

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**November 5, 2008**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Medical Examiner Traci England, County Coordinator John Potters, Finance Director Margie Sorenson, District Attorney Mike Bloom, Restorative Justice Director Lynn Bartling, Restorative Justice Case Manager Josh Perlberg, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, and Ken Krall WXPB.

Motion by Dean to approve the November 5, 2008 agenda as posted, second was offered by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the October 15, 2008 minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0.

## **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:**

### **Medical Examiner – Update**

Medical Examiner Traci England was present. England noted that two new Deputies recently attended a week long death investigation school. England gave a brief staffing update, and noted that she has worked on 21 cases in Forest County. England stated she is keeping track of the Forest County cases, and noted the current contract expires in July. Brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of changing the contract term into the budget year. Finance Director Sorenson noted she would need more details prior to making a recommendation. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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

District Attorney Mike Bloom, Restorative Justice Director Lynn Bartling, and Case Manager Josh Perlberg were present. Bartling distributed a chart of referrals for the program for the 2008 calendar year. Bartling noted 23 of the referrals have been for Oneida County. Bartling stated the chart specified the source of the referral, the type of offenses, and the contacts involved. Brief discussion followed regarding circumstances when the program is utilized.

Dean questioned the similarities between Restorative Justice and Teen Court. Brief discussion followed regarding the two programs. Bartling stated that Restorative Justice has more victim involvement. Bloom gave a brief description of teen court, and noted there are different ways to set up the program. Bloom stated there could be some overlap, but there are also some differences between the programs.

Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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

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Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and stated there is no update at this time.

## **Sheriff's Department - Annual Jail Inspection**

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and distributed the annual jail inspection to the Committee. Sweeney stated the inspection was a positive reflection on the Jail Administrator and the staff. O'Melia noted the report indicates the Department is proactive rather than reactive.

Motion by Dean to accept the annual report, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0.

## **County Coordinator - Report on State funding and expenses for the Courts System**

County Coordinator John Potters was present. Potters noted that a concern discussed at his County Administrators' meeting was the widening gap between state funding of the court system and the counties increasing tax levies. Potters stated he is working with Finance Director Sorenson to determine what is happening in Oneida County, and whether anything can be done. Potters noted that the County Administrators would like each county to submit a Resolution to the State to indicate their concerns regarding this issue. Potters noted he would continue to attend the meetings and keep the Committee updated of the progress at the State level. 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 other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, the following motions were made:

Cushing made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Department line item transfer, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0.

Cushing made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as presented, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0.

## **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 meeting was scheduled for:

November 19, 2008 9:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before this committee, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a

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second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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