

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2018**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mike Timmons, Bob Metropulos, Billy Fried, and Russ Fisher.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney), Crystal Schaub, Lucas Johnson (Medical Examiner), Sheriff Grady Hartman, Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Chief Deputy Daniel Hess, Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Andi Seidel and Chris Schlueter, Recording Clerks

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 November 15, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Metropulos/Timmons, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.. A sheet with tentative dates was provided with meeting dates being the third week of each month. It was asked that the tentative dates be emailed to all committee members.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Long Range Plan(s)

Brian Desmond provided a Long Range Departmental Plan 2019 (Exhibit 1). Desmond indicated their office plans to work with zoning on ordinance amendments and enforcement and assist with broadband. A priority is to get towers up. Desmond will work with LRES in regard to the Carlson Dettmann review and the challenges coming

up with legal work. The Long Range Plan is the same as in year's past other than priorities.

MOTION: To accept the Long Range Plan from Corporation Counsel and forward to LRES. (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

WCA Legislative Exchange – February 5 & 6, 2019 – Madison, WI

Desmond indicated this should be an interesting conference due to the split with the governor's office and legislature. Desmond will provide a report to the committee after the conference. This conference is in the budget.

MOTION: To approve Desmond to attend the WCA Legislative Exchange in Madison February 5 & 6, 2019 (Fisher/Timmons, PASSED).

WCA County Ambassador – January 16, 2019 – Madison, WI

Desmond indicated WCA will be giving talking points on a lobbying program. This is a one-day event. Dave has signed off on Desmond being part of the team. Desmond will provide a report to the committee after the conference on what was discussed and give a WCA team update. Discussion about enhanced 911 and where money can be found for funding.

MOTION: To approve Desmond to attend the WCA County Ambassador conference in Madison on January 16, 2019 (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I, BRANCH II, FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER AND PROBATE/JUVENILE OFFICE

Long Range Plan(s)

Kathleen Belliveau indicated the Long Range Plan is unchanged from years past. Belliveau advised Branch II is currently being painted. No concerns at this time. Fried advised if short term goals are not being met then the committee needs to know why. Fried indicated renovating the third floor will be looked at the next few years.

MOTION: To accept the Circuit Court Branch I Long Range Plan (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Inmate Medical Expenses

Sheriff Grady Hartman was present and discussed a problem inmate and medical expenses. Hartman advised the inmate had passed away. Hartman indicated the final total for overtime, medical expenses, and miscellaneous expenses associated with the inmate was \$44,000. Fried asked what the overtime was entailed. Hartman advised due to the threat assessment of the inmate it was determined full time guards were necessary. Fried asked where the money was coming from to cover these expenses. Hartman indicated the budget was in good shape for 2018 and it should be able to be covered. Fried asked about the county being responsible for inmates housed in the Oneida County Jail and if there was any contractual insurance that would protect the

county from liability. Hartman advised that after 24 hours of being admitted Medicare/Medicaid would kick in. Hartman advised that day to day nursing care comes back to the county taxpayer.

MOTION: Information only. No motion made.

Inmate Health Care Contract

Sheriff Grady Hartman advised Oneida County lost the deal with Aspirus and a new medical contractor needed to be found. Hartman advised he had informed the committee about the deal with Aspirus and how costs would be going up. Hartman advised a contract was made with ACH Corporation, which is a correctional health industry corporation. Hartman advised the health care contract is \$174,850.25 over what was budgeted for 2019. Total amount budgeted was \$300,000. Hartman advised the total amount for inmate health care was just under \$475,000, which is for RN nursing care, doctor care, and mental care. ACH will be on premises 12 hours per day and there will be 1 RN and 2 LPN. Hartman advised County cannot afford 2 RN's all the time. Fried asked where staff was hired from. Hess indicated staff is hired by ACH. Fried asked why Aspirus was out. Hartman advised Aspirus got out of this type of service and decided to go in a different direction. Hartman advised that Aspirus had informed Hartman that Aspirus lost money on the contract. Timmons asked about competition for this type of care. Hartman advised there are 3 companies. Hartman advised a bid was put out for the health care contract and only ACH responded. The other 2 companies did not bid. Hartman indicated some counties provide health care through their own county health offices. Hartman advised County Health informed him that they were having trouble keeping nurses. Hartman advised the jail needs to have staff in place by February. Hartman advised he felt this was the right approach. Hartman advised health costs are rising. Hartman advised the medical costs are based on all the inmates currently housed. Hartman advised if there is a drop in inmates there will be a re-negotiation of fees. It was reported Fugle is working on a contract. Funding for the difference will try to be met through revenues in 2019.

