doyle spoke regarding the various county offices located in the courthouse, the races for County Clerk in Pulaski and Oswego in the 1800's and how the final vote would determine the location of records, explaining eventually the court ruled that records would remain in Oswego. He stated that in 1987 the newly renovated courthouse was renamed and rededicated in honor of H. Douglas Barclay, NYS Senator and former Chairman of the NYS Judiciary Committee.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Manton, CNY Regional Planning, came forward to do a presentation on the proposed Base Realignment and Closure Program (BRAC). He explained that the Department of Defense is proposing to reduce military bases 24% nationwide. He stated that the local community council is working to ensure that military missions at Hancock Field will remain in existence. Mr. Manton reviewed handouts provided and stated that Hancock was established as military base in WWII. Mr. Manton reviewed the current operational infrastructure at Hancock and the economic impacts, stating that there are currently 2000 military and civilian jobs. Mr. Manton reviewed the timeline, noting that the first four items have already began and stated that by May of 2005 the Department of Defense will publish recommendations for BRAC. Mr. Manton then reviewed the steps in place to retain Hancock Field and stated that he is asking that the Oswego County Legislature adopt a resolution in support of Hancock Field.

Mr. Jerrett announced that there is a NYSAC conference from September 21st through the 24th, and asked that anyone wishing to attend to fill out registration forms that have been placed in mailboxes.

Mr. Jerrett also announced that former Chairman Floyd Boynton has been ill. He advised he has a get well card that will be mailed and welcomed signatures from people.

Leg. Brown along with Social Services Committee members, Fran Lanigan, Commissioner of Social Services, and Kathy Buchiere, Director of Family Services Division, came forward to recognize and award Ms. Buchiere for 25 years of service.

Leg. Beardsley announced that there will be a meeting of the Steering Committee, immediately following the Legislature meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Leg. Beckwith offered Resolution No. 114, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DEEDS OF PROPERTY SOLD BY THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE, TITLES TO WHICH WERE ACQUIRED BY THE TAX FORECLOSURES OF 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, AND 2002.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Beckwith offered Resolution No. 115, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §1138(6).

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Rusaw offered Resolution No. 116, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Rusaw offered Resolution No. 117, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Rusaw offered Resolution No. 118, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Brown offered Resolution No. 119 entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Brown offered, on behalf of Leg. Seager, Resolution No. 120 entitled, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY MISSIONS AND SERVICE UNITS OPERATING AT HANCOCK FIELD, SYRACUSE, NY.

Leg. Bryant offered an amendment to the first RESOLVED paragraph after, "upon recommendation of the Economic Development and Planning Committee" to add "with the approval of the General Government Committee." This was seconded by Leg. Bullard and carried unanimously.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

Leg. Osetek offered a motion to waive the rules to consider an additional resolution.

This was seconded by Leg. Waters and carried unanimously.

Leg. Bryant offered Resolution No. 121 entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2004, ENTITLED, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 3 OF 1983 REGARDING THE OSWEGO COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE"

Leg. Leemann offered a motion to recess, which was seconded by Leg. Waters and carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and returned to regular session at 2:50 p.m.

Leg. Proud explained that this resolution establishes the Public Utilities Board, which will handle distribution, process and decisions regarding the 10 megawatts of low cost power that is seen as part of the PILOT program.

Leg. Kunzwiler commended General Government Committee for expediting this stating this will help offset some of the economic loss the county experienced through the PILOT agreements.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands
AYES: -24 - NAYS: -0- ABSENT: -1-

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. under motion by Leg. Kunzwiler, seconded by Leg. Bullard and carried unanimously.