

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

June 2, 2010

10:30 A.M.

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Community Room of the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Lieutenant Lloyd Gauthier, County Coordinator John Potters, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Finance Director Margie Sorenson, Medical Examiner Traci England, District Attorney Mike Bloom, Buildings and Grounds Director Curt Krouze, Tobacco Coordinator Nicole Kostrova, and Kevin Boneske, Rhinelander Daily News.

Motion by Dean to approve the June 2, 2010, amended agenda as posted, second was offered by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Metropulos to approve the May 5, 2010, minutes as presented, second was offered by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Elect Vice Chairman

Motion by Dean to nominate Metropulos as Vice Chairman, second by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Medical Examiner - Automobile Update

Medical Examiner Traci England and Finance Director Margie Sorenson were present. England presented a chart that included the number of cases, autopsies, and law enforcement autopsies along with the amounts budgeted and spent for transportation costs. Sorenson also produced a comparison table of costs and analysis of a vehicle purchase. Discussion followed regarding the costs paid to transport bodies that are not autopsied. Sorenson and England each presented different figures to the Committee. Sorenson noted if England begins to transport bodies rather than use the livery service, there would also be additional compensation and benefit costs associated with the vehicle purchase.

Brief discussion followed regarding the pay structure for investigations completed by the Medical Examiner and the Deputy Medical Examiners. Sorenson stated in her opinion, the vehicle purchase would not save the county money. Brief discussion followed regarding the number of law enforcement autopsies and how those are handled. Dean questioned what would happen when England was sick or on vacation. Sorenson stated England would need to turn the vehicle over to another Deputy Medical Examiner. England stated regardless of precautions taken, she has concerns about coming in contact with fluids in her personal vehicle. O'Melia recommended this issue be discussed further at budget time after Sorenson and England could gather the proper information regarding transportation costs. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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District Attorney - Expenses for Special Prosecutor

District Attorney Mike Bloom was present. Bloom stated he received a complaint after the Lakeland Times made an open records request for some emails from a State computer. Bloom stated some emails were released, but some were deleted and the Lakeland Times has suspicion that the deletions occurred after receipt of the open records request. Bloom stated if this occurred, it needs to be addressed, but if it did not occur, it needs to be addressed as well. Bloom is requesting another agency do the investigation, and Eric Johnson from St. Croix County has offered to handle the case. Bloom stated that the special prosecutor would be entitled to some expenses for miles, meals and lodging, etc. Bloom noted he also discussed the matter with the Sheriff, who would request the Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) handle the matter for similar reasons.

Motion by O'Melia to authorize the District Attorney to pursue utilizing a Special Prosecutor with expenses to be paid out of the District Attorney budget, second by Dean.

Fried questioned whether a technology specialist would be required. Bloom stated that he would not recommend an Oneida County staff member, but at this time he is not expecting to pay such costs. Sheriff Hoffman noted that he would request DCI assist if required, and there would not be additional expenses for DCI.

Motion by O'Melia to amend the motion that expenses not to exceed \$750.00 without authorization of the Committee, Second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion to amend the motion carried 4-0.

Amended motion: Motion by O'Melia to authorize the District Attorney to pursue utilizing a Special Prosecutor with expenses to be paid out of the District Attorney budget not to exceed \$750.00 without authorization of the Committee, second by Dean; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Office - Resolution – County Ordinance Amendment Related to Smoking – Change in State Law

Lieutenant Lloyd Gauthier and Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond were present. Brief discussion followed regarding how enforcement would be administered. Tobacco Coordinator Nicole Kostrova was present and noted that State Statute does not allow a liquor license to be attached to this law.

Motion by Fried to accept the Resolution and forward to County Board for consideration, second by Metropulos.

Dean expressed concerns about verbage in the law pertaining to logging establishments. Desmond indicated the law eliminates smoking in the workplace. Desmond stated officers will likely be providing secondary enforcement. Kostrova stated the ordinance mirrors state law and adopting a county ordinance will make it easier to enforce.

Roll call vote on the above motion: O'Melia, aye, Fried aye, Dean, nay, Metropulos, aye. Motion carried 3-1-0.

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

Office Manager Jill Butzlaff was present and gave a brief overview of the project that began in 2008 and was approved by County Board in February of 2010. Butzlaff presented a Project

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Implementation Plan and indicated five of the 28 steps have been completed. Butzlaff stated that the process will likely take at least nine months, but could last up to eighteen months, as it is important the implementation be done correctly. Butzlaff presented the approved budget amount of \$899,423 and stated that negotiated milestone payments have been made, in addition to some software and hardware purchases. Brief discussion followed regarding upgrades to the product, and the policy decision to include all agencies in the multi-jurisdictional system. Butzlaff noted she would present monthly updates to the Committee regarding the status of the project and provide budget updates. Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Office - Deceased Inmate Uncollectable Accounts – Outstanding Checks

Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present and noted the auditors recommended these debts be written off.

Motion by O'Melia to write off the uncollectables and outstanding checks presented, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Office - Storage Facility

Chief Deputy John Sweeney and Buildings and Grounds Director Curt Krouze were present. Krouze stated this project has been in the works as the current Evidence and HAZMAT storage facility are not suitable. Sweeney stated this has been a need since 1999 as the River Street facility is full. Krouze stated that the original plans have been downsized, and the current estimate to build onto the existing Law Enforcement Center is 1.8 million. Metropulos stated concerns with the cost per square foot and expressed an interest in looking at the plans. O'Melia noted he requested Sweeney provide an update to the Committee and noted the matter needs to be deliberated by Buildings and Grounds or at a joint meeting of the Committees. Sweeney noted some good suggestions have been made by County Board members in regards to downsizing the facility. Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

11:38 a.m. Motion by O'Melia to recess for 10 minutes, second by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 4-0 and the Committee recessed until 11:55 a.m.

AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

Following examination of financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, Metropulos made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, line items transfers, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Dean to go into closed session per WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." Topic: Forest County Contract. Motion seconded by Fried, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Fried aye, Dean aye, Metropulos aye, O'Melia, aye. The motion carried 4-0 and the Committee entered closed session at 12:10 p.m.

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Note: England, Desmond, Sorenson, and Butzlaff were invited to stay in the closed session.

Motion by Metropulos to return to open session at 12:25 p.m., second by Dean, all ayes on roll call vote as follows: Fried aye, Dean aye, Metropulos aye, O'Melia, aye. The motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Circuit Court Branch II - Department Information Document

This item was tabled until the July meeting.

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

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no other public comments or discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this committee, Metropulos made a motion to adjourn with a second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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