

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Metropulos, Russ Fisher, Chairman Mike Timmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Billy Fried (excused), Mitch Ives (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelli Jacobi (School District of Rhinelander), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Tyler Young (Sheriff's Office), Chief Deputy Dan Hess, 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 (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the January 17, 2019, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Metropulos/Fisher, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2019. All line item transfers need to be to Darcy before March 14, 2019.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

Sheriff Hartman brought to the committee's attention and explained the PREA line item transfer that will go through all committees.

REGISTER IN PROBATE

Approval for Juvenile Court Clerk to attend Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Sheboygan, WI April 24-26, 2019

Amy Franzen requested approval for juvenile court clerk to attend Juvenile Clerk's Conference. This is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve the Juvenile Court Clerk to attend the Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Sheboygan, WI April 24-26, 2019 (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Adding a Police School Liaison Officer to the Rhinelander School District

Sheriff Hartman introduced Rhinelander School District Superintendent Kelli Jacobi to the committee. Sheriff Hartman reminded committee members of a previous discussion regarding adding a third school liaison officer to the district at a previous public safety meeting back to back with a LRES meeting. At that time, the Sheriff was asked to go back, sharpen pencils, and come back with a new proposal, which he had today (Exhibit 1). Sheriff Hartman stated Chairman Timmons asked Billy Fried to work with him on this project, which he did. Sheriff Hartman presented today an agreement with the school district with the school district paying salary/fringes going forward, covering the entire amount of the third liaison officer at \$89,381.00. This would be at least a three-year deputy, with a senior deputy going in to begin with. There was discussion on the cost to outfit a new deputy (gun belt, computer, squad, etc.) and Sheriff Hartman believed there was money in the current budget (with a few sacrifices) to get the officer outfitted. Fisher commented that the officer presence was definitely needed in schools. Timmons commented that the question when first presented was the cost to the county, and we now know that. Sheriff Hartman commented that it was nice to have a county board member work on this plan with him.

MOTION: To add a third police school liaison officer to the Rhinelander School District starting with 3Y 2080 (see Exhibit 1) (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

2080-Hours for Civilian Administrative Staff

Chief Deputy Hess reported that they would like to move the Civilian Administrative Staff to 2080 hours (now at 1950) (Exhibit #2). Hess explained that all the people they oversee are at 2080 hours and the admin staff already puts in much more than the 1950 hours. The second page (of Exhibit #2) shows where that money would come out of the budget. Sheriff Hartman stated this proposal had been brought forward in 2014, passed through public safety and LRES, and was shot down by the county board. Sheriff Hartman stated things have changed since then, highway employees, building and grounds employees, and ITS employees were all moved to 2080 hours, along with the suggestion from Carlson Dettman to move all employees 2080 hours and each department to figure within their own budget to pay for it. This would have to go back through LRES and County Board. There was discussion on how this was discussed at the County Board level on Tuesday.

MOTION: To forward to LRES to approve and move forward to full county board (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

Metropulos asked what the reason was for this not being approved in 2014. Sheriff Hartman reported Margie in finance all the sudden became opposed to it the day before the county board meeting, which made the members nervous and they voted no.

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Autopsy Transport Costs

Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub reported that she had made an error and assumed, through guidance, that money in her budget was hers, but has found out that was not the case. The biggest problem is with the autopsy transports. They have always used Caylor Livery for transports, with Oneida Sheriff's Office keeping their chain of custody (if needed). Forest County does not and will not do that. ME Schaub found that the numbers in the budget do not jive with the bills from Caylor (Exhibit #3). The highlighted line (523306 Ambulance/Clinic) is fees for Caylor. The estimate was \$8,000, but ME Schaub was unsure what was actually paid out. What was paid is shown in Exhibit #4.

ME Schaub has spoken with Mike Gough who is on board with performing transports for \$150.00 each way and \$20/hr. for his time if it is necessary for him to wait at an autopsy. ME Schaub is asking for Mike to use the van that Larry Mathein purchased approximately five years ago from the Sheriff's Office for these transports. ME Schaub stated the van works great and is up and running. There would be a savings if Mike were to perform the transports instead of using Caylor.

There was discussion on what the cost was last year through Caylor, what the cost/savings would have been had Mike performed those transports, how many death certificates were issued last year in each county (Oneida, Vilas, Forest), what factors are considered to determine if an autopsy is required, how much Caylor charged for transport (Exhibit #5), and why the van had not been used in some time.

Timmons stated this was a good plan, with money savings for the county, and worst case scenario, they could still use Caylor's if needed (without a contract). ME Schaub stated that she spoke with Darcy and a new line item needs to be added for the wages/fees on page 2 under personal expenses (Exhibit #3). Most of the approved budget (\$10,000.00) for Transport Fee-Ambulance/Clinic line item could be moved to the new line item, but some would need to stay in case Caylor was needed. ME Schaub stated that would be left up to Darcy.

MOTION: To approve the creation of a new line item for Autopsy Transport Costs, with Darcy and Crystal to work on the new line item, with the transfer of money from the Ambulance/Clinic/Hospital line (523306) (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman