

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

January 6, 2010

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Jail Administrator Kaye Juel, County Coordinator John Potters, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, ITS Director Lynn Grube, Clerk of Court Gina Olson, Branch I Judge Patrick O'Melia, Branch II Judge Mark Mangerson, Larry Greschner, Kevin Boneske, Rhinelander Daily News, and Ken Krall WXPB.

Motion by Cushing to approve the January 6, 2010, agenda as posted, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the December 2, 2009, minutes as presented, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Corporation Counsel - Long Range Plan

Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond was present and distributed the Department Long Range Plan. Desmond briefly described the plan and discussed some of the priority goals.

Motion by Cushing to accept the Long Range Plan of Corporation Counsel, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - Vacancy Review – Corrections Officer

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Jail Administrator Kaye Juel, and County Coordinator John Potters were present. Hoffman stated there has been a vacancy since December. Hoffman stated he would do his best to honor the eight week waiting period, but noted it will cost money to provide minimum shift coverage. Hoffman requested permission to proceed with pre-employment procedures. Potters verified public safety positions have an eight week waiting period rather than six months.

Motion by O'Melia to recommend the Sheriff pursue the eligibility list and forward the recommendation to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - 2010 Department Goal Review

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present and distributed the Long Range Plan. Sweeney noted the plan highlights items relevant to how the Department is operating today. Sweeney briefly discussed the Department storage needs, the bomb squad, and the dive team. Sweeney thanked the Sheriff and the Committee for keeping public safety a priority. Brief discussion followed regarding the services provided for the State inmates.

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Motion by Cushing to accept the Sheriff's Department goal review, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - Federal Grant- Phase II Radio

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and distributed a press release regarding an award of \$450,000 toward a communication system. Sweeney noted this grant award can be used toward Phase II Radio and the Records Management System (RMS). Sweeney noted Senator Kohl was instrumental in this appropriation. Sweeney stated \$500,000 was budgeted toward the RMS system and he would work with the comptroller of the grant to determine how much could go toward each project. Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Department - Responses to Request for Proposal – Computer System Upgrade

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and gave a brief update to the Committee regarding the status of the selection. Sweeney invited the Committee to review the Request for Proposal. Sweeney noted it was the intent of the selection team to negotiate a final price with New World Systems, and return to the next Committee meeting with a Resolution for County Board. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Department - VHF Radio Project Update

Lieutenant Dan Hess was present and provided a brief update on the Vilas/Oneida interconnect. Hess requested permission to sell some Motorola equipment that is no longer being used.

Motion by Cushing to authorize the Sheriff's Department to sell the Motorola equipment to Marquette County, Michigan, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Oneida County Space Needs Study

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and stated the Sheriff's Department is working with the Buildings and Grounds Department regarding space needs. Sweeney stated there would be a joint meeting with the Commission on Aging and Buildings and Grounds. O'Melia noted that the Medical Examiner may also require some additional space needs. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Clerk of Court - Vacancy Review-Court Clerk

Clerk of Court Gina Olson, and County Coordinator John Potters were present. Olson noted the Department incurred 50 hours of overtime in the last month. Olson stated she is trying to provide the best service she can with the vacancy, but the situation is difficult. O'Melia stated the citizens may lose services during these difficult times, and noted Olson needs to continue to let the situation play out. Potters suggested Olson keep track of how the overtime is being incurred and return to the next Committee meeting with an update. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

9:50 a.m. Young was excused from the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

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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. A motion will be made, seconded and passed on Roll Call vote to return to open session. Topic: Register in Probate Vacancy. Motion seconded by Wolk, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Wolk aye, Dean aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 4-0 and the Committee entered closed session at 9:50 a.m.

Note: Potters, O'Melia, Mangerson and Butzlaff were invited to stay in the closed session.

Motion by Cushing to return to open session at 10:20 a.m., second by Wolk; all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Cushing aye, Wolk aye, Dean aye, O'Melia aye. The motion carried 4-0.

During the closed session, a motion was made to send a salary recommendation to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee. On roll call vote, O'Melia, aye, Cushing, aye, Wolk, aye, Dean, abstained. Motion carried 3-0-1.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, and all other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, the following motions were made:

Cushing made a motion to approve the line item transfers, second by Dean; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

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

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

February 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Topics for next agenda:

Clerk of Courts Vacancy Review

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other public comments or discussions.

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 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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