

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 9, 2021**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Timmons, Russ Fisher, Billy Fried

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Kelly, Mitch Ives

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub, Shari Gorney, Jean Meyer, Grady Hartman, Patti Finlan, Brenda Behrle, Luke Johnson, Jill Butzlaff, Dan Hess

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 10:00 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/ Fried, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fried/ Fisher, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I/ REGISTER IN PROBATE/ FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER

2022 Budget

Discussion was had regarding the budget for guardian ad litem increasing for 2022 with the explanation being that the increase is directly correlated to the increase in methamphetamine related cases and the need for more guardian ad litem. Discussion was had regarding the need for dictation equipment and software and if there is any way to lessen the cost. Discussion was also had regarding grant monies to pay for some of the cost relative to CHIPS cases and juvenile cases as well as the potential to cut down the cost of necessary medical evaluations, which will be looked into by the courts.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Circuit Court Branch I, Register in Probate, and Family Court Commissioner budget as presented to the committee and move forward to admin for review (Timmons/ Fisher, PASSED)

CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH II

2022 Budget

No discussion was had.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Circuit Court Branch II budget as presented to the committee and move forward to admin for review (Timmons/Fried, PASSED)

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS

2022 Budget (Exhibit 1)

Clerk of Courts advised that the budget stayed the same as the 2021 budget.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Clerk of Circuit Courts budget as presented to the committee and move forward to admin for review (Fried/Timmons, PASSED)

MEDICAL EXAMINER

2022 Budget (Exhibit 2)

Discussion was had regarding unaccounted for costs that incurred in December of 2020; however, ME Schaub advised the department will not be over budget, as there is enough money to cover the unaccounted for costs. Discussion was then had regarding difficulties with having autopsies performed, as there is a shortage in pathologists throughout the state. ME Schaub advised that ME Johnson will be moved to a full time position within the department, which will eliminate some costs to the county such as call pay and mileage and could potentially increase revenue, due to more time to put on trainings.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Medical budget as presented to the committee and move forward to admin for review (Timmons/ Fisher, PASSED)

Vilas County and Forest County Contracts (Exhibit 3)

Discussion was had regarding changes to the contracts with Vilas County and Forest County. ME Schaub advised that the Forest County contract increased and will take effect January 1, 2022. ME Schaub advised that the Vilas County contract increased as well, but will not take effect until January 1, 2023.

MOTION: To approve the Vilas County and Forest County contracts as presented (Fried/Timmons, PASSED)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

2022 Budget

No representatives from the District Attorney's Office were in attendance of the meeting; however, the committee was previously provided with copies of the proposed 2022 budget.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 District Attorney's Office budget as presented to the committee and move forward to admin for review (Fried/ Timmons, PASSED)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2022 Budget (Exhibit 4)

Discussion was had regarding the effect of losing the state inmate contract with Dodge County on the Sheriff's Office budget. Discussion was then had regarding Sheriff Hartman's plan to eliminate the recreational safety position and create more positions within NORDEG. Sheriff Hartman requested the committee decide if they would like to continue with recreational patrol and if so, Sheriff Hartman requested \$50,000.00 for performing recreational patrol on overtime. Discussion was also had regarding the lack of applicants for deputy positions and the need for more money to be added to the overtime budget.

MOTION: To amend the Sheriff's Office budget to increase the overtime budget by \$50,000 and put the expenses associated with recreational safety patrol into the budget (Fried/ Timmons, PASSED)

Discussion was had regarding Minocqua Dispatch. Fried and Sheriff Hartman discussed importance of ensuring that Minocqua Dispatch has enough funding distributed to them.

MOTION: To amend the Sheriff's Office budget to put \$15,000.00 toward Minocqua Dispatch (Fried/ Fisher, PASSED)

Sheriff Hartman advised that the DARE program will be eliminated, as there is only one deputy currently trained to teach the program, there does not seem to be a benefit to the program at this point in time, and there are three school liaison deputies assigned to Oneida County schools.

Discussion was had regarding the Emergency Management portion of the budget and the need for new ambulances. Sheriff Hartman advised that he would like two new ambulances to replace older model ones that are, in Sheriff Hartman's opinion, no longer in good condition.

Sheriff Hartman posed the question to the committee as to if they would like the Sheriff's Office to purchase and implement body cameras, as this question is being posed every year. Sheriff Hartman advised he does not see a need for the body cameras at this time; however, will order and implement body cameras if the committee feels it is of priority. Committee members advised that at this time, they do not see body cameras taking priority over other projects in need of funding.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 Sheriff's Office budget with the two aforementioned amendments for presentation to admin for review (Timmons/ Fried, PASSED)

Further discussion was had to clarify where money within the budget was moved to and the amendments that were made. Discussion then ensued further about the methamphetamine issue within Oneida County. Sheriff Hartman advised that the most valuable resource to help with this issue is more man power, but the Sheriff's Office is having difficulty keeping the deputy positions filled.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

2022 Budget

Mike Fugle advised that he added 7% to the budget to account for inflation; however, did not print the budget for the committee to review at the meeting. Discussion was had regarding the 2020 and 2021 budgets not being a good representation of costs as a result of COVID.

MOTION: For Corporation Counsel to submit the 2022 budget to admin for review and bring back to the committee for approval (Fried/ Timmons, PASSED)

It is anticipated that the committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85 (1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility'. Topic: Corporation Counsel's Performance Evaluation Review

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Topic: Corporation Counsel's Performance Evaluation Review (Timmons/ Fried, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fried: Aye, Fisher: Aye)

The committee entered close session at 11:47 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Fisher/ Fried PASSED)

The committee returned to open session at 12:03 p.m.

MOTION: To inform Labor and Relations that the committee approves and recommends the step increase for Mike Fugel of Corporation Counsel with all members voting aye. (Fried/ Fisher, PASSED)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None

ADJOURN
12:06 p.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Cambrya von Schrader, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman