NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2026
MINUTES

Committee members present: Chairman Billy Fried; Debbie Condado; Michael Tautges; Dan Hess; Scott Holewinski; Ted Cushing.
Absent: Fisher

Call to order: Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve Agenda:
Motion/Second: Tautges/Cushing to approve today's Agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Correction of scrivener's error for Minutes of September 30, 2026, strike a.m. and replace with p.m. for adjournment time listed.

Approve Minutes of September 30, 2026:
Motion/Second: Tautges/Holewinski to accept the amended Minutes as presented. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Public comment: None

Monthly reports (including invoices paid, budget to actual) and department updates:

a. Finance – Finance Director Heather Marheine presented her budget to actual, noting that she expects to meet budget. Tautges wanted clarification regarding the percentages and net investment income. Marheine stated that she would get back to the Committee. Discussion regarding the Return On Investments, Marheine stated that she would get back to the Committee with why they are so low. Marheine stated that they are on target to hit the budgeted amount for Sales Tax. Discussion regarding the Opioid funds, Marheine reported that the non-committed funds at this time are approximately $810,533.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the Purpose of Funding Improvements to Morgue Cooler & Equipment:
Fried stated that it is a formality to approve this Resolution and to send it to the November County Board meeting.

Motion/Second: Cushing/Condado to approve the Resolution as presented and forward to the County Board as a Consent Agenda item. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

2026– 2030 Auditor Proposal: Marheine explained that we are looking for a five-year quote for an auditor. Marheine reported that this was sent out for bid and the two proposals received were from CLA and Baker Tilley. Marheine noted that both are good firms and in the past we have used CLA at Oneida County. Marheine reported that either firm would do great and explained that CLA was a little lower. Hartman explained that we have used CLA in the past; Smigielski did use Sickich but felt that

CLA also did a great job. Discussion regarding the budgeted amount for the cost of the Audit and the proposal amounts.

Motion/Second: Condado/Cushing to approve CLA contract for a five-year term with the cost as listed after approval from Corporation Counsel. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Risk Manager Contract: Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch stated that County Code requires all contracts need to go through the Risk Manager. Lynch explained that the individual that has been the Risk Manager for the County has retired after 27 years. Lynch reported that most counties do it in-house. Lynch stated that Cheyenne Mackenzie does this work for Waukesha, noting that the cost to contract with her should be a similar cost to what we have been paying. Lynch stated that he is asking the committee to approve this contract, unless they would like to bring this in-house. Discussion that the cost is approximately $4500 and is already budgeted for.

Motion/Second: Fried/Hess to accept the Risk Manager contract as presented. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Opioid Funding Request – 2027 TAD Grant Match:

Fried noted that there has been a lot of discussion regarding this in the last couple of months and there were questions of the ability to run the Diversion Program. Fried explained that he questioned if there was not participation from the District Attorney's office, could the program move forward in some way and would we be in jeopardy of having to refund the money if they did not find our program acceptable. Fried noted that several questions and answers were emailed out. Hartman explained that six questions were sent to the District Attorney, Judges, Corporation Counsel, Human Services and Marsha Schiszik, TAD Program Specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, to answer. Hartman reported that the answers varied. Hartman went over the questions that had been emailed. Hartman went over the six questions: 1. Is the District Attorney a required member of treatment court? 2. Local Law enforcement is also listed as a required member. Is there a definition for what is considered local law enforcement? 3. If the District attorney is Not a required participant and therefore does not participate in the treatment court will that cause some dysfunction in the running of the court. 4. How would referrals be made to the treatment court if the District Attorney is not involved and isn't the one making the referrals. 5. The TAD Grant appears to be a reimbursement grant after the expenses are incurred. If Oneida County receives the grant and moves forward with contacting with Justice Point for 2027 and in the end the treatment court doesn't happen will the state deny the Counties request for reimbursement? If that happens where would the funds come from to pay Justice Point? 6. County Code created the CJCC Committee and the voting members. This was created under the recommendation/guidance of the social services department. Is there a state statute that defines who the required participants/members of the CJCC committee are? Hartman went over the question and the answers from all involved. Hartman explained that answers did vary and presented the answers. Hartman reported that per the State the DA involvement is preferred but not mandatory. Hartman explained that only one police departments need to be involved to meet that requirement. Hartman stated that it was reported that anyone can make referrals; Judge, DA, Defense Attorney and Law Enforcement. Hartman reported that the contract is approximately $200,000 and this is a reimbursement grant. Hartman explained that it was important to verify what the rules are and proceeded to go over the response from the state. Hartman noted that the answer was not definitive but looks that there would be reimbursement.

Cushing left at 9:23 a.m.

