

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

January 2, 2008

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chairman Ted Cushing, Member Jack Young, Member Paul Dean, and Member Peter Wolk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Medical Examiner Traci England, Finance Director/Interim County Coordinator Margie Sorenson, Oneida County Board Chair Andrew Smith, Oneida County Supervisor Charles Wickman, Forest County Chair Erhard Huettl, Forest County Supervisor Ed Soch, and Kevin Boneske Rhinelander Daily News.

Motion by Cushing to approve the January 2, 2008 agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wolk to approve the November 30, 2007 minutes as presented, second was offered by Cushing; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dean to approve the December 12, 2007 minutes as presented, second was offered by Cushing; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Sheriff's Department - Radio Project VHF and Microwave Radio System

Lieutenant Dan Hess was present and distributed a budget status report. Brief discussion followed regarding the construction progress of each of the tower sites. Hess noted that at this point, the overall cost is below the budgeted amount. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Medical Examiner – Provide Services for Forest County

Oneida County Medical Examiner, Traci England, was present. In addition, Finance Director/Interim County Coordinator, Margie Sorenson, Oneida County Board Chair, Andrew Smith, Forest County Chair, Erhard Huettl, and Forest County Supervisor, Ed Soch, were present.

Huettl stated that the current Medical Examiner in Forest County is requesting the position become full-time. At this time, Forest County is uncertain if they will approve a full-time position and would like to request Oneida County help cover Forest County death investigations until a decision has been made.

Smith noted that mutual aid coverage would be provided as a short-term solution. Smith also stated Oneida County would explore the possibility of a service contract with Forest County if it would be cost effective for Oneida County.

England stated she and Sorenson had created three proposals for consideration. England noted the proposals would likely include one or two deputies residing within or near Forest County. Sorenson

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distributed the proposals which included a lump sum contract with Forest County, a contract with Forest County for Medical Examiner administration (Forest County paying for all direct costs), or the option of sharing the Medical Examiner position. Discussion followed regarding the advantages and disadvantages for each option. O'Melia suggested that Forest County representatives attend the next meeting after having a chance to review the proposals.

Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Corporation Counsel – Assistant Corporation Counsel Vacancy

Desmond noted the position continues to remain vacant. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, line item transfers, and all other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, Cushing made a motion to approve all documents as presented; second by Young; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other public comments or discussions.

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

The next regular meetings were scheduled for:

January 16, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Topics to be discussed:

Assistant Corporation Counsel
Medical Examiner – Provide Services for Forest County

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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