

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Timmons, Bob Metropulos, Russ Fisher, Billy Fried, and Mitch Ives.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracy Hartman (County Clerk), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Sheriff Grady Hartman, Chief Deputy Dan Hess, Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Crystal Schaub, (Medical Examiner), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Karilyne Roberts (Hodag Country Festival), Gerry Van Harpen (Hodag Country Festival), Keith Troutman (Bubba's Big Party- Tomahawk Fall Ride).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2, stated the meeting notice had been posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and noted accommodations would be made for handicap accessibility.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To amended the agenda and move item #8 and item #9 before the Large Assembly item #6 and item #7. Motion to approve the amended agenda as stated. (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the March 14, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Metropulos/Fisher, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2019.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Approval for attending a WI Victim Witness Annual Conference May 15-17, 2019

Request approval to attend the WI Victim Witness Annual Conference on May 15-17, 2019. Discussion to follow.

MOTION: To approve the attendance at the WI Victim Annual Conference on May 15-17, 2019. (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

CORPORATION COUNSEL

County Ambassador Program Human Services Day Re-Cap

Brian Desmond provided a summary of five items that were discussed at the County Ambassador Program. Mental health services – governor’s budget would establish grants for five mental health crisis centers across the state. Desmond indicated there would be money savings in regards to placement and transports. Children long-term care - this program has more to do with children with long term disabilities. The Governor has proposed a family resource center for children. They are looking to slow the process down on passing this and allowing the counties to get more involved and determine what agencies would be handling this item. Requesting money increase in children’s allocation – Desmond indicated the budget had been increased to \$30 million annually. Desmond indicated this would amount to an extra \$250,000 for the county if it goes through and would be allocated to Social Services for staffing and the increasing cost of out of home care. They are also looking to establish case load limits. Lincoln Hill/Cooper Lake Closure – Desmond indicated this has been pushed back six months. Lincoln Hills was scheduled to close January 2021. Desmond indicated there was talk about returning 17 year olds to the juvenile justice program. There was a request for money to help build the new centers. Income maintenance program through Social Services - Desmond indicated there are going to be changes made to the program to expand who is eligible. The expansion will require more work and time by employees so more money will be needed to effect those changes. Desmond indicated that right now this is an unfunded mandate. Desmond indicated they will try to get more money from the State for what is being mandated that the counties accomplish. Desmond indicated we would have to wait and see what the Governor decides to do.

MOTION: No motion needed, information report only.

LARGE ASSEMBLY

Hodag Country Festival – Hodag “50” Inc. 7

Tracy Hartman (County Clerk) provided the application for Hodag Country Festival (Exhibit #1). Hartman indicated there were no major changes from last year. Hartman indicated the certificate of insurance will be provided closer to the festival date. Insurance requirements are outlined in the application. Karilyne Roberts and Gerry Van Harpen indicated there was a good turn out last year. It was asked if construction would be a problem. It was indicated there would be postings on the website concerning construction.

MOTION: To approve the large assembly application of Hodag Country Festival – Hodag “50” Inc. 7, for the dates of July 6 - 14, 2019. (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

Tomahawk Fall Ride Rally – Keith Troutman

Tracy Hartman (County Clerk) provided the application for Tomahawk Fall Ride Rally (Exhibit #2). Keith Troutman was in attendance regarding the application. Discussion regarding cooperating with local law enforcement and grant funding from State. Troutman indicated he had put in an application for the rental of the Town of Nokomis Park.

MOTION: To approve the large assembly application for the Tomahawk Fall Ride Rally (Keith Troutman) to be held September 9 – 15, 2019. (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Annual Juvenile Detention Accounts Receivable Write-Offs

Grady Hartman (Sheriff's Office) indicated the Annual Juvenile Detention Accounts Receivable Write-Offs had been missed at the last meeting (Exhibit #3). Hartman indicated this was for people that have not paid for their kids that were locked up. The amount was \$57,000. Hartman indicated this was an average amount. Hartman indicated that Lincoln Hills is \$300/per day and Marathon County is \$175/per day. Hartman indicated efforts are made to collect to include letters, collection, and tax return intercepts.

MOTION: To approve the Annual Juvenile Detention Accounts Receivable Write-Offs as submitted (Ives/Fisher, PASSED).

Rhineland Police Department Pre-Employment Agreement for Future Deputy Sheriff Hire

Grady Hartman (Sheriff's Office) explained to the Public Safety Committee that the Oneida County Sheriff's Office would like to hire Luke Linsmeyer back from the Rhineland Police Department. Hartman indicated Linsmeyer had previously worked as a corrections officer at the Oneida County Jail and attended recruit school while working at the jail. Hartman indicated there is a patrol vacancy as the school added a deputy at Central School. Hartman indicated the Rhineland Police Department has a contract with Linsmeyer in regards to employment (Exhibit #4). There was discussion about the legality of the contract. Hartman indicated according to the contract, Linsmeyer would owe the city \$4,000. Hartman indicated Linsmeyer is current deployed to Afghanistan and will return in November. Hartman indicated he has contacted the mayor and asked the city to waive the fee but has not heard back from the mayor. Hartman indicated the Oneida County Sheriff's Office wanted to hire Linsmeyer even if the city does not waive the fee. Hartman suggested using the vacancy review fund. Further discussion by the committee.

MOTION: To forward the matter to Corporation Counsel to look into legality issues of the contract and appropriate governing body (LRES or Administrative Committee) for review/approval. (Timmons/Ives, PASSED).

It is anticipated that the committee will go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility & 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. (Topic: Corrections Officer Discipline).

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility & 19.85(1)(f) considering the financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. (Topics: Corrections Officer Discipline.) (Fried/Fisher, On a Roll Call Vote: TIMMONS aye, METROPULOS aye, FRIED aye, IVES aye, FISHER aye, PASSED).

The Committee entered into closed session at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session. (Fisher/Metropulos, On Roll Call Vote: TIMMONS aye, METROPULOS aye, FRIED aye, IVES aye, FISHER aye, PASSED)

The Committee returned to open session at 10:34 a.m.

Announcement was made that the closed session was just information for the committee as per line #12 of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

As needed.

ADJOURN

10:36 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman