

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

May 12, 2011

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Oneida County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chairman Bob Metropulos, Member Jack Young, Member Paul Dean, and Member Billy Fried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, County Coordinator John Potters, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, District Attorney Mike Bloom, Family Court Commissioner Secretary Tammy James, and Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff.

Motion by Dean to approve the May 12, 2011, agenda as posted, second was offered by Fried, all eyes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

District Attorney - Evaluation of Department Head Programs

District Attorney Mike Bloom was present, and distributed a spreadsheet of programs and services administered by the District Attorney's Office. Bloom stated the spreadsheet represents the District Attorney related staff, materials, and the Victim/Witness program. Bloom noted all programs and services are statutorily required. Bloom briefly discussed the Victim/Witness program. Bloom stated that a portion of the Victim/Witness program cost is provided by the state, and the county covers the balance. Fried stated concerns that the spreadsheet does not help committee members understand what the District Attorney does. Bloom stated the items on the spreadsheet are required to operate the District Attorney's office. He noted the office is struggling to get by now by prosecuting for the State Patrol and Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Bloom noted the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney Salaries are paid by the state.

Motion by Dean to accept the evaluation of the District Attorney's office, second by Metropulos, all eyes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Medical Examiner - Evaluation of Department Programs

Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond was present on behalf of Traci England who was on a medical examiner call. Desmond distributed the Medical Examiner's evaluation.

Motion by Dean to accept the evaluation of the Medical Examiner's office, second by O'Melia, all eyes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Family Court Commissioner - Evaluation of Department Programs

Family Court Commissioner Secretary Tammy James was present, and distributed a spreadsheet of programs to the Committee. James noted the Family Court Commissioner presides over divorces, post judgments, paternities and temporary hearings. The position is shared with Forest County and all expenses are split with Forest County. James noted the Court Commissioner's salary is not split, but the health insurance is split.

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Motion by Metropulos to accept the evaluation of the Family Court Commissioner's office, second by Dean.

Brief discussion followed regarding the expenses associated with the Court Reporters and support staff.

All ayes on the above motion, motion carried 5-0.

Corporation Counsel - Evaluation of Department Programs (Efficiency Team)

Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond was present. Desmond distributed a copy of his evaluation and provided a visual presentation. Desmond outlined the various programs and services of the Corporation Counsel's office, and ranked the service in order of priority on the spreadsheet. Desmond noted Social Services provides a large volume of work with paternities and child support, and Planning & Zoning is also very time consuming. Desmond discussed the revenues received by the division, but noted the money is not returned to his budget. Brief discussion followed on the priority level of bankruptcies and foreclosures and mental and alcohol commitments.

Motion by Young to accept the evaluation of the Corporation Counsel's office, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Office - Evaluation of Department Programs

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. Sweeney distributed spreadsheets detailed the various programs and services of the Sheriff's Office. Sweeney outlined the programs and services and ranked the service in order of priority. Sweeney outlined some of the Court Services Division responsibilities including courthouse security, providing a deputy in the courtroom, and warrant pickups. Brief discussion followed regarding video court and the ranking of Grants to Minocqua. Hoffman noted that the top five priorities for the office were very close in ranking. Sweeney noted it is difficult to do an across the board cut to programs and services when programs are a result of what people are asking for.

Potters noted this evaluation process of one-third of the whole report that will be created and that each department is a sum of its programs. Potters noted the team is evaluating where efficiencies can be achieved.

Motion by Metropulos to accept the evaluation of the Sheriff's Office, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Following examination of financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, O'Melia made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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DISCUSS TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA / SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting was scheduled for: June 1, 2011 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other public comments or discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Metrouplos made a motion to adjourn with a second by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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