

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE/LABOR RELATIONS & EMPLOYEE SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 13, 2022
MINUTES**

Committee members present: Chairman Dave Hintz, Alan VanRaalte, Ted Cushing, Bob Mott and Billy Fried.

Call to order/Announcements: Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve agenda: Motion by Cushing seconded by VanRaalte to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

Resolution to approve the use of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Demolishing and Constructing a New Solid Waste Facility:

Hintz stated that an issue has been raised concerning Supervisor Holewinski's potential involvement with one of the contractors that bid on this project. Holewinski stated that he had owned a business called Holewinski builders LLC and Thermal Wall Inc. DBA Energy wise Builders. Per Holewinski in the years 2019 and 2020 the stock and property were signed off on. Holewinski reported that he is no longer the owner and has no financial interest in the company. Supervisor Mott reviewed a complaint that he received. Holewinski stated that his brother owns the construction company. Mott stated that the complaint he received stated that this was in conflict with the ethics code, Mott read the code. Mott stated that the potential financial gain and conflict includes immediate family. Corporation Counsel Mike Fugle explained the definition of immediate family, the requirement of familial relationship and financial support. Fugle stated that this would not qualify. Holewinski stated that he did not receive a 1099 from that business. Fried stated that the determination of the bid should be set by the committee of jurisdiction. Holewinski stated that he will be submitting an affidavit stating that he has no financial interest in the company.

Public comment: Jackie Cody spoke in support of the proposed new building for Solid Waste. Cody stated that these essential workers should not be placed in a work facility like we currently have. Per Cody there is a need for adequate functional space.

Review, discuss and reconsider Relief Funding Plan projects previously approved and amend accordingly: Hintz stated that a tentative list of projects had been compiled to be funded with relief money. Hintz stated that if a better project came up that it was his understanding that it could be considered. Hintz stated that a discussion can take place to determine if this project is a better project. Smigielski stated that the Relief Funding Plan has been set but was not formally adopted by Resolution. Smigielski stated the projects that were Capital in nature were formally adopted and approved as part of the budget, they also went through the CIP process. Smigielski went over available funding. Smigielski stated that no projects have been completed at this time and some have not even gone out to bid at this time. Smigielski stated that some of these projects may come in higher with supply chain issues. Fried stated that being on the Funding Opportunities and CIP Committee it was his perception that the first stage of the funding of the Relief money was approved in the 2022 budget. Fried stated that the remaining projects should be re-evaluated for the year 2023 to determine the priority and need. Per Fried the total available funding should be minus only what has been formally committed for 2022. Schreier questioned if this Resolution/project could identify an additional funding source. Schreier stated that he supports the project if an additional funding source could be determined. Discussion regarding some of the current projects on the list. Smigielski stated that the Supervisors have to determine the merit of each project and they can be rearranged. Holewinski gave some background on the Solid Waste building request. Holewinski stated that this projects meets all of the categories for ARPA funding.

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Solid Waste Director Lisa Jolin stated that this was a CIP project that was pulled off the list because Solid Waste did not have the funding for it. Jolin stated that this building will provide a storm shelter for

employees and public, improved functionality for customers and a break and lunch room for all nine employees. Jolin stated that this is a permanent solution to this problem. Jolin reported that there has been an increase in public usage of the facility. Jolin stated they need visibility and to be able to see the whole yard. Per Jolin they need to be able to see the customers; where people are going and what they are doing. Jolin stated that this will accommodate for future growth. Mott questioned how many county employees will be in the building. Jolin stated two full time employees and all of the nine employees that work there will utilize it. Jolin stated that due to the poor visibility with the current building, people are dropping off stuff illegally because they cannot be seen and monitored. Jolin stated that this is causing them to lose money. Discussion of the current building, the relief plan and infrastructure bill funding. Smigielski stated that this project would be eligible for Relief Plan funding. Fried stated that there should be a process for re-vetting new projects that will be added to the list. Fried asked if there was an option to scale down or delay. Jolin stated that the costs of this will probably not go down. Jolin stated that the basement would provide emergency shelter for the nine employees and any public if this was needed. Jolin stated the basement would also be able to store records. Discussion ensued regarding different cost savings, available funding and potentially scaling down the facility. Cushing stated this building was designed with the future in mind and will go a long way in retaining employees. Per Cushing, he is in agreement to look at other funding sources. Per Mott, most facilities like this have some kind of trailer and is opposed to spending \$445,000 on this facility. Mott stated that he was in agreement that employees should not be working in the current environment but we need to look at other options. Discussion ensued regarding building costs, size of the project and alternate options.

Motion/Second Fried/Cushing to support this Resolution as presented and forward it to the Oneida County Board.

Vote: 4 Aye, VanRaalte, Fried, Cushing, Hintz; 1 Nay, Mott

Motion: Adopted

Discussion: Fried stated that the Committee should look at any potential savings and different alternatives that will bring the costs down.

Public Comment: Jackie Cody spoke in support of the Solid Waste project and thanked the committee.

Adjourn:

Chairman Hintz adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Nehls, Recording Secretary
Oneida County Chief Deputy Clerk