

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 19, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mitch Ives, Bob Metropulos, Mike Timmons, Billy Fried

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Cushing

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Plautz (Register in Probate), Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Clerk of Court Brenda Behrle, Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Deb Shawl (Branch II), Heidi Ihm (District Attorney's Office), Todd Troskey (Health Department), Bob Troutman and Keith Troutman (Harley Fall Ride representatives), County Clerk Mary Bartelt, Sheriff Grady Hartman,

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 (Fries/Ives, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the April 21, 2016, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Timmons/Ives, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for June 16, 2016, 9:30 a.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/Metropulos, PASSED).

LARGE ASSEMBLY

Harley Fall Ride Large Assembly Permit Application

County Clerk Mary Bartelt introduced Bob Troutman, organizer for the Harley Fall Ride, which will be held September 14-18, 2016. Bartelt stated the application was filled out, everything update. The only items needed were the certificate of insurance and water test results. Bartelt stated she approved the permit. Todd Troskey from the Oneida County Health Department stated his department had no issues. Bartelt read an email from Oneida County Sheriff's Office Captain Lloyd Gauthier relaying he was good with the event and he was hoping to get a DOT grant to help offset the cost of traffic patrol. Sheriff Grady Hartman reported that the Sheriff's Office is usually notified in the summer if they have received the grant. Hartman reported grant or not, his staff will still be out for traffic patrol.

MOTION: To approve the large assembly permit for the Harley Fall Ride as presented (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

State Inmates

Sheriff Hartman reported that he had been back and forth with the State on getting inmates and it now is a done deal. A contract was signed. Hartman reported there are weekly meetings with the State and a little more work to do, but the first batch of inmates should be coming to the Oneida County Jail in the beginning of June. Ives asked for a number. Hartman reported that they have signed up to received up to 100 inmates. Fried asked how the contract was structured. Hartman reported it is the same pay as any other inmate, \$51.46 per inmate. Ives asked how long the contract was for. Hartman reported there was no length, just like the previous time State inmates were here, the contract could end at any time per their discretion. We were handpicked based on the state of the facility. Hartman stated he was proud of the staff and the work that has been put in to keep it in good shape. Hartman reported that as this progresses, he would report in numbers.

Hartman reported that this is positive revenue for the county. There was discussion on how line items would be higher, better deals on prices (meals, commissary money, phone cards, etc.). Overall, there would be quite a bit of revenue for the county.

Discussion was held regarding a GED program. Hartman reported the State would like there to be a GED program, but it was not a deal breaker. Hartman reported that he would come back to the committee and discuss the program if needed, but would wait and see how the inmates occupy their time.

There was discussion on who pays for medical fees of the State inmates. Hartman reported that the State assured him they would not pass on any inmates with medical problems.

Fried asked if the contract was reviewed by Corp Counsel. Hartman reported that it was. Fried asked if there was insurance to protect the county from the high side of medical costs to the inmates. Hartman and Ives reported that anything like that would be too expensive. Hartman reported that any inmate with private insurance would carry on while they are in jail, but Badger Care, Medicare, etc. is forfeited, and the inmate does not collect SSI, Social Security while in jail.

Hartman reported that for security reasons, he would not advertise the exact date the inmates will arrive.

Hartman asked that with the extra revenue coming in from the State inmates, the first item the committee reviews is the Minocqua Dispatch cut.

MOTION: No motion needed. Information only.

Corrections Officer Position

Hartman recalled that at budget time, one corrections staff position was cut by attrition with the understanding that position would come back when the State inmates came back. Hartman stated jail staff can handle 70 county inmates, but it would be too busy with the added State inmates. Now that the State inmates are back, Hartman asked the committee to support the resolution back to full county board to add money to the budget to fill one full-time corrections officer contingent on receiving 25 State inmates.

There was discussion as to why Hartman would come to this committee to fill the position if it was a resolution. Ives suggested Hartman ask Lisa Charbarneau in Labor Relations why he would need to go through the committee, LRES committee, etc. if this was a resolution.

Hartman reported the jail staff is down one full time and one LTE at the moment. One offer is out contingent on background. Hartman reported full-time staffing is at 25, they are sitting at 24, and would like 26 with the State inmates. Hartman would like the position re-evaluated at budget time. If halfway through the year State inmates are lost, Hartman does not want to cut positions immediately. Ives questioned retirements in the jail staff. Hartman reported one is coming up, but there is the possibility that someone newer may leave.

Hartman reported that the current staff could handle 10-15 State inmates, but 20 or more inmates would mean more staff. Hartman does not know how many will come at a time, it could be 10 – it could be 40, but they are ready to take them.

MOTION: To approve the hiring of a 26th corrections officer, contingent upon the receiving of 20 or more State inmates, to be reviewed at budget time (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

There was clarification that the review date always be at budget time so there were no layoffs.

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

Bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for the Sheriff's Office were presented in Agenda Item #5.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS

Mandatory eFiling/WiFi

Clerk of Courts Brenda Behrle reported that effective July 2016, mandatory eFiling will be implemented on a county-by-county basis. Behrle reported they had been scanning since 2006 and there were no new paper files as of this year (2016). Behrle reported they are ready to go and are scheduled for implementation for the 4th quarter, between October and December of this year. Behrle reported a pre-meeting was held with Jack Flint from ITS. Mandatory eFiling/WiFi was on the Administrative Committee agenda last week and they approved approximately \$2,000 to have a WiFi survey performed of the entire courthouse regarding areas where WiFi could be implemented, hot spots,

access, etc. All courtrooms will need access to WiFi. Behrle reported the cost for courts only would be approximately \$22,000.00 with Building and Grounds staff performing the wiring and all work. The cost could triple without Building and Grounds performing the work. The WiFi cost for the entire courthouse is approximately \$44-\$45,000.00. Behrle was looking for support in moving forward with the Wi-Fi project.

There was discussion on where Wi-Fi reaches in the courthouse at this time.

Ives asked with this being mandatory from the State, if there were any funds coming from the State. Behrle stated no.

There was discussion on what other counties have, how Oneida County Clerk of Courts has always been ahead of the curve in the state, specifically District 9, how they are one of the first counties to implement processes, and how this will be much more efficient for all departments and committees. Behrle reported that she would keep the committee informed once she received more information from Flint regarding the survey.

MOTION: To approve moving forward with the mandatory eFiling/WiFi and supported request (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Clerk of Courts Office (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Metropulos reported the Lakes Association has complained that they are not getting responses when violations occur on the lakes, ie: boats, rowdiness. Metropulos questioned if the town constables could be set up to issue citations. Metropulos stated he would pursue with Chief Deputy Dan Hess, as he knew that one rec safety officer position had been cut.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None.

ADJOURN

10:29 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Timmons/Ives, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman