

**Joint Meeting of Administration Committee and  
Solid Waste and Buildings & Grounds Committee  
September 28, 2012  
Minutes**

**Administration Committee members present:** Chairman David Hintz, Ted Cushing, Sonny Paszak, Jerry Shidell and Denny Thompson.

**Solid Waste and Buildings & Grounds Committee members present:** Chairman Billy Fried, Gary Baier, Paul Dean and Jack Martinson. Absent: Scott Holewinski.

**Others present:** Roger Luce (OCEDC), Margie Sorenson (Finance), Mary Bartelt (County Clerk) Luann Brunette (Buildings & Grounds) , Officer Tyler Young and Lt. Dan Hess (Sheriff's Department), Lynn Grube (ITS) , Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner), Linda Conlon (Health Department), Mike Romportl (Land Information) and Kerri Ison.

**Call to order:** Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in Committee Room #2 of the Oneida County Courthouse noting the meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Paszak/Shidell to approve the amended agenda as presented; order agenda items at the discretion of the Chair. All ayes; motion carried.

**Call to order:** Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in Committee Room #2 of the Oneida County Courthouse noting the meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Dean/Martinson to approve the agenda as presented; order agenda items at the discretion of the Chair. All ayes; motion carried.

**Closed session:** Motion by Dean/Martinson to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 1985(1)(d), Wis. States., "Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention." (Topic: Courthouse security). Roll call vote: Hintz-aye; Shidell-aye; Thompson-aye; Cushing-aye; Paszak-aye; Fried-aye; Baier-aye; Martinson-aye and Dean-aye. Motion carried.

**Return to open session:** Motion by Cushing/Dean to return to open session. Roll call vote: Hintz-aye; Shidell-aye; Thompson-aye; Cushing-aye; Paszak-aye; Fried-aye; Martinson-aye; Baier-aye and Dean-aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Hintz announced a motion was made and unanimously approved in closed session to approve a line item budget of \$100,000 from the Courthouse remodeling budget to improve courthouse security. Buildings and Grounds will provide detail during budget hearings on how they propose to utilize those funds.

Motion by Martinson/Dean for the Solid Waste and Buildings & Grounds Committee to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion by Thompson/Shidell to approve the minutes of 9/10/12 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Waivers of insurance:**

- Conlon, Oneida County Health Department (OCHD), presented three waivers of insurance – all have been approved by Corporation Counsel and Paul Wiese, Risk Manager. (1) OCHD has received a grant from WIC to be used for One Call Now, a client voice messaging system. (2-3) Memorandums of Understanding with HMOs (Molina and Trilogy) that are billed for OCHD services for Medicaid clients. Motion by Cushing/Paszak to approve waivers of insurance as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve BCPL application/resolution (NEWEDC):** Bartelt noted the application for the ABX loan has been submitted and approved. Although a resolution approving the application has already been approved by County Board, BCPL requires their resolution be approved by County Board. OCEDC has been notified there is a hold on the ABX equipment due to an issue on the supplier's side. Delivery is expected in March 2013. BCPL is aware of this issue and draw down of funds will fit within the timeframe. Discussion followed. Motion by Cushing/Thompson to approve the BCPL resolution and forward to County Board when ready. All ayes; motion carried.

**Out-of- state travel requests:**

- Mathein requested out-of-state travel to attend the Death Investigation and Forensic Science seminar in Salt Lake City, Utah in November. Estimated cost is \$1,200 and funds have been budgeted for education. Motion by Cushing/Paszak to approve the out-of-state travel request for the Medical Examiner's office as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Romportl requested out-of- state travel for the GIS Analyst to attend a New World System User Group meeting in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota on 10/10/12. Request includes one night lodging and meals; employee will travel with Sheriff's Department staff. Motion by Thompson/Cushing to approve the out-of-state travel request for the Land Information staff as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Vouchers, reports and purchase orders:**

County Clerk:

- Motion by Paszak/Thompson to approve the invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Bartelt presented report from State Office of the Commissioner Insurance and noted premiums for property insurance will increase 3.7%. Motion by Cushing/Thompson to accept the report from the Officer of the Commissioner of Insurance indicating a 3.7% increase for property insurance in 2013. Discussion followed. All ayes; motion carried.

Finance:

- Motion by Shidell/Thompson to approve the invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Sorenson shows an increase of \$370,000 to the tax levy prior to taking funds from the general fund.
- Sorenson reviewed the general investment summary for the period ending 8/31/12. She believes budget will be met for investment income but may be low on sales tax revenue. Motion by Cushing/Thompson to approve the general investment report as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

ITS:

- Grube discussed downtime issues with the Public Health database and video server, as well as downtime caused by the recent lightning storm.
- Motion by Cushing/Thompson to approve the ITS invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Line item transfers:** Sorenson submitted line item transfers for the Sheriff's Department, Social Services, Public Health and Register of Deeds. Motion by Thompson/Paszak to approve the line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**County-wide wireless internet/cell phone:** Chairman Hintz indicated the topic to enhance wireless Internet and cell phone service in the County was brought forth at a recent County Board meeting. Hintz feels improved service would be beneficial to the County to help improve economic development and tourism.

Don Sidlowski (Town of Three Lakes) was invited to discuss broadband service. Technology was identified as one of the four cornerstones of the Three Lakes comprehensive planning process four years ago. Since that time, Sidlowski has worked closely on establishing sustainable broadband service in the Three Lakes area. At this time 90% of Three Lakes' residents have access to up four different types of high speed Internet, bringing the Three Lakes model to fruition. Three Lakes has demonstrated that citizens will spend additional vacation time or relocate there because broadband service is available. The key is to create a patchwork quilt of technology using wireless 3G and 4G, satellite, hard wired, buried fiber optic as no one solution is workable for everyone.

Luce discussed potential economic benefits to the County and provided current tower location information. Fiber optic service is now available along Highway 51 from Minocqua to Wausau. He reminded Committee members of the 2009 project with Sonic Net to place towers using BCPL funding. Since that time, the cost of towers has decreased so much that Sonic Net did not use the funding. Luce stressed importance of this service to businesses, second homeowners, residents and students and offered assistance with the project. Cushing noted broadband was the major topic discussed at the WI Counties Association chair's recent meeting. Lengthy discussion followed.

Shidell feels this is a special interest group and does not support something that is not economically feasible by private enterprise and believes it is not the County's responsibility to provide this service.

Hintz provided handout listing ideas of how to improve internet and cellular service in Oneida County and suggested establishing a county technology committee. Suggested committee actions include surveying existing available service, map coverage area (quality and level of coverage), understand the Three Lakes model, determine costs and benefits of service, analyze private/public sector options and consider funding options. Discussion followed. Cushing agreed and plans to appoint a committee at the next county board meeting. Luce would like to see the Technology Committee work closely with other counties in the five-county area and offered to play an active role on this project. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Cushing/Paszak to develop a committee and move forward to investigate blanket high speed Internet for Oneida County. Ayes-four, nay-one. Motion passed.

**2013 budget process:** Sorenson reviewed schedule of substantial changes to gross tax levy for 2013 prior to budget hearings. Discussion followed. Budget hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on 10/8/12.

**Act 10 court ruling:** On 9/14/12 Dane County judge considered many items in Act 10 to be unconstitutional. At this time there is nothing to do but wait.

**Courier service:** Thompson identified a mailing service, local courier service and prisoner transport service that may save county funding. There may be a way to reduce employee mileage and increase productivity by using these types of services. Discussion followed.

**Out-of-county travel:** None.

**Efficiency Team report:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**Items for next agenda:** The next regular meeting will be held on 10/8/12 at 9 a.m.; budget hearings will begin at 9:30 on 10/8/12 and at 9 a.m. on 10/9-10/12.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Paszak/Thompson to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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David Hintz, Chair