

**MINUTES**  
**Oneida County Board of Supervisors**  
**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse**

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**CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Holewinski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers, and emergency responders followed by the prayer/invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer offered by Supervisor Roach.

**Members Present:** Tommy Ryden, Billy Fried, Jim Winkler, Mike Timmons, Linnaea Newman, Scott Holewinski, Anthony Rio, Mike Roach, Steven Schreier, Connor Showalter, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Ted Cushing, Collette Sorgel, Chris Schultz, Robb Jensen, and Diana Harris.

**Members Present:** 17

**Absent:** Kelly, Fisher, Condado, Oettinger

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING**

**Motion/Second: Winkler/Cushing** to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. All "Aye", Motion carried.

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Human Service Structure Report – Social Services Director Mary Rideout gave an overview of the restructuring process. Rideout explained that a feasibility study is in progress, once that is completed they will be able to make a plan as to what the structure will be. Rideout stated that information has been shared with clients, providers, staff, and on the website. Rideout stated there is a stakeholder's meetings with the three counties twice per month to update the three counties on what is happening.
- Transition Oversight Panel – Chair Holewinski stated that in November there was a Resolution to create the Transition Oversight Panel. Holewinski stated that appointed to that committee for Oneida County is Oneida County Finance Director, Oneida County Social Services Director, Oneida County Public Health Director and Captain Tyler Young from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. Holewinski stated that by next month the other counties should also have the people appointed to sit on the Transition Committee.
- Broadband Report – Supervisor Sorgel stated that the project manager is John Sweeney and Pete Otis is the chair of the Broadband Committee. Sorgel gave a brief overview of the plan. Jeff Verdoorn went over the grants that will be spent over the next five years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)**

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Eric Rempala of Harshaw spoke regarding the PFAS Resolution. Tom Ladue of Stella spoke in support of Resolution # 16 – 2024.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution # 01 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey the following tax foreclosed and other county real estate: SC-150-11 to Richard P Yunk and Jean M Yunk, ST-208-2 to Sowinski Farms, Inc., ST-385-1 to Kyle or Amanda Sauerbrei and WR-996 to Daniel J. Moore and Lynn F. Moore,

**Resolution to convey tax foreclosed and other county real estate.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, the tax foreclosed real estate parcel(s) identified in Exhibit A listed below have been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel(s) by quit claim deed to the successful bidder(s) listed in Exhibit A; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the sale of the parcel(s) listed in Exhibit A below to the successful bidder(s) listed with any condition or terms listed in Exhibit A; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s) upon the receipt of the required sale amount and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description described in Exhibit A.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Connor Showalter, Robert Briggs, Greg Oettinger

**Resolution # 02 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to pay \$2,226.88 to the Town of Little Rice with the money to come from the Town Bridge Aid Account.

**Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Little Rice has filed a petition for emergency county aid for the cost of installing a culvert under Section 82.08 over Brown Creek on Brown Creek Road, and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the labor, materials, and equipment was \$17,815.00, of which the town received Wisconsin Department of Transportation Disaster Damage Aid in the amount of \$13,361.25, which leaves the total cost to the town at \$4,453.75 and the County share under Section 82.08 would be 50% of the \$4,453.75 or \$2,226.88.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$2,226.88 be paid to the Town of Little Rice, and the money to come from the Town Bridge Aid Account.

**Approved by the Public Works Committee this 28th day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Mike Timmons, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Bob Almekinder

**Resolution # 03 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee to accept a \$1,000 donation from Lynda Lukowski with the funds to be used for the Senior Nutrition Program.

