

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**June 3, 2009**

**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 Jack Young, Member Paul Dean, and Member Ted Cushing.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, County Coordinator John Potters, Lieutenant Dan Hess, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Medical Examiner Traci England, and Samantha Hernandez, Lakeland Times.

Motion by Cushing to approve the June 3, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve the May 6, 2009 minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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

### **Corporation Counsel - Reduction/Revenue of Budget**

Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond was present. Desmond presented copies of the budget, and requested suggestions for budget cuts or questions from the Committee. Desmond noted the Department could possibly utilize the Sheriff's Department for paper service, but he is concerned with some of the time constraints with the service deadlines. Sheriff Hoffman noted he has been discussing paper service with the District Attorney's office, and stated he would like to try to help both Departments with paper service.

Motion by Cushing to ask Corporation Counsel to work with the Sheriff's Department on Account 523303 Paper Service to see if the Sheriff can assume some of the responsibilities, therefore reducing the amount in the Corporation Counsel's budget, second by O'Melia.

A brief discussion regarding the law library and truancy budget followed.

All ayes on voice vote regarding the above motion, the motion carried 5-0.

### **Medical Examiner - Forest County Contract**

Medical Examiner Traci England was present. England noted Forest County is interested in renewing the contract. England stated she has reviewed the numbers with Finance Director Margie Sorenson, who supports renewing at the current price. England stated that Forest County is interested in a two-year contract. Brief discussion followed regarding the number of Forest County deaths, and costs associated with the Medical Examiner's office.

Motion by Cushing to approve staying with a one-year contract based on unknowns of future expenses, second by Dean; all ayes on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

### **Sheriff's Department - Radio Project Update**

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Lieutenant Dan Hess was present. Hess stated he is requesting approximately \$39,500 out of the radio project contingency fund to pay for the last order of portable radios and accessories.

Motion by Dean to approve an amount not to exceed \$40,000 out of the radio project contingency fund, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

### **Program Reduction/Revenue Generating Hearing with Finance Committee**

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman was present and distributed a memo to the Committee. Sheriff Hoffman noted the Sheriff's Department has a realistic budget and is looking to the Committee for suggestions to cut budget costs or decrease services. Hoffman noted the gasoline budget is under budget at this point, and it appears that housing costs for inmates may increase revenues by \$100,000. Hoffman reminded the Committee that the Department provided in excess of \$300,000 to the general fund in 2008.

Brief discussion followed regarding the Sheriff's Department handling paper service for county Departments, and the status of the potential revenue for the 911 center.

Hoffman stated that programs such as DARE can be preventative, and save the County money in the long term. O'Melia stated the public may have questions regarding recreational programs such as Snowmobile Patrol, Water Safety, and the Dive Team. Hoffman noted that the Department receives grant re-imbursements from the WI DNR on many of the recreational programs.

Dean questioned if staff can be cross-trained to do other work, and whether the Department analyzes how positions are being filled.

Young stated he appreciates the services the Sheriff's Department provides, and commended the Sheriff for reviewing vacancies with the Committee even though the Department is exempt from the six month review.

Wolk noted he believes the Department heads need to advise Committees where cuts can be made, but understands this may create the appearance that the program is not necessary.

Discussion was for information only, no action taken.

9:55 a.m. O'Melia was excused from the meeting.

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

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:

July 1, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

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**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 Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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