Jensen explained that the committee met and voted unanimously to move ahead, noting that this is an administrative decision. Fried stated that the Executive Committee is responsible for watching the counties funding and determining any liability to the County. Fried noted that there is concern that there may be issues with the funding. Hoerchler stated that there is a lot of support from the State for problem solving on this grant. Fried explained that the DA's Office is understaffed and it is not the role of this committee to direct the District Attorney to participate. Discussion regarding in-kind matching for the grant and the planning process of how the program would look. District Attorney Pfeifer stated that she is not against this, but these questions are being answered very last minute. Kaitlynn Black of Justice Point explained that this is the planning process with implementation in July, noting that Justice Point will be doing a lot of the case management. Black noted that they have access to people that have implemented these programs; this is something that has been done before. Fried explained that the DA's office reported that they do not have the time, noting that this is up front from the beginning. Fried stated that it is not the role of this Committee to vet the program, just to limit the liability of the County and funding. Pfeiffer reported the issues with staffing and hiring and stated that the assumption should be, if this moves forward, that the DA's office would not be able to participate. Fried noted that he would like an update from the CJCC Committee in July to see how this is progressing regarding the funding.

Motion/Second: Fried/Holewinski to approve the Clerk to prepare a Resolution for the Opioid Funding Request / 2027 TAD Grant Match with funding to be determined at the November 4th Executive Committee. All "Aye"; 2 Absent, Cushing, Fisher; Motion passes

Break called at 9:42 a.m.
Return from break at 9:49 a.m.
Cushing returned at 9:49 a.m.

Resolution to provide a general wage increase for general municipal employees:

Lueneburg stated that the wage increase is based on the CPI and that is 3.13%. Lueneburg noted that this was budgeted for and needs a Resolution created to forward on to the County Board. Hartman stated that for the last 10 years this has been the process, to keep wages competitive. Fried stated that this is reasonable and helps attract good employees, noting that this shows that we value our employees. Lueneburg stated that this is a great retention tool and the departments have budgeted this in.

Hess left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Motion/Second: Fried/Tautges to approve the Resolution as presented and forward it to the County Board as a consent agenda item. All "Aye"; 2 Absent, Hess, Fisher; Motion passes.

Highway Department Winter Work Week Schedule:

Fried explained that Corporation Counsel advised that the Highway Department needs the approval of this Committee regarding a four-day work week. Rich reported that there is cost saving doing a four day work week, and increases productivity. Holewinski stated that he would like to see how the cost savings was determined and how the process works. Holewinski explained that as the County Board Chair he was unaware of how this happened, noting that he was unaware that the process had changed. Holewinski noted that they may have to go to back to a five day week in the future, this is not guaranteed. Holewinski stated that he would like to see where the cost savings are. Cushing stated that they would like to do it this year, if it does not work out then they would need to work on it. Discussion regarding the potential savings. Discussion regarding the office and whether it needs to

be open five days, it was determined that per County Code that the office has to be open five days per week.

Motion/Second: Fried/Cushing to approve the (4) ten-hour winter work week for the Highway Department staff for the 2026/2027 season as presented and for the proposed cost savings and costs to be reviewed prior to next season. All "Aye"; 2 Absent, Hess, Fisher; Motion passes.

Resolution to Delegate Oneida County Investment Authority:

Ostermann explained the investment Resolution giving the authority to the Finance Director to invest. Hartman reported that per Code this has been updated and authority to invest and reinvest money for Oneida County has been delegated to the Auditor/Finance Director. Hartman noted that she does not feel that a Resolution is needed, but this can be reviewed and brought back to the November 4th meeting.

Hess returned at 10:15 a.m.

Resolution to Designate Oneida County Public Depositories;

Ostermann explained this is a list of Financial Institutions that can do business with Oneida County, we cannot do business with anyone that is not on the list. Discussion regarding Peoples Bank being bought out by Bank First and how that would work. Discussion regarding changing the Resolution and also bringing this back on the November 4th meeting.

Public comment: None

Dates and items for future agenda/meetings:

The next meeting date is set for November 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Closed Session - It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Stats., "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility" (Topic: Human Service Leave of Absence Request and Performance Evaluation review for IT Director) and § 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Topic: Bug Tussel). A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session and it is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed).

Motion/Second: Cushing/Condado to go into Closed Session at 10:26 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye; 1 Absent, Fisher
Motion: Passes

Hess left at 10:26 a.m.

Motion/Second: Cushing/Condado to return to Open Session at 11:20 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye; 2 Absent, Fisher, Hess
Motion: Passes

Announcement: Chairman Fried announced that while in closed session no action was taken.

Motion/Second: Holewinski/Cushing to approve the Human Services leave of absence request for up to 110 hours of unpaid leave. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:
Chairman Fried adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.