

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 2022**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerry VanHarpen (Hodag Country Fest), Karilyne Roberts (Hodag Country Fest), Wendy Smith, Eddy Smith, Keith Troutman (Bubba's Big Party & Bog Bash), Terri Schwab (Public Health), Karrin Farrenkopf (Public Health), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Maria King (County Board Supervisor), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Circuit Courts), Patti Finlan (Branch II), Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Chief Deputy Hess, Tracy Hartman (County Clerk) and Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schreier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #1, 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 Committee introduced themselves.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Timmons/Kelly PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the March 17, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes (Timmons/Kelly, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Smith asked the Committee if Items #7 and #8 are accepted now or wait until the topic. Public comments are accepted. Smith owns land WEST of the Bog Bash and addressed concerns with the number of camping acres listed, conditions of the Conditional Use Permit not completed before an active conditional use permit is in place and listed some of the conditions.

Keith Troutman, applicant for Items #7 and #8, stated issues were discussed at the previous Zoning meeting.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve the bills, vouchers, line item transfers and personal expense vouchers for Public Safety Departments as presented (Timmons/Kelly, PASSED).

LARGE ASSEMBLY

Bubba's Big Party Large Assembly-Keith Troutman and Bubba's Bog Bash Large Assembly-Keith Troutman

The County Clerk suggested addressing both permits as the applicant is the same with different event dates. The Clerk explained the application process, stated both events have a Conditional Use Permit, mentioned a Zoning representative was not available to attend and indicated there are some restrictions that Troutman is working to rectify. The Clerk added a Certification of Insurance for events is required to be provided before the event can occur, mentioned there have not been any issues with Troutman providing it in the past and stated there are no concerns.

Troutman addressed fence issues and stated the rest will be completed when able to get in the ground.

Supervisor Timmons indicated Troutman has been working on any concerns.

Supervisor Harris asked if citations issued are tracked. The Clerk explained Troutman works with the Sheriff's Office (no concerns) and works with Public Health.

Schwab (Public Health) stated their office requires food vendors to be licensed and inspected by their department. Schwab mentioned her office works with Troutman and everything has been in compliance.

Chairperson Schreier inquired about the discrepancy during public comment. Troutman stated the wall will go up when he can get into the ground and will make a good faith effort. The fence has been addressed with Zoning and is contingent.

MOTION: Per Item 7 on Agenda, Certification of Insurance turned in at appropriate time and all conditions of permit is met and grant the Bubba's Big Party Large Assembly Application as presented (Timmons/Harris, PASSED).

MOTION: Per Item 8 on Agenda, Certification of Insurance turned in at appropriate time and all conditions of permit is met and grant Bubba's Bog Bash Large Assembly Application as presented (Timmons/Harris, PASSED).

Hodag Country Festival Large Assembly-Hodag '50'Inc.

VanHarpen and Roberts are present. VanHarpen provided a brochure of the event, Exhibit #1.

The Clerk indicated this is the 44th year of the event, stated there were no concerns during COVID and confirmed the office did not receive any emails or calls from residents. Clerk mentioned officials work with Public Health. Schwab indicated temporary campground and food licenses are needed, there are no concerns. The Clerk added there are no concerns with the Sheriff's Office. There was discussion regarding event security and Sheriff's Office coverage.

MOTION: To approve Hodag Country Festival Large Assembly Application contingent upon Certification of Insurance (Kelly/Harris, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2021 Budget Closeout

Chief Deputy Hess is present. The Chief Deputy provided a 2021 Oneida County Sheriff Budget Summary, Exhibit #2.

Chief Deputy informed the Committee the office is returning money back to the County in the amount of \$574,251.00, explained the summary and provided a copy of Line Item Budget Transfer Request, Exhibit #3. The Chief Deputy explained Line Item Budget Transfer Request requires only the Chairman's signature.

Supervisor Harris inquired about the red-colored areas and asked if it was covered. Supervisor Timmons explained typically the Sheriff's Office turns back monies to the County but it is getting tight with losing state jail inmates. The Chief Deputy stated there was a homicide that was not budgeted for, referred to commissary funds going down with removal of state inmates and added furniture was upgraded. The Line Item Budget Transfer Request went to Finance. The Chief Deputy explained this balances out wages and non-personnel expenses.

