

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 20, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Billy Fried, Mitch Ives, Russ Fisher, Chairman Mike Timmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Ken Kortenhof (Emergency Management), Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office), Sheriff Grady Hartman

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 approve the Agenda with suspension of the rules to move #7 and #8 of the agenda to prior to #6 (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the January 16, 2020, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Ives, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2020. Fried noted that he would need to be excused, as he will be out of town.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

There was discussion regarding public defenders/appointed defenders and costs related.

ONEIDA COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

Chairman Timmons stated that at the last meeting, there was discussion regarding the Florence County resolution, and Corp Counsel was advised to find other resolutions and draft a resolution for Oneida County (Exhibit 1). Timmons reported that he had a discussion with Sheriff Hartman regarding this. Timmons felt Vilas County's resolution was very simple and straight forward, but needed two things – (1) Lines 28 & 29 from the Marinette County resolution and (2) a statement that encourages prosecutors,

judges, law enforcement to enforce the existing rules and/or laws. Fisher noted that he did not think any funding should be appropriated for this resolution. Timmons stated he was not worried about that because in discussion with Sheriff Hartman, the money appropriated to the sheriff's office was spend at the sheriff's discretion. Line item transfers can go at the end of the year.

Ives asked if all of these resolutions had passed. Desmond reported Brown County's did not. Ives asked Timmons if it was his opinion that this was ready. Timmons noted with the exception of adding in the two items noted prior, yes it was.

Fried asked who was sponsoring this/brought it forward/wants this. Timmons stated he had constituents bring it to his attention and he has seen signage related to this. Fisher stated one constituent contacted him. Fried questioned why it needed to be done. Timmons it was to show legislators that the county was taking a stand. Ives stated it was to avoid situations like what was occurring in Virginia. Fried asked Sheriff Hartman if he was okay with the way it was written and he agreed.

There was discussion on what is constitutional and/or law, who determines what is constitutional or not, and how law enforcement interprets the law daily depending upon the type of call.

MOTION: To approve a resolution for Oneida County to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary County using the Vilas County resolution, upon Corporation Counsel review, addition of lines 28 & 29 from the Marinette County resolution, and the addition of a statement that encourages prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement to enforce the existing rules and/or laws (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Desmond noted this would need to be to the clerk's office by 9:00 a.m. on March 12, 2020, or it would need to go to the April meeting. Timmons noted that the committee would act on this and formalize on the March 12 meeting, but he could bring forward at the March County Board meeting.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

2020 Clerk's Institute- Chief Deputy Attendance Feb 19-20, 2020

Timmons reported Clerk of Circuit Court Brenda Behrle noted this was after the fact, as the dates had been goofed up. This is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve the Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court attendance and the 2020 Clerk's Institute on February 19-20, 2020, (Timmons/Fisher, PASSED).

REGISTER IN PROBATE

Approval for Juvenile Court Clerk to attend Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI April 1-3, 2020

Register in Probate Amy Franzen presented information for the juvenile clerk convention. The expense voucher for membership dues went through today. There is

no cost for the conference and it is in the budget to cover the mileage and food. No cost to the county for the hotel.

MOTION: To approve Juvenile Court Clerk's attendance at the Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Wisconsin Dells on April 1-3, 2020 (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Oneida County Code 5.25(2) Duty Weapon Upon Retirement

Sheriff Hartman reported that Deputy Bob Nowak retired on February 7, 2020. Deputy Nowak was employed with Oneida County Sheriff's Office since October 1999. Hartman noted that per ordinance, he was here to ask that Deputy Nowak receive his duty weapon.

MOTION: To thank Deputy Nowak for his years of service to Oneida County and approve that Deputy Nowak receive his duty weapon as presented by Sheriff Hartman (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Update on 2020 Capital Improvement Projects:

Sheriff Hartman advised that there were many high dollar projects finally approved through capital improvement. Advised that the committee asked for updates, and Hartman plans to do so each meeting. Hartman noted that the Phase 3 Radio update was missed for this agenda and will be addressed next month.

Radio Towers: Emergency Management Director Ken Korten Hof reported that throughout the summer the microwave equipment will be replaced, which connects the towers together. The LAN mobile (repeaters that broadcast signals to fire, etc.) will be replaced next. There is a meeting on March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center with public safety agencies to get their opinions on weak signal area. The consultants will be at that meeting as well. After the microwaves are replaced, the two-way will be replaced on the towers, which will involve reconfiguring of towers and new lease agreements. The system will not go down during this time. There was discussion on approval of money, assessing needs, consultants, how the new microwave will work without interruption during replacement, bids on hardware, equipment/warranties, and taking care of issues once equipment is installed. Sheriff Hartman reminded the committee that Emergency Management has an employee who is dedicated just to the radio/towers. There was discussion if all parts/pieces are compatible with each other.

Dispatch Upgrade: Korten Hof stated the 5th dispatch station was currently being moved to the Emergency Operations Center (training room) and dispatching will run from there while the remodel is being performed in the Dispatch Center. Plans are to be up and running from the EOC by March 16, 2020, and to have everything in place and ready for the new equipment by April 13, 2020. Korten Hof stated that after the new equipment is installed, Dispatch should be back in the Dispatch Center within a couple weeks. Korten Hof stated this project is right on budget at this time. There will be no drop in service, but they will go from five dispatch stations to three stations, with Vilas County as a backup. Fried questioned what this upgrade would do for the county. Korten Hof

stated this is replacing old call handling equipment that the dispatchers use, replacing the aged carpet and furniture, and getting ready for Next Gen 911.

Tasers: Chief Deputy Hess reported that this project came in under budget, with one more bill to come in March. All Tasers are delivered and being assigned to deputies each day.

Body Scanner: Hess reported this came in a bit higher than projected. Building and Grounds has been working on the project and there is \$4,190 left in budget. Hess reported it should be very close to budget, but if it goes over, they will not come back to the committee for money and will take it out of the jail budget. Ives asked when it would be up and running. Hess reported they are waiting on a variance from the State regarding the radiation, but that should be in place by March and should be up some time in the first part of April. Some corrections staff will be trained as trainers, who will in turn train the rest of the corrections staff.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

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The Committee entered into closed session at 10:21 a.m.

It is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

MOTION: To return to open session (Fisher/Fried, On a Roll Call Vote: IVES: Aye; FRIED: Aye; FISHER: Aye; TIMMONS: Aye).

The Committee returned to open session at 10:36 a.m.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, if such announcement will not undermine the need for the closed session.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation from Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel for the Corporation Counsel Office to go paperless for the approximate cost of \$22,500.00 and forward to the Administration Committee (Ives/Fisher, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None

ADJOURN

10:39 a.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman