

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2010

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, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Medical Examiner Traci England, County Coordinator John Potters, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Register in Probate Amy Franzen, Paul Tubbs, and Kevin Boneske, Rhinelander Daily News.

Motion by Cushing to approve the March 9, 2010, agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wolk to approve the February 3, 2010, minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Sheriff's Office - Resolution Phase II Radio Professional Services

Lieutenant Dan Hess was present and noted the resolution requests money be transferred out of the general fund to start working on Phase II radio. Hess explained that Phase II will move data out to the squad cars. Hess is requesting permission to hire an organization to help determine how to move this data on the existing infrastructure.

Motion by Cushing to approve the resolution as submitted and forward to the County Board for approval, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Medical Examiner - Forest County Contract

Medical Examiner Traci England was present. England presented an outline of the Forest County cases, and noted the contract will be up for renewal in July. England stated transportation costs totaled \$22,593 and were over budget as each autopsy transport costs approximately \$550.00. England noted she previously discussed purchasing a vehicle for transports with the Committee, and stated the County's only costs would be maintenance and wear and tear costs on the vehicle. Brief discussion followed regarding transporting procedures by the Sheriff's Office. England noted the families could be upset about the body being transported in a pickup truck. Chief Deputy Sweeney stated that the Sheriff's Office handles the bodies with the utmost care and dignity for the deceased. Sweeney stated the Sheriff does not invoice the medical examiner for costs associated with transports, and feels it is the best practice to have an officer accompany the body on a criminal autopsy, although it is impractical for the County to purchase a hearse. England noted the Medical Examiner's Office and the Sheriff's Office have a good working relationship. The Committee suggested that England bring more information regarding the purchase of a vehicle, including storage and insurance costs, to the June meeting. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Corporation Counsel - CST Interagency Agreement

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Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond was present. Desmond noted the Committee had previously approved him working as a member of the Coordinated Services Team. Desmond noted the team would like each agency to sign an agreement regarding the services provided. Desmond noted there are various county agencies involved in the team, and this will allow the team to apply for grant funding opportunities. Desmond noted the group meets once per month to provide a collective approach in assisting families. Desmond noted that any grant money received would be managed by the Department that applied for the grant.

Motion by Wolk to approve the Interagency Agreement as presented by Corporation Counsel, second by Dean; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Deb Shawl, Circuit Court Branch II Secretary, presented the Department's line item transfers to the Committee. Shawl noted that there was money left in the budget, which was used to assist an overage in Branch I. Brief discussion followed on the various line items.

Motion by Cushing to accept the line item transfers for Circuit Court Branch II and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Sheriff's Office – 2009 Budget Close

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and distributed a budget summary to the Committee. Sweeney stated that overall the Office had a budget balance of \$310,595, and after applying continuing appropriation accounts, \$234,775.19 remained with the general fund. Sweeney noted he felt it was a good year due despite the budget constraints. Sweeney highlighted some of the increasing jail expenses and touched on some of the current crime trends due to the difficult economy. Sweeney also requested the Committee approve money be carried forward to 2010 in regards to the Firearms Account, Recreational Safety Account, and Dive Team Donations.

Motion by Cushing to approve \$10,668.96 of continuing appropriation money and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sweeney presented some uncollectable accounts for open records request copies and civil process billings for the Committee's review.

Motion by Cushing to approve the 2008 annual account adjustments for open records requests in the amount of \$120.25, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the annual account adjustments for civil process in the amount of \$889.75, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the 2009 line item transfers for the Sheriff's Department and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Office - American Recovery & Reinvestment (ARRA) – Northcentral Drug Enforcement Group

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(NORDEG) Drug Task Force Stimulus Grant Funds

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and stated that Oneida County is the lead agency for the NORDEG group which applied for a \$300,000 stimulus grant, and was awarded the funds. If approved by Vilas County on March 23rd, the money will be utilized to assign an extra deputy to Vilas County for 36 months. In addition, there could be funding for the District Attorney offices to support extra hours for prosecuting drug task force cases. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Cushing made a motion to approve the line item transfers for Clerk of Circuit Court, Circuit Court Branch I, Medical Examiner, Register in Probate, District Attorney, and Family Court Commissioner, and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, and all other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, Cushing made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Dean, 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:

April 7, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Register in Probate Amy Franzen was present and introduced herself to the Committee.

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 10:19 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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