

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 21, 2016**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Timmons, Scott Holewinski, and Mitch Ives.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Metropulos and Billy Fried (both excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Jody McKinney (Health Department), Karilyne Roberts and Gerry Van Harpen from Hodag Country Festival, Traci Running (Clerk of Courts), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Denise Briggs (District Attorney's Office), Deb Shawl (Branch II), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Captain Lloyd Gauthier (Sheriff's Office), and Sheriff Grady Hartman.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2, stated the meeting notice had been posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, and noted accommodations would be made for handicap accessibility.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

No new committee members to introduce.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

MOTION: To approve the Second Amended Agenda (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson of the committee is appointed by the County Board. No election/motion made.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

MOTION: To approve Bob Metropulos as Vice Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

**APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the March 10, 2016, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

**SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)**

Holewinski informed the Committee that he is going to be taken off this committee due to scheduling conflicts at his job.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse in Committee Room #2.

There was discussion of moving the meeting to an afternoon time.

**BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS WITH NO AGENDA ITEMS**

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

Denise Briggs from the District Attorney's Office introduced the new part-time District Attorney Mary Sowinski.

**LARGE ASSEMBLY**

Hodag Country Festival

County Clerk Mary Bartelt checked and signed the application for Hodag Country Festival (Exhibit #1). Clerk Bartelt stated everything was in order. Clerk Bartelt had no questions for Karilyne Roberts and Gerry Van Harpen from Hodag Country Festival. The festival will be held July 2-10, 2016 (Exhibit #2). Clerk Bartelt stated she contacted Jodi McKinney and Todd Troskey from the Health Department and they had no concerns.

Jodi McKinney reported they had no health concerns with Hodag Country Festival. McKinney stated an annual review letter was sent to Hodag Country Festival staff regarding concerns they had and all requests were complied with right away. There was discussion regarding the food vendors, new water lines, and requested changes from the health department.

Captain Lloyd Gauthier reported that arrests were down last year. Captain Gauthier reiterated the need for the Sheriff's Office to have a presence at Hodag Country Festival. Captain Gauthier reported that patrolling on Wednesday and Thursday night helps keep the number of incidents down because people see the Sheriff's Office presence. Captain Gauthier cited an incident last year on Sunday night where there was a fight between two people that ended up in a brawl. Bartelt asked Captain Gauthier if there was enough coverage for this year. Captain Gauthier stated yes, the incident last year was just a difficult situation because half of the officers were on the road directing traffic that was leaving Hodag Country Festival, so it was one of the worst times for the incident to happen. Ives asked if there was still booking on the grounds. Captain Gauthier reported there were corrections officers on the grounds, which saves on transportation to and from the jail. Captain Gauthier stated it all depends on the situation/citation issued, but some bands are cut, some people are transported to jail, and some cited, released, and allowed to stay. Bartelt asked how many citations were issued last year. Captain Gauthier reported less than 100 and most were underage drinking. Captain Gauthier reported that unfortunately incidents like that happen due to the large number of people in attendance and the drinking that takes place, but the working relationship between the Sheriff's Office and Hodag Country Festival staff is great.

Ken Kortenhof from Emergency Management had no concerns with Hodag Country Festival. Kortenhof reported that he and his staff go out and set up communications.

Kortenhof reported the working relationship with Country Fest staff is great. Clerk Bartelt asked Kortenhof what would happen if there were a tornado. Kortenhof reported there are shelter areas set up on the grounds and at the old Pine Lake School. Captain Gauthier reported there is a severe weather plan set up and buildings are clearly marked. Roberts reported that they announce any severe weather over the Jumbotron.

MOTION: To approve the large assembly permit for Hodag Country Festival as presented (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

#### Harley Fall Ride

Postponed due to illness of organizer. Clerk Bartelt hoped they could address this at the May meeting.

### **CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH II**

#### Retirement and Staffing Vacancy

Deb Shawl presented the Committee with a letter stating she was retiring and her last day of employment with Oneida County would be July 1, 2016, and asked that the six-month waiting period for hiring be waived.

MOTION: To waive the six-month waiting period for Branch II, to hire a replacement as soon as possible, and forward to the LRES Committee (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

### **BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH II**

Presented under Agenda Item #8.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

#### Corrections Officer Vacancy Review

Sheriff Hartman reported that a corrections officer was recently hired as a deputy in Chippewa County and he wished to fill that vacancy. Holewinski asked how many openings besides this. Sheriff Hartman reported none, one corrections officer just started. Holewinski asked if he had a list or was actively recruiting. Sheriff Hartman stated they were starting over with on-going recruitment. Sheriff Hartman stated that as positions open, they would pull applications and interview.

MOTION: To waive the six-month waiting period for hiring a new Corrections Officer as soon as possible, and forward to the LRES Committee (Holewinski/Ives, PASSED).

#### Ambulance Service Update

Kortenhof gave a brief update on the ambulance service. They are right on budget. Kortenhof reported he and Holewinski presented the idea of the ambulance and new building at the Sugar Camp meeting. There was discussion on the land purchase, price, and other information regarding the building. Holewinski stated they are moving ahead and a surveyor will be out at the land on Thunder Lake Road. This building will cost \$200,000 and the money will come from the Sugar Camp budget. The building will be manned 24 hours a day and have living quarters.

Holewinski suggested they go to the local high schools and present to the graduating class the opportunity to have their schooling paid for if they chose to become a paramedic, with the stipulation that they have to work there for five years. There was discussion on the types of classes, how long it takes to become a paramedic, etc.

Kortenhof reported that there is an application pool to hire new managers at St. Mary's and Howard Young.

Kortenhof reported the Nokomis building is coming along fine.

There was discussion on the type of buildings, storm shelter, products that will be used for both the Nokomis and Sugar Camp building.

MOTION: No motion made. This was informational only.

#### **BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Presented under Agenda Item #8.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)**

None.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Time 10:05 a.m.** MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Ives/Holewinski, PASSED).

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Mike Timmons, Chairman

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Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

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Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman