

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

Chairman Russ Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Leg. Beckwith thanked everyone for their cards and support. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, except Leg. Proud. Invocation was given by Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature, followed by the salute to the flag. Hearing no objections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2006, the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: None.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Johnson invited Leg. Brown and members of the Health and Human Services Committee forward to recognize Ralph D'Amico, a long time Board of Health member. Board of Health President Frank Church, Health Commissioner Kathy Smith,, and Leg. Brown offered a few comments.

REPORTS OF TOWN AND COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Leg. Brown offered a few remarks about the NYSAC conference she recently attended. The legislative priorities this year are as follows: to reform mandated programs for children with special needs, continue medicaid restructuring efforts, support for local criminal justice costs, and measures for property tax relief. She also attended a meeting about the "meth" labs that are coming to this area, and the costs that are associated with them, both human and financial.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Leg. Bryant stated that the legislature was in receipt of the 2005 Annual Report of the Low Cost Energy program and it is in the legislator's mailboxes.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Leg. Beardsley offered a Resolution, entitled RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE REQUESTS OF LANDOWNER INCLUSION WITHIN THE EXISTING CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE NY AGRICULTURAL AND MARKETS LAW (AML), SECTION 303-b, AS AMENDED. Leg. Beardsley moved to refer the resolution back to committee and Leg. Bullard seconded the motion. Leg. Malone asked why it was being pulled. Leg. Beardsley stated that the committee needed to review it.

Motion to refer resolution back to committee passed, by a voice vote

Legs. Seager and Brown opposing
YES: 22 NO: 2 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Bryant offered Resolution No. 7, entitled RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF

THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE (CHANGING NAME OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE). This resolution renames the Government Operation and Law Committee to Strategic Planning and Government Committee.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 8, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT MONIES AND BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE 2005-2006 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. Leg. Beardsley moved to amend the resolution changing the "County Administrator" in the second resolve to "Chairman of the Legislature", seconded by Leg. Brown, motion passed. Leg. Malone asked if the \$10.00 fee was the same as last year. Leg. Brown stated that she thought it would change in April.

Resolution passed, as amended by a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 9, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STIPENDS FOR ELECTION INSPECTORS.

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

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 10 entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

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

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 11, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 146 - HIGHWAY & AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT. This resolution transfers \$20,000 from Capital Reserve No. 146 Highway & Automotive Equipment to Capital Project No. 118 - Highway Equipment so that the County Clerk can replace a vehicle. Leg. Gearsbeck asked where this car is on nights and weekends. County Clerk George Williams stated that there is an agreement that the car will be kept in the Village of Central Square on week nights and housed in a garage on weekends with no one using this vehicle on nights and weekends. Leg. Malone suggested the County buy a Crown Victoria similar to what the Sheriff's department has. George Williams expressed his desire to purchase a mid-sized car. Leg. Malone moved to amend the resolution by requiring the car to be a Crown Victoria, seconded by Leg. Brewer. After a brief discussion, Leg. Brewer withdrew his second. The amendment failed for lack of a second. Discussion returned to the original resolution.

Resolution passed, by a voice vote
Leg. Malone opposing
YES: 23 NO: 1 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 12, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21 - BUILDING RENOVATIONS. This

resolution transfers \$60,000 from Capital Reserve No. 21 - Building Renovations to Capital Project No. 114 - Hot Water Heater Replacement - Public Safety Center.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 13, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21 - BUILDING RENOVATIONS. This resolution transfers \$25,000 from Capital Reserve No. 21 - Building Renovations to Capital Project No. 116 - Roof Replacement - DSS.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 14, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21 - BUILDING RENOVATIONS. This resolution transfer \$5,000 from Capital Reserve No. 21 - Building Renovations to Capital Project No. 115, Sewer Remediation at the Public Safety Center.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 15, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21 - BUILDING RENOVATIONS. This resolution transfers \$5,000 from Capital Reserve No. 21 - Building Renovations to Capital project No. 117 - Roof Replacement - Pulaski Salt Shed.

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

Leg. Brown, substituting for Leg. Proud, offered resolution No. 16, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU. The United States Tennis Association has awarded \$1,400 to the Youth Bureau to purchase tennis supplies at no cost to the county.

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

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 17, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION - PROBATION DEPARTMENT. This would use funds from a Federal grant to provide to the courts a probation officer dedicated to domestic violence cases.

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

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 18, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. This resolution allows the Sheriff's Department to accept \$12,933 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Leg. Bryant asked for a clarification of the last item listed. It was explained that the dual radar unit is a radar unit that monitors vehicles going and coming.

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

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 19, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - COURT ATTENDANTS. This resolution creates two part-time Court Attendant positions in the Sheriff's Budget.

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

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 20, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION E-911. This resolution allows for payment of \$32,346.50 of cell tower rental income to Verizon that was not paid at the end of the last year.

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

Leg. Brown, substituting for Leg. Proud, offered Resolution No. 21, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD. The following individuals are appointed to the Oswego County Community Services Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009: Carol Alfieri, Frank Church, Mame Clark.

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

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 22, entitled, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD FOR 2006.

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

Leg. Brown, substituting for Leg. Proud, offered Resolution No. 23, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. This resolution reappoints Mame Clark to the Oswego County Board of Health for a six year term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 24, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. This resolution appoints Leg. Beckwith, Leg. Leemann, and Ed McLaughlin to the Board of Directors of the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 25, entitled, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPOINTMENT TO THE REGION 7 FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD. This

resolution appoints Leg. Brown as Legislative Representative and reappoints Mr. Charles Parker as Sportsman Representative to the Region 7 fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Resolution passed, by a voice vote

Leg. Brown abstaining

YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 1

Leg. Brown, substituting for Leg. Proud, offered Resolution No. 26, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT "LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY" OFFICE FOR THE AGING. This resolution awards the professional service contract for legal services to the elderly to Reynolds & McGowan of Oswego. Leg. Malone asked what the difference was between the two law firms that were considered. OFA Director Larry Schmidt stated that quality of service and experience with senior citizens were some of the criteria considered in making the decision. Leg. Santore stated that Mr. Reynolds often provides services above and beyond those of the contract.

Resolution passed, by a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 27, entitled, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF ONONDAGA, OSWEGO, CAYUGA, ONEIDA AND CORTLAND COUNTIES FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO E-911 CENTERS.

Resolution passed, by a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leg. Seager thanked the Infrastructures Committee for the Solid Waste report given at a recent meeting.

Leg. Malone stressed that the transfer station in Hannibal is not closing.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Seager pointed out that the Erie Canal Corridor Commission has come out with its 2005 annual report and they are moving forward with the implementation of the plan.

Leg. Brown expressed concern over reported timber thefts in Oswego County.

Leg. Kunzwiler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leg. Leemann. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE:

Pastor Jim Hinman from the Bristol Hill Church in Volney, NY, spoke on his concerns for the environmental effects of the Bristol Hill Landfill.

There were no other speakers.