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statutes 59.52(19) requires that the County Board approves all donations to the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County Resolution # 37 – 2019 adopted the Oneida County Acceptance of Monetary, Non-Monetary and In-Kind Donation Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, The ADRC received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Lynda Lukowski; and

**WHEREAS**, The donation was designated for the Senior Nutrition Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The ADRC administers the Senior Nutrition Program for Oneida County and the donation would benefit the citizens of Oneida County; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of the funds will be reviewed and approved by the Oneida County ADRC Committee; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Oneida County accepts the generous donation from Lynda Lukowski; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Oneida County ADRC Committee will ensure the use of these funds for the Senior Nutrition Program.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the ADRC Committee this 27th day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Russ Fisher, Debbie Condado, Rita Mahner, Joan Hauer, Melanie Fralick

**Resolution # 04 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to the ARPA Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolutions # 73 – 2022 and # 24 – 2023 for the purpose of the Department of Social Services Office Remodel Project.

**Resolution to Return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolutions # 73 – 2022 and # 24 – 2023 for the purpose of the Department of Social Services Office Remodel Project.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services Office Remodel Project aimed to enhance confidentiality and safety, fostering a Trauma-Informed Care environment upon entry to the agency;  
**WHEREAS**, the said project involved relocated the family visitation room, created an additional interview/visitation room, a multipurpose room, and two extra office spaces;  
**WHEREAS**, in the course of the remodeling process, the Social Services and Building & Grounds Departments identified opportunities for supplementary improvements. These included painting the walls and replacing the carpet in the hallways of the Department of Social Services, along with providing furnishings for the visitation and multipurpose room; and  
**WHEREAS**, on February 21, 2023, an amended request for \$158,401 in CLFRF was approved for the execution of the project; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services Office Remodel project was successfully completed, and fees totaled \$156,735.85; and  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that \$1,665.15 in CLFRF funds be returned to the ARPA Contingency for future allocation; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Tom Kelly

**Resolution # 05 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to the ARPA Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolution # 98 – 2022 for the purpose of the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase I Project.

**Resolution to Return Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) back to Oneida County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency which were previously allocated in Resolution # 98 – 2022 for the purpose of the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase I Project.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courthouse chiller, having surpassed its anticipated lifespan, experienced refrigerant leaks necessitating recurrent and costly repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition of the need for an effective solution, including the replacement of the aging chiller, installation of a new water pump, and the overhaul of existing water piping and control integration, led to a request for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2022, the request for \$210,000 in CLFRF was approved to contract Tweet/Garot Mechanical, Inc. for the execution of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase I project was successfully completed, and Tweet/Garot Mechanical, Inc. fees totaled \$186,910; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that \$23,090 in CLFRF funds be returned to the ARPA Contingency for future allocation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by

Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Tom Kelly

**Resolution # 06 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to approve the Forestry Department 2024 Annual Work Plan.

**Resolution to approve the Forestry Department 2024 Annual Work Plan.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, as stated in ss 28.11 (5)(b), administration of county forests requires counties with land enrolled in the county forest program to develop a county board approved annual work plan and budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said plan should outline the projects and work duties scheduled for the upcoming year, as well as the accounts and funds required to execute the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Boards of Supervisors adopted the 2024 Forestry Department budget at their annual budget meeting held on November 14, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee unanimously approved the 2024 Oneida County Forest Work Plan at their monthly committee meeting held on December 12, 2023.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and approve the 2024 Oneida County Forest Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit #1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2024 Oneida County Forest Work Plan shall be appended to the existing Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Forestry Department send a copy of the approved 2024 Oneida County Forest Work plan and the associated county board approved resolution to the WDNR.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Jim Winkler, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs

**Resolution # 07 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to approve and adopt the Oneida County Five-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Oneida County Five-Year Recreation Plan (ORP).**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County, along with the towns and cities located within Oneida County, have invested considerable time and resources to develop outdoor recreation facilities for its residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee directs the development and maintenance of the County Forest park and recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous individuals and organizations utilize these facilities for a wide range of outdoor recreation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation facilities are important amenities supporting the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, an approved five-year recreation plan is essential for the County to be eligible to apply for grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Program and other sources; and

**Whereas**, Oneida County's Five-Year Outdoor Recreational Plan was developed for the County by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission under the direction of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee, with input from private citizens, recreational clubs, and town, city and county officials; so

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Oneida County Five-Year Recreation Plan for the years 2024-2028 and directs the Committee to submit the plan, together with a copy of this resolution, to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for certification.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Jim Winkler, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs

**Resolution # 08 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee to enter into Endangered Species Habitat Conservation Plan Agreement.

