

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

April 1, 2009

9:00 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, and Member Ted Cushing.

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, County Coordinator John Potters, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Secretary Circuit Court Branch I Kathleen Belliveau, Secretary Circuit Court Branch II Deb Shawl, , Circuit Court Branch I Judge Patrick O'Melia, Circuit Court Branch II Judge Mark Mangerson, Giles Morris Rhinelander Daily News, and Ken Krall WXPB.

Motion by Cushing to approve the April 1, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Sheriff's Department - 2008 Budget Close

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. Hoffman distributed a budget summary and chart of Jail Revenues. Brief discussion followed regarding the overall budget and how grants and expenditures for grant revenues affect the budget. Sheriff Hoffman commended his managers for helping return in excess of \$390,000 to the general fund.

Motion by Cushing to accept the 2008 budget close as presented and thank the Sheriff's Department for the generous contribution to the general fund, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; motion carried 4-0.

Juvenile Status Offenders – Secure Detention & Costs

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. Sweeney noted he has been monitoring the Juvenile Detention budget, and the 2008 expense was in excess of \$90,000. Sweeney noted there was a resolution in 1996 that authorized the judges to implement Juvenile Detention. Sweeney stated it is possible there may be a federal law change for status (non-criminal) offenders in the future. Sweeney informed the Committee that if the expense trend in Juvenile Detention continues, the 2009 budget will greatly overspend. Brief discussion followed regarding short and long term offenders and costs associated with detention. Sweeney noted he will continue to monitor the situation and will bring back a summary to the Committee at a later date. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Impact of State Budget on Branch I & Branch II's budget for 2009-2011

Circuit Court Branch II Secretary Deb Shawl and Circuit Court Branch I Secretary Kathleen

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Belliveau were present. Shawl stated there will be some changes implemented by the state that affect their budgets. Shawl noted there would be a 1% decrease from state funds for 2009, but a 41% increase in state programs for 2010. County Coordinator Potters noted the WCA had recently done a study regarding state funding in the Court Systems.

Motion by Cushing to accept the report of State Budget Impact from Branch I & Branch II, and forward it to the Finance Department, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Circuit Court Branch I & II - Law Clerk Contract

Circuit Court Branch I Judge Patrick O'Melia, Circuit Court Branch II Judge Mark Mangerson, Branch I Secretary Kathleen Belliveau, and Branch II Secretary Deb Shawl were present. Judge Mangerson questioned whether or not the hiring freeze applied to this position as they are preparing to interview. Potters noted the position is an LTE, and he does not believe it is subject to the hiring freeze. Mangerson stated the position contract is July through June. Brief discussion followed regarding the wages for the position.

Motion by O'Melia to authorize Branch II to enter into a contract with the applicant of their choice at the current rate, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

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

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 documents as presented, second by Dean 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:

May 6, 2009 10:15 a.m.

Topics for next agenda:

Ambulance Dispatch

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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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