

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 10, 2018**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Fisher, Bob Metropulos, Billy Fried, Chairman Mike Timmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Denise Briggs (District Attorney), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), 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.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the April 19, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for June 21, 2018.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attendance at the DEC Conference on August 7-9, 2018 in Wausau, WI

Desmond asking to attend the annual Drug Endangered Children Conference, held in Wausau this year. No overnight accommodations, just need authorization for out of country travel. Fried asked Desmond if he brings back pertinent information for other county agencies if needed. Desmond reported he does, but people from other county departments usually are in attendance at this conference, and there could possibly be carpooling to save on costs.

MOTION: To approve request for Brian Desmond to attend the DEC Conference on August 7-9, 2018 in Wausau, WI as presented (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Staffing Requests for 2019

Sheriff Hartman presented Staffing Requests for 2019 for Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

HAZMAT: Team is run through Emergency Management under direction of Ken Kortenhof. \$45 per diem is standard.

DEPUTY EM DIRECTORS (2): Approved to work 255 hours, raised rate to \$19.53/hr.

HAZMAT CHIEF: Approved to work 240 hours, rate at \$17.42/hr.

E911 LTEs (2): One position currently filled. \$20.43/hr up to 600 hours. This is to save money on overtime when possible. Department is having trouble getting the regular full-time dispatchers hired. Filling the other LTE position does not seem possible at this time.

NORTHWEST POLICING GRANT: One deputy assigned to northwest area of county (Minocqua, Hazelhurst, Lake Tomahawk, Woodruff). \$30,000-\$33,000 that Sheriff's Office is reimbursed through Grant. Deputy works with town chairpersons, prison, etc., and serves 800 hours on that segment of position.

Fried questioned what the priority rank meant in the far right column of the form. Sheriff Hartman reported that went back to the efficiency study and their rankings. There was discussion on State mandating vs. desirability, rankings, scores and what they all meant. Timmons commented that the rankings, categories, and scores were confusing. Fried stated that the efficiency study needed to be looked at.

SCHOOL LIAISON (2): One Sergeant and one Deputy. One assigned at Rhinelander High School, and one at James Williams Middle School for nine months/year. During down time or in summer, position is back-filling at ONSO (transports, court, patrol, etc.). Fried asked if the positions were paid by school district during school year. Sheriff Hartman stated yes.

DIVE TEAM: Structure has changed with Bill Nichols resigning. Ryan Rossing (ONSO Detective Sergeant) is now running the Dive Team, with his wages paid by ONSO, so money is saved on that. Requesting that assistant dive team leader (Michael Fraley) be paid \$1.00/hr more when he is on call, to show appreciation of his service. Works approximately 100 hrs, and is well within the budget.

MOTION: To approve the Staffing Requests for 2019 for Oneida County Sheriff's Office and forward to LRES, and request to have an explanation sheet for committee members regarding ranking/category (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

MEDICAL EXAMINER

New Public Safety Committee member Russ Fisher was brought up-to-date on previous discussions.

Update on Vilas County Discussion

ME Mathein finally received statistics that were needed regarding the financial part of this proposal. Darcy and Mathein put numbers together and they were way out of line at this time. Vilas County has gone back to their coroner, and every time they are given different numbers. Mathein went back to Vilas finance director and that person is going to work on getting correct numbers. The Vilas County Coroner has no tracking system in place, everything is hand written, and it's very difficult to work with the coroner. It is unknown if the numbers are legitimate. Mathein reported that as soon as the numbers are tighter, he will report back.

Update on Autopsy Discussion

Mathein reported that the pathologist mentioned in previous discussions was no longer interested in working up north. Fried asked if the hospital situation was still workable. Mathein reported yes it was, the problem is getting a doctor to do the procedures here. The hospital has all the equipment and the space, and there were nurses/paramedics who were interested in performing labs and assisting. There was further discussion on this subject, how to handle bordering counties, and Marathon County progress on their lab.

Fried asked if there was ever a time to actively advertise/promote to have our own pathologist? There was discussion on the amount of autopsies, the cost of the position, and Marathon County accepting other counties. Mathein reported that Marathon wants to hire a full-time person with expectations from his discussion with them that surrounding counties would fill in to offset costs. Mathein said Oneida County could never afford a pathologist by themselves, but if surrounding counties were included, it could be a possibility.

Staffing Requests for 2019

There was discussion on why departments had to come back every year for approval on positions that were yearly renewals (law clerks, LTE's, etc.). Mathein reported this person is a 50% salaried person, not an LTE. There was discussion on the position, the difference between LTE and a person working a limited amount of hours, full half-time employees.

MOTION: To approve the 1/2 time position staffing request for 2019 for the Medical Examiner's Office and forward to LRES (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

Timmons asked that Fried bring back information from the LRES Committee as to why these positions need to be brought back to this committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

None.

ADJOURN

10:13 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Metropulos/Fisher, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman