

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**May 21, 2008**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman O'Melia called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Committee Room #1, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretaries Jill Butzlaff and Jackie Nowak, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Lieutenant Jim Wood, Emergency Management Director Ken Kortenhof, District Attorney Michael Bloom, Finance Director Margie Sorenson, Medical Examiner Traci England, County Coordinator John Potters, and Ken Krall WXPB.

Motion by Dean to approve the May 21, 2008 agenda as posted, second was offered by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the May 7, 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 updated the Committee on the tower projects. Brief discussion followed regarding the Vilas and Oneida County connection for back-up dispatch services. Chief Deputy Sweeney noted there might be federal grant funding available to help pay the costs associated with the connection. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

### **Sheriff's Department - Purchase of Recreational Safety-Dive Team Boat/Intergovernmental Agreement on cost sharing with the Town of Sugar Camp**

Lieutenant Jim Wood and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present and distributed a draft agreement for joint operation of a rescue boat between the Oneida County Sheriff and the Town of Sugar Camp. Chief Deputy Sweeney stated that the Sheriff's Department would ultimately like to have a few boats available in various locations in the county. Sweeney stated at this time, the Sheriff's Department would like to co-purchase an airboat with the Town of Sugar Camp. The County portion of the expense would be paid using money available in the Recreational Safety budget. Upon approval of the committee, there would also be a private party donation to assist with the purchase. Lieutenant Wood discussed the boat specifications with the Committee, and noted he would like to purchase the boat before first ice. Wood noted the boat would help increase the rescue capability of the Dive Team.

Motion by Cushing to approve the Agreement for Joint Operation of Rescue Boat between Oneida County and the Town of Sugar Camp and forward the agreement to the Finance Committee contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval. Motion also includes approval to accept the donation from the private citizen toward the boat purchase, second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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### **District Attorney – Restorative Justice Update**

District Attorney Michael Bloom was present. Bloom noted the program has received 12 referrals to date. Bloom stated that the program has hired an Oneida County contact, and there will be an office in the Woodruff area. Brief discussion followed regarding scenarios when the program may be utilized. Bloom stated he is hopeful to have more information on the program prior to the 2009 budget. O'Melia questioned the differences between Restorative Justice and Teen Court. Bloom noted the programs were separate and that teen court allows teens to deal with the offender as peers. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

### **Medical Examiner – Forest County Merger**

Medical Examiner, Traci England, and Finance Director, Margie Sorenson, were present. England distributed the three options available to Oneida County. Sorenson stated she has reviewed the proposal and believes that lump sum payment is the best option. England stated the contract would be in effect for one full year, and the County could re-evaluate the contract at that point.

Motion by Cushing to proceed with the intergovernmental agreement with Forest County for the Medical Examiner using Option Number One, the lump sum option of \$35,000, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

### **Medical Examiner – Staffing Update**

England noted she has hired two additional staff members. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Cushing to go into closed session per WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(d) "Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention." Topic Courthouse Security. Motion seconded by Dean, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Dean aye, Wolk aye, Young aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 5-0 and the Committee entered closed session at 9:57 a.m.

Note: Potters, Sweeney, Sorenson, Butzlaff, and Nowak were invited to stay in the closed session.

Motion by Wolk to return to open session at 10:01 a.m., second by Cushing, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Dean aye, Wolk aye, Young aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 5-0.

No action was 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 Wolk, all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

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**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:

June 4, 2008 9:00 a.m.

June 18, 2008 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before this committee, Wolk made a motion to adjourn with a second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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