MOTION: To accept the Oneida County Sheriff's Office 2021 Budget Closeout (Kelly/Fisher, PASSED).

Oneida County Code 5.25(2) Duty Weapon upon Retirement: Brian Erikson

Chief Deputy Hess requested the duty weapon of Brian Erikson be transferred to Erikson's personal possession upon retirement. Deputy Erikson is retiring June 1, 2022 and explained County Code allows the Public Safety Committee to approve duty weapon to be transferred. Chief Deputy asked the duty weapon be transferred.

There was discussion if the County provides weapons.

MOTION: To approve issuing Brian Erikson his duty weapon upon retirement per Oneida County Code (Kelly/Timmons, PASSED).

Radio System Update

The Chief Deputy updated the Committee on the radio system, moving to a new modulation system the end of May in conjunction with Vilas County (Law 1) and explained this will provide a longer distance with clearer transmit and is compatible with Vilas County.

Supervisor Timmons inquired if this is the law enforcement side, not the ambulance side. The Chief Deputy explained the ambulance side is analog and is not required to be updated, the law enforcement side is digital and is required to be updated. The Chief Deputy explained the repeater project should get started in May with a completion date of June.

There was discussion regarding a recent notification, the system went down. The Chief Deputy will look into it.

The Chief Deputy stated a generator will be installed at the Schoepke Repeater.

Information purposes, no action needed.

Ambulance Contract Update

The Chief Deputy updated the Committee: the Office is working with Aspirus, Aspirus agreed instead of subsidy payments doing a set payment amount per year and indicated it is talking a bit of time due to the transition from Ascension to Aspirus.

Information purposes, no action needed.

Badger State Sheriff's Association Grant

The Chief Deputy explained the Association received donations distributed to the seventy-two Sheriff's Offices through the State with the Sheriff's Office being eligible to receive \$20,000 to purchase less lethal weapons. There was discussion regarding less lethal.

Information purposes, no action needed.

Supervisor Fisher stated he will not be attending the closed session via zoom. There are no others on Zoom. Corporation Counsel indicated the Committee could drop zoom when going into closed session as the agenda cited appropriate verbiage.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Approve travel for Corporation and one Assistant Corporation Counsel to Green Bay, WI for WMMIC/WCCA Conference May 5 & 6, 2022

Corporation Counsel explained: there are two insurance companies that insures counties with each having an annual meeting during conferences, WI Corporation Counsels get together to discuss issues and attend conferences to obtain continuing education credits that are required (thirty credits every two-years). Corporation Counsel mentioned if he went out on the market to obtain credits it would cost more than attending a conference. There was discussion regarding conference cost, per diem, etc. Corporation Counsel added to travel out of town requires the Committee of Jurisdiction's approval.

Supervisor Timmons explained the Sheriff's Office is the only agency that is not required to obtain approval. Supervisor Timmons asked Corporation Counsel if this is budget, Corporation Counsel stated yes it is. There was discussion regarding attendance, two people or one. Corporation Counsel mentioned Assistant Corporation Counsel may not be attending. The Committee suggested making the motion according to the topic.

MOTION: To approve travel for Corporation Counsel and one Assistant Corporation Counsel travel to Green Bay for the WMMIC/WCCA Conference May 5 & 6, 2022 (Kelly/Diana, PASSED).

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 (Corporation Counsel One Year 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)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (*Corporation Counsel One Year Evaluation*). (Timmons/Kelly, Roll Call Vote all ayes).

10:28 a.m. The Committee went into closed session.

MOTION: To return to open session (Timmons/Kelly, Roll Call Vote all ayes).

The Committee returned to open session at 10:45 a.m.

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

MOTION: To forward a favorable review of Corporation Counsel performance evaluation to LRES (Timmons/Kelly, all ayes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Election of Vice Chair and Secretary at our next meeting.

ADJOURN

10:48 a.m.

Steve Schreier, Chairperson

Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary

Vice-Chairperson