MOTION: Information only. No action need.

Annual Jail Inspection per 59.54(15)

Discussion regarding the annual inspection. Sheriff Grady Hartman provided Wis. Stat. §59.54(15) as Exhibit 2 in regard to the jail inspection. The inspection is required by statute. Hartman provided the calendar setting forth name, cause, and committal of each inmate (Exhibits 3A, 3B, 3C). Further discussion regarding jail. Hartman advised the yearly inspection is on the DOC website.

MOTION: To accept the Annual Jail Inspection per 59.54(15) and Exhibits 3A, 3B, and 3C. (Fisher/Timmons, PASSED).

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS

Long Range Plan(s)

Brenda Behrle provided Clerk of Circuit Court Long Range Department Action Plan (Exhibit 4). Behrle advised the microfiche machine is not working well but the use of the microfiche machine is sporadic. Behrle indicated due to not having a contract no one will service the machine. Behrle indicated they are working on converting files but some files need to be kept for 75 years.

MOTION: To approve the Long Range Plan for the Clerk of Circuit Court (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

Vacant Position Analysis for Deputy Clerk-Criminal

Discussion had about vacant position. Brenda Behrle advised LRES will approve the vacant position contingent of the committee's approval. LRES indicated there may be interest in-house. External posting will be done if there is no interest in-house.

MOTION: To approve the vacancy position analysis for Deputy Clerk—Criminal (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Deputy Medical Examiner Vacancy Review Appeal

Crystal Schaub advised the Deputy Medical Examiner vacancy review appeal is contingent upon committee for a half-time position. Fried asked if the contracts for Vilas County and Forest County were in place. Schaub indicated the contracts were in place and they have 30 days to cancel. Fried asked if there were enough people. Schaub indicated there were enough people but ideally she would like 9 people. Schaub indicated 3 people are fully trained all the others are in training. Schaub indicated there are currently 7 people with one being from Vilas County.

MOTION: To allow the Medical Examiner's Office and LRES fill the Deputy Medical Examiner vacancy (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

Long Range Plan(s)

Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub provided Long Range Departmental Plan (Exhibit 5). Schaub advised the goal is to go paperless in 2019. Laptops would be provided and they are working with IT on this. Fried asked where autopsies are done. Schaub indicated Fond du Lac and Madison. Fried asked if Schaub has a mentor. Schaub indicated she does and has been reaching out to other as well.

MOTION: To approve the Long Range Plan of the Medical Examiner's Office (Metropulos/Timmons, PASSED).

Fixing/Replacing Medical Examiner Vehicle

Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub submitted a cost estimate for the Ford Expedition vehicle (Exhibit 6). Schaub indicated there are mice in the vehicle. Schaub indicated

supplies had been chewed, wiring had been chewed, airbags had been chewed, and there were droppings and urine everywhere in the vehicle. One personnel had a mouse crawl up pant leg while driving. Schaub indicated she is concerned about what damage cannot be seen at this time. Timmons and Fried asked about insurance claim. Timmons asked about protocol if this happens again. Further discussion about vehicle. Schaub asked Chief Deputy Daniel Hess to assist in looking for vehicle. Hess indicated blue book value of the vehicle as \$19,500. Fisher asked about 2018 incentives. Hess indicated he can get a better price even with incentives.

MOTION: To acknowledge the damage to the vehicle and allow Medical Examiner's Office to resolve the issue by purchasing a new vehicle under discretion to use all avenues to get the best price (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

CAP Team Update, Pepper Spray, School Liaison Position

ADJOURN

TIME: **10:43 a.m.** adjourned.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman