

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 14, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Timmons, Bob Metropulos, Russ Fisher, Mitch Ives.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Billy Fried, excused

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

**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 (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

**APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the February 21, 2019, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

**SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2019.

**BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS**

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

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

County Ambassador Program (Madison, April 2)--Desmond

Brian Desmond stated he would bring a briefing back next month on the County Ambassador program and what had been discussed.

MOTION: To approve attendance at the County Ambassador Program in Madison on April 2, 2019. (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

WI Association of County Corporation Counsels Spring Conference (Delavan, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)—Desmond & Fugle

Brian Desmond commented he and Mike Fugle usually attend and it is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve attendance at the WI Association of County Corporation Counsels Spring Conference in Delavan, May 2 & 3, 2019 (Desmond & Fugle). (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

### **REGISTER IN PROBATE**

Approval for Register in Probate to attend the 2019 WRIPA Spring Educational Conference in Stevens Point, WI, May 15-17, 2019.

Amy Franzen indicated this conference is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve the Register in Probate to attend the 2019 WRIPA Spring Educational Conference in Stevens Point, WI, May 15-17, 2019. (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

### **CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I AND CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH II**

#### 2018 Line Item Transfers

Jennifer Allen (Branch II) and Jean Meyer (Branch I) indicated both branches were over budget by 10%. These were due to items out of their control such as guardian ad litem and commitments. These items are required by statute. Discussion to follow on increase in pay for attorneys, which will happen in next year's budget.

MOTION: To approve the over budget 2018 line items transfers for Branch I and II. (Ives/Fisher, PASSED).

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

#### 2018 Budget Closeout

Sheriff Hartman began with the write offs for 2018. Sheriff Hartman indicated there had been a policy change in regard to civil process. All civil process is now prepaid except for Temporary Restraining Orders. The rest is unpaid records requests. The county is not necessarily out the money, it is just not collected. Sheriff Hartman submitted Exhibit #1 2018 Oneida County Sheriff Budget Summary. Sheriff Hartman indicated it had been a rough year. Discussion to follow. Sheriff Hartman indicated the numbers were not where he wanted them to be but there were circumstances that warranted the overages. Sheriff Hartman stated overtime resulted from retirements, the Tran matter, the Mendez homicide, a violent home invasion, and a string of bar burglaries, which was solved. Sheriff's Hartman indicated homicides are very expensive. There was the active shooter training at the courthouse and EVOC training that had to be done. There was a sick inmate that accounted for approximately \$44,000.00, and another inmate that had health issues and guards were required for both. Sheriff Hartman indicated he had sent deputies to Barron County in regard to the Jayme Closs matter. In regard to the jail, Sheriff Hartman stated there was a mandatory PREA audit in regard to state inmates. The cost for this audit was significant. Sheriff Hartman indicated there is a methamphetamine and heroin issue in the county and with that comes many expenses. Sheriff Hartman stated 75% of the inmate population coming through the door is addicted to methamphetamine. Sheriff Hartman indicated there was a significant increase in the cost of medical transports. Currently 90% of medical transports are out

of the county. Darcy Smith indicated the Sheriff's Office was 40% over the line item on overtime.

MOTION: To approve the 2018 Budget Closeout. (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

#### PSC Alliance Consultant Agreement

Ken Korten Hof (EM Director—Sheriff's Office) submitted Exhibit #2, which is the PSC Alliance Consulting Service Agreement. EM Director Korten Hof stated Vilas County is also using this company so there may be some cost savings. Milestones are outlined in the exhibit. EM Director Korten Hof stated the system currently being used by Dispatch has come to the end of its life so this is a high priority. The monitoring system is using Windows XP, is not being support anymore, and is 10 plus years old. There is a need to move forward and update. EM Director Korten Hof indicated this will be a very expensive capital improvement project and will take a couple of years. There is an opt out clause within the agreement. Approval from the committee is needed. Chairman Timmons stated this is expensive but important. EM Director Korten Hof anticipated getting 10 to 15 years out of the system.

MOTION: To approve the PSC Alliance Consultant Agreement. (Metropulos/Ives PASSED).

#### Continuing Appropriations Records Management

Sheriff Hartman submitted Exhibit #3. Sheriff Hartman indicated the Oneida County Sheriff's Office will no longer being doing the system upgrades, so he is returning the money to the general fund.

MOTION: To approve the transfer of funds from the continuing appropriations records management back to the general fund. (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Topics: Geboy Notice of Claim & Smith Notice of Claim.

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Topics: Geboy Notice of Claim & Smith Notice of Claim. (Fisher/Ives, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons aye, Metropulos aye, Fried, absent, Ives aye, Fisher aye, PASSED).

The Committee entered into closed session at 10:16 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session. (Timmons/Ives, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons aye, Metropulos aye, Fried absent, Ives aye, Fisher aye. PASSED).

The Committee returned to open session at 10:31 a.m.

Announcement was made that the closed session was just information for the committee as per line #13 of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)**

As needed.

**ADJOURN**

**10:33 a.m.** Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Timmons, Chairman

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Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

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Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman