

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE HELD JULY 13, 2006.**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, except Leg. Bullard. The invocation was given by Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature, followed by the salute to flag. Hearing no objections and/or corrections to the minutes of June 15, 2006, the minutes were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:**

Chairman Johnson introduced Joseph Roszak, Executive Director of Oswego County Opportunities. Mr. Roszak offered a 15 - 20 minute presentation regarding the medical reimbursement crisis for local providers and his concerns for the long-term impact on our community.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:**

Chairman Johnson invited Leg. Proud and members of the Health and Human Services Committee forward, along with Leg. Milferd Potter, Commissioner Fran Lanigan and DSS Principal Social Welfare Examiner William Potter. Leg. Proud presented a certificate commending Mr. William Potter for his 30 years of service to the County.

Chairman Johnson called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Deputy Superintendent of Building and Grounds Glen Smith, who recently passed away unexpectedly. Ted Jerrett followed with a prayer.

Upon motion/second by Leg. Seager/Ponzi and a show of hands, the rules were waived to allow members of the Deputies Association to address the Legislature. Deputy Robert Hoyt, President of the Oswego County Deputies Association urged support for a fair and negotiated contract.

**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. Leemann offered Resolution No. 120, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT HIRING EMMINGER, HYATT, NEWTON & PIGEON, INC., FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUNWAY 33 ILS APPROACH OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AND EASEMENT ACQUISITION, PHASE III, AT THE OSWEGO COUNTY AIRPORT.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 121, 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 2001 AND 2004.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 122, entitled, RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF SEVERAL OSWEGO COUNTY ROADS AS DETOUR ROUTES.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 123, entitled, RESOLUTION CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR ON THE TAX ROLLS FOR THE TOWN OF SCRIBA. Leg. Beckwith moved to amend the resolution as follows: in paragraph 3 replace the wording "...Records Committee..." with the words "...Community and Consumer Affairs Committee..." seconded by Leg. Ospelt. Leg. Bryant moved to further amend the resolution as follows: in the same paragraph 3 delete the reference of the approval of the Finance and Personnel Committee, motion was seconded.

Resolution passed, as amended, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 124, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD. Leg. Brown added that Ms. Ellen Allen is very reliable.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 125, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 126, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT - PRE-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION. Some legislators expressed concern for offering compensation to a contractor beyond negotiated levels. Leg. Gardner moved to send the resolution back to committee for further review, seconded by Leg. Gearsbeck. There was extensive discussion on the motion. County Administrator Lyman offered that the resolution offered a practical approach to continuing an essential service. A roll call vote was requested on the motion to send the resolution back to committee.

Motion to send the resolution back to committee failed, with a roll call vote

YES: 3 NO: 21 ABSENT: 1

YES: GEARSBECK, GARDNER, FRENCH.

NO: THOMAS, POTTER, DOYLE, LEEMANN, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, SEAGER, NATOLI, OSPELT, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, BREWER, JOHNSON.

ABSENT: BULLARD.

Leg. Malone called the question, which was seconded by several legislators. A roll call vote was requested.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote

YES: 21 NO: 3 ABSENT: 1

YES: THOMAS, POTTER, DOYLE, LEEMANN, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY,

SEAGER, NATOLI, OSPELT, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, BREWER, JOHNSON.

NO: GEARSBECK, GARDNER, FRENCH.

ABSENT: BULLARD.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 127, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION OFFICE FOR THE AGING - COMPUTER SOFTWARE.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 128, entitled, RESOLUTION INCREASING AUTHORIZATION LEVEL - CAPITAL PROJECT 117, PULASKI SALT SHED. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of outside engineering services.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
Leg. Gearsbeck opposing  
YES: 23 NO: 1 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Kunzwiler left the meeting at 3:02 pm.

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 129, entitled, RESOLUTION MODIFYING CAPITAL PROJECT 109 T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION. Legs. Gearsbeck, Brown, Natoli, French, and Seager offered comments. Leg. Ospelt moved the question, and was seconded. A roll call vote was requested.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote  
YES: 22 NO: 1 ABSENT: 2

YES: THOMAS, POTTER, DOYLE, LEEMANN, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, SEAGER, NATOLI, OSPELT, GARDNER, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, FRENCH, BREWER, JOHNSON.

NO: GEARSBECK.

ABSENT: BULLARD, KUNZWILER.

Leg. Brewer offered Resolution No. 130, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - WAL-MART DONATION.

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

Leg. Brewer offered Resolution No. 131, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -TraCS GRANT.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 132, entitled, RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF FULTON FOR BROWNFIELD EXPENSES INCURRED AS PART OF NYS DEC ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 133, entitled, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING AT THE ERF.

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

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 134, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS - BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 135, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS. Leg. Malone asked what was going to happen to Mr. Visser's current position. County Administrator Steve Lyman stated that his current position of Deputy Superintendent of Public Works -Energy Recovery Facility is being reclassified to Director of Solid Waste.

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

Chairman Johnson introduced Mr. Visser.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Leg. Malone thanked Chairman Johnson for coming to the grand opening at Oswego Town, and recognized Rudy's for being opened for 60 years. He also suggested that the committees/legislature look into ways to export our power to other areas. Leg. Ospelt and Natoli added additional comments.

Ted Jerrett introduced the new reporter for The Palladium-Times, John Keytack.

Leg. Doyle reminded those in attendance that the next legislative meeting will be held at the Pulaski Court House, on August 10, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

Leg. Seager moved to adjourn the meeting, Leg. Ponzi seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING COUNTY ISSUES:** There were no persons wishing to speak.