**Resolution to Enter Into Endangered Species Habitat Conservation Plan Agreement.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County manages approximately 83,000 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous

recreational trails and facilities for multiple benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

**WHEREAS**, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin, while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Forest Director be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Jim Winkler, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs

**Resolution # 10 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee (LRES) to eliminate the Lead ADRC Specialist position and create an ADRC Specialist – Adult Protective Service (APS) Backup position.

**Resolution to eliminate the Lead ADRC Specialist position and create an ADRC Specialist – Adult Protective Service (APS) Backup position.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County has two full time Adult Protective Services (APS) Social Workers, and

**WHEREAS**, as the population of Oneida County continues to age, the number of APS referrals will continue to increase, and

**WHEREAS**, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Manager and the Social Services Director have determined that a consistent trained back-up position is needed to support Adult Protective Services (APS) investigations in Oneida County, and

**WHEREAS**, APS workers in Oneida County are Certified Social Workers, and the back-up position is required to be a Certified Social Worker, and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of the back-up position align with other positions in Grade Level J, which is one Grade Level higher than the ADRC Specialist position, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead ADRC Specialist position is being transitioned to a Lead Adult Services Worker position to better align with other Lead positions within the Department of Social Services, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Lead ADRC Specialist position in Grade Level J will be eliminated, and a new ADRC Specialist-Backup APS position will be created in Grade Level J effective January 20, 2024, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the position of ADRC Specialist-Backup APS position be filled based on employee qualifications per the job description and as recommended by the Social Services Director and approved by the Human Resources Director.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the LRES Committee this 3rd day of January, 2024.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Jim Winkler, Scott Holewinski, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris

**Resolution # 11 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee (LRES) to create a Network Analyst position in the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department.

**Resolution to create a Network Analyst position in the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department.**

**Ordinance Amendment offered by the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee.**

**WHEREAS**, due to a vacancy in the ITS Department, the ITS Director proposed staffing changes to the Administration Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Administration Committee agreed with the ITS Director on staffing changes being proposed and recommended the changes to the LRES Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LRES Committee did review the proposed changes which would create a Network Analyst position and eliminate a Technical Secretary position in the ITS Department.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs that a full time

Network Analyst position be created at Grade Level K of the Exempt County Wage schedule; and  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that a Technical Secretary position in the ITS Department will be eliminated; and  
**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that it authorizes the aforementioned changes to the ITS Department.  
A fiscal impact statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the LRES Committee this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Jim Winkler, Scott Holewinski, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
  - Appoint James Henry, Northwoods Store, to act as an authorized Emergency Fire Warden in Oneida County.
  - Appoint Charlie Gahler, Woodruff Ace Hardware, to act as an authorized Emergency Fire Warden in Oneida County.
  - Appoint Amanda Zoellner to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire December 2026.
  - Re-appoint Dianna Blicharz to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire December 2026.
  - Re-appoint Kathleen Olkowski to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire December 2026.
  - Re-appoint Kim Widmer to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire December 2026.

**Motion/Second: Cushing/Timmons** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Motion:** Adopted

*Supervisor Fried requested that Resolution # 9 – 2024 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

*Supervisor Ryden requested that Resolution # 12 – 2024 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution # 09 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of the purchase of Patrol Trucks and Attachments.

