

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOINT SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2023

Social Services Committee Members present: Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Robb Jensen, and Mr. Anthony Rio

Public Safety Committee Members present: Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Tom Kelly, and Ms. Diana Harris, Mr. Russ Fisher

Staff: Assistant Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch, Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Heidi Chavez, Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Jeri Driscoll

Other: Sheriff Grady Hartman, Mr. Tyler Young, Ms. Tamara Feest, Mr. Keith Haselton, Harland Lee (Zoom). Others not identified via Zoom and in Person

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The joint meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee and Public Safety Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson and Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Committee Chairperson. The Chairpersons noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

Social Services Committee Roll Call: Mr. Robb Jensen, Mr. Anthony Rio and Mr. Jim Winkler

Public Safety Committee Roll Call: Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Tom Kelly, Mr. Russ, Fisher, Ms. Diana Harris.

It was identified that the committees do have a quorum and there were not any announcements by the Committee Chairs.

2. Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting, with the order of the items at the Chairs discretion:

Motion made by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Ms. Diana Harris to approve the Agenda for today's meeting with the order of the items at the Chairs discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Keith Haselton, Oneida County Resident and the Financial Director at the Human Service Center provided public comment to the Committees.

4. Resolution to Withdraw from the current Tri-County Human Service Agreement:

Ms. Mary Rideout presented the Resolution. The Joint County Human Service Agreement was last signed in 1984. A request to update the agreement was made in 2018, but it was not known what the structure Oneida County wanted so it was put on hold and the agreement was not re-written. There seems to be a lot of talking but nothing being done. This resolution forces something to be done. No one likes the 1984 Agreement and this gives us the opportunity to do something about it. We need to sit down with the other two counties and determine a structure. The three counties need to keep working together which can be done as we currently work together in other areas such as Economic Support through the Consortiums. All three counties and the three tribal agencies, which included Law Enforcement, Social Services Directors, Corporation Counsels met and agreed that we need to work together but need a different structure. We need to get rid of the 1984 Agreement and put everything on the table. These issues have been going on since at least 1993 and leadership has changed so this seems to be a structural issue. Services need to continue and if employees are concerned about losing their jobs we need to let them know that their jobs are secure, no matter what is done we need staff to provide services. We need to focus on the service and providing those services.

If the Resolution is approved here and by the County Board we would have a plan in place to present to the County Board in April 2024. That would give six months to develop a plan that would be acceptable by all parties concerned.

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen to modify the Resolution to include on line 7 both Social Services Committee and Public Safety Committee, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen and seconded by Ms. Diana Harris to approve the Resolution with the revision to line 7 to include Social Services Committee and the Public Safety Committee. All ayes, motion carried. Resolution approved with revisions and to present to the County Board at the September Meeting.

5. Public Comment:
None

6. Adjourn:
There being no further business to be brought before the Committees, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson and Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Chairperson to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson

Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Chairperson

Date: August 24, 2023

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