

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 22, 2025
MINUTES**

Committee members present: Chairman Billy Fried; Scott Holewinski; Russ Fisher; Robb Jensen; Steven Schreier

Absent: Connor Showalter; Diana Harris

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: Holewinski/Schreier to approve today's Amended Agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of September 18, September 19 and September 24:

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the Minutes of September 18, September 19 and September 24. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Oneida County Humane Society 2026 Contract: Finance Director Tina Smigielski explained that this is the annual contract with the Humane Society. Smigielski reported that we are looking for approval of the contract that is effective January 1st, 2026. Smigielski explained how the funding works.

Motion/Second: Schreier/Fried to approve the Oneida County Humane Society 2026 Contract and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as contingent on the approval of the County Board. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Resolution to approve the 2026 Budget and 2025 Tax Levy Collected in 2026: Discussion regarding what each of the towns pays for the Library.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the Resolution to approve the 2026 Budget and 2025 Tax Levy Collected in 2026 as presented and forward it on to the November County Board meeting. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Resolution to approve the 2026 Cost of Living for General Municipal Employees: Human Resource Director Jenni Lueneburg explained that this proposes a 2.64 percent Cost of Living increase.

Motion/Second: Holewinski/Schreier to approve the Resolution to approve the 2026 Cost of Living for General Municipal Employees and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Discussion: Discussion regarding the process of making changes to proposed budget items. Discussion regarding Consent Agenda items for the County Board meeting.

Resolution to amend loan from the General Fund to the Highway Department for purposes of capital equipment purchases: Smigielski stated that this request was part of the CIP budget as a General Fund loan. Smigielski noted that this would be added to the existing loan for the Highway Department that will now total approximately \$1.39 Million. Hegeman stated that he supports this. Discussion regarding the process of a loan to an Enterprise Fund.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Fried to approve the Resolution to amend the loan from the General Fund to the Highway Department for purposes of capital equipment purchases and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the purpose of funding 50% of Peer Support Positions:

Human Services Director Beth Hoerchler explained that the CJCC committee proposed a plan for spending the funds from the Opioid Settlement. Hoerchler presented the proposal to fund the position, noting that if the funding goes away the positions go away. Hoerchler explained that this is just for the year 2026. Hoerchler reported that this is for peer recovery and offers services to people who have AODA issues.

Motion/Second: Schreier/Jensen to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the purpose of funding 50% of Peer Support Positions and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the purpose of funding improvements to the Hearing Room:

Smigielski noted that this was originally requested as a CIP, however this does not meet the criteria for a CIP. Smigielski explained that this could be funded by the Opioid funds or interest income generated from the Opioid Funding may be utilized.

Motion/Second: Fried/Schreier to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the purpose of funding improvements to the Hearing Room and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the Purpose of 2026 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant match:

Hoerchler stated that they applied for the 2026 grant funding and it requires Opioid match funding. Hoerchler noted that if they are not awarded the grant in future years, the service may go away.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid settlement Funds allocation to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution # 58 – 2022 for the Purpose of 2026 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant match and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Delegate Oneida County Investment Authority: Smigielski stated that the current County Code language requires an annual delegation of investment authority to the Finance Director. Smigielski explained that she is working with Hartman and Corporation Counsel on updating code language so there would not be a need in the future to delegate.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the Resolution to Delegate Oneida County Investment Authority and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Designate Oneida County Public Depositories: Smigielski explained that this is a normal process.

Motion/Second: Holewinski/Jensen to approve the Resolution to Designate Oneida County Public Depositories and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Resolution to Cancel Stale Dated Checks: Smigielski explained that the Treasurer’s Office does reach out to people that have not cashed checks issued by the County. Smigielski noted that most of these uncashed checks are jurors checks.

Motion/Second: Fried/Schreier to approve the Resolution to Cancel Stale Dated Checks and forward it on to the November County Board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Continuing Appropriations Request – Radio Tower Project Surplus Funds: Smigielski explained that in 2020 the radio tower was approved as a CIP. Smigielski reported that over \$700,000 remains as leftover funds from the CIP. Smigielski explained that the proposal is for some of those funds to be left for ongoing maintenance and repairs in a Continuing Appropriation Account for the Sheriff’s Office and Buildings and Grounds and the rest would go to the General Fund. Smigielski noted that she is in support of this, both departments are part of maintaining these towers. Discussion regarding the proposed move of the funding. Sheriff Hartman noted that this is for Emergency Services and when there is an issue, it would be wise to have funding set to the side to fix it promptly. Smigielski explained it is appropriate to have this funding set to the side with the flexibility of making the corrections/repairs timely. Discussion regarding the amount needed.

Motion/Second: Holewinski/Schreier to authorize the Finance Director to move \$225,000 for the Sheriff’s Office and \$25,000 to Buildings and Grounds for tower and building maintenance. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

Continuing Appropriations Request – EMS Ambulance Funds: Smigielski stated that there are some substantial balances in the Hospital Subsidy and Ambulance Other accounts. Smigielski explained that she identified the non-levy revenues associated to these balances. Smigielski explained how the levy and non-levy funding can be utilized. Smigielski reported that she was able to identify approximately \$675,000 in non-levy revenue that exceeded the original budget going back to 2015. Smigielski explained that \$140,000 in the Hospital Subsidy Continuing Appropriation can be transferred to the General Fund and \$540,000 can be transferred from Ambulance Other. Smigielski verified that these are non-levy dollars. Smigielski explained that this is putting money back into the General Fund. There was support from the committee to make these adjustments and direction was given to the Finance Director to make the adjustments.

PFAS Committee: Fried stated that he wanted this on the agenda. Fried explained that there has been a lot of discussion regarding PFAS. Fried noted there was interest in the County having a committee created/involved as there may be additional future issues. Chad Lynch stated that a committee could be helpful, as there may be additional litigation. Lynch reported that he would like to delay creating a committee at this point as there is discussion going on. Schreier expressed concern that all of the meetings would be in closed session due to continued ongoing litigation regarding this issue. Fried stated that it sounds like the committee is in agreement to delay setting up a committee.

Break at 10:02 a.m.

Return from break at 10:10 a.m.

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

- a. LRES – Lueneburg presented her reports. Lueneburg explained that the Deferred Comp and VEBA account is proposed to be moved to a different vendor. Lueneburg stated that by making the change to Voya the annual fee will be reduced and investment options are

better. Lueneburg explained that they are preparing for open enrollment. Lueneburg presented the vacancy report, noting what positions have been filled. Lueneburg reported annual retention rate at 86%, and currently there are 23 vacant positions. Lueneburg discussed the current pay for positions. Lueneburg presented the Workers Compensation Report, noting that there are two open claims. Lueneburg stated that she will be doing a full complete revision of the Employee Handbook, explaining that this may take four to six months to complete. Fried explained that we want it updated, proposing that the current Handbook be sent to the Committee Members. Discussion regarding the process of reviewing the handbook and making changes. Fried noted that Lueneburg take the lead and work with Hartman.

- b. Finance – Smigielski stated that budget to actual and invoices paid are standard. Smigielski presented the Sales Tax Report noting that it is looking to end within budget or maybe a bit above.
- c. ITS – The IT planning update was submitted and in the packet.
- d. Treasurer – The Treasurer was excused due to attending a conference.
- e. County Clerk – The budget to actual was submitted.

Public comment: None

Dates and items for future agenda/meetings: The next meeting date was set for November 5th.

Closed Session - It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to 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: Telecommunicator Compensation). 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: **Schreier/Holewinski** to go into Closed Session at 10:54 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Aye; Holewinski, Aye; Fried, Aye; Schreier, Aye; Fisher, Aye;

Motion: Passes

Motion/Second: **Jensen /Schreier** to return to Open Session at 11:07 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen, Aye; Holewinski, Aye; Fried, Aye; Schreier, Aye; Fisher, Aye;

Motion: Passes

Announcement: Chairman Fried announced that while in closed session no Motions were made and no was action taken.

Motion/Second: **Holewinski/Jensen** to approve the Telecommunicator position starting at wage scale step 8 with 9 years PTO and on January 1st moving to a step 9. All “Aye”; Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Fried adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

