

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2011

10:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Committee Room #2 of the Oneida County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chairman Bob Metropulos, Member Jack Young, and Member Billy Fried. Member Paul Dean was excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Jail Administrator Kaye Juel, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Clerk of Circuit Court Brenda Behrle, County Board Chairman Ted Cushing, District Attorney Secretary Bonnie Wilcox, Corporation Counsel/Medical Examiner Secretary Shari Gorney, and Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff.

Motion by Fried to approve the March 9, 2011, agenda as posted, second was offered by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Young to approve the February 2, 2011 minutes, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Medical Examiner – Vehicle Update/Lighting Purchase Request

Secretary Shari Gorney was present and distributed an estimate for security lights for the medical examiner's new vehicle. Gorney noted the estimate includes security lights for the grill and back window.

Motion by Metropulos to approve the expense in the amount of \$1,180.00 to Front Line Services for additional equipment for the vehicle, second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Corporation Counsel – Westlaw Contract

Corporation Counsel, Brian Desmond was present and distributed an estimate for renewing the Westlaw contract. Desmond noted a bit of a savings was achieved by eliminating some of the paper updates. The research tool is used by the Corporation Counsel office and the Law Clerk. The money for the contract is paid from the Clerk of Court's budget.

Motion by Young to approve the contract, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Office – Update State Inmate Contracted Bed Space

Chief Deputy John Sweeney and Jail Administrator Kaye Juel were present. Sweeney stated the agency met with the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, and was informed the State has available bed space and will be removing some of the State inmates from the County Jail. Sweeney stated the first change will remove 18 inmates and will result in a loss of \$900 a day in revenue. Sweeney stated he has been speaking to the Committee about this possibility since 2000, and noted he would be bringing the information to the Finance Committee to discuss the revenue shortage. Sweeney presented a historical chart of revenues received for the Jail, which demonstrated many

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years of excess revenues. Sweeney noted the situation could continue to change and the facility is willing to house McNaughton inmates. Brief discussion followed regarding the number of employees for the Jail. Sweeney noted the facility is a 200 bed facility, and the Department will continue to look at cost control, and return to the Committee with vacancy information. Juel stated the average daily population with the state inmates was approximately 160 and is still averaging 145 without the state inmates. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Office – 2010 Budget Close

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and distributed the budget close printouts to Committee members. Sweeney stated \$176,657.44 will be returned to the general fund. Sweeney commended the Division managers and credited technology with keeping expenses down. Brief discussion followed on the recreational safety budgets and grants associated with the programs. Sweeney noted the Department continues to demonstrate budget constraints.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the budget close and line item transfers for the Sheriff's Office, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Office - Update on Multi-jurisdictional Computer System Upgrade

Project Manager, Jill Butzlaff was present and distributed a project budget update. Butzlaff noted training would take place in April with the projected go-live date of May 2, 2011.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the budget project update, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Annual line item transfers were presented for various other departments.

Clerk of Courts Behrle presented the line items for Clerk of Court and noted miscellaneous overages were covered with jury expense money.

Motion by Fried to approve the line item transfers for Clerk of Court, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Shari Gorney was present and noted the Medical Examiner's budget was over by \$24,000. Gorney noted two toddlers and a baby passed away in 2010, and special testing was required. Gorney noted the expense accounts for telephone and ambulances were also short. Gorney noted money would be requested from contingency and the general fund. Medical Examiner Traci England will attend the Finance Committee due to the shortage. The department is requesting to take \$14,279 from the contingency fund to cover the overages.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the line item transfers with \$14,279.00 to come out of the Medical Examiners contingency fund to cover 2010 overages, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

District Attorney Secretary Bonnie Wilcox was present to briefly discuss the paper service budget.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the line item transfers for Circuit Court Branch I, Circuit Court

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Branch II, Corporation Counsel, Register in Probate, District Attorney, and 2011 line items for the Sheriff's Office, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Following examination of financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, O'Melia made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Metropulos, 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: April 6, 2011 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other public comments or discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Fried made a motion to adjourn with a second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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