

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 5, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Schreier, Tom Kelly, Russ Fisher, Diana Harris, Mike Timmons (via Zoom)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Grady Hartman, Captain Tyler Young, Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub, Tracy Hartman (County Clerk), Jake Simkins (Emergency Services Captain), Amy Pequet (Emergency Services Lieutenant), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Chief Deputy Dan Hess, Jean Meyer (Branch I), Shari Gorney (Corporation Counsel), Patti Finlan (Branch II), J.L. Sommerfeldt, Norm Wetzel, S. Schoononar, Roberta Gast, Kay Hoff, Nancy Edwards, Matt Gaulke, Gloria Cobb (Town of LDF Supervisor), John Johnson (LDF President), Chris Schlueter (Recording Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schreier 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. The meeting was moved to the Oneida County Board Room due to the number of people present. A sign was posted.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda with the stipulation that Chairperson Schreier may change the order of agenda items if necessary. (Harris/Kelly, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the December 8, 2022, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes. Chairman Schreier abstained as Schreier was not present for the meeting. (Fisher/Harris, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at that time. Chairperson Schreier requested any public comments be limited to three minutes. No comments from parties on Zoom.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 9:45 a.m., in Committee Room @3 at the Oneida County Courthouse.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Approval to attend the 2023 Clerk of Circuit Court Institute at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on February 16 and 17, 2023.

Behrle no information from the Institute as of yet which is unusual. Approval is requested for February 15 travel to along with return travel, hotel, mileage, and meals. Average cost is approximately \$400.00. This training is within the budget.

MOTION: To approve county travel for the Clerk of Courts to attend the 2023 Clerk of Circuit Court Institute at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on February 16 and 17, 2023. (Timmons/Harris, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Discussion/action on Lac du Flambeau Ambulance Contract

The Town of Lac du Flambeau Chairperson Matt Gaulke convened a special meeting. Introduction were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were taken at this time. J.L. Sommerfeldt indicated he felt the equalized value method was not accurate and would like to see the per run method used. No further comments.

Extensive discussion was had between Public Safety Committee members, Lac du Flambeau town board members, Sheriff Hartman, and Chief Deputy Hess regarding the ambulance contract and how the cost of the contract should be determined.

A comment from John Johnson (LDF President) via Zoom. The comment was read by Chairperson Schreier.

MOTION: To have a joint meeting at the Woodruff Town Hall as soon as possible with parties to resolve the issue with a directive that ambulance service continue until a contract is worked out (Timmons/Kelly).

Chairperson Schreier made an objection to the motion. Chairperson Schreier recognized that there probably would be no resolution at today's meeting. Proposed a meeting take place as soon as possible. Chairperson Schreier asked to recognize a contract or if this was just a verbal agreement for continuation of services. Bob Hanson proposed simply extending the standing contract with a sunset date that services be maintained while the new contract is being negotiated. Gloria Cobb proposed that the LDF town board authorize \$100,000 as a good faith offer for the contract extension until the new contract is negotiated. (LDF town board made a motion within their meeting and approved same.)

MOTION: To leave the assurance language in the proposed motion made by Timmons along with the \$100,000 good faith offer as long as the Public Safety Committee was comfortable (Schreier/Timmons, PASSED).

Chairperson Scheier asked about who should be involved. Discuss was had and parties were determined to be Sheriff Hartman, Chief Deputy Hess, Chairperson Schreier, Russ Fisher, along with the designees from Lac du Flambeau.

Ten minute recess taken at 11:20 a.m.

Public Safety Committee meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

CRIMINAL JUSTIC COORDINATING COMMITTEE – Mary Rideout/Social Services
Update on the Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CJCC).
Rideout provided Exhibit #1. Rideout discussed the memo attached to Exhibit #1.

MOTION: To approve the resolution to utilize ARPA funds for a match for the TAD grant and other substance abuse mitigation and send to Administration (Kelly/Harris, PASSED).

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Update/review of Medical Examiner's travel requests.

Medical Examiner Schaub had previously brought forward a national training in Las Vegas. Schaub indicated the testing was not included in the price of the training. Schaub indicated scholarships would be opening soon. Discussion about asking the other counties for monies in support of this training. Schaub would like to send three people to this training. Follow up required.

Timmons left the meeting via Zoom.

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 (Medical Examiner Yearly Evaluation). A Roll Call vote will be taken to go into closed session

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(e) for Medical Examiner Yearly Evaluation. (Fisher/Harris, On a Roll Call Vote: Kelly aye, Fisher aye, Harris aye, Schreier aye).

The Committee entered into closed session at 11:50 a.m.

Harris left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Kelly/Fisher, On a Roll Call Vote: Kelly aye, Fisher aye, Schreier aye).

The Committee returned to open session at 12:29 p.m.

MOTION: To adjust the employee performance evaluation from 5's to 4's (Kelly/Fisher, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None.

ADJOURN

12:35 p.m.

Steven Schreier, Chairman

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman