

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mike Timmons, Billy Fried and Mitch Ives.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Metropulos and Scott Holewinski were excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Anderson (Lakeland Times), Lisa Charbarneau (Human Resource Director), Sheriff Hartman, Chief Deputy Hess, Ken Kortenhof, Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner), Denise Briggs (District Attorney), Liz Plautz (Register in Probate), Kathy Belliveau (Branch I), Deb Shawl (Branch II), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Circuit Courts) and Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary.

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 Amended Agenda (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the December 10, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Ives/Fried, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS WITH NO AGENDA ITEMS

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

Corporation Counsel

Assist Taylor County with Substantiation Appeal

Taylor County is involved with a federal lawsuit, the defendant requested a Substantiated Appeal and the decision would be entered into the State of Wisconsin's database. The decision entered could prohibit people from working in daycare, etc.

Taylor County requested Oneida County's Corporation Counsel's assistance because Oneida has handled those cases before. Taylor County may be hiring a retired judge or have Oneida assist with legal panel to determine if the case is substantiated.

There was discussion regarding assistance timeframe and incurred costs. Corporation Counsel indicated Taylor County would pay Oneida County for assistance.

MOTION: To approve Corporation Counsel to assist Taylor County with Substantiation Appeal (Fried/Ives).

Discussion on Motion:

There was brief discussion regarding timeframe and County operations.

MOTION: To approve Corporation Counsel to assist Taylor County with Substantiation Appeal (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Corporation Counsel

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Corporation Counsel (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management

Telecommunicator Vacancy Reviews

There are two vacancies open in Dispatch with one vacancy being a Sergeant (f/k/a Lead) Position that will be promoted from within. Sergeant duties were identified.

MOTION: To approve filling Telecommunicator Vacancy Reviews as presented and forward onto the Labor Relations/Employee Services Committee (Fried/Ives).

Discussion on Motion:

Wages and Carlson Dettmann Study were discussed.

MOTION: To approve filling Telecommunicator Vacancy Reviews as presented and forward onto the Labor Relations/Employee Services Committee (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Corrections Officer Vacancy Review

There are three vacancies and two LTE (Limited Term Employee) vacancies. There was discussion.

MOTION: To approve filling the Corrections Officer Vacancy Reviews and forward onto the Labor Relations/Employee Services Committee (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

Emergency Management Director Hours of Work

The Sheriff requested the topic be removed from the agenda.

Consolidation of Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office

A Resolution merging the Emergency Management Department with the Sheriff's Office was provided, Exhibit #1.

The Emergency Management Director recommended making the merger permanent. The Human Resource Director agreed this was a successful merger.

Cost savings and streamlining services were discussed.

The Sheriff addressed the creation of the E911 Program Director position and explained the position gave much needed structure in dispatch and improved operation and quality of services. Promoting from within Dispatch for the E911 Program Director was explained.

The Human Resource Director cited cost savings when a high paying position was eliminated due to retirements.

A Committee member inquired if budgets were joined. The Emergency Management Director explained budgets are broken down by division and informed the Committee he (Director) continues to manage and oversee the Emergency Management budget. There was discussion regarding structure of Emergency Management Departments for other counties.

There were discussions regarding the twenty-month trial period, the Public Safety Meeting date and the County Board of Supervisors meeting date.

A Committee member recommended consolidation/merger cost savings sheet be provided at the County Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Committee agreed. There was discussion.

A Committee member asked if there was anything that hasn't worked well. The Sheriff indicated there may be changes to the Technical Support Division.

The Emergency Management Director informed the Committee with the consolidation/merger being finalized, he (the Director) will have backup to his position with training provided.

The Resolution will be forwarded to the March County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Committee requested the Resolution, along with the cost savings sheet, be brought back to the February Committee meeting for consideration. No motion was needed.

Bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office (Fried/Ives).

Discussion on Motion:

There was discussion if Emergency Management's Financial Summary Sheet would be presented separately from the Sheriff's Office. Emergency Management will continue to present their own Financial Summary Sheet.

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Employee Retention Strategy be placed on next agenda under Sheriff's Office topics.

ADJOURN

10:21 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman