

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 21, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Timmons, Billy Fried, and Bob Metropulos.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Holewinski, Mitch Ives (excused).

OTHERS PRESENT: Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Bill Freudenberg, Clerk of Courts Brenda Behrle, Debra Shawl (Branch II), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Denise Briggs (DA Office), Sheriff Grady Hartman, Corp Counsel Brian Desmond.

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 (working from Second Amended Agenda) (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the December 17, 2015, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2016. Tentative date for March meeting will be March 17, 2016.

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/Metropulos, PASSED).

Deb Shawl advised the committee of a \$14,000 bill regarding State vs. Martinson. Shawl spoke with Finance Department and there will be funds to cover. The District Attorney's Office will need additional money for the doctor to testify if this case goes to trial. It was reported that these types of cases are rare. There was discussion on if/how the county could recoup dollars from suspect(s).

Timmons suggested the committee keep track of special cases such as this to track the cost. It was reported the money comes from the Contingency Account.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Inmate Health Care Coverage

Fried reported that he asked for this subject to be on the agenda. Fried stated they had talked about why we were paying the health care costs for inmates. Fried stated that it was presented to the committee that even if the inmate has health insurance, the county was required to pay for other health insurance. Sheriff Hartman reported that was not correct. Sheriff Hartman reported that if the inmate has health insurance, charges go through that first. Sheriff Hartman stated it was very rare that an inmate had his or her own health insurance. Most inmates have Badger Care, Medicaid, or Medicare, which stops if the person is incarcerated. Timmons stated that what they had been told in the past now makes sense after receiving this information. Sheriff Hartman stated the tax burden is transferred from State/Federal level to the County level.

Sheriff Hartman reported that we pay the Medicaid rate for an inmate that has to go for surgery or inpatient care, which helps to lower the costs. Sheriff's Office Finance Tech Karen Snyder goes through any bills from the hospital and makes sure they are charging the Medicaid rate.

Sheriff Hartman reported that all medical incidents are screened through the jail nurse or the on-call doctor, which lowers the transports to the hospital. The jail staff works closely with the judges/probation & parole to get the inmates out so we don't have the cost of health care. Sheriff Hartman reported there was an inmate last year who had cancer. The staff worked with the judge to get the inmate out because the cost to the Sheriff's Office would have been over \$200,000.

There was further discussion as to writing a letter to the State level. Fried was concerned this would get out of hand, but after this discussion believed the situation is under control. Fried asked Sheriff Hartman if there were any other strategies that we could use. Sheriff Hartman reported no and that it would not help to write letters. Fried asked if the county had some type of insurance that inmates could sign up for. Sheriff Hartman reported it would not be worth the hassle. Fried asked if other counties have these same issues. Sheriff Hartman reported yes. Jail Administrator Mark Newman had been very aggressive with this issue.

MOTION: No motion needed, informational only.

Heroin Grant

Sheriff Hartman reported that the NORDEG Unit applied for and received a grant for \$26,000 this year and \$26,000 next year for the seven-county region. This grant is for over-time incurred during heroin investigations.

MOTION: No motion needed, informational only.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office were approved under Agenda Item #5.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

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 Performance Evaluation Goals.

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 Performance Evaluation goals (Metropulos/Fried, On a Roll Call Vote: HOLEWINSKI: Absent, IVES: Absent, FRIED: Aye, TIMMMONS: Aye, METROPULOS: Aye).

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:49 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Metropulos/Fried, On a Roll Call Vote: HOLEWINSKI: Absent, IVES: Absent, FRIED: Aye, TIMMMONS: Aye, METROPULOS: Aye).

The Committee returned to open session at 9:57 a.m.

MOTION: To approve the goals and performance evaluation and send to LRES for recording. (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None.

ADJOURN

Time 10:00 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman