

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2007, 5:30 PM  
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS  
CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

Called to order by Hon. George Fearon, all Legislator's present, except Netti, Lepak and Smith excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MOMENT OF PRAYER:**

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**MANAGER'S REPORT: None**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None**

Re: The Haiti Island Bridge

Discussion:

Legislator Dudley, I probably have more concerns with this than most people, but I will support this resolution and move forward.

Legislator Pappert, There are health and safety issues, this is a bonefide emergency, not County money. We need to access money from one project, Highbridge (not an emergency, but an in-convenience) lose our place in line, and take care of this now. It's the right thing to do. We will need to get back in line with Senator Nozzolio to secure more funding.

Legislator Petrus, the people are waiting for the vote, I call the question.

Chairman Fearon, Legislator Mitchell had his hand up.

Legislator Mitchell, I would like to here from the State of New York first, were taking a chance on being able to get back in line to be able to get more funding.

Joe Flint, State Dept. of Transportation out of Syracuse, first of all the Governor would have to declare a State of Emergency, we are preceding with this action, 80% would be federal funds and 20% would be local funds. If all goes well 15% of the 20% would come from the State Project.

Legislator Mitchell, the Governor would not consider this an emergency?

Joe Flint, State Dept. of Transportation out of Syracuse, this is being pursued.

Legislator Mitchell what do we do tonight, do we wait to hear if your pursuit is accomplished, what do we do now?

Joe Flint, State Dept. of Transportation out of Syracuse the project has to move forward, regardless of how it is funded. The resolution still needs to happen in order to have the Towns authorize the County to take action so they can administer the project, and move forward. The County is in a much better position to administer a federal aid project, then the Towns. We will look at the fund source, it will take a certain period of time to design and build the project. It's not a funding issue as much as it is a timing issue. We won't know what the project will cost until the design takes place, but all this resolution is doing to my understanding is giving the County the go ahead to administer the project, when the funding becomes available. We are going to work toward getting the funding available here within a month or less. What we are doing on a State level as part of our program development we added some bridges to our program in 2012. Now we are advancing funds for one of our projects and pulling it off the program and putting this money in its place, moving it up the line so that it can be funded as soon as possible. This project is going to move forward as quickly as it can. When the financing comes in that's where the State dollars are going to come in and pay for this whole thing, we would prefer the federal dollars pay for most of this. The thing to do is to have the Towns authorization to proceed with this project, and the Department will work with the Towns to see that this happens. What we are currently in the process of doing is updating our capital program, again thru that process we are going to be reaching out to municipalities in New York for specific projects.

Legislator Pappert, were going to have a vote on calling the question, I don't know why were in such to cut all the discussion all the time up here. Is there something more important to deal with right now then talking about this bridge.

Legislator Petrus, we have another meeting.

Legislator Pappert, I understand we have another meeting at 6:00PM.

Legislator Petrus, we have one before that.

Legislator Pappert, I really don't understand what this body is doing when we are stacking our meetings up so that we can't have legitimate conversations about important issues. If you don't have the time to give or can't give the time to the job, maybe you shouldn't take it. This is getting crazy, when important discussion in committee's continue to get cut short, and when it's a health and safety issue like this, and legislator's aren't aloud to speak, because someone's in a hurry.

Chairman Fearon, the question has been called, I would like a majority vote on calling the question: Noes – Sedor(79), Dudley(81), Lockwood(63), Mitchell(57), Cuddeback(64), Tortorici(51), Pappert(49), Schuster(47), Fearon(63) Ayes – Murphy(51), Palermo(58), Petrus(53), Excused –Smith(68), Lepak(48) and Netti(50) 554/162/166 DEFEATED

George Wethey, Highway Superintendent, I spoke with Scott Saroodis, Montezuma Town Supervisor, he's not happy with losing funds for HighBridge, but realizes this is important. There will be several options on the construction of the bridge.

Legislator Pappert, Haiti Island Bridge is more important and the Town of Montezuma realizes this.

Legislator Dudley asked to have the 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas read, Lee Brew read aloud to everyone (WHEREAS, if the re-apportion is granted, there will be no County fiscal responsibility for the Haiti Island Bridge)

Legislator Lockwood, were not going to have a bridge tomorrow, what happens if someone has a fire.

George Wethey, Highway Superintendent, work is being done now, filling in on the south end, removing trusses so it doesn't fall, this would allow emergency trucks to use it.

Legislator Lockwood, Fire trucks weigh to much, and what about fuel oil and snow removal.

George Wethey, Highway Superintendent, right now we plow with a one ton truck.

Legislator Schuster, County shouldn't be expected to switch finding. There are practical issues here, the are paying property taxes, should be re-assessed so there are not being assessed full value.

## RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION: 483-07                    8/09/07                    Hwymenzbridgerev4**  
**Authorizing the re-appropriation of funds from the High Bridge Road Bridge located in the Town of Montezuma to the Haiti Island Bridge located in the Towns of Conquest and Mentz**

BY:     Hon. Steve Cuddeback, Chairman of Public Works

          Hon. Paul Dudley, Chairman of Ways and Means

WHEREAS, the Haiti Island Road Bridge, BIN 2257690, is in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mentz has declared a state of emergency due to the condition of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mike Nozzolio has been in contact with Cayuga County, the Town of Mentz and the NYSDOT to secure funding for the replacement of the Haiti Island Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County has funding through the NYSDOT for local federal aid project for High Bridge Road over CSX railroad, BIN 3706310, PIN 375476, for fiscal year 2011 and 2012 in the amount of \$1.69 million for a low volume bridge project (80 % Federal, 15 % State); and

WHEREAS, if the re-apportionment is granted, there will be no County fiscal responsibility for the Haiti Island Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Mentz and Conquest have requested that the County re-apportion the bridge funding from the High Bridge Road Bridge, Bin 3706310 and consent to the transfer of the funding to the Haiti Island Bridge located in the Towns of Conquest and Mentz; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the re-apportionment of funding from the High Bridge Road Bridge to the Haiti Island Bridge will result in similar funding for the High Bridge Road Bridge as follows: 2013 engineering; 2014 construction; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County is willing to request the transfer of the funding appropriation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Cayuga County Legislature approves the transfer of the High Bridge Road Bridge funding from the

High Bridge Road Bridge to the Haiti Island Bridge located in the Towns of Conquest and Mentz; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps and to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Signed by Lockwood, Palermo, Pappert, Tortorici, Dudley, Murphy, Petrus, Schuster.

Approved by majority vote: Ayes – Murphy(51), Sedor(79), Palermo(58), Dudley(81), Petrus(53), Lockwood(63), Tortorici(51), Pappert(49), Schuster(47), Fearon(63). Noes – Mitchell(57), Cuddeback(64). Excused Smith(68), Lepak(48), Netti(50). 595/121/166

Motion by Legislator Murphy to go into executive session 5:55PM, approved by voice vote, all present voting aye.

Motion to come out of executive session at 6:13PM approved by voice vote, all present voting aye.

Motion by Legislator Murphy to adjourn 6:15PM, approved by voice vote, all present voting aye.

Minutes approved by voice vote, all present voting aye 9-25-07.