

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

January 16, 2008

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called meeting to order at 9:01 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 Margie Sorenson, County Coordinator John Potters, Employee Services Manager, Lisa Charbarneau, Oneida County Supervisor Charles Wickman, and Kevin Boneske Rhinelander Daily News.

Motion by Cushing to approve the January 16, 2008 agenda as posted, second was offered by Dean; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Young to approve the January 2, 2008 minutes as presented, second was offered by Wolk; 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 stated that the amount for tower materials has been below the allocated budget. Hess noted that some unanticipated construction is required at the Monico site. Hess requested money be used from the tower contingency fund to pay for these costs.

Motion by Dean to approve spending \$5,010.00 for the Monico site from the tower contingency fund, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Hess noted there are also some non-budgeted expenses associated with the Sugar Camp Channel 9 site and he would like to use contingency money to pay these costs.

Motion by Cushing to approve spending \$11,435.00 from the tower contingency fund at the Sugar Camp Channel 9 site, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Hess noted he is requesting direction from the Committee regarding obtaining a consultant to assist with the Vilas and Oneida microwave link. Brief discussion followed. Hess was directed to research the cost and necessity of a consultant and return to the Committee.

Medical Examiner – Provide Services for Forest County

Oneida County Medical Examiner, Traci England, was present. In addition, Finance Director Margie Sorenson was present.

England noted that Forest County Chair, Erhard Huettl, had contacted her and indicated Forest

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County voted unanimously to contract with Oneida County for medical examiner services using the lump sum payment option. Sorenson provided an updated worksheet for the Committee discussing three possible options of a medical examiner agreement with Forest County. Brief discussion followed regarding the various options. Sorenson highlighted the advantages and disadvantages to each option. Sorenson noted that regardless of what option was selected, the agreement would need to be reviewed at budget time to determine whether it would be cost effective to continue future agreements with Forest County. Sorenson noted the lump sum option projected cost is \$91,323.00. England noted she prefers this option, which only reports to one governing body. Sorenson stated there is a risk of loss and gain for the county each year using the lump sum payment.

Motion by O'Melia to authorize the Medical Examiner and Corporation Counsel to draw up a contract pertaining to Option One and bring the contract back to the Committee for review as soon as possible, second by Dean; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

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 Wolk; 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:

February 6, 2008	9:00 a.m.
February 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.

Topics to be discussed:

Assistant Corporation Counsel
Medical Examiner – Provide Services for Forest County

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Cushing to go into closed session per WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Topic: Assistant Corporation Counsel Vacancy. Motion seconded by Wolk, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Young aye, Wolk aye, Dean aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 5-0 and the Committee entered closed session at 9:40 a.m.

Note: Supervisor Wickman, Labor Employee Relations Manager Charbarneau, County Coordinator Potters, Finance Director Sorenson, and Corporation Counsel Desmond were invited to stay in the closed session.

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Motion by Cushing to return to open session at 10:08 a.m., second by Dean; all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Young aye, Wolk aye, Dean aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing that a different salary be offered to the selected applicant for the Assistant Corporation Counsel vacancy. If the salary is not accepted, the position shall be readvertised. Motion seconded by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

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 10:09 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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