

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 16, 2016**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Cushing, Mitch Ives (both excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Clerk of Courts Brenda Behrle, Denise Briggs (District Attorney's Office), 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/Metropulos, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the October 20, 2016, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

There was discussion on gas purchases – highway shop vs. Kwik Trip, discussion regarding repairs to ambulances – in-house vs. highway shop, back up ambulances, in-house mechanics.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attendance at Judicial Civil Law Seminar: M. Fugle

Brian Desmond reported that Mike Fugle has been invited to be a presenter at a seminar held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. All expenses will be paid by the people holding the seminar, and Fugle will get CLE credits. Desmond asking for permission for Fugle to attend. Fried asked what CLE credits were. Desmond explained they were Continuing Legal Education credits and that lawyers must take 30 hours, with three hours of ethics credits per year to keep their license.

MOTION: To approve the attendance of Mike Fugle as a presenter at a seminar held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, with all expenses paid by the seminar (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS

Resolution approving contract with State Debt Collection (SDC) for collection of unpaid debt

Clerk of Court Brenda Behrle presented a resolution authorizing the clerk's office to contract with the State Debt Collection agency for the collection of unpaid debt. Behrle first wished to get approval of the resolution and will work with Corporation Counsel to review the contract at a later date when she gets ready to use the agency. It was noted that more counties were getting on board with using SDC for collections. The agency may have better ways to collect money from people. Metropulos asked if the agency gets a share. Behrle reported that the people owing the debt make a contract with the agency and the agency gets paid first (15%).

Behrle stated the contract would be reviewed by Corporation Counsel before anything was signed and was looking for support of this resolution and movement to the next county board meeting in January. The only question Behrle had was if this was a consent agenda item or yes/no. Timmons stated that it was allowed under statute and was a revenue item so it was probably a good idea to not have under consent. Fried commented that this was just another way of recouping money from somewhere that we may not otherwise have seen.

MOTION: To approve and move to the County Board the resolution presented by Clerk of Courts Brenda Behrle to contract with the SDC for the collection of unpaid debt (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

Past public comments, need to address the concerns that have come out of Mr. Gregg Walker's accusations and things that slipped by with the proper way to accomplish things. Need to get together with Civil Service Commission to see what to do. Fried commented that the committee needed to make good on what we talked about and the Civil Service was a good place to start. Timmons stated that he knew Cushing and Ives were excused for this meeting and did not place on agenda because this was important enough to have the full committee present. Metropulos stated that the committee needed to get their act together first, then meet with the Civil Service Commission. It was mentioned that the Grievance Committee has never met and the need to meet at least once to have an organizational meeting, but that was not seen as this committee's problem.

Fried asked that the committee receive an update on the Oneida County Jail regarding the increased population and any staffing, supplies, conditions, short-long term outlook

issues regarding the housing of state inmates. He also would like an update on the heroin issue challenging Oneida County.

ADJOURN

10:00 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Metropulos/Fried, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman