

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

February 18, 2009

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:05 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, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Emergency Management Director Ken Kortenhof, County Coordinator John Potters, and County Board Supervisors Larry Greschner, and Charles Wickman.

Motion by Cushing to approve the February 18, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Young to approve the February 4, 2009 minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Young to approve the February 9, 2009 minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Sheriff's Department - Storage Needs – Consider Resolution for space needs assessment

O'Melia noted this resolution has been drafted to help the storage project move forward to County Board and ultimately be addressed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. O'Melia noted he has had discussions with Finance Director Sorenson and there may be additional capital improvements that could be addressed at the same time.

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and noted that the matter was addressed at the Buildings and Grounds Committee this week. Preliminary discussions with an architect indicate a needs assessment cost of approximately \$25,000.

Motion by Cushing to approve the joint resolution and forward to Emergency Management for approval and submission to the full County Board, second by O'Melia.

Wolk stated concern that other county departments may also have a space need. Discussion followed regarding other county department space issues, the cost of the assessment limiting the resolution, and the value of the River Street facility.

Larry Greschner indicated that the resolution does address other county department space needs (line 27).

O'Melia noted he believes the county needs to be proactive and plan ahead for the future.

Dean stated concerns with the timing of the resolution while other cost cuts are being made.

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Greschner stated there is a desperate need for the storage facility for Emergency Management and Law Enforcement. He noted the short term solution facility has been used for twelve years.

County Coordinator Potters noted that the joint resolution only pertains to the needs of Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management because those are the departments under the two Committees of Jurisdiction.

More discussion followed regarding amending the resolution to not include a monetary amount and the following amended motion was made:

Motion by Cushing to amend the previous motion and forward the resolution to Emergency Management for amendment of line 32 and return the resolution to the next Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee meeting for approval, second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - Continuing Appropriations – Capital Equipment Special Response Team

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present. Sweeney stated that some SRT equipment had been ordered in the fall, but due to the war in Iraq there has been a delay in shipment. Sweeney would like approval of a one time transfer of \$5319.63 from the 2008 SRT budget to the 2009 SRT budget.

Motion by Wolk to approve the request and forward it to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Young, 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 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.

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

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

March 4, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Topics for next agenda:

O'Melia - Sheriff's Department - Storage Needs – Consider Resolution for space needs assessment

Motion by O'Melia to re-open Audit of all Law Enforcement Departments to approve the financial information for Circuit Court Branch II, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, line item transfers, and all other financial information for Circuit Court Branch II, Cushing made a motion to approve all documents as presented, second by Dean all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

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 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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