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Patrol Trucks and Attachments Purchase.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the County established the Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) to provide direction and guidance on the use of the CLFRF; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOC developed an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan dated September 27, 2021 which ranked certain requests as “high” indicating the project or program resolves long-term, pressing issues; and / or addresses serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or addresses a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOC, after thoughtful consideration of UST regulations, further recommends County program funding thresholds by CLFRF category as follows: Public Health / Economic Development \$2,000,000; Premium Pay \$0; Infrastructure \$1,700,000; Government Services \$3,000,000; and Contingency of \$200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the administrative burden of tracking and reporting expenditures under the program only those projects or programs with an aggregate value over a three-year period of \$100,000 are considered; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are “shovel-ready” or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Public Works Committee has reviewed the guidance issued by the UST, given consideration to the request from the Highway Department, and supports funding the Patrol Trucks and Attachments Purchase under the Government Services category, and

**WHEREAS**, The Patrol Trucks and Attachments purchase will help update the fleet at the Highway Department to provide better winter maintenance on county and state highways. A request for \$ ~~4,400,000~~ \$1,220,000 is presently made. Timeline for delivery of the complete trucks is dependent on availability, and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2024, this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Tom Kelly

**Motion/Second: Fried/Cushing** to amend line 55 to change \$1,100,000 to \$1,220,000.

**Discussion:** Highway Commissioner Hegeman stated that the trucks are ordered and the price keeps changing. Hegeman stated that there are surcharges and price increases due to the backlog.

**Roll Call on Amendment to Resolution # 9 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Amendment to Resolution # 9 – 2024:** Adopted

**Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 9 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Amended Resolution # 9 – 2024:** Adopted

**Resolution # 12 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee in Enhanced Wake Regulations.

**Resolution on ~~Enhanced~~ Excessive Wake Regulations.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world, and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies, and

**WHEREAS**, the lakes of Oneida County, Wisconsin are integral to the recreational base of the economy in Oneida County, and

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been proposed to regulate ~~wakesurfing and wakeboarding~~ excessive wakes, and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation as currently written fails to set minimum standards for the protection of private property, public safety and enjoyment, and aquatic environments, and

**WHEREAS**, towns in Oneida County have already set or are in the process of setting standards that use evidence from aquatic and engineering studies which protect shorelines of lakes in Oneida County from erosion by these enhanced wakes, and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation fails to include a standard related to wake depth that would protect water quality in lakes from scouring by enhanced wakes, and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation also fails to address the transfer of AIS through ballast water tanks and/or bladders,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does recommend that the Wisconsin Legislature engage in meaningful discussions to pass standards that balance the right of everyone to recreate on waters of the State of Wisconsin, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Wisconsin's local governments deserve local control to set their own standards beyond state minimums, of at least ~~500~~ 300 feet from the shore, and to prohibit ~~enhanced~~ excessive wake creation in waters shallower than at least ~~30~~ 15 feet in depth, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Legislature address the transfer of aquatic invasive species through ballast water tanks and/or bladders for the protection of water quality that drives the economy of Oneida County.

**Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Tommy Ryden, Robb Jensen, Jim Winkler, Linnaea Newman, Collette Sorgel

**Discussion:** Ryden stated that he did sign this but wanted to make a few adjustments.

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Amend Resolution # 12 – 2024/Second: Ryden/Roach** amend line 4 to strike the word "~~enhanced~~" and insert the word "excessive", amend line 20 to strike "~~wakesurfing and wakeboarding~~" and insert "excessive wakes", amend

line 41 to change 500 feet to 300 feet and amend line 42 to amend 30 feet to 15 feet, amend line 42 to strike the word “enhanced” and insert the word “excessive”.

**Discussion:** Ryden stated that if greater than 15 feet there would be a lot of lakes that you would not be able to use at all. Winkler suggested a minimum of 25 feet as 15 feet would be too shallow and would create too many issues with algae blooms and fish beds. Winkler stated that we need more facts, not just a standard that a Boat Association has determined. Discussion regarding sending this back to committee for further clarification. Jensen stated this is an advisory Resolution. Rio stated that the science seems to be undetermined, if it is harming the environment or lakes we need to look a little deeper.

**Roll Call on 1st Amendment to Resolution # 12 – 2024:** 11 Aye, Fried, Briggs, Showalter, Schultz, Almekinder, Harris, Timmons, Cushing, Roach, Jensen, Ryden; 6 Nay, Schreier, Rio, Sorgel, Winkler, Newman, Holewinski; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**1st Amendment to Resolution # 12 – 2024:** Adopted

**2nd Motion to Amend Resolution # 12 – 2024/Second: Winkler/Ryden** to send Resolution # 12 – 2024 back to committee and bring back to the March County Board meeting.

