

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**October 8, 2010**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Committee Room #2 of the Oneida County Courthouse.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, Chief Deputy John Sweeney, Assistant Jail Administrator Sandra LaDu-Ives, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, County Coordinator John Potters, Judicial Assistant Branch I Kathleen Belliveau, District Attorney Mike Bloom, and Medical Examiner Traci England.

Motion by Dean to approve the October 8, 2010, amended agenda as posted, second was offered by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fried to approve the September 1, 2010, minutes as presented, second was offered by Metropulos, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Metropulos to approve the September 8, 2010, minutes as presented, second was offered by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

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

### **Sheriff's Office - Juvenile Detention – Truancy Project**

Assistant Jail Administrator Sandra LaDu-Ives, Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, and Chief Deputy John Sweeney were present. LaDu-Ives stated approximately one year ago, a federal grant in the amount of \$50,000 was obtained for truancy to help eliminate juvenile detention costs. LaDu-Ives stated as a result of agency collaboration, a great cost savings has been achieved by reducing the number of days paid for juvenile detention during the school year. At this time, the agencies are intending to start a similar program in the Lakeland area to help make a difference in that location of the county. Chief Deputy Sweeney commended LaDu-Ives, and noted that kids not attending school could likely become adult prisoners. Brief discussion followed on how personnel are working with the schools and students at risk. Desmond clarified the differences between this program, Restorative Justice, and Teen Court. LaDu-Ives noted that \$37,500 has been secured to continue the grant next year. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

### **Circuit Court Branch I - Furniture Request**

Kathleen Belliveau, Judicial Assistant Branch I, was present and presented an estimate for \$529.00 to purchase a two-drawer lateral filing cabinet that matches the existing furniture in Judge O'Melia's office.

Motion by O'Melia to approve the \$529.00 for a filing cabinet, second by Metropulos. On roll call vote: O'Melia aye, Fried nay, Young aye, Metropulos aye, Dean aye, the motion carried 4-1-0.

### **Sheriff's Office – Storage Facility/Space Needs**

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Chief Deputy John Sweeney was present. Sweeney noted the facility had been discussed at the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Sweeney stated the cold storage area was removed, and converted to an outdoor area. Sweeney stated Buildings and Grounds budgeted \$900,000 as a special project in 2011. Sweeney stated he believed the facility would be adequate for 15 years. Brief discussion followed on the need for evidence storage and an impound location. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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

Project Manager, Jill Butzlaff, was present and distributed an updated budget to the Committee and discussed a project update. Butzlaff stated she hoped to have a projected "go-live" date by the next update. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

### **Medical Examiner - Automobile Purchase**

Medical Examiner, Traci England, was present. Brief discussion followed regarding how the Committee had come to the decision to purchase an automobile for the Medical Examiner's use. England presented three local bids for the Committee's review, and noted the State bid was \$28,800.

Motion by Dean to accept the bid from Dave Marston Motors in the amount of \$27,991.00 for the automobile purchase, second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

### **District Attorney - 2011 Budget**

District Attorney, Mike Bloom, was present. Bloom stated when he was present last month he did not discuss one item in his budget that is discretionary. Bloom noted the item is Restorative Justice, and Bloom wanted to bring this to the Committee's attention prior to the Finance hearings. Bloom stated Restorative Justice is a criminal diversion program. Bloom noted the program is a good program, but the numbers are not what were anticipated. Brief discussion followed on the history of the program. Bloom noted the money is in the District Attorney's budget, but does not affect the ability for him to perform his job.

Motion by Metropulos to keep \$10,700 in the Restorative Justice Program budget and forward to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

10:05 a.m. David O'Melia was excused from the meeting.

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

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

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

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The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

November 3, 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, Dean made a motion to adjourn with a second by Fried, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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