

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 10, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. William J. Lindsay III, Chairperson
Leg. Steven H. Stern, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey
Leg. Jay H. Schneiderman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel
Jason Richberg, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
Brian Sapp, Aide to Leg. Lindsay
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Alyssa Turano, Aide to Leg. Hahn
Anthony Ceglio, Airport Manager/Gabreski Airport
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:02 PM

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Could we all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator McCaffrey.

SALUTATION

Good afternoon. Please take our seats for the Economic Development Committee. Since we embarrassed Legislator McCaffrey this morning, we'll do it again this afternoon: Happy birthday to him. We won't ask him how old he is.

LEG. McCAFFREY:

Just happy they keep coming.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

(Laughter)

I don't have any yellow comment cards. Is there anybody that would like to make public comments? Going once, twice, okay. Not seeing any, we'll move onto our agenda.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

We'll start with our **Resolution 1294, Appointing Julie Stone to the Suffolk County Motion Picture/Television Film Commission. (Co. Exec.)** I've been informed that she will not be here so we're going to have to table this resolution.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Note my recusal.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

I'll make a motion if somebody could second that tabling resolution.

LEG. McCAFFREY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? So we have one abstention there.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

No; a recusal.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Recusal. I'm sorry. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-0-1)**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

Moving through the agenda to Introductory Resolutions, number **1451, Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Local Law to clarify the procedures for review of applications for licenses and leases at Gabreski Airport. (Schneiderman)**

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Motion to approve by Legislator Schneiderman. I'll second that. On the motion?

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'll just offer a brief explanation. So, leases at Gabreski Airport currently go through a review board called ACAP. It's the Airport Conservation Advisory Panel, if I'm getting that right, our Conservation Assessment Panel. This just basically adds in that among their many considerations is they also will consider the Airport Land Use Plan. It's a plan that's gone through the Airport Manager. It's been reviewed by, I believe, the FAA, at least preliminarily. And it kind of shows the areas within the Airport, what types of uses would likely happen in those areas. I don't -- the Airport Manager is here today, too; so maybe I can bring Anthony Ceglie up.

This was -- the Chairman of ACAP had come to me requesting this language be added to the bill that created ACAP. And we reviewed it and ultimately agreed to introduce legislation that would include this language. Tony?

MR. CEGLIO:

Hi, Anthony Ceglie, the Airport Manager at Gabreski Airport. Legislator Schneiderman was correct, any airport or lease application that comes before the Airport has to be reviewed according to this law by the Airport Conservation Assessment Committee.

The amendment requires the committee to review this proposed Airport Land Use Plan. The Plan was created 2007, I believe, was the last date to show how the proposed development at the Airport would conform to the Pine Barrens Act, the New York State Law Pine Barrens Act from 1993, which basically says that 35% of the land will remain in its natural state; 65% of the land can be -- can be developed. So the -- this proposed plan shows existing development, proposed development and the 35% that will remain in its natural state.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Any other questions or comments on that? Okay. Thank you. Okay, I'm sorry, Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:

I'm sorry. Hopefully I didn't miss you saying this. Does this require that it conform with the plan; any new activity conform with the plan?

MR. CEGLIO:

Basically I think the way it's worded is that the Airport Conservation and Assessment Committee consider the plan; or any future revision of the Plan.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yeah, it's just -- there's a whole bunch of criteria that -- by which they're supposed to review these lease applications. And this just adds one criteria to it.

MR. CEGLIO:

Correct.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

That's it? Anybody else? All right, right now we have a motion to approve with a second. Any other motions? Okay, on the approval motion all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries unanimously. Oh, I'm sorry.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

So a motion to reconsider.

LEG. McCAFFREY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator McCaffrey. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions to reconsider the matter. Motion to table it for Public Hearing.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Sorry about that. I didn't realize it needed a Public Hearing. It is a local law so, yes, I'll make a motion to table it for Public Hearing.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

I already did. So you second it?

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yes, I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **So the motion will be tabled for Public Hearing. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1469, Reappointing Anna Throne-Holst to the Suffolk County Landbank Corporation Board of Directors. (Co. Exec.)

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Motion by Legislator Schneiderman; second by Legislator Hahn. All those in favor?

LEG. STERN:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

On the motion, Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

The Supervisor, is she in any particular slot? She holds this position by virtue of her -- of her current position; correct?

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

That is correct.

LEG. STERN:

What's the title of the slot that she holds, do you know?

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Town Supervisor Association.

LEG. STERN:

She's the President? The President of the Suffolk County Town Supervisor's Association.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Correct.

LEG. STERN:

And that is the -- that is the slot.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Correct.

LEG. STERN:

Okay, very good. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Any other discussion on it? Okay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries unanimously. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1495, Appointing Cara Longworth to the Suffolk County Landbank Corporation Board of Directors. (Co. Exec.) Is Miss Longworth here?

MS. HORST:

No, she was unable to attend today.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Okay, so I'm going to make a motion to table this until she's able to appear; second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion's tabled. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1520, Amending the 2015 Adopted Capital Budget and authorizing the execution of an Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration and the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the Pavement Management Rehabilitation at Gabreski Airport (CP 5739). (Co. Exec.) If we can get somebody from the Administration to give us a little discussion on this and then we'll make our motions.

MR. CEGLIO:

Hi. Anthony Ceglie, again, Gabreski Airport Manager.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Thanks, Anthony. If you could give us just a brief explanation on this and then we'll decide what our motion's will be on this.

MR. CEGLIO:

Okay. The Capital Budget was adopted with an estimate of the cost of this construction project. Since then a grant was accepted for the design of the project. The project has been undergoing that process over the last year. And I guess the condition of the runway, was determined was in a lot worse shape than originally anticipated. Costs were revised by the Engineer. Project is out to -- actually will go out to bid next week. The estimate was increased, which will increase the cost to the County by about \$68,000 in County share. The project is funded 95% by the FAA and 5% by New York State DOT.

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CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

I'm sorry. Ninety-five --

MR. CEGLIO:

Excuse me. Ninety percent FAA, five percent New York State DOT.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Okay, that was our original understanding. Any discussion or questions on the issue? Okay, thank you Anthony. I'd like to make a motion, then, to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Not having anything in addition on the agenda, I'll make a motion to close. Thank you.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2:13 PM
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