

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

February 4, 2009

9:00 A.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Buildings and Grounds Director Curt Krouze, and Information Technology Director Lynn Grube

Motion by Cushing to approve the February 4, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the January 21, 2009 minutes as presented, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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

O'Melia noted there is a joint meeting with the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee, Emergency Management and the Commission on Aging scheduled for Monday February 9th at 10:30 a.m. The meeting pertains to the River Street storage facility.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

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

Lieutenant Dan Hess, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. Hess noted he would be providing information at the February County Board meeting. Hess discussed a Power Point presentation highlighting the various tower locations, the providers on the towers, and the estimated budgetary figures for each location. Hess noted the costs in the presentation are estimates as is he still finalizing the project. Brief discussion followed regarding a few areas in Oneida County that have limited coverage. Sweeney noted the vendor had originally indicated we needed nine towers throughout the county, and we now have seven which provide 95 percent coverage. Cushing requested Hess add information to his presentation regarding the income that will be received at the various tower sites. Brief discussion followed regarding Phase Two of the radio project. Sweeney noted Phase Two may be discussed in July for the 2010 budget cycle. Hess noted that he is hopeful to have Vilas County in place as our Dispatch back up by July 1, 2009. Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Department - Public Service Commission Grant

Lieutenant Dan Hess and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. Hess noted that the County received an additional \$67,000 for this project. Sweeney noted this additional funding was not anticipated and commended Hess, Lynn Grube and Mike Romportl for receiving the extra funding.

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Sweeney stated that the Sheriff's Association is continuing to work on getting fees re-instated on cellular phone bills. Sweeney stated that our 911 center is now receiving more cellular phone calls than land line calls. Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Department – River Street Storage Facility/Department Storage Needs

Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, and Buildings and Grounds Director Curt Krouze were present. Sweeney noted that the Committee is aware of the need for a storage facility, and this need has been discussed in the Department's Long Range Plan. Sweeney stated the River Street facility is not suitable for a continued investment and does not meet the Sheriff's Department needs. Sweeney stated there will be a joint meeting held on Monday February 9th between Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and the Commission on Aging to get a policy decision from committee members. Krouze stated they are looking to get direction from the committees, and potentially discuss funding to hire an architect. Krouze discussed some of the concerns at the River Street facility citing drainage problems, energy inefficiency, and undesirable location. Krouze stated the architect would determine what space would be needed for a proposed facility. Brief discussion followed regarding real estate marketability of some of the County properties, proposed size, location and uses of a new facility, and estimated costs associated with construction. Discussion was for information only, no action 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 Dean all eyes 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 meeting was scheduled for:

February 9, 2009	10:30 a.m.
February 18, 2009	9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wolk, all eyes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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