

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**April 7, 2010**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Otona Lavender, Honorable Judge Mark Mangerson, Clerk of Court Gina Olson, District Attorney Michael Bloom, County Coordinator John Potters, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Jail Administrator Kaye Juel and Kevin Boneske, Rhinelander Daily News.

Motion by Cushing to approve the April 7, 2010, agenda as posted, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Young to approve the March 9, 2010, minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

#### **Clerk of Courts Office – Vacancy Review – Deputy Clerk**

Honorable Judge Mangerson was present along with Clerk of Court Gina Olson. Olson indicated that the 6 month hold will come due June 2, 2010 and requests that this move forward to the LRES Committee for their approval. Olson stated that she would like to have this position available for posting as soon as possible.

County Coordinator John Potters notes that this is allowed to come before the LRES Committee 30 days prior to the end date to allow time for processing. Potters noted that the next LRES Committee to meet this 30 day-prior criteria would be May. O'Melia notes the elections could cause further delays if new Committee members are elected.

Motion by Wolk to discuss Deputy Clerk vacancy review, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Judge Mangerson stressed to the Committee members the need for an additional clerk. He pointed out that there have been frequent delays in staff's ability to attend a court hearing; thereby, throwing the whole court system back in schedule. This causes a snowball effect within the Branches as well as the Law Enforcement Officers and Witnesses that are needed to be called for testimony. Judge states that this is something that was not at issue when the Clerk's office was fully staffed.

Young questioned how long there have been that many clerks in this Office. Olson pointed out that there have always been 5 clerks since she has been with the County some 20 plus years; along with the Clerk and the Account Technician Position.

Further discussions held regarding budgeting and the present economy.

Motion by Cushing to forward Deputy Clerk vacancy review to the LRES Committee in May, second was offered by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Circuit Court Branch I & II – Law Clerk Contract**

Honorable Judge Mangerson speaks on behalf of both Branch I & Branch II. He notes that Mary Pfothenhauer will be leaving very soon for American Samoa and wishes to replace her without delay.

Motion by Cushing to authorize advertisement for a Law Clerk, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Sheriff's Office – Vacancy Review – Corrections Officer**

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman along with Jail Administrator Kaye Juel were present. Sheriff speaks regarding necessity of filling this vacancy.

Motion by Young to forward Corrections Officer to the LRES Committee in May, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

#### **District Attorney – Expert Witness Funding**

District Attorney Michael Bloom was present to discuss the need for expert witness funding. Bloom noted that the request stems from an Oneida County sexual predator case known as State of Wisconsin vs. Christopher Sayers case number 03CI01. He points out that there has been a petition for discharge filed on behalf of Sayers. Bloom notes that Kevin Greene, Assistant District Attorney for Brown County is acting as prosecuting attorney on this case and feels that an evaluation should be done. Discussion held regarding costs of the evaluation. Bloom states that the cost could be approximately \$3500-\$5000 for the evaluation and if the expert witness is called to testify the costs would increase.

Motion by O'Melia to approve up to \$7000 for the Expert Witness Funding as an option, second was offered by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

#### **AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS:**

Motion by Cushing to approve line item transfers, second offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve bills, purchase orders, and vouchers, second offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

No public comments.

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

Discussion held regarding next meeting date. Meeting set for May 5, 2010 at 9 a.m.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Cushing, second by Dean to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**