**Discussion:** Jensen expressed concern that even if it goes back to committee there will not be a consensus. Showalter suggested that there should be research regarding how many lakes would be impacted in this change. Holewinski stated that the committee will make those discussions. Schreier stated that the Legislature is taking this up in February, what is the point of the Resolution if they get it after the fact.

**3rd Motion to Amend Resolution # 12 – 2024/Second: Timmons/Harris** to amend the motion made by Winkler to state that it will be brought back to the County Board as soon as possible.

**Roll Call on 3rd Amendment:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**3rd Motion to Amend:** Adopted

**Roll Call on 2nd Amendment:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**2nd Motion to send back to committee:** Adopted

**Resolution # 13 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to authorize the order for three new Patrol Trucks plus attachments and use funds available in the “Machinery” account and “Capital Improvement Program”.

**Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Public Works Committee and the Highway Department seek to purchase three (3) Patrol Trucks plus attachments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee and Highway Department had this equipment purchase endorsed via the 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and funds have been designated for the purchase of three (3) Patrol Trucks plus attachments available for 2024 for an estimated total cost of \$1,200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide supply-chain issues may cause a potential delay in the manufacture and delivery of the equipment therefore the Highway Department is authorized to submit the order in 2024 with the understanding that delivery of the equipment may not occur until 2025 or later in addition to potential surcharges; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County Code sec. 3.09(2) requires County Board approval of purchases over \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department have assessed their needs and determined that the purchase of three new Patrol Trucks plus attachments is in the best interest of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department have been approved to use a loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,200,000 to purchase the aforementioned new Patrol Trucks plus attachments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized to place the order for the three (3) new Patrol Trucks plus attachments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized use of the available funds in the “Machinery” account and “Capital Improvement Program” for the aforementioned purchases.

**Approved by the Public Works Committee this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Mike Timmons, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Bob Almekinder

**Discussion:** Hegeman explained that at the CIP meeting, the Highway Department requested a loan to place an order for patrol trucks.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 13 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Resolution # 13 – 2024:** Adopted

**Resolution # 14 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of the purchase of HIPAA Compliance software.

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the**



**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of the purchase of HIPAA Compliance software.  
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration  
Committee.  
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

**WHEREAS**, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for "government services" to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board adopted an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan in conjunction with the 2024 budget which includes projects or programs to resolves long-term, pressing issues; and / or addresses serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or addresses a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, only those projects or programs which are "shovel-ready" or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Health Insurance Accountability and Accessibility (HIPAA) compliance project is included in the County's Relief Funding Plan incorporated into the 2024 budget; and, based on UST guidance should be funding under the Public Health/Economic Impact category; category, and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County is a Hybrid entity under HIPAA and required to comply with HIPAA laws. Our current HIPAA compliance status needs to be reviewed and updated for continued compliance. Public Health, Information Technology and Social Services Directors have worked together and found a vendor and software solution to assess our risks, create/update policy, provide training to all Oneida County employees, and provides for document and vendor management. Implementing this solution would satisfy our compliance requirements, vendor management and on-going training for our end users. We would be able to supply reports on gaps and remediation that would allow us to stay compliant and assist us if we would be audited. Recurring subscriptions for additional years would assure continued compliance and shall be incorporated into the three departments (Information Technology, Public Health and Social Services) budgets. The total cost of the project for three years is ~~\$30,000~~ \$24,000 as detailed in the attached fiscal impact, and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration Committee is in agreement and recommends this project be funded using CLFRF funds; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project be funded using CLFRF funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 18th day of December, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Tom Kelly

**Discussion:** Rideout explained that this is a joint request with ITS, Public Health and Social Services. Rideout noted that this is for HIPAA compliance software. Rideout stated that Oneida County has to have policy and procedure in place regarding HIPAA. Rideout reported that the software is a tool and this Resolution is requesting the use of ARPA funding for the purchase of the software for three years. Rideout noted that after 3 years the cost of the software would be distributed to the three departments. Discussion regarding the need of software to comply with HIPAA.

