

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 18, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Timmons, Bob Metropulos, Russ Fisher, Mitch Ives, and Billy Fried.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Amy Franzen (Probate), Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office), Grady Hartman (Sheriff's Office), Terri Hook (Sheriff's Office), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Tyler Young (Sheriff's Office)

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/Fisher, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the June 20, 2019, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Metropulos, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2019.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

REGISTER IN PROBATE

Approval for Register in Probate to attend the WRIPA Fall Education Conference in Waupaca, WI on September 11-13, 2019.

Amy Franzen indicated this conference is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve the attendance of the WRIPA Fall Educational Conference in Waupaca, WI on September 11-13, 2019. (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Capital Improvement Projects

Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office) provided Exhibit #1, 2020 Capital Improvement Projects for the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (Patrol/Investigative/Jail Division) and 2020 Capital Improvement Projects (Emergency Management Division). Discussion regarding Phase III Radio replacement. This item will need to be done as it has been pushed off once already. Hess indicated the Sheriff's Office was trying to bundle it with another radio project.

Discussion about taser replacement. Sheriff Grady Hartman indicated tasers have doubled in cost. Sheriff Hartman indicated the tasers are at the end of their life expectancy. There is no service provided by the company any longer. It was indicated there is only one supplier nationwide. Further discussion.

Sheriff Hartman indicated in regards to the body scanner for the Oneida County Jail that it has become popular for inmates to hide items inside of body cavities. The body scanner would be retro fitted for the Oneida County Jail by Buildings and Grounds and they would be able to handle the renovations. It was indicated a death in the jail would be an astronomical expense for taxpayers. Hess indicated numerous other jails have implemented body scanners. Further discussion.

Discussion regarding the squad car video cameras. It was indicated the squad video cameras were purchased in 2008 and may need replacement sooner than 2022 due to failure. Fried asked why the cost was so high. Further discussion.

Discussion lead by Hess regarding the Emergency Management Division 2020 projects. It was indicated this would be a very large expense. Please see Exhibit #1 for breakdown. It was indicated the equipment has reached "end of life". Ives asked about other parties that lease space on towers. Hess indicated Oneida County only owns three towers. Fried asked about upgrading equipment on towers that are not Oneida County's towers. Life expectancy is suggested to be seven to twelve years. Fried asked if the technology had been tested in rural areas. Further discussion.

Brenda Behrle indicated she had a jury trial going on and requested a call when Public Safety Committee was ready for her. It was agreed the Sheriff's Office would step down and allow Behrle to proceed with Item #9 and Item #10.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS

Digital Audio Recorder (DAR) Discussion

Brenda Behrle brought forward potential issues with the DAR recorder and possible replacement. Discussion regarding potential cost, service of machine, and possible future replacement.

MOTION: Informational report only, no motion needed.

2020 Furniture and Equipment Request

Brenda Behrle provided Exhibit #2 to the Public Safety Committee. Exhibit #2 outlines the cost for a 2020 Furniture and Equipment request for three stand up desks with dual monitor arm. Please see exhibit for costs. Behrle indicated she was not requesting LTE staff for 2020 so that may be able to offset the cost of the desks.

MOTION: To approve the 2020 Furniture and Equipment request of the Clerk of Circuit Courts as presented and forward to appropriate committee. (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE (CONTINUED)

Sheriff's Office continued with Item #7. Discussion was had about tying into other agencies and sharing costs. Discussion about interference and usage. Timmons indicated it was a lot of money but needed to be done. Further discussion.

MOTION: To approve the Sheriff's Office Capital Improvement Projects and move onto the CIP Committee. Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

Rhinelanders Dispatch Contract Update

Sheriff Hartman provided Exhibit #3 Agreement for Emergency Dispatch Services with the City of Rhinelanders. Hartman indicated the agreement began in the 2000s. Discussion regarding past agreement. Hartman indicated the City of Rhinelanders is not following through with their end of the agreement. Further discussion. Hartman indicated he has been trying to reach out to the city since January in regards to re-negotiating the agreement.

Hartman provided Exhibit #4 indicating in yellow potential changes to the agreement. Hess indicated this was a draft only. Hartman indicated he has no idea what would be acceptable to the Committee or County Board. Hartman indicated a need for everyone to get on the same page. Discussion regarding costs of dispatch for City of Rhinelanders. Hartman indicated the agreement renews every calendar year unless there is an objection and six months written notice is given.

Hartman provided Exhibit #5, memorandum indicating termination of contract. Hartman indicated he has requested numerous times that this matter be put on the City Council agenda and it has not occurred. Extensive discussion on how to proceed. Hartman will reach out again. A committee member will also try to reach out.

MOTION: Informational report only, no motion needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

As needed.

ADJOURN

11:05 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

_____/s/_____
Mike Timmons, Chairman

_____/s/_____
Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

_____/s/_____
Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman