

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2008

10:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Recording Secretary Otona Lavender, County Coordinator John Potters, Clerk of Court Ken Gardner, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, and Lieutenant Dan Hess.

Motion by Cushing to approve the October 15, 2008 agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the October 1, 2008 minutes as presented, second was offered by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Clerk of Circuit Court - Vacancy Review – Deputy Clerk

Clerk of Court Ken Gardner and County Coordinator John Potters were present. Gardner indicated he has a vacancy beginning on October 27th due to a clerk accepting a position in Branch I. Potters noted that all departments need to review new vacancies to determine if filling the position is necessary. Potters also stated that there have been some recent changes to the state and county funding for the court departments. Brief discussion followed regarding the history of the number of clerks employed by the department. Gardner noted the position handles approximately 1500 cases each year.

Motion by Dean to approve the position and forward to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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

Chief Deputy John Sweeney and Lieutenant Dan Hess were present. Hess presented a budget status report to the Committee and noted there are still some outstanding invoices on the project. Chief Deputy Sweeney noted the budget is in good shape, and he is hopeful that remaining monies could be utilized to increase service in the Hazelhurst area if the opportunity arises.

Hess requested approval to pay Cummins NPower out of the tower contingency fund for upgrades to the Monico and Sugar Camp generators.

Motion by Cushing to approve payment of \$1450.40 to Cummins NPower out of the tower contingency fund, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Hess noted the squad radios have been upgraded and he would like to offer numerous portable mobile radios to the agencies involved in NEWCOM for fair market value.

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Motion by O'Melia to authorize the Sheriff's Department to sell the radios at fair market value, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

In addition, Hess stated there are some non-upgradable radios that he would like to offer to emergency service providers at no cost.

Motion by Cushing to authorize the Sheriff's Department to offer the analog radios to county first responders at no cost, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Hess noted that the School District of Rhinelander and the Oneida County Highway Department have antenna located on tower at the Law Enforcement Center. Hess is requesting the agencies pay \$1.00 per foot to cover the costs associated with the tower. Hess noted the cost for the School would be \$190.00 per month and the cost for the Highway Department would be \$250.00 per month.

Motion by Cushing to authorize the Sheriff's Department to charge the Rhinelander School District and the Oneida County Highway Department \$1.00 per foot for each antenna on the Rhinelander tower, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - Receipt of federal grant Oneida County/Vilas County microwave radio connection

Chief Deputy John Sweeney provided a draft Oneida County/Vilas County Microwave Link pricing quotation. Sweeney stated a grant in the amount of \$233,825 was received for a Vilas-Oneida County link and a Marinette-Oconto County link. Sweeney noted that the additional costs for the connection have not been budgeted, which allowed the County to receive this grant. Sweeney stated the connection would allow Vilas and Oneida to become a back up to each other for Dispatch services. Brief discussion followed regarding other county dispatch services. Sweeney is recommending the Committee accept receipt of the grant and move forward with implementing this proposal using the additional money in the radio budget.

Motion by Cushing to accept the grant and request the Sheriff's Department proceed with the Oneida County/Vilas County microwave radio link, second by Wolk, 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 other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, the following motions were made:

Cushing made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as presented, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Cushing made a motion to approve the line item transfer, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

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There were no other public comments or discussions.

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

Potters- Gap between State funding and the tax levy for the court system

O'Melia – Medical Examiner Report

Cushing – Restorative Justice Update

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

November 5, 2008 9:00 a.m.

November 19, 2008 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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COMMITTEE SECRETARY