**Motion/Second: Timmons/Roach** to amend line 53 and the fiscal impact statement from \$30,000 to \$24,000.

**Roll Call on Amendment to Resolution # 14 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Amendment to Resolution # 14 – 2024:** Adopted

**Discussion:** Fried stated that this is not a one-time cost and feels that this should be done within the departments. Fried stated this should be part of what the Department heads should be responsible for.

**Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 14 – 2024:** 6 Aye, Schreier, Rio, Almekinder, Cushing, Jensen, Newman; 11 Nay, Sorgel, Fried, Winkler, Briggs, Showalter, Schultz, Harris, Timmons, Roach, Ryden, Holewinski; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Amended Resolution # 14 – 2024:** Fails

**Resolution # 15 – 2024/Ordinance Amendment # 01 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to amend the General Code of Oneida County Section 1.30(2) Public Records.

**Resolution to amend Oneida County Ordinance section 1.30 (2) of the Oneida County code Ordinance Amendment offered by the Administration Committee**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County Ordinance section 1.30 (hereinafter "The Ordinance") currently states that records custodians seek assistance from Corporation Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Records Custodian is ultimately responsible for any records within their office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Section 1.30 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

§ 1.30 Public Records.

(2) Responding to Requests for Public Records. In responding to the request for public records, the legal custodian shall follow any applicable State and Federal statutes and County policies. ~~The legal custodian may seek the assistance of the County Corporation Counsel in responding to any request for public records.~~ No records custodian will unlawfully discriminate against any public records requester.

[The remainder of section 1.30 remains unchanged]

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Steven Schreier

**Discussion:** Fried stated the proposal is to remove from the Code, "the legal custodian may seek assistance of the Corporation Counsel in responding to any requests for public records". Fried explained that it can be confusing handling open records requests and the intent is to be transparent. Rio questioned if the custodian can check with Corporation Counsel. Rio felt that the language should remain but to insert "at the custodian's discretion". Holewinski stated the custodian of the record can take it to Corporation Counsel or whomever they want to take it to, the current Ordinance implies that it should be directed to Corporation Counsel. Holewinski noted this is where the problem is.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 15 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Resolution # 15 – 2024:** Adopted

**Resolution # 16 – 2024:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Board of Health Committee to direct the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to test well water for PFAS in areas near historically permitted sludge/waste spreading in Oneida County.

**Resolution to direct the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to test well water for PFAS in areas near historically permitted sludge/waste spreading in Oneida County.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Board of Health Committee.**

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**Whereas**, the purpose of the request is to determine how many DNR certified biosolid spreading sites are in Oneida County and what their PFAS levels might be. Since the DNR certifies the sites, they also should be getting and recording info on how much sludge/biosolids in weight have been spread on each field every year.

**Whereas**, it is the desire of the County Board that the Department of Natural resources provide information pertaining to biosolids per site and in a timely manner to the Department of Health.

**WHEREAS**, according to the Wisconsin DNR PFAS Action Plan 2020, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of over 5,000 human made chemicals that were invented in the 1930's. These chemicals have been used in products ranging anywhere from nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, and stain-resistant textiles to Aqueous Film Forming (firefighting) Foam (AFFF) and food packaging. However, PFAS are also exceptionally resistant to degradation and, when discharged into the environment, linger for prolonged periods and may bioaccumulate in humans, fish and wildlife. In recent years it has been discovered that PFAS substances bioaccumulate in the human body and studies have found that 98% of Americans have measurable levels of PFAS in their blood and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certain PFAS substances pose a number of risks to human health, including developmental problems in fetuses and infants, certain types of cancer, reduced antibody response, decreased immune response to vaccinations, and kidney disease, and

**WHEREAS**, sample results of wells in the Town of Stella tested by the DNR's Bureau of Drinking Water and Ground Water in the summer of 2022 indicated high levels of PFAS compounds in at least 49 private wells out of 114 that have been tested as of August 15, 2023

**WHEREAS**, sampling results found that several water bodies contained levels of PFAS compounds higher than Wisconsin's water quality standards, including Snowden Lake, Starks Creek, several lakes in the Moen Chain (Second Lake, Third Lake, Fourth Lake, and Fifth Lake), Twin Lakes Creek, the North Branch of the Pelican River, and the Pelican River, and

**WHEREAS**, the DNR and Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends limiting eating fish from PFAS-contaminated bodies of water, showering after swimming, and being careful not to swallow water during activities such as tubing and water skiing, and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County is an extremely water rich part of Wisconsin, with over 1,100 lakes (428 named lakes and 701 unnamed lakes) which cover over 100 square miles. If additional bodies of water are confirmed to have PFAS, this could lead to potential increased exposure to PFAS and could potentially impact tourism and our economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rhinelander has shut down well 7 and well 8 due to high PFAS concentrations, and the Oneida County Health Department recommends to not drink water from the artesian spring along River Road due to high levels of PFAS, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been much manufacturing, agriculture, and sewage waste dumping in Oneida County fields for decades; all possible sources of PFAS, and

**WHEREAS**, there remain several sites in Oneida County where untested biosolids are being applied, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all areas within a ~~two~~ six mile radius surrounding where the DNR permitted biosolids to be applied will be offered well water testing to be paid for by the DNR or the state of Wisconsin

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all biosolids from Waste Water Treatment Facilities (WWTF's) and those facilities suspected of potentially having elevated PFAS concentrations in their biosolids require testing according to the WDNR prior to land application in Oneida County, Test results must be submitted to the WDNR and the property owner where the biosolids will be applied at least three days prior to the biosolids application. Test results must also be accessible to Oneida County Health Department, Land and Water Conservation, Planning and Development, and applicable towns.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Tom Kelly, Billy Fried, Mike Roach, Debbie Condado

**Discussion:** Fried stated that PFAS is a very important issue. Winkler stated that groundwater can spread further than a two-mile radius and would like to discuss that. Public Health Supervisor Rebecca Wold stated that a DNR representative may be able to answer the two-mile radius question.

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Amend Resolution # 16 – 2024/Second: Winkler/Sorgel** to amend line 55 from 2 miles to 6 miles.

**Discussion:** Timmons stated that they should test and not limit it by a mile. Holewinski noted that this is a two-mile radius around each dumping site permitted by the DNR. Rio commented that setting a distance without settled science seems arbitrary. Roach stated we are not sure of the science and does not know if it is appropriate to make a decision.

**Roll Call Vote on 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Resolution # 16 – 2024:** 12 Aye; 5 Nay, Fried, Showalter, Briggs, Harris, Holewinski; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Resolution # 16 - 2024:** Adopted

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Amend Resolution # 16 – 2024/Second: Fried/Roach** to insert after line 10 and prior to line 12 Whereas, the purpose of the request is to determine how many DNR certified biosolid spreading sites are in Oneida County and what their PFAS levels might be. Since the DNR certifies the sites, they also should be getting and recording info on how much sludge/biosolids in weight have been spread on each field every year.

**Roll Call Vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to Resolution # 16 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to Resolution # 16 – 2024:** Adopted

**Discussion:** Schreier questioned whether the DNR gives the spreading sites to the Oneida County Health Department. Wold responded that she was not aware but would check with Public Health Director Conlon. Schreier stated that the DNR should be required to give that to the Health Department and the public should have the ability to request that information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Motion to Amend Resolution # 16 – 2024/Second: Shreier/Roach** to amend the Resolution to add after the previous amendment Whereas, it is the desire of the County Board that the DNR provide information regarding biosolids per site and in a timely manner to the Department of Health.

**Roll Call Vote on 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment:** 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to Resolution # 16 – 2024:** Adopted

**Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 16 – 2024:** 17 Aye; 4 Nay, Kelly, Condado, Fisher, Oettinger

**Amended Resolution # 16 – 2024:** Adopted

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

