

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

September 2, 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 Jeffrey Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Lieutenant Dan Hess, District Attorney Mike Bloom, County Coordinator John Potters, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Medical Examiner Traci England, and Finance Director Margie Sorenson.

Motion by Cushing to approve the September 2, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Young to approve the August 19, 2009 minutes as presented, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Medical Examiner - 2010 Budget Review

Medical Examiner Traci England was present and distributed her budget to the Committee. England noted she is proposing to raise cremation and disinterment charges in the Department. England noted the Chief Deputy's salary is reflected in the 2010 budget. England would like to raise the per diem for the deputies and eliminate the Chief Deputy's salary. Brief discussion followed regarding the budgeting process for salaries. Sorenson noted that budgets are prepared with the authorized positions, and that LTE positions are only subject to Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee approval.

Motion by Cushing to approve the budget as presented with increased per diems and the elimination of the Chief Deputy's salary and forward the changes to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve an increase of cremation fees from \$100 to \$125 and forward to County Board for approval, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

District Attorney - 2010 Budget Review

District Attorney Michael Bloom was present. Cushing noted the Committee previously directed Corporation Counsel to utilize the Sheriff's Department for paper service and Cushing suggested the District Attorney also utilize the County services. Bloom noted there had been concerns with the level of service provided by the Sheriff's Department in the past, but he has received assurances the Sheriff's Department will take a proactive approach to the services. Bloom stated that the Department would continue to utilize private servers for out of county service.

Motion by Cushing to request the District Attorney utilize the Sheriff's Department for Oneida

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County paper service effective immediately, second by Wolk.

The following discussion followed the motion.

Dean stated concerns with the problems in the past with the level of service. Hoffman noted that the Department has re-organized since the problems occurred. Bloom stated he has no reason to believe there will be problems with the level of service at this time.

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

Sheriff's Department - Radio Project Update

Lieutenant Dan Hess was present and distributed a budget update. Hess noted he is requesting approval to spend \$27,825 from the radio contingency fund to purchase emergency radios for ambulances.

Motion by Cushing to authorize payment of \$27,825 from the radio contingency fund to purchase emergency radios for ambulances, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Hess stated the Vilas/Oneida link has been approved and he is requesting permission to proceed with the Minocqua tower.

Motion by Cushing to authorize moving forward with the Minocqua Tower as presented, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - 2010 Budget Review

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present and distributed the budget to the Committee. Hoffman noted the budget is realistic and the Department continues to look at ways to increase revenue. Hoffman noted the budget reflects two years of personnel increases. Hoffman noted the projection for State inmate housing has been raised by \$150,000, but the future is never certain for the state inmates. Hoffman briefly discussed the budget changes and requested the Committee continue to pay \$35,700 to the Town of Minocqua in 2010 for backup services in the dispatch center. Hoffman noted that the Department is seeking federal funding for Phase II Radio and he is hopeful this additional money will assist with the computer system upgrade. In addition, Hoffman noted the Department continues to require a long range storage facility.

Motion by Cushing to add \$10,000 to account 52111.462003 to include taking over paper service for the District Attorney's office, second by Young, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Brief discussion followed regarding the proposed revenue from cell phone charges.

Motion by Cushing to accept the budget with the amended change and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Young; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff's Department - 2010 Fee Schedule

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Chief Deputy Sweeney was present and stated that a few of the fees have been amended for the Department. Sweeney noted staff will continue to research faxing fees and there may be some minor revisions to the schedule. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

Sheriff's Department - Computer System Upgrade Update

Chief Deputy Sweeney was present. Sweeney noted as expected, the estimates for the upgrade are higher than the budgeted amount. Sweeney stated that he is hopeful that a grant will help fund the purchase of the computer system upgrade. Sweeney noted it would be premature to request additional funding for the upgrade until the status of the grant is known. Sweeney stated he will return to the committee after receipt of the grant is known and negotiations have taken place. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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, the following motions were made:

Cushing made a motion to approve the line item transfer, second by Wolk; all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cushing to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as submitted by law enforcement departments, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

September 30, 2